

# Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Females-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 27.8%	Unintentional injuries 29.7%	Unintentional injuries 27.0%	Unintentional injuries 46.4%	Unintentional injuries 39.4%	Unintentional injuries 26.6%	Cancer 25.1%	Cancer 34.5%	Cancer 39.9%	Heart disease 27.1%	Cancer 36.1%	Heart disease 24.2%	Heart disease 31.9%	Heart disease 24.5%
2	Birth defects 12.2%	Cancer 20.9%	Cancer 16.2%	Suicide 9.3%	Suicide 8.9%	Cancer 13.9%	Unintentional injuries 16.5%	Heart disease 15.4%	Heart disease 17.5%	Cancer 19.0%	Heart disease 19.3%	Cancer 23.0%	Cancer 10.1%	Cancer 21.7%
3	Homicide 9.2%	Birth defects 7.0%	Birth defects 6.3%	Homicide 8.3%	Homicide 8.8%	Heart disease 8.5%	Heart disease 12.1%	Unintentional injuries 9.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Stroke 7.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 9.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.0%	Stroke 8.2%	Stroke 6.5%
4	Cancer 8.6%	Homicide 4.6%	Homicide 5.8%	Cancer 8.0%	Cancer 7.8%	Suicide 8.1%	Suicide 5.5%	Stroke 3.9%	Diabetes 4.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%	Stroke 4.9%	Stroke 7.1%	Alzheimer's disease 8.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.9%
5	Heart disease 4.4%	Heart disease 4.0%	Suicide 5.2%	Heart disease 3.5%	Heart disease 4.5%	Homicide 5.7%	Stroke 3.3%	Chronic liver disease 3.4%	Stroke 4.0%	Alzheimer's disease 5.8%	Diabetes 4.0%	Alzheimer's disease 4.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.6%	Alzheimer's disease 4.6%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 3.6%	Benign neoplasms 2.5%	Heart disease 4.5%	Birth defects 2.5%	Pregnancy complications 2.7%	HIV disease 2.9%	HIV disease 3.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.0%	Unintentional injuries 3.3%	Diabetes 2.8%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Diabetes 3.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.5%	Unintentional injuries 3.5%
7	Septicemia 2.5%	Stroke 1.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Pregnancy complications 1.2%	Birth defects 2.1%	Pregnancy complications 2.8%	Chronic liver disease 3.1%	Diabetes 3.0%	Chronic liver disease 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Diabetes 2.8%
8	Stroke 1.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.4%	Stroke 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia (8) 0.9% ***	HIV disease 1.2%	Diabetes 2.0%	Diabetes 2.5%	Suicide 2.9%	Septicemia 1.8%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Septicemia 1.8%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%
9	Benign neoplasms 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia (9) 1.3% ***	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (8) 0.9%	Septicemia (9) 1.1% ***	Stroke 1.9%	Homicide 2.3%	Septicemia 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Unintentional injuries 2.0%	Diabetes 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.0%
10	Perinatal conditions 1.2%	Perinatal conditions (9) 1.3%	Septicemia 1.6%	Stroke 0.9%	Diabetes (9) 1.1%	Septicemia 1.4%	Septicemia 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Septicemia 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 1.4%	Septicemia 1.8%	Hypertension 1.7%	Septicemia 1.6%

\*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](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm) or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).