

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White Males-United States, 2008*

Age in Groups

Rank	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 35.1%	Unintentional injuries 37.4%	Unintentional injuries 38.6%	Unintentional injuries 51.4%	Unintentional injuries 51.9%	Unintentional injuries 43.5%	Unintentional injuries 26.3%	Heart disease 23.2%	Cancer 32.6%	Heart disease 28.1%	Cancer 34.9%	Heart disease 26.6%	Heart disease 32.6%	Heart disease 25.6%
2	Birth defects 10.5%	Cancer 17.9%	Cancer 13.5%	Suicide 16.4%	Suicide 17.0%	Suicide 16.6%	Heart disease 15.8%	Cancer 22.6%	Heart disease 25.6%	Cancer 24.9%	Heart disease 24.7%	Cancer 26.3%	Cancer 15.3%	Cancer 24.3%
3	Cancer 9.1%	Birth defects 6.3%	Suicide 8.7%	Homicide 10.5%	Homicide 9.6%	Homicide 7.1%	Suicide 12.6%	Unintentional injuries 12.9%	Unintentional injuries 5.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.1%	Stroke 6.1%	Unintentional injuries 6.4%
4	Homicide 6.9%	Heart disease 4.2%	Homicide 4.6%	Cancer 5.0%	Cancer 4.3%	Heart disease 6.5%	Cancer 11.7%	Suicide 6.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.5%	Stroke 5.2%	Stroke 3.8%	Stroke 5.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.9%
5	Heart disease 3.0%	Homicide 4.0%	Birth defects 3.8%	Heart disease 2.2%	Heart disease 2.7%	Cancer 6.3%	Chronic liver disease 4.0%	Chronic liver disease 5.5%	Chronic liver disease 3.6%	Alzheimer's disease 3.1%	Diabetes 3.5%	Alzheimer's disease 3.0%	Alzheimer's disease 5.1%	Stroke 4.2%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Benign neoplasms 1.8%	Heart disease 3.2%	Birth defects 1.7%	Birth defects 0.9%	HIV disease 1.1%	Homicide 3.1%	Diabetes 2.9%	Diabetes 3.6%	Diabetes 2.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.6%	Diabetes 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.8%	Diabetes 2.7%
7	Septicemia 1.6%	Stroke (7) 1.6% ***	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Stroke 0.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.6%	Chronic liver disease 1.1%	HIV disease 2.6%	Stroke 2.4%	Stroke 2.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.3%	Kidney disease 2.6%	Suicide 2.5%
8	Stroke 1.0%		Stroke 1.2%	Benign neoplasms 0.5%	Diabetes 0.6%	Diabetes 1.0%	Diabetes 2.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0%	Suicide 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.5%	Chronic liver disease 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 2.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.2%
9	Perinatal conditions 1.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.1%	Septicemia (9) 0.9% *** Benign neoplasms (9) 0.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%	Stroke 0.4%	Stroke 1.0%	Stroke 1.9%	Viral hepatitis 1.8%	Septicemia 1.2%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Diabetes 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%
10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.9%	Septicemia 0.9%		Diabetes 0.3%	Legal intervention 0.3%	Birth defects 0.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.0%	HIV disease 1.4%	Kidney disease 1.2%	Parkinson's disease 1.5%	Septicemia 1.3%	Parkinson's disease 1.9%	Parkinson's disease 1.7%	Kidney disease 1.8%

*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).