

Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity, All Females-United States, 2008*

Rank	All Races	Hispanic	White	Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander
1	Heart disease 24.5%	Cancer 21.8%	Heart disease 24.6%	Heart disease 24.9%	Cancer 19.3%	Cancer 26.9%
2	Cancer 21.7%	Heart disease 21.6%	Cancer 21.6%	Cancer 21.8%	Heart disease 17.1%	Heart disease 22.3%
3	Stroke 6.5%	Stroke 6.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%	Stroke 6.7%	Unintentional injuries 7.9%	Stroke 8.9%
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.9%	Diabetes 5.2%	Stroke 6.4%	Diabetes 4.7%	Diabetes 5.9%	Diabetes 3.9%
5	Alzheimer's disease 4.6%	Unintentional injuries 4.4%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%	Kidney disease 3.3%	Chronic liver disease 5.1%	Unintentional injuries 3.3%
6	Unintentional injuries 3.5%	Alzheimer's disease 3.3%	Unintentional injuries 3.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.2%
7	Diabetes 2.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.1%	Diabetes 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%	Stroke 4.3%	Alzheimer's disease 2.6%
8	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Alzheimer's disease 2.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%
9	Kidney disease 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.3%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Septicemia 2.5%	Kidney disease 2.8%	Kidney disease 2.0%
10	Septicemia 1.6%	Chronic liver disease 2.0%	Septicemia 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%	Alzheimer's disease 2.1%	Hypertension 1.7%

*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).