

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Males- United States, 2004\*

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 36.4%	Unintentional injuries 41.5%	Unintentional injuries 41.6%	Unintentional injuries 49.0%	Unintentional injuries 44.8%	Unintentional injuries 34.8%	Unintentional injuries 21.7%	Heart disease 24.3%	Cancer 33.4%	Heart disease 30.5%	Cancer 34.3%	Heart disease 29.6%	Heart disease 34.9%	Heart disease 27.2%
2	Birth defects 12.0%	Cancer 18.4%	Cancer 11.4%	Homicide 16.9%	Homicide 18.4%	Suicide 14.6%	Heart disease 16.8%	Cancer 22.9%	Heart disease 27.7%	Cancer 25.4%	Heart disease 27.4%	Cancer 26.0%	Cancer 15.6%	Cancer 24.3%
3	Cancer 8.0%	Birth defects 6.7%	Suicide 7.9%	Suicide 13.9%	Suicide 15.1%	Homicide 13.3%	Cancer 11.9%	Unintentional injuries 10.8%	Unintentional injuries 4.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.0%	Stroke 7.4%	Unintentional injuries 6.1%
4	Homicide 7.7%	Homicide 3.8%	Homicide 5.9%	Cancer 4.5%	Cancer 4.0%	Heart disease 7.6%	Suicide 9.4%	Chronic liver disease 4.8%	Diabetes 3.9%	Stroke 6.1%	Stroke 4.6%	Stroke 6.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.4%	Stroke 5.0%
5	Heart disease 3.5%	Heart disease 2.0%	Birth defects 4.2%	Heart disease 2.5%	Heart disease 3.0%	Cancer 6.2%	HIV disease 6.5%	Suicide 4.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.8%	Diabetes 3.1%	Diabetes 3.8%	Diabetes 3.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.0%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 1.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.8%	Heart disease 3.8%	Birth defects 1.5%	Birth defects 0.9%	HIV disease 3.2%	Homicide 4.1%	Stroke 3.1%	Stroke 3.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.9%	Unintentional injuries 2.2%	Influenza and pneumonia 2.7%	Alzheimer's disease 4.1%	Diabetes 3.0%
7	Septicemia 1.5%	Benign neoplasms 1.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.6%	HIV disease 0.6%	Diabetes 1.2%	Chronic liver disease 3.6%	Diabetes 3.0%	Chronic liver disease 2.9%	Alzheimer's disease 2.4%	Kidney disease 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.3%	Kidney disease 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%
8	Perinatal conditions 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.5%	Stroke 1.0%	Diabetes 2.3%	HIV disease 3.0%	Suicide 2.0%	Unintentional injuries 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Unintentional injuries 2.3%	Suicide 2.2%
9	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.1%	(9)Septicemia 1.1%	Benign neoplasms 1.1%	Stroke 0.4%	Stroke 0.5%	Birth defects 0.8%	Stroke 2.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.3%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Chronic liver disease 1.4%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Diabetes 2.2%	Kidney disease 1.7%
10	Benign neoplasms 1.1%	(9)Stroke 1.1%	Stroke 0.9%	Anemias 0.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.4%	Chronic liver disease 0.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.9%	Viral hepatitis 1.5%	Septicemia 1.2%	Septicemia 1.4%	Septicemia 1.4%	Parkinson's disease 1.6%	Pneumonitis 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 1.6%

\*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The white, black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander race groups include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. 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 used in the table and their full, unabridged equivalents used in the report. To learn more, visit *Mortality Tables* at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/wh/statab/unpubd/mortabs.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).

## Short and Full Terms for Leading Causes of Death

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 full, unabridged equivalents used in the report.

### SHORT TERMS

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

### FULL TERMS

Aortic aneurism and dissection  
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  
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  
Infections of kidney  
Complications of medical and surgical care  
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period  
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids  
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium  
Cerebrovascular diseases  
Intentional self-harm  
Accidents (unintentional injuries)