

## Health Equity

# Leading Causes of Death - Males - Non-Hispanic black - United States, 2016

Non-Hispanic black<sup>1</sup>, Male, All ages<sup>2</sup>

Non-Hispanic black, Male, All ages	Percent
1) Heart disease	23.7%
2) Cancer	20.9%
3) Unintentional injuries	7.4%
4) Homicide	5.1%
5) Stroke	4.8%
6) Diabetes	4.1%
7) Chronic lower respiratory diseases	3.3%
8) Kidney disease	2.6%
9) Septicemia	1.8%
10) Hypertension	1.7%

<sup>1</sup>Persons identified as white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, or Asian or Pacific Islander were of non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Figures for origin not stated are included in "all races and origins" but not distributed among race and Hispanic origin groups. For more information on race and Hispanic origin classification please see the Technical Notes section of "Deaths: Leading Causes for 2016" [↗](#).

<sup>2</sup>Figures include all ages, including age not stated.

## Non-Hispanic black<sup>1</sup>, Male, by Age Group

Rank <sup>2</sup>	Age Group <sup>3</sup>					
	1-19 years	20-44 years	45-64 years	65-84 years	85+ years	All ages
1	Homicide 35.2%	Homicide 28.9%	Heart disease 26.8%	Cancer 26.7%	Heart disease 27.3%	Heart disease 23.7%
2	Unintentional injuries 26.1%	Unintentional injuries 22.4%	Cancer 23.4%	Heart disease 26.1%	Cancer 17.7%	Cancer 20.9%
3	Suicide 5.4%	Heart disease 12.2%	Unintentional injuries 8.4%	Stroke 6.0%	Stroke 6.5%	Unintentional injuries 7.4%
4	Cancer 4.6%	Suicide 6.2%	Diabetes 4.7%	Diabetes 4.9%	Alzheimer's disease 6.0%	Homicide 5.1%
5	Birth defects 3.5%	Cancer 5.0%	Stroke 4.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.4%	Stroke 4.8%
6	Heart disease 3.2%	HIV disease 2.7%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Kidney disease 3.2%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Diabetes 4.1%
7	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.9%	Diabetes 2.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 2.5%	Diabetes 3.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.3%

				Age Group <sup>3</sup>		
Rank <sup>2</sup>	1-19 years	20-44 years	45-64 years	65-84 years	85+ years	All ages
8	Influenza and pneumonia 1.2%	Stroke 1.8%	Chronic liver disease 2.3%	Septicemia 2.2%	Influenza and pneumonia 2.7%	Kidney disease 2.6%
9	Anemias 0.9%	Kidney disease 1.1%	HIV disease 2.2%	Hypertension 1.9%	Hypertension 2.3%	Septicemia 1.8%
10	Stroke 0.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.9%	Homicide 1.9%	Alzheimer's disease 1.9%	Septicemia 2.0%	Hypertension 1.7%

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<sup>2</sup>Based on number of deaths. Tie ranks are listed in order of ICD-10 code.

<sup>3</sup>Figures for age not stated are included in “all ages” but not distributed among age groups.

## Short and Full Terms – 2016

Some terms in the leading causes of death tables have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. Below is a listing of the shortened terms used in the tables and their full, unabridged equivalents used in the report.

Short Term	Full Term
Benign neoplasms	In situ neoplasms, benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior
Birth defects	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
Cancer	Malignant neoplasms
Chronic liver disease	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
Diabetes	Diabetes mellitus
Heart disease	Diseases of heart
HIV disease	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease
Homicide	Assault (homicide)
Hypertension	Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease
Kidney disease	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis
Medical complications	Complications of medical and surgical care
Perinatal conditions	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
Pregnancy complications	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
Stroke	Cerebrovascular diseases
Suicide	Intentional self-harm (suicide)
Unintentional injuries	Accidents (unintentional injuries)

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