

Health of the Nation

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 106–107 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at photo A. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. _____ Since 1970 the average life expectancy has decreased by 7 years.
 - b. _____ Half of the population of the United States is over 46.
 - c. _____ Over a million Americans are living with HIV/AIDS.
 - d. _____ Inflation is rising faster than health care costs.
 - e. _____ About 3 in 10 adults get enough exercise.

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

2. Look at map B, “The AIDS Pandemic.” Rank the states by range of AIDS cases, with **1** being the most cases.

States	Rank in Total AIDS Cases
a. Illinois	_____
b. Maine	_____
c. Florida	_____
d. Washington	_____

People and Cultures

3. Look again at map B. Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - a. The year the first cases of AIDS were reported in the United States was _____.
 - b. In the 1980s infection rates climbed due to _____, _____, and public hostility.
 - c. In recent years the number of AIDS cases has _____.
 - d. The three states that have over 100,000 people living with AIDS today are _____, _____, and _____.
 - e. Most states in the West have between _____ residents living with AIDS.

★ Thinking About History

4. Look at graph C, “The Aging of America,” and graph A, “Baby Boom,” on page 96. Use the information to answer the following questions.
- In 1960 what was the largest single age group? _____
 - In 2000 what were the two largest age groups? _____
and _____
 - How old would children born at the height of the Baby Boom be in 2000?

 - About how many people in 1960 were between 75 and 80 years old?

 - How many were there in 2000? _____
 - Which group of people over age 75 is larger—men or women? _____

🕒 Time and Change

5. Look at graph D, “Rising Health Care Costs. Match the year with its approximate cost per person.

Year	Cost Per Person
a. 1975 •	• \$1,100
b. 1980 •	• \$4,800
c. 1990 •	• \$600
d. 2000 •	• \$6,700
e. 2005 •	• \$2,800

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6. Look at maps E, “People Without Health Insurance.” Circle the states that have populations with 15 percent or more uninsured.
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| a. Alaska 1990 | e. California 1990 |
| b. Alaska 2005 | f. California 2005 |
| c. Alabama 1990 | g. North Carolina 1990 |
| d. Alabama 2005 | h. North Carolina 2005 |