

**Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity, All Females-United States, 2006\***

Rank	All Races	White	Black	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Hispanic
1	Heart disease 25.8%	Heart disease 26.0%	Heart disease 25.5%	Cancer 19.2%	Cancer 27.2%	Heart disease 22.8%
2	Cancer 22.0%	Cancer 22.0%	Cancer 21.6%	Heart disease 18.8%	Heart disease 22.7%	Cancer 21.7%
3	Stroke 6.7%	Stroke 6.7%	Stroke 6.8%	Unintentional injuries 8.1%	Stroke 9.3%	Stroke 6.4%
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.8%	Diabetes 5.0%	Diabetes 7.0%	Unintentional injuries 3.8%	Diabetes 5.4%
5	Alzheimer's disease 4.2%	Alzheimer's disease 4.5%	Kidney disease 3.2%	Stroke 4.9%	Diabetes 3.8%	Unintentional injuries 5.0%
6	Unintentional injuries 3.5%	Unintentional injuries 3.5%	Unintentional injuries 3.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%
7	Diabetes 3.0%	Diabetes 2.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.5%	Chronic liver disease 4.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.4%	Alzheimer's disease 2.7%
8	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Septicemia 2.4%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Alzheimer's disease 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%
9	Kidney disease 1.9%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Alzheimer's disease 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.2%
10	Septicemia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%	Septicemia 1.7%	Hypertension 1.6%	Perinatal conditions 2.1%

\*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 may be of any race. Some terms have 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 full unabridged equivalents used in the report. To learn more, visit *Mortality Tables* [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality\\_tables.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.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)