

Table 1. Deaths, age-adjusted death rates, and life expectancy at birth, by race and sex, and infant deaths and mortality rates, by race: United States, 2003 and 2004

Measure and sex	All races ^{1,2}		White ²		Black ²	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
All deaths	2,397,615	2,448,288	2,056,643	2,103,714	287,315	291,300
Age-adjusted death rate ³	800.8	832.7	786.3	817.0	1,027.3	1,065.9
Male	955.7	994.3	936.9	973.9	1,269.4	1,319.1
Female	679.2	706.2	666.9	693.1	855.3	885.6
Life expectancy at birth ⁴	77.8	77.5	78.3	78.0	73.1	72.7
Male	75.2	74.8	75.7	75.3	69.5	69.0
Female	80.4	80.1	80.8	80.5	76.3	76.1
All maternal deaths	540	495	300	280	214	183
Maternal mortality rate ⁵	13.1	12.1	9.3	8.7	27.0	30.5
All infant deaths	27,936	28,025	18,231	18,440	8,494	8,402
Infant mortality rate ⁶	6.79	6.85	5.66	5.72	13.79	14.01

¹Includes races other than white and black.

²Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. California, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming reported multiple-race data in 2004. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with the other states; see "Technical Notes."

³Age-adjusted death rates are per 100,000 U.S. standard population, based on the year 2000 standard.

⁴Life expectancy at birth stated in years.

⁵Maternal mortality rates are deaths assigned to categories A34, O00-O95, O98-O99 per 100,000 live births in specified group; see "Technical Notes."

⁶Infant mortality rates are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births in specified group.

Table 2. Percentage of total deaths, death rates, age-adjusted death rates for 2004, percentage change in age-adjusted death rates from 2003 to 2004 and ratio of age-adjusted death rates by race and sex for the 15 leading causes of death for the total population in 2004: United States

[Death rates on an annual basis per 100,000 population: age-adjusted rates per 100,000 U.S. standard population. The asterisks preceding the cause-of-death codes indicate that they are not part of the *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)*]

Rank ¹	Cause of death (based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, 1992</i>)	Number	Percent of total deaths	2004 crude death rate	Age-adjusted death rate				
					2004	Percent change from 2003 to 2004	Male to female	Black to white	Hispanic ² to non-Hispanic white
...	All causes	2,397,615	100.0	816.5	800.8	-3.8	1.4	1.3	0.7
1	Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	652,486	27.2	222.2	217.0	-6.6	1.5	1.3	0.7
2	Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	553,888	23.1	188.6	185.8	-2.3	1.4	1.2	0.6
3	Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	150,074	6.3	51.1	50.0	-6.5	1.0	1.5	0.8
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	121,987	5.1	41.5	41.1	-5.1	1.4	0.7	0.4
5	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	112,012	4.7	38.1	37.7	1.1	2.1	0.9	0.8
6	Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	73,138	3.1	24.9	24.5	-3.2	1.3	2.2	1.5
7	Alzheimer's disease (G30)	65,965	2.8	22.5	21.8	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.6
8	Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)	59,664	2.5	20.3	19.8	-10.0	1.4	1.1	0.9
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	42,480	1.8	14.5	14.2	-1.4	1.4	2.3	0.9
10	Septicemia (A40-A41)	33,373	1.4	11.4	11.2	-3.4	1.2	2.2	0.8
11	Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	32,439	1.4	11.0	10.9	0.9	4.0	0.4	0.5
12	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	27,013	1.1	9.2	9.0	-3.2	2.2	0.9	1.6
13	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease (I10,I12)	23,076	1.0	7.9	7.7	4.1	1.0	2.8	1.0
14	Parkinson's disease (G20-G21)	17,989	0.8	6.1	6.1	-1.6	2.3	0.4	0.6
15	Assault (homicide) (*U01-*U02,X85-Y09,Y87.1)	17,357	0.7	5.9	5.9	-1.7	3.7	5.6	2.7
...	All other causes (residual)	414,674	17.3	141.2

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths.

² Data for Hispanic origin should be interpreted with caution because of inconsistencies between reporting Hispanic origin on death certificates and on censuses and surveys.

Table 3. Number of infant, neonatal, and postneonatal deaths and mortality rates, by sex: United States, 2003-04

[Rates are infant (under 1 year), neonatal (under 28 days), and postneonatal (28 days–11 months) deaths per 1,000 live births in specified group]

Race and sex	2004		2003		Percent change from 2003 to 2004
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
	Infant				
Total	27,936	6.79	28,025	6.85	-0.9
Male	15,718	7.47	15,902	7.60	-1.7
Female	12,218	6.09	12,123	6.07	0.3
	Neonatal				
Total	18,593	4.52	18,893	4.62	-2.2
Male	10,390	4.94	10,636	5.08	-2.8
Female	8,203	4.09	8,257	4.14	-1.2
	Postneonatal				
Total	9,343	2.27	9,132	2.23	1.9
Male	5,328	2.53	5,266	2.52	0.5
Female	4,015	2.00	3,866	1.94	3.1

Table 4. Number of infant deaths, percentage of total infant deaths, and infant mortality rates for 2004, and percentage change in infant mortality rates from 2003 to 2004 for the 10 leading causes of infant death in 2004: United States

[Rates are infant deaths per 100,000 live births]

Rank/ ¹	Cause of death (based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, 1992</i>)	Number	Percent of total deaths	Rate	Percent change/ ² from 2003 to 2004
...	All causes	27,936	100.0	679.4	-0.8
1	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (Q00-Q99)	5,622	20.1	136.7	-0.5
2	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified (P07)	4,642	16.6	112.9	-4.8
3	Sudden infant death syndrome (R95)	2,246	8.0	54.6	3.2
4	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy (P01)	1,715	6.1	41.7	-0.2
5	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59)	1,052	3.8	25.6	10.8
6	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes (P02)	1,042	3.7	25.3	-5.9
7	Respiratory distress of newborn (P22)	875	3.1	21.3	4.9
8	Bacterial sepsis of newborn (P36)	827	3.0	20.1	6.3
9	Neonatal hemorrhage (P50-P52,P54)	616	2.2	15.0	-5.7
10	Diseases of the circulatory system (I00-I99)	593	2.1	14.4	-0.7
...	All other causes (residual)	8,706	31.2	211.7	...

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths; see "Technical Notes."

² Percentage change based on a comparison of the 2004 infant mortality rate with the 2003 infant mortality rate.