

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Black Males- 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 34.0%	Unintentional injuries 46.0%	Unintentional injuries 36.1%	Homicide 43.8%	Homicide 50.7%	Homicide 31.1%	Heart disease 17.4%	Heart disease 25.0%	Cancer 29.9%	Heart disease 30.4%	Cancer 31.7%	Heart disease 30.0%	Heart disease 32.8%	Heart disease 25.3%
2	Homicide 13.1%	Cancer 13.7%	Homicide 10.4%	Unintentional injuries 28.4%	Unintentional injuries 21.8%	Unintentional injuries 19.1%	HIV disease 17.0%	Cancer 20.1%	Heart disease 29.7%	Cancer 27.3%	Heart disease 29.6%	Cancer 27.2%	Cancer 19.0%	Cancer 22.2%
3	Birth defects 8.4%	Homicide 6.0%	Cancer 8.6%	Suicide 5.7%	Suicide 7.1%	HIV disease 9.3%	Unintentional injuries 13.4%	HIV disease 8.6%	Stroke 5.4%	Stroke 7.1%	Stroke 6.5%	Stroke 7.2%	Stroke 8.0%	Unintentional injuries 5.9%
4	Cancer 4.8%	Birth defects 5.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.0%	Heart disease 3.7%	Heart disease 3.5%	Heart disease 9.0%	Cancer 9.9%	Unintentional injuries 7.3%	Diabetes 4.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.3%	Diabetes 4.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.4%	Stroke 5.3%
5	Influenza & pneumonia 3.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Suicide 4.7%	Cancer 3.4%	Cancer 2.2%	Suicide 6.5%	Homicide 8.9%	Stroke 4.7%	Unintentional injuries 3.4%	Diabetes 4.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.9%	Diabetes 4.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.1%	Homicide 4.7%
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.8%	Anemias 1.7%	Heart disease 4.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.8%	HIV disease 1.4%	Cancer 4.2%	Suicide 3.0%	Diabetes 3.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%	Kidney disease 3.0%	Kidney disease 2.9%	Kidney disease 2.9%	Kidney disease 3.6%	HIV disease 3.6%
7	(7)Heart disease 2.6%	(7)Benign neoplasms 1.5%	Birth defects 4.2%	Birth defects 1.7%	Anemias 1.0%	Diabetes 1.7%	Stroke 2.8%	Chronic liver disease 3.1%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.7%	Septicemia 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%	Diabetes 2.7%	Diabetes 3.5%
8	(7)Perinatal conditions 2.6%	(7)Heart disease 1.5%	Stroke 2.0%	Anemias 0.8%	(8)Diabetes 0.8%	Stroke 1.1%	Diabetes 2.7%	Homicide 2.8%	HIV disease 2.2%	Septicemia 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 1.9%	Septicemia 2.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.0%
9	Benign neoplasms 1.1%	(9)HIV disease 1.0% (9)Stroke 1.0%	Anemias 1.2%	HIV disease 0.6%	(8)Birth defects 0.8%	Anemias 1.1%	Chronic liver disease 1.5%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Chronic liver disease 1.9%	Unintentional injuries 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Unintentional injuries 1.6%	Septicemia 2.5%	Kidney disease 2.3%
10	Stroke 1.0%	(9)Influenza & pneumonia 1.0% (9)Medical & surgical care complications 1.0%	(10)HIV disease 1.0% (10)Influenza & pneumonia 1.0% (10)Medical & surgical care complications 1.0%	(10)Diabetes 0.5% (10)Stroke 0.5% (10)Legal intervention 0.5%	(8)Legal intervention 0.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.8%	Kidney disease 1.4%	Septicemia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.8%	Hypertension 1.5%	Hypertension 1.3%	Hypertension 1.6%	Hypertension 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%

*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The black 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_17.pdf](http://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
Heart disease
HIV disease
Homicide
Hypertension
Kidney disease
Medical & surgical care complications
Perinatal conditions
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
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
Cerebrovascular diseases
Intentional self-harm
Accidents (unintentional injuries)