

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, American Indian or Alaska Native Females- United States, 2002*

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 34.1%	Unintentional injuries 44.4%	Unintentional injuries 50.0%	Unintentional injuries 61.8%	Unintentional injuries 42.3%	Unintentional injuries 34.9%	Unintentional injuries 25.0%	Cancer 24.8%	Cancer 27.1%	Heart disease 25.7%	Cancer 25.9%	Heart disease 27.3%	Heart disease 30.2%	Cancer 19.3%
2	Homicide 17.1%	Homicide 14.8%	Homicide 11.8%	Suicide 9.0%	Suicide 15.4%	Cancer 10.8%	Chronic liver disease 14.3%	Unintentional injuries 10.6%	Heart disease 16.6%	Cancer 19.6%	Heart disease 20.0%	Cancer 19.2%	Cancer 12.7%	Heart disease 18.6%
3	Heart disease 9.8%	Cancer 11.1%	(3)Cancer 5.9%	Homicide 7.9%	Homicide 11.5%	Chronic liver disease 10.3%	Cancer 13.3%	(3)Heart disease 9.1%	Diabetes 10.1%	Diabetes 8.3%	Diabetes 11.7%	Diabetes 9.0%	Stroke 8.8%	Unintentional injuries 8.6%
4	Birth defects 7.3%	Birth defects 7.4%	(3)Stroke 5.9%	Cancer 5.6%	Cancer 6.4%	Homicide 8.7%	Heart disease 6.0%	(3)Chronic liver disease 9.1%	Chronic liver diseases 5.8%	Stroke 7.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%	Stroke 8.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 6.7%	Diabetes 7.2%
5	Benign neoplasms 4.9%	(5)Heart disease 3.7%	(3)Suicide 5.9%	(5)Heart disease 2.2%	Septicemia 2.6%	Suicide 5.1%	Stroke 4.5%	Diabetes 7.5%	Unintentional injuries 4.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.5%	Stroke 6.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.3%	Alzheimer's disease 4.7%	Stroke 5.8%
6	(6)Septicemia 2.4%	(5)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.7%	(6)Meningococcal infection 2.9%	(5)Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	(6)Diabetes 1.3%	Heart disease 4.6%	Suicide 3.8%	Stroke 4.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.0%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.1%
7	(6)Cancer 2.4%		(6)Anemias 2.9%	(7)Anemias 1.1%	(6)Meningitis 1.3%	(7)HIV disease 1.5%	(7)Diabetes 2.9%	Suicide 2.4%	Stroke 4.4%	Kidney disease 2.6%	Chronic liver disease 2.7%	7)Alzheimer's disease 2.3%	Diabetes 3.6%	Chronic liver disease 4.0%
8			(6) Meningitis 2.9%	(7)Stroke 1.1%	(6)Heart disease 1.3%	(7)Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	(7)Homicide 2.9%	(8)Septicemia 2.1%	Kidney disease 2.8%	Alzheimer's disease 2.5%	(8)Septicemia 2.1%	(7)Unintentional injuries 2.3%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%
9			6)Birth defects 2.9%	(7)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.1%	(6)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.3%	(7)Kidney disease 1.5%	(9)Septicemia 1.7%	(8)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.1%	Septicemia 2.0%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	(8)Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Septicemia 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.2%
10				(7)Birth defects 1.1%	(6)Gall-bladder disorders 1.3%	(7)Birth defects 1.5%	(9)HIV disease 1.7%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.5%	(10)Hypertension 1.9%	Septicemia 1.8%

*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The American Indian or Alaska Native race group includes persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. 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 2002* at www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr53/nvsr53_17.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
Bronchitis
Cancer
Chronic liver disease
Birth defects
Diabetes
Gallbladder disorders
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
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis
Malignant neoplasms
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
Diabetes mellitus
Cholelithiasis and other disorders of gallbladder
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)