

**Table 4-10. Byssinosis: Counties with highest age-adjusted mortality rates (per million population), U.S. residents age 15 and over, 1985-1999**

County	State	Age-Adjusted Rate	Crude Rate	Number of Deaths	% Female
Richmond County	North Carolina	18.95	20.87	11	54.5
Bladen County	North Carolina	12.38	14.69	5	60.0
Rockingham County	North Carolina	4.25	4.78	5	60.0
Gaston County	North Carolina	2.98	2.84	6	16.7
Guilford County	North Carolina	1.97	1.84	8	12.5
Los Angeles County	California	0.06	0.05	5	20.0
<b>Overall United States</b>		<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>29.0</b>

NOTE: Only counties with at least 5 deaths from the disease of interest are included. See appendices for source description, methods, and ICD codes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics multiple cause of death data. Population estimates from U.S. Bureau of the Census.