

Figure 2. Trends in cancer death rates* and frequencies and trends in population, United States† 1990-1999.

Year	Death Rate per 100,000	Population		Deaths§	
		Ages <65	Ages 65+	Ages <65	Ages 65+
1990	215.0	218,229,535	31,241,004	159,908	345,387
1991	215.3	220,429,801	31,778,736	159,868	354,768
1992	214.0	222,808,517	32,295,510	158,488	362,060
1993	214.2	225,043,830	32,813,792	158,328	371,549
1994	212.7	227,190,627	33,210,464	158,108	376,186
1995	211.1	229,257,210	33,619,304	157,295	381,142
1996	208.4	231,343,137	33,957,198	156,520	382,988
1997	205.2	233,660,862	34,185,879	156,653	382,913
1998	202.7	235,961,524	34,372,907	157,333	384,186
1999	202.8 ‡	238,263,800	34,523,685	159,707	390,122

* Rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

† Death data are from the National Vital Statistics System of the National Center for Health Statistics; the data cover the entire U.S. population.

‡ While the rate is 202.8 for 1999 based on ICD-10 definitions, the rate would have been lower, approximately 201.4, if the cancer definitions and rules from ICD-9 were used based on a comparability study.

§ Counts for 1990 to 1998 exclude ICD-9 code 238.6, which was added as a malignant cancer starting with the 2001 NHCS data submission.