

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Black 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 24.2%	Unintentional injuries 33.2%	Unintentional injuries 22.5%	Unintentional injuries 25.1%	Unintentional injuries 21.3%	Heart disease 14.3%	Cancer 21.9%	Cancer 28.9%	Cancer 33.1%	Heart disease 28.3%	Cancer 31.0%	Heart disease 27.7%	Heart disease 31.5%	Heart disease 24.9%
2	Homicide 13.4%	Cancer 17.5%	Cancer 14.2%	Homicide 20.0%	Homicide 18.6%	Unintentional injuries 13.0%	Heart disease 16.6%	Heart disease 21.3%	Heart disease 23.4%	Cancer 19.8%	Heart disease 24.5%	Cancer 21.1%	Cancer 10.8%	Cancer 21.8%
3	Birth defects 10.6%	Homicide 8.7%	Homicide 11.1%	Cancer 6.6%	Heart disease 7.5%	Cancer 10.7%	HIV disease 9.4%	Stroke 5.8%	Stroke 5.8%	Stroke 7.7%	Diabetes 6.4%	Stroke 8.2%	Stroke 8.4%	Stroke 6.7%
4	Heart disease 6.2%	Heart disease 5.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.6%	Heart disease 6.0%	Cancer 7.4%	HIV disease 9.4%	Unintentional injuries 8.4%	Unintentional injuries 5.0%	Diabetes 5.4%	Diabetes 5.0%	Stroke 6.1%	Diabetes 5.5%	Alzheimer's disease 6.6%	Diabetes 4.7%
5	Cancer 4.5%	Birth defects 3.5%	Birth defects 6.6%	Suicide 5.4%	Suicide 4.6%	Homicide 8.7%	Stroke 4.7%	HIV disease 4.2%	Kidney disease 3.5%	Alzheimer's disease 4.0%	Kidney disease 4.2%	Kidney disease 3.8%	Diabetes 3.7%	Kidney disease 3.3%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 4.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%	Heart disease 5.9%	Birth defects 3.5%	HIV disease (6) 3.9% *** Pregnancy complications (6) 3.9%	Pregnancy complications 3.7%	Diabetes 3.5%	Diabetes 3.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.0%	Kidney disease 3.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.7%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.0%
7	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.3%	Septicemia (7) 1.7% *** Benign neoplasms (7) 1.7% *** Anemias (7) 1.7% *** Stroke (7) 1.7%	Suicide 2.8%	Pregnancy complications 2.6%		Diabetes 3.1%	Homicide 3.1%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Septicemia 2.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.4%	Septicemia 2.8%	Alzheimer's disease 3.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.0%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%
8	Septicemia 2.1%		Benign neoplasms 1.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.5%	Diabetes (8) 1.8% *** Chronic lower respiratory diseases (8) 1.8%	Suicide 2.8%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Septicemia 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Septicemia 2.7%	Hypertension 2.0%	Septicemia 2.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Alzheimer's disease 2.6%
9	Anemias 1.9%		Anemias (9) 1.4% *** Influenza & pneumonia (9) 1.4%	HIV disease 2.2%		Stroke 2.7%	Septicemia 1.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.2%	Hypertension 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Hypertension 2.7%	Septicemia 2.5%
10	Perinatal conditions 1.7%			Anemias (10) 1.2% *** Diabetes (10) 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia (10) 1.7% *** Influenza & pneumonia (10) 1.7%	Anemias 2.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.5%	Chronic liver disease 1.8%	HIV disease (10) 1.4% *** Influenza & pneumonia (10) 1.4%	Hypertension 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 1.3%	Hypertension 2.2%	Septicemia 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%

*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).