

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Females- 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 31.7%	Unintentional injuries 35.7%	Unintentional injuries 35.2%	Unintentional injuries 51.7%	Unintentional injuries 40.5%	Unintentional injuries 25.3%	Cancer 26.2%	Cancer 36.2%	Cancer 41.5%	Heart disease 30.3%	Cancer 35.6%	Heart disease 27.5%	Heart disease 35.7%	Heart disease 27.2%
2	Birth defects 11.8%	Cancer 17.9%	Cancer 14.1%	Suicide 8.8%	Homicide 8.4%	Cancer 15.1%	Unintentional injuries 15.1%	Heart disease 15.8%	Heart disease 18.6%	Cancer 19.3%	Heart disease 22.1%	Cancer 22.6%	Cancer 10.1%	Cancer 22.0%
3	Cancer 8.8%	Birth defects 7.6%	Suicide 6.2%	Homicide 7.5%	Cancer 8.0%	Heart disease 8.2%	Heart disease 12.4%	Unintentional injuries 7.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.4%	Stroke 8.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.9%	Stroke 8.3%	Stroke 9.8%	Stroke 7.5%
4	Homicide 8.1%	Homicide 4.8%	Birth defects 5.3%	Cancer 7.3%	Suicide 7.6%	Suicide 7.5%	Suicide 5.0%	Stroke 4.2%	Diabetes 4.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Stroke 5.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.9%	Alzheimer's disease 6.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.2%
5	Heart disease 4.4%	Heart disease 4.0%	Heart disease 4.6%	Heart disease 3.1%	Heart disease 4.6%	Homicide 5.8%	HIV disease 4.3%	Diabetes 3.3%	Stroke 4.2%	Alzheimer's disease 4.8%	Diabetes 4.3%	Alzheimer's disease 4.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.1%	Alzheimer's disease 3.9%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 3.4%	Benign neoplasms 1.7%	Homicide 4.3%	Birth defects 2.8%	Pregnancy complications 2.7%	HIV disease 4.4%	Stroke 3.5%	Chronic liver disease 3.2%	Unintentional injuries 2.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.1%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Diabetes 3.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.8%	Unintentional injuries 3.3%
7	Septicemia 2.0%	Septicemia 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.8%	Pregnancy complications 0.9%	Birth defects 1.9%	Pregnancy complications 2.3%	Chronic liver disease 2.8%	Suicide 2.7%	Chronic liver disease 1.9%	Diabetes 3.1%	Unintentional injuries 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Diabetes 2.2%	Diabetes 3.1%
8	Benign neoplasms 1.2%	(8)Stroke 1.3%	(8)Stroke 1.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.7%	(8)HIV disease 1.4%	Stroke 2.3%	Diabetes 2.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Septicemia 1.7%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.7%
9	Perinatal conditions 1.1%	(8)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.3%	(8)Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Stroke 0.7%	(8)Stroke 1.4%	Diabetes 2.1%	Homicide 2.4%	HIV disease 1.6%	Septicemia 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Unintentional diseases 1.8%	Unintentional injuries 1.9%	Kidney disease 1.8%
10	(10)Stroke 0.8%	Anemias 1.2%	Benign neoplasms 1.1%	(10)Benign neoplasms 0.6%	Diabetes 1.2%	Birth Defects 1.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.4%	Septicemia 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.2%	Septicemia 1.5%	Alzheimer's disease 1.2%	Septicemia 1.6%	Hypertension 1.6%	Septicemia 1.5%

*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)