

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Races, 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 30.3%	Unintentional injuries 36.4%	Unintentional injuries 34.3%	Unintentional injuries 50.8%	Unintentional injuries 36.8%	Unintentional injuries 21.3%	Cancer 27.7%	Cancer 38.7%	Cancer 41.3%	Heart disease 32.6%	Cancer 34.5%	Heart disease 30.0%	Heart disease 38.2%	Heart disease 29.3%
2	Birth defects 12.5%	Cancer 17.6%	Cancer 15.1%	Cancer 7.5%	Homicide 10.9%	Cancer 16.5%	Unintentional injuries 12.9%	Heart disease 16.0%	Heart disease 20.1%	Cancer 18.9%	Heart disease 24.1%	Cancer 22.0%	Stroke 10.7%	Cancer 21.6%
3	Cancer 8.7%	Birth defects 5.9%	Birth defects 5.4%	Homicide 7.0%	Cancer 8.8%	Heart disease 8.4%	Heart disease 11.9%	Unintentional injuries 5.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.5%	Stroke 9.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.9%	Stroke 9.0%	Cancer 9.8%	Stroke 8.1%
4	Homicide 8.0%	Homicide 4.5%	Heart disease 5.1%	Suicide 7.0%	Suicide 6.6%	Homicide 8.1%	HIV disease 4.5%	Stroke 4.3%	Stroke 4.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.6%	Stroke 5.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.7%	Alzheimer's disease 5.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.1%
5	Heart disease 4.7%	Heart disease 4.0%	Homicide 4.5%	Heart disease 3.3%	Heart disease 5.1%	Suicide 6.7%	Suicide 4.3%	Diabetes 3.5%	Diabetes 4.4%	Alzheimer's disease 3.8%	Diabetes 4.4%	Diabetes 3.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.4%	Diabetes 3.1%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Benign neoplasms 1.9%	Suicide 4.2%	Birth defects 2.5%	Birth defects 2.3%	HIV disease 5.3%	Stroke 3.7%	Chronic liver disease 3.1%	Unintentional injuries 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.2%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Alzheimer's disease 3.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.7%	Alzheimer's disease 3.1%
7	Septicemia 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.7%	Benign neoplasms 1.7%	Pregnancy complications 1.0%	HIV disease 2.2%	Stroke 2.2%	Homicide 3.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%	Chronic liver disease 1.7%	Diabetes 3.1%	Unintentional injuries 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Diabetes 2.2%	Unintentional injuries 2.9%
8	Stroke 1.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%	Stroke 0.8%	Pregnancy complications 1.6%	Diabetes 2.0%	Chronic liver disease 3.4%	Suicide 2.3%	Kidney disease 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Septicemia 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%
9	(9)Benign neoplasms 1.3%	Stroke 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.8%	Stroke 1.4%	Birth defects 1.6%	Diabetes 2.3%	Septicemia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.5%	Unintentional injuries 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Unintentional injuries 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 1.7%	Kidney disease 1.7%
10	(9)Perinatal conditions 1.3%	Anemias 1.0%	Stroke 1.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.8%	(10)Diabetes 1.0% (10)Influenza & pneumonia 1.0%	Pregnancy complications 1.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.5%	HIV disease 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.1%	Septicemia 1.5%	Chronic liver disease 1.1%	Septicemia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.4%	Septicemia 1.5%

*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 (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)