

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Race/Ethnicity Males, United States, 2012*

Rank	All Races	Hispanic	White	Black	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander
1	Heart disease 24.5%	Cancer 20.9%	Heart disease 24.7%	Heart disease 24.0%	Heart disease 19.1%	Cancer 26.7%
2	Cancer 24.0%	Heart disease 20.3%	Cancer 24.1%	Cancer 22.9%	Cancer 17.2%	Heart disease 23.1%
3	Unintentional injuries 6.3%	Unintentional injuries 9.7%	Unintentional injuries 6.3%	Unintentional injuries 5.7%	Unintentional injuries 14.1%	Stroke 6.5%
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.3%	Diabetes 4.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Homicide 4.7%	Chronic liver disease 5.7%	Unintentional injuries 5.1%
5	Stroke 4.1%	Stroke 4.3%	Stroke 4.0%	Stroke 4.7%	Diabetes 5.7%	Diabetes 3.8%
6	Diabetes 3.0%	Chronic liver disease 4.0%	Diabetes 2.8%	Diabetes 4.1%	Suicide 4.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.4%
7	Suicide 2.5%	Suicide 2.7%	Suicide 2.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.1%
8	Alzheimer's disease 2.0%	Homicide 2.7%	Alzheimer's disease 2.2%	Kidney disease 2.5%	Stroke 2.9%	Suicide 2.8%
9	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%	Septicemia 1.8%	Homicide 2.3%	Kidney disease 1.7%
10	Kidney disease 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.8%	Chronic liver disease 1.8%	HIV disease 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 1.5%

*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 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 full unabridged equivalents used in the report. To learn more, visit *Mortality Tables* at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).

Short and Full Terms for Leading Causes of Death (Males)

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

FULL TERMS

Aortic aneurism	Aortic aneurism and dissection
Benign neoplasms	In situ neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior
Birth defects	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
Bronchitis	Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis
Cancer	Malignant neoplasms
C. difficile infection	Enter colitis due to clostridium
Chronic liver disease	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	Includes bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, bronchiectasis, and other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Diabetes	Diabetes mellitus
Gallbladder disorders	Cholelithiasis and other disorders of gallbladder
Heart disease	Diseases of the heart
HIV disease	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease
Homicide	Assault (homicide)
Hypertension	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease
Kidney disease	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis
Kidney infection	Infections of kidney
Legal Intervention*	Physical or other force used by police or other law-enforcing agents, including military on duty, in the course of arresting or attempting to arrest lawbreakers, suppressing disturbances, maintaining order, and other legal action. Includes legal execution and excludes citizen arrest.
Medical & surgical care complications	Complications of medical and surgical care
Operations of War	Operations of War and their sequelae
Perinatal conditions	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
Pneumonitis	Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids
Stroke	Cerebrovascular diseases
Suicide	Intentional self-harm
Unintentional injuries	Accidents (unintentional injuries)

*World Health Organization. International statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (ICD-10). Geneva: World Health Organization, 1992. Available at <http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en/>. Accessed April 15, 2010.