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Below are the leading causes of death in females for 2013.

| **All Females, All Ages** | **Percent\*** |
| --- | --- |
| 1) Heart disease | 22.4 |
| 2) Cancer | 21.5 |
| 3) Chronic lower respiratory diseases | 6.1 |
| 4) Stroke | 5.8 |
| 5) Alzheimer's disease | 4.6 |
| 6) Unintentional injuries | 3.8 |
| 7) Diabetes | 2.8 |
| 8) Influenza and pneumonia | 2.3 |
| 9) Kidney disease | 1.8 |
| 10) Septicemia | 1.6 |

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| **White Females, All Ages** | **Percent\*** |
| --- | --- |
| 1) Heart disease | 22.4 |
| 2) Cancer | 21.2 |
| 3) Chronic lower respiratory diseases | 6.6 |
| 4) Stroke | 5.8 |
| 5) Alzheimer's disease | 4.9 |
| 6) Unintentional injuries | 3.9 |
| 7) Diabetes | 2.5 |
| 8) Influenza and pneumonia | 2.4 |
| 9) Kidney disease | 1.7 |
| 10) Septicemia | 1.5 |

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| **Black Females, All Ages** | **Percent\*** |
| --- | --- |
| 1) Heart disease | 23.6 |
| 2) Cancer | 22.5 |
| 3) Stroke | 6.0 |
| 4) Diabetes | 4.7 |
| 5) Chronic lower respiratory diseases | 3.3 |
| 6) Kidney disease | 3.0 |
| 7) Unintentional injuries | 3.0 |
| 8) Alzheimer's disease | 2.7 |
| 9) Septicemia | 2.3 |
| 10) Hypertension | 2.0 |

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| **American Indian or Alaska Native Females, All Ages** | **Percent\*** |
| --- | --- |
| 1) Cancer | 18.9 |
| 2) Heart disease | 16.8 |
| 3) Unintentional injuries | 8.5 |
| 4) Diabetes | 6.1 |
| 5) Chronic liver disease | 5.6 |
| 6) Chronic lower respiratory diseases | 5.0 |
| 7) Stroke | 4.4 |
| 8) Influenza & pneumonia | 2.4 |
| 9) Alzheimer’s disease | 2.1 |
| 10) Kidney disease | 2.1 |

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| **Asian or Pacific Islander Females, All Ages** | **Percent\*** |
| --- | --- |
| 1) Cancer | 26.4 |
| 2) Heart disease | 20.8 |
| 3) Stroke | 8.0 |
| 4) Diabetes | 3.7 |
| 5) Influenza and pneumonia | 3.5 |
| 6) Alzheimer's disease | 3.4 |
| 7) Unintentional injuries | 3.3 |
| 8) Chronic lower respiratory diseases | 2.5 |
| 9) Kidney disease | 2.0 |
| 10) Hypertension | 1.9 |

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| **Hispanic Females, All Ages** | **Percent\*** |
| --- | --- |
| 1) Cancer | 22.6 |
| 2) Heart disease | 20.0 |
| 3) Stroke | 5.8 |
| 4) Diabetes | 5.0 |
| 5) Unintentional injuries | 4.4 |
| 6) Alzheimer's disease | 3.8 |
| 7) Chronic lower respiratory diseases | 3.1 |
| 8) Influenza and pneumonia | 2.4 |
| 9) Chronic liver disease | 2.1 |
| 10) Kidney disease | 2.0 |

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Some terms in the leading causes of death tables have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. Below is a listing of the shortened terms used in the tables and their full, unabridged equivalents used in the report.

| **Short Terms** | **Full Terms** |
| --- | --- |
| **Aortic aneurism** | Aortic aneurism and dissection |
| **Appendix disease** | Diseases of appendix |
| **Benign neoplasms** | In situ neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior |
| **Birth defects** | Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities |
| **Bronchitis** | Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis |
| **Cancer** | Malignant neoplasms |
| **C. difficile infection** | Entercolitis due to clostridium |
| **Chronic liver disease** | Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis |
| **Chronic lower respiratory diseases** | Includes bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, bronchiectasis, and other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease |
| **Diabetes** | Diabetes mellitus |
| **Gallbladder disorders** | Cholethiasis and other disorders of gallbladder |
| **Heart disease** | Diseases of the heart |
| **HIV disease** | Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease |
| **Homicide** | Assault (homicide) |
| **Hypertension** | Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease |
| **Kidney disease** | Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis |
| **Kidney infection** | Infections of kidney |
| **Legal intervention\*** | 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. |
| **Pelvic Inflammatory diseases** | Inflammatory diseases of female pelvic organs |
| **Perinatal conditions** | Certain conditions orginating in the perinatal period |
| **Pneumonitis** | Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids |
| **Pregnancy complications** | Pregnancy, childbirth and the peurperium |
| **Stroke** | Cerebrovascular diseases |
| **Suicide** | Intentional self-harm |
| **Unintentional injuries** | 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.

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