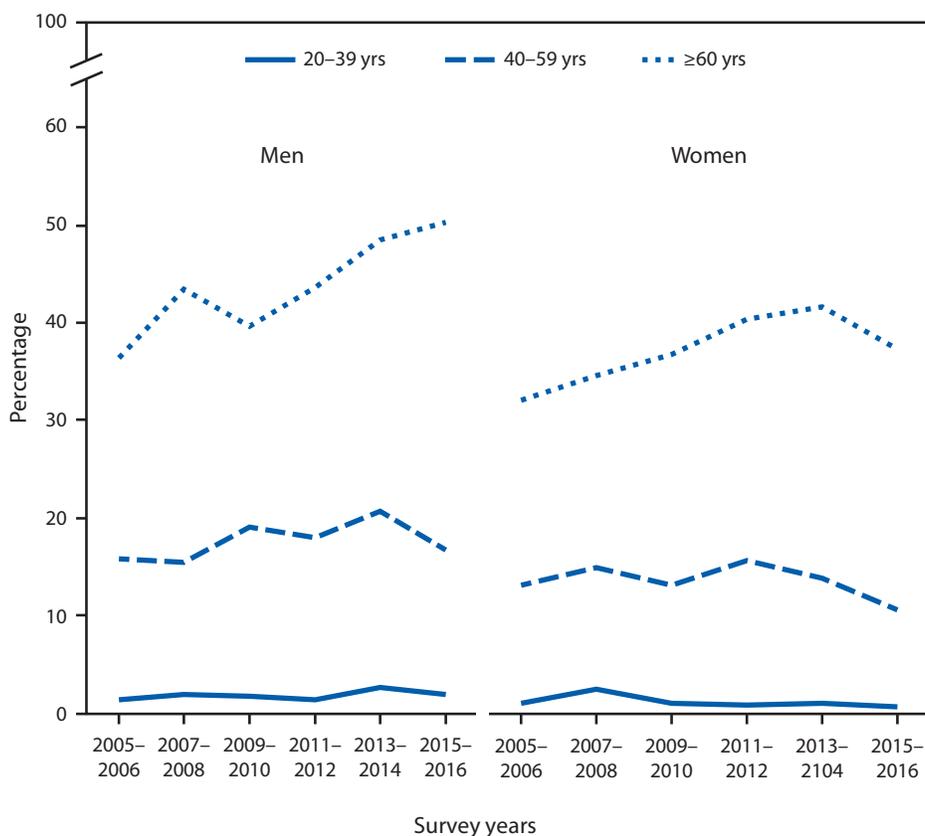


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Percentage of Adults Aged ≥ 20 Years Told Their Cholesterol Was High Who Were Taking Lipid-Lowering Medications,* by Sex and Age Group — National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2005–2006 to 2015–2016



* Based on a positive response to the question "Are you currently taking lipid-lowering medication?" asked of adults who had been told by a health professional that their cholesterol was high.

The percentage of men told by a health professional that their cholesterol was high who were taking lipid-lowering medications increased from 36% in 2005–2006 to 50% in 2015–2016 among those aged ≥ 60 years but not among those aged 20–39 years (1% to 2%) or 40–59 years (16% to 17%). The percentage taking lipid-lowering medications also increased (from 33% to 38%) among women aged ≥ 60 years but not among women aged 20–39 years (1% to 0.7%) or 40–59 years (from 13% to 11%). For each survey year from 2005–2006 to 2015–2016, the percentage of both men and women with high cholesterol taking lipid-lowering medications was higher among those aged ≥ 60 years than those in younger age groups.

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