

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Females, United States – 2000\*

Rank	Age Group														
	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 33.8%	Unintentional injuries 40.4%	Unintentional injuries 34.2%	Unintentional injuries 51.7%	Unintentional injuries 37.9%	Unintentional injuries 21.6%	Cancer 28.2%	Cancer 39.7%	Cancer 41.6%	Heart disease 33.1%	Cancer 34.5%	Heart disease 30.6%	Heart disease 38.9%	Heart disease 29.9%	
2	Congenital malformation 11.0%	Cancer 15.7%	Cancer 14.0%	Homicide 7.8%	Homicide 10.0%	Cancer 16.4%	Unintentional injuries 12.2%	Heart disease 15.9%	Heart disease 20.6%	Cancer 19.0%	Heart disease 24.7%	Cancer 22.0%	Stroke 11.1%	Cancer 21.8%	
3	Cancer 8.7%	Congenital malformation 6.6%	Congenital malformation 6.2%	Cancer 7.7%	Cancer 9.0%	Heart disease 8.2%	Heart disease 12.0%	Unintentional injuries 5.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.3%	Stroke 9.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.7%	Stroke 9.2%	Cancer 9.9%	Stroke 8.4%	
4	Homicide 7.3%	Homicide 4.5%	Homicide 5.0%	Suicide 7.0%	Suicide 6.9%	Suicide 6.8%	HIV disease 4.5%	Stroke 4.6%	Stroke 4.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.5%	Stroke 6.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.6%	Alzheimer's disease 4.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.1%	
5	Heart disease 3.4%	Heart disease 3.0%	Heart disease 4.1%	Heart disease 4.0%	Heart disease 5.4%	HIV disease 6.6%	Suicide 4.5%	Diabetes 3.6%	Diabetes 4.4%	Alzheimer's disease 3.5%	Diabetes 4.4%	Diabetes 3.5%	Influenza and pneumonia 4.6%	Diabetes 3.1%	
6	Influenza and pneumonia 2.3%	Benign neoplasms 2.1%	Suicide 3.9%	Congenital malformation 2.3%	Congenital malformation 1.9%	Homicide 6.4%	Stroke 4.0%	Chronic liver disease 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.4%	Influenza and pneumonia 3.4%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Alzheimer's disease 3.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.5%	Influenza and pneumonia 3.0%	
7	Septicemia 2.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.3%	Influenza and pneumonia 0.8%	Pregnancy complications 1.8%	Stroke 2.3%	Chronic liver disease 3.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Chronic liver disease 1.8%	Diabetes 3.0%	Influenza and pneumonia 1.6%	Influenza and pneumonia 2.8%	Diabetes 2.1%	Alzheimer's disease 2.9%	
8	Stroke 1.3%	Influenza and pneumonia 1.4%	Stroke 1.9%	Stroke 0.8%	(8)Stroke 1.5%	Diabetes 2.0%	Homicide 2.8%	Suicide 2.1%	Kidney disease 1.5%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 1.6%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%	
9	Perinatal conditions 1.3%	Septicemia 1.0%	Benign neoplasms 1.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.7%		(8)HIV disease 1.5%	Congenital malformation 1.6%	Diabetes 2.4%	HIV disease 1.4%	Septicemia 1.4%	Unintentional injuries 1.6%	Septicemia 1.5%	Unintentional injuries 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.6%
10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.1%	Stroke 0.9%	Influenza and pneumonia 1.2%	(10)Anemias 0.5%	(10)Pregnancy complications 0.5%	Influenza and pneumonia 1.3%	Pregnancy complications 1.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.5%	Septicemia 1.3%	Influenza and pneumonia 1.2%	Septicemia 1.5%	Chronic liver disease 1.1%	Septicemia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.4%	Septicemia 1.4%

\*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings.

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 2000" at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/02facts/final2000.htm> (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**  
**Cancer**  
**Chronic liver disease**  
**Congenital malformation**  
**Diabetes**  
**Heart disease**  
**HIV disease**  
**Homicide**  
**Hypertension**  
**Kidney disease**  
**Perinatal conditions**  
**Pregnancy complications**  
**Stroke**  
**Suicide**  
**Unintentional injuries**

### **UNABRIDGED TERMS**

In situ neoplasms, benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior  
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  
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period  
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium  
Cerebrovascular diseases  
Intentional self-harm  
Accidents (unintentional injuries)