

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White 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 37.6%	Unintentional injuries 40.8%	Unintentional injuries 41.6%	Unintentional injuries 56.4%	Unintentional injuries 51.5%	Unintentional injuries 38.4%	Unintentional injuries 22.8%	Heart disease 25.4%	Cancer 34.5%	Heart disease 32.0%	Cancer 34.2%	Heart disease 31.3%	Heart disease 36.1%	Heart disease 29.0%
2	Birth defects 10.8%	Cancer 18.8%	Cancer 12.9%	Suicide 14.8%	Suicide 17.1%	Suicide 16.8%	Heart disease 16.6%	Cancer 24.1%	Heart disease 29.0%	Cancer 24.8%	Heart disease 28.9%	Cancer 25.2%	Cancer 15.1%	Cancer 24.4%
3	Cancer 8.6%	Birth defects 6.2%	Suicide 8.8%	Homicide 9.1%	Homicide 10.0%	Cancer 7.1%	Cancer 12.7%	Unintentional injuries 10.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.3%	Stroke 8.1%	Unintentional injuries 5.7%
4	Homicide 6.8%	Homicide 2.9%	Birth defects 4.7%	Cancer 4.6%	Cancer 4.6%	Homicide 6.9%	Suicide 10.9%	Chronic liver disease 5.4%	Unintentional injuries 3.9%	Stroke 6.4%	Stroke 4.4%	Stroke 6.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.4%
5	Heart disease 3.3%	Heart disease 2.5%	Heart disease 3.9%	Heart disease 2.5%	Heart disease 2.6%	Heart disease 6.8%	HIV disease 4.8%	Suicide 5.4%	Diabetes 3.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.1%	Diabetes 3.3%	Diabetes 2.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 5.0%	Stroke 5.2%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 1.8%	Septicemia 1.7%	Homicide 3.5%	Birth defects 1.5%	Birth defects 1.0%	HIV disease 2.6%	Chronic liver disease 4.1%	Diabetes 2.8%	Stroke 3.2%	Diabetes 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.9%	Alzheimer's disease 3.6%	Diabetes 2.7%
7	Septicemia 1.7%	Benign neoplasms 1.3%	(7)Septicemia 1.2%	(7)Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%	Stroke 0.5%	Diabetes 1.3%	Homicide 2.8%	Stroke 2.5%	Chronic liver disease 3.0%	Alzheimer's disease 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.2%	Kidney disease 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%
8	Stroke 1.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.0%	(7)Benign neoplasms 1.2%	(7)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%	Birth defects 1.1%	Diabetes 2.2%	HIV disease 1.9%	Suicide 2.2%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Kidney disease 1.4%	Unintentional injuries 2.0%	Unintentional injuries 2.2%	Suicide 2.2%
9	(9) Benign neoplasms 1.1%	Stroke 0.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.1%	Stroke 0.3%	Diabetes 0.4%	Stroke 0.9%	Stroke 1.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.1%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Chronic liver disease 1.4%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Diabetes 2.1%	Alzheimer's disease 1.5%
10	(9) Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.8%	Stroke 1.0%	(10)Benign neoplasms 0.2% (10)Diabetes 0.2%	Legal intervention 0.3%	Chronic liver disease 0.9%	Viral hepatitis 1.0%	Viral hepatitis 1.7%	Septicemia 1.0%	Septicemia 1.3%	Septicemia 1.2%	Parkinson's disease 1.5%	Pneumonitis 1.7%	Kidney disease 1.5%

*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The white 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/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
Pneumonitis
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
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
Cerebrovascular diseases
Intentional self-harm
Accidents (unintentional injuries)