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U.S. , all races, both genders

- Causes of injuries are prominent among the **leading causes of death in the United States**. In 2002, more than 100,000 persons died as the result of an unintentional injury, making this category the fifth leading cause of death overall, and first leading cause of death for persons ages 1-44.

5 Leading Causes of Death, United States
2002, All Races, Both Sexes

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Rank	Age Groups										
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	All Ages
1	Congenital Anomalies 5,623	Unintentional Injury 1,641	Unintentional Injury 1,176	Unintentional Injury 1,542	Unintentional Injury 15,412	Unintentional Injury 12,569	Unintentional Injury 16,710	Malignant Neoplasms 49,637	Malignant Neoplasms 93,391	Heart Disease 576,301	Heart Disease 696,947
2	Short Gestation 4,637	Congenital Anomalies 530	Malignant Neoplasms 537	Malignant Neoplasms 535	Homicide 5,219	Suicide 5,046	Malignant Neoplasms 16,085	Heart Disease 37,570	Heart Disease 64,234	Malignant Neoplasms 391,001	Malignant Neoplasms 557,271
3	SIDS 2,295	Homicide 423	Congenital Anomalies 199	Suicide 260	Suicide 4,010	Homicide 4,489	Heart Disease 13,688	Unintentional Injury 14,675	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 11,280	Cerebro-vascular 143,293	Cerebro-vascular 162,672
4	Maternal Pregnancy Comp. 1,708	Malignant Neoplasms 402	Homicide 140	Congenital Anomalies 218	Malignant Neoplasms 1,730	Malignant Neoplasms 3,872	Suicide 6,851	Liver Disease 7,216	Diabetes Mellitus 10,022	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 108,313	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 124,816
5	Placenta Cord Membranes 1,028	Heart Disease 165	Heart Disease 92	Homicide 216	Heart Disease 1,022	Heart Disease 3,165	HIV 5,707	Suicide 6,308	Cerebro-vascular 9,897	Influenza & Pneumonia 58,826	Unintentional Injury 106,742

American Indian and Alaska Natives, both genders

- Unintentional injury is the third leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Natives for all ages, and the first leading cause for persons ages 1-44.

**5 Leading Causes of Death, United States
2002, Am Indian/AK Native, Non-Hispanic, Both Sexes**

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Rank	Age Groups										All Ages
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
1	Congenital Anomalies 57	Unintentional Injury 33	Unintentional Injury 22	Unintentional Injury 37	Unintentional Injury 289	Unintentional Injury 250	Unintentional Injury 325	Malignant Neoplasms 288	Malignant Neoplasms 472	Heart Disease 1,607	Heart Disease 2,421
2	Short Gestation 47	Homicide 7	Malignant Neoplasms 5	Homicide 6	Suicide 95	Suicide 79	Liver Disease 135	Heart Disease 240	Heart Disease 405	Malignant Neoplasms 1,201	Malignant Neoplasms 2,126
3	SIDS 46	Heart Disease 6	Homicide 4	Malignant Neoplasms 6	Homicide 65	Homicide 59	Heart Disease 103	Unintentional Injury 207	Diabetes Mellitus 163	Diabetes Mellitus 426	Unintentional Injury 1,452
4	Maternal Pregnancy Comp. 24	Congenital Anomalies 5	Congenital Anomalies 3	Suicide 5	Malignant Neoplasms 19	Liver Disease 35	Malignant Neoplasms 96	Liver Disease 158	Unintentional Injury 111	Cerebrovascular 394	Diabetes Mellitus 724
5	Unintentional Injury 13	Two Tied 3	Heart Disease 2	Two Tied 3	Heart Disease 15	Malignant Neoplasms 35	Suicide 67	Diabetes Mellitus 99	Liver Disease 110	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 339	Cerebrovascular 558

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