

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Black Females- United States, 2001\*

Rank	Age Group in Years													
	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	65-74	75-84	85 +	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 28.5%	Unintentional injuries 35.4%	Unintentional injuries 29.5%	Unintentional injuries 31.6%	Unintentional injuries 22.5%	HIV disease 14.6%	Cancer 20.6%	Cancer 28.8%	Cancer 32.2%	Heart disease 33.7%	Heart disease 29.4%	Heart disease 33.1%	Heart disease 37.6%	Heart disease 28.7%
2	Homicide 13.4%	Cancer 12.7%	Cancer 11.0%	Homicide 15.7%	Homicide 16.5%	Cancer 12.7%	Heart disease 15.9%	Heart disease 21.7%	Heart disease 26.6%	Cancer 19.1%	Cancer 28.6%	Cancer 20.1%	Stroke 10.8%	Cancer 20.8%
3	Birth defects 12.2%	(3)Heart disease 5.8%	Birth defects 6.8%	Cancer 7.1%	Heart disease 7.9%	Unintentional injuries 12.5%	HIV disease 12.3%	Stroke 6.4%	Diabetes 6.5 %	Stroke 9.3%	Stroke 7.2%	Stroke 9.5%	Cancer 10.5%	Stroke 7.8%
4	Heart disease 6.5%	(3) Birth defects 5.8%	Heart disease 6.3%	Heart disease 5.6%	HIV disease 7.5%	Heart disease 11.4%	Unintentional injuries 8.0%	HIV disease 4.5%	Stroke 6.1%	Diabetes 5.6%	Diabetes 7.2%	Diabetes 5.9%	Diabetes 4.0%	Diabetes 5.1%
5	Cancer 3.5%	(5)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.1%	Homicide 5.1%	(5) Birth defects 3.2%	Cancer 6.2%	Homicide 10.2%	Stroke 4.7%	Diabetes 4.4%	Kidney disease 3.2%	Kidney disease 3.2%	Kidney disease 3.6%	Kidney disease 3.3%	Alzheimer's disease 3.9%	Kidney disease 2.9%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%	(5)Homicide 3.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.9%	(5)Suicide 3.2%	Pregnancy complications 3.0%	(6)Diabetes 2.4%	Homicide 4.7%	Unintentional injuries 3.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%
7	Septicemia 2.0%	Anemias 2.7%	Suicide 2.7%	HIV disease 2.5%	Stroke 2.5%	(6)Stroke 2.4%	Diabetes 2.7%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Septicemia 2.3 %	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Septicemia 2.4%	Septicemia 2.5%	Kidney disease 2.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.4%
8	Perinatal conditions 1.8%	Benign neoplasms 2.4%	Anemias 2.4%	Pregnancy complications 2.2%	(8)Anemias 2.1%	Suicide 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Chronic liver disease 2.1%	Unintentional injuries 1.8%	Septicemia 2.5%	Hypertension 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Septicemia 2.5%	Septicemia 2.3%
9	Stroke 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.7%	HIV disease 2.1%	(9)Septicemia 1.6%	(8) Birth defects 2.1%	Pregnancy complications 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.8%	Septicemia 2.1%	Hypertension 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 1.3%	Alzheimer's disease 2.3%	Hypertension 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%
10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.2%	(10)HIV disease 1.4% (10)Stroke 1.4% (10)Kidney disease 1.4%	(10)Septicemia 1.8% (10)Benign neoplasms 1.8% (10)Diabetes 1.8%	(9)Anemias 1.6% (9)Diabetes 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.8%	Chronic liver disease 1.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0%	Chronic liver disease 1.1%	Hypertension 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Hypertension 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.9%	HIV disease 1.8%

\*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings.

Some terms have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. See the next page for a listing of the shortened terms in the table and their unabridged equivalents.

To learn more, including the leading causes of death by age and race/ethnicity, visit *Deaths: Leading Causes for 2001* at [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr52/nvsr52\\_09.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr52/nvsr52_09.pdf) (HHS, CDC, NCHS).

## **Shortened Terms and Unabridged Equivalents for Leading Causes of Death**

**Due to limited space, some terms in the leading causes of death table have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. Below is a listing of the shortened terms used in the table and their unabridged equivalents used in the report.**

### **SHORTENED TERMS**

**Benign neoplasms**  
**Birth defects**  
**Bronchitis**  
**Cancer**  
**Chronic liver disease**  
**Diabetes**  
**Heart disease**  
**HIV disease**  
**Homicide**  
**Hypertension**  
**Kidney disease**  
**Medical & surgical care complications**  
**Perinatal conditions**  
**Pregnancy complications**  
**Stroke**  
**Suicide**  
**Unintentional injuries**

### **UNABRIDGED TERMS**

In situ neoplasms, benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior  
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities  
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis  
Malignant neoplasms  
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis  
Diabetes mellitus  
Diseases of heart  
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease  
Assault (homicide)  
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease  
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis  
Complications of medical and surgical care  
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period  
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium  
Cerebrovascular diseases  
Intentional self-harm  
Accidents (unintentional injuries)