

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Males-United States, 2012*

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 33.7%	Unintentional injuries 34.6%	Unintentional injuries 30.6%	Unintentional injuries 39.0%	Unintentional injuries 42.4%	Unintentional injuries 37.9%	Unintentional injuries 24.4%	Heart disease 22.8%	Cancer 31.2%	Heart disease 26.8%	Cancer 34.2%	Cancer 26.3%	Heart disease 30.6%	Heart disease 24.5%
2	Birth defects 11.5%	Cancer 19.2%	Cancer 15.1%	Homicide 19.4%	Homicide 18.2%	Suicide 16.2%	Heart disease 16.8%	Cancer 22.0%	Heart disease 24.7%	Cancer 24.8%	Heart disease 24.1%	Heart disease 25.2%	Cancer 15.4%	Cancer 24.0%
3	Cancer 9.1%	Birth defects 6.3%	Suicide 12.9%	Suicide 19.0%	Suicide 17.9%	Homicide 11.9%	Suicide 12.1%	Unintentional injuries 12.4%	Unintentional injuries 5.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Unintentional injuries 6.3%
4	Homicide 8.2%	Homicide 5.7%	Homicide 6.2%	Cancer 5.2%	Cancer 3.8%	Heart disease 7.2%	Cancer 11.3%	Suicide 6.0%	Chronic liver disease 4.0%	Stroke 4.9%	Stroke 3.9%	Stroke 5.0%	Stroke 5.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.3%
5	Heart disease 3.3%	Heart disease 2.5%	Birth defects 5.1%	Heart disease 2.8%	Heart disease 3.1%	Cancer 5.9%	Homicide 5.0%	Chronic liver disease 5.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.9%	Diabetes 3.0%	Diabetes 3.9%	Diabetes 3.1%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%	Stroke 4.1%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.3%	Heart disease 3.7%	Birth defects 1.6%	Birth defects 0.9%	HIV disease 1.5%	Chronic liver disease 3.7%	Diabetes 3.3%	Diabetes 3.8%	Alzheimer's disease 3.0%	Unintentional injuries 2.7%	Alzheimer's disease 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.3%	Diabetes 3.0%
7	Stroke 1.5%	Benign neoplasms 1.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.8%	Stroke (7) 0.5%	Diabetes 0.6%	Chronic liver disease 1.2%	Diabetes 2.7%	Stroke 2.8%	Stroke 3.2%	Unintentional injuries 2.6%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 2.7%	Suicide 2.5%
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Stroke 1.5%		Legal intervention 0.5%	Diabetes 1.2%	Stroke 2.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0%	Suicide 2.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Chronic liver disease 1.7%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Alzheimer's disease 2.0%
9	Septicemia 1.2%	Septicemia 1.3%	Benign neoplasms 1.5%		HIV disease (9) 0.5%	Stroke 1.0%	HIV disease 2.0%	HIV disease 1.7%	Viral hepatitis 1.4%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Septicemia 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Diabetes 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%
10	Perinatal conditions 1.1%	Stroke 1.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%		Stroke (9) 0.5%	Birth defects 0.8%	Septicemia 0.9%	Homicide 1.4%	Septicemia 1.3%	Parkinson's disease 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.4%	Parkinson's disease 2.1%	Parkinson's 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).

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

Aortic aneurism
Benign neoplasms
Birth defects
Bronchitis
Cancer
C. difficile infection
Chronic liver disease
Chronic lower respiratory diseases

Diabetes
Gallbladder disorders
Heart disease
HIV disease
Homicide
Hypertension
Kidney disease
Kidney infection
Legal Intervention*

Medical & surgical care complications
Operations of War
Perinatal conditions
Pneumonitis
Stroke
Suicide
Unintentional injuries

FULL TERMS

Aortic aneurism and dissection
In situ neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis
Malignant neoplasms
Enter colitis due to clostridium
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
Includes bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, bronchiectasis, and other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Diabetes mellitus
Cholethiasis and other disorders of gallbladder
Diseases of the heart
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease
Assault (homicide)
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis
Infections of kidney
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.
Complications of medical and surgical care
Operations of War and their sequelae
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids
Cerebrovascular diseases
Intentional self-harm
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.