

Table 117. Age-Adjusted Death Rates by Major Causes: 1960 to 2008

[Age-adjusted rates per 100,000 population. Age adjusted death rates were prepared using the direct method, in which age specific death rates for a population of interest are applied to a standard population distributed by age. Age adjustment eliminates the differences in observed rates between points in time or among compared population groups that result from age differences in population composition. Beginning 1999 deaths classified according to tenth revision of International Classification of Diseases; for earlier years, causes of death were classified according to the revisions then in use. Changes in classification of causes of death due to these revisions may result in discontinuities in cause-of-death trends. See Appendix III]

Year	Dis- eases of the heart	Malignant neo- plasms (cancer)	Cerebro- vascular diseases	Chronic lower res- piratory diseases	Acci- dents ¹	Al- zheimer's disease	Di- abetes mellitus	Influenza and pneu- monia	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	Inten- tional self-harm (suicide)
1960	559.0	193.9	177.9	12.5	63.1	(NA)	22.5	53.7	10.6	12.5
1961	545.3	193.4	173.1	12.6	60.6	(NA)	22.1	43.4	10.0	12.2
1962	556.9	193.3	174.0	14.2	62.9	(NA)	22.6	47.1	9.6	12.8
1963	563.4	194.7	173.9	16.5	64.0	(NA)	23.1	55.6	9.2	13.0
1964	543.3	193.6	167.0	16.3	64.1	(NA)	22.5	45.4	8.9	12.7
1965	542.5	195.6	166.4	18.3	65.8	(NA)	22.9	46.8	8.3	13.0
1966	541.2	196.5	165.8	19.2	67.6	(NA)	23.6	47.9	7.9	12.7
1967	524.7	197.3	159.3	19.2	66.2	(NA)	23.4	42.2	7.3	12.5
1968	531.0	198.8	162.5	20.7	65.5	(NA)	25.3	52.8	6.1	12.4
1969	516.8	198.5	155.4	20.9	64.9	(NA)	25.1	47.9	6.0	12.7
1970	492.7	198.6	147.7	21.3	62.2	(NA)	24.3	41.7	5.5	13.1
1971	492.9	199.3	147.6	21.8	60.3	(NA)	23.9	38.4	5.2	13.1
1972	490.2	200.3	147.3	22.8	60.2	(NA)	23.7	41.3	5.2	13.3
1973	482.0	200.0	145.2	23.6	59.3	(NA)	23.0	41.2	5.0	13.1
1974	458.8	201.5	136.8	23.2	52.7	(NA)	22.1	35.5	4.7	13.2
1975	431.2	200.1	123.5	23.7	50.8	(NA)	20.3	34.9	4.7	13.6
1976	426.9	202.5	117.4	24.9	48.7	(NA)	19.5	38.8	4.9	13.2
1977	413.7	203.5	110.4	24.7	48.8	(NA)	18.2	31.0	4.8	13.7
1978	409.9	204.9	103.7	26.3	48.9	(NA)	18.3	34.5	4.8	12.9
1979	401.6	204.0	97.1	25.5	46.5	(NA)	17.5	26.1	8.6	12.6
1980	412.1	207.9	96.4	28.3	46.4	(NA)	18.1	31.4	9.1	12.2
1981	397.0	206.4	89.5	29.0	43.4	0.9	17.6	30.0	9.1	12.3
1982	389.0	208.3	84.2	29.1	40.1	1.3	17.2	26.5	9.4	12.5
1983	388.9	209.1	81.2	31.6	39.1	2.2	17.6	29.8	9.6	12.4
1984	378.8	210.8	78.7	32.4	38.8	3.1	17.2	30.6	10.0	12.6
1985	375.0	211.3	76.6	34.5	38.5	4.1	17.4	34.5	10.4	12.5
1986	365.1	211.5	73.1	34.8	38.6	4.6	17.2	34.8	10.4	13.0
1987	355.9	211.7	71.6	35.0	38.2	5.5	17.4	33.8	10.4	12.8
1988	352.5	212.5	70.6	36.5	38.9	5.8	18.0	37.3	10.4	12.5
1989	332.0	214.2	66.9	36.6	37.7	6.1	20.5	35.9	9.6	12.3
1990	321.8	216.0	65.3	37.2	36.3	6.3	20.7	36.8	9.3	12.5
1991	312.5	215.2	62.9	37.9	34.7	6.3	20.7	34.7	9.3	12.3
1992	304.0	213.5	61.5	37.7	33.2	6.3	20.7	32.8	9.4	12.0
1993	308.1	213.5	62.7	40.7	34.2	7.1	21.9	35.0	9.7	12.1
1994	297.5	211.7	62.6	40.3	34.2	7.7	22.6	33.6	9.4	11.9
1995	293.4	209.9	63.1	40.1	34.4	8.4	23.2	33.4	9.5	11.8
1996	285.7	206.7	62.5	40.6	34.5	8.5	23.8	32.9	9.6	11.5
1997	277.7	203.4	61.1	41.1	34.2	8.7	23.7	33.3	9.8	11.2
1998	267.4	202.1	62.8	43.8	35.6	8.6	24.2	24.2	9.8	11.1
1999	266.5	200.8	61.6	45.4	35.3	16.5	25.0	23.5	13.0	10.5
2000	257.6	199.6	60.9	44.2	34.9	18.1	25.0	23.7	13.5	10.4
2001	247.8	196.0	57.9	43.7	35.7	19.1	25.3	22.0	14.0	10.7
2002	240.8	193.5	56.2	43.5	36.9	20.2	25.4	22.6	14.2	10.9
2003	232.3	190.1	53.5	43.3	37.3	21.4	25.3	22.0	14.4	10.8
2004	217.0	185.8	50.0	41.1	37.7	21.8	24.5	19.8	14.2	10.9
2005	211.1	183.8	46.6	43.2	39.1	22.9	24.6	20.3	14.3	10.9
2006	200.2	180.7	43.6	40.5	39.8	22.6	23.3	17.8	14.5	10.9
2007	190.9	178.4	42.2	40.8	40.0	22.7	22.5	16.2	14.5	11.3
2008 ²	186.7	175.5	40.6	44.0	38.6	24.4	21.8	17.0	14.8	11.6

NA Not available. ¹ Unintentional injuries. ² Preliminary data.

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