

Table 7. Number of deaths, percent of total deaths, and death rates per 100,000 for the 10 leading causes of deaths among persons 25-34 and 35-44 years of age, by race/ethnicity and sex, United States, 2000

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Rank	Cause of death	Number	Percent of total deaths	Death rate	Rank	Cause of death	Number	Percent of total deaths	Death rate
White, not Hispanic — 25–34 years									
1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	5,861	36.8	46.8	1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	1,869	25.8	14.9
2	Intentional self-harm	2,989	18.8	23.9	2	Malignant neoplasms	1,340	18.5	10.7
3	Malignant neoplasms	1,259	7.9	10.1	3	Intentional self-harm	669	9.2	5.3
4	Diseases of heart	1,115	7.0	8.9	4	Diseases of heart	538	7.4	4.3
5	Assault (homicide)	677	4.2	5.4	5	Assault (homicide)	346	4.8	2.8
6	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	475	3.0	3.8	6	Cerebrovascular diseases	152	2.1	1.2
7	Diabetes mellitus	220	1.4	1.8	7	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	144	2.0	1.1
8	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	203	1.3	1.6	8	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	141	1.9	1.1
9	Cerebrovascular diseases	161	1.0	1.3	9	Diabetes mellitus	137	1.9	1.1
10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	140	0.9	1.1	10	Influenza and pneumonia	102	1.4	0.8
Black, not Hispanic — 25–34 years									
1	Assault (homicide)	1,883	28.3	80.4	1	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	592	17.1	22.7
2	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	1,316	19.8	56.2	2	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	424	12.3	16.3
3	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	822	12.4	35.1	3	Diseases of heart	386	11.2	14.8
4	Diseases of heart	543	8.2	23.2	4	Malignant neoplasms	382	11.1	14.7
5	Intentional self-harm	397	6.0	17.0	5	Assault (homicide)	310	9.0	11.9
6	Malignant neoplasms	259	3.9	11.1	6	Diabetes mellitus	89	2.6	3.4
7	Diabetes mellitus	98	1.5	4.2	7	Cerebrovascular diseases	88	2.5	3.4
8	Cerebrovascular diseases	70	1.1	3.0	8	Intentional self-harm	72	2.1	2.8
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	70	1.1	3.0	9	Anemias	69	2.0	2.6
10	Septicemia	59	0.9	2.5	10	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	65	1.9	2.5
Hispanic — 25–34 years									
1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	1,499	35.7	55.4	1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	277	21.2	10.8
2	Assault (homicide)	697	16.6	25.7	2	Malignant neoplasms	235	18.0	9.1
3	Intentional self-harm	370	8.8	13.7	3	Assault (homicide)	113	8.6	4.4
4	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	274	6.5	10.1	4	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	91	7.0	3.5
5	Malignant neoplasms	241	5.7	8.9	5	Diseases of heart	81	6.2	3.1
6	Diseases of heart	199	4.7	7.3	6	Intentional self-harm	50	3.8	1.9
7	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	82	2.0	3.0	7	Cerebrovascular diseases	43	3.3	1.7
8	Cerebrovascular diseases	65	1.5	2.4	8	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	36	2.8	1.4
9	Diabetes mellitus	48	1.1	1.8	9	Influenza and pneumonia	20	1.5	0.8
10	Influenza and pneumonia	27	0.6	1.0	10	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	21	1.6	0.8

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Asian/Pacific Islander — 25-34 years									
1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	178	30.2	19.0	1	Malignant neoplasms	90	29.3	8.9
2	Intentional self-harm	114	19.3	12.2	2	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	63	20.5	6.2
3	Malignant neoplasms	79	13.4	8.4	3	Intentional self-harm	40	13.0	3.9
4	Assault (homicide)	48	8.1	5.1	4	Assault (homicide)	19	6.2	*
5	Diseases of heart	43	7.3	4.6	5	Diseases of heart	17	5.5	*
6	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	13	2.2	*	6	Cerebrovascular diseases	5	1.6	*
7	Cerebrovascular diseases	12	2.0	*	6	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	5	1.6	*
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	6	1.0	*	6	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	5	1.6	*
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	6	1.0	*	9	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4	1.3	*
10	Diabetes mellitus	4	0.7	*	10	Diabetes mellitus	3	1.0	*
10	Influenza and pneumonia	4	0.7	*					
10	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	4	0.7	*					
10	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	4	0.7	*					
10	Legal intervention	4	0.7	*					
American Indian — 25-34 years									
1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	172	42.0	89.1	1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	67	36.0	36.6
2	Intentional self-harm	59	14.4	30.6	2	Intentional self-harm	19	10.2	*
3	Assault (homicide)	46	11.2	23.8	3	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	16	8.6	*
4	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	23	5.6	11.9	4	Malignant neoplasms	13	7.0	*
5	Diseases of heart	16	3.9	*	4	Assault (homicide)	13	7.0	*
6	Malignant neoplasms	13	3.2	*	6	Diseases of heart	8	4.3	*
7	Diabetes mellitus	6	1.5	*	7	Cerebrovascular diseases	5	2.7	*
8	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	5	1.2	*	8	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	4	2.2	*
9	Influenza and pneumonia	3	0.7	*	9	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	3	1.6	*
9	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	3	0.7	*	10	Viral hepatitis	2	1.1	*
					10	Influenza and pneumonia	2	1.1	*
White, not Hispanic — 35-44 years									
1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	8,113	21.6	50.0	1	Malignant neoplasms	6,257	30.4	38.7
2	Diseases of heart	6,446	17.1	39.7	2	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	2,895	14.0	17.9
3	Malignant neoplasms	5,201	13.8	32.1	3	Diseases of heart	2,297	11.1	14.2
4	Intentional self-harm	4,287	11.4	26.4	4	Intentional self-harm	1,253	6.1	7.7
5	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	1,678	4.5	10.3	5	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	722	3.5	4.5
6	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	1,518	4.0	9.4	6	Cerebrovascular diseases	684	3.3	4.2
7	Assault (homicide)	836	2.2	5.2	7	Diabetes mellitus	494	2.4	3.1
8	Diabetes mellitus	766	2.0	4.7	8	Assault (homicide)	437	2.1	2.7
9	Cerebrovascular diseases	694	1.8	4.3	9	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	322	1.6	2.0
10	Influenza and pneumonia	394	1.0	2.4	10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	303	1.5	1.9

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Black, not Hispanic — 35-44 years									
1	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	2,060	17.1	81.4	1	Malignant neoplasms	1,780	21.7	61.8
2	Diseases of heart	1,972	16.4	77.9	2	Diseases of heart	1,287	15.7	44.7
3	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	1,649	13.7	65.1	3	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	968	11.8	33.6
4	Malignant neoplasms	1,292	10.7	51.0	4	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	604	7.3	21.0
5	Assault (homicide)	1,027	8.5	40.6	5	Cerebrovascular diseases	435	5.3	15.1
6	Cerebrovascular diseases	394	3.3	15.6	6	Assault (homicide)	332	4.0	11.5
7	Intentional self-harm	346	2.9	13.7	7	Diabetes mellitus	206	2.5	7.2
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	279	2.3	11.0	8	Septicemia	167	2.0	5.8
9	Diabetes mellitus	252	2.1	10.0	9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	144	1.8	5.0
10	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	175	1.5	6.9	10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	143	1.7	5.0
Hispanic — 35-44 years									
1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	1,317	23.5	52.2	1	Malignant neoplasms	761	30.6	31.5
2	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	603	10.8	23.9	2	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	301	12.1	12.5
3	Diseases of heart	550	9.8	21.8	3	Diseases of heart	210	8.4	8.7
4	Malignant neoplasms	534	9.5	21.2	4	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	159	6.4	6.6
5	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	399	7.1	15.8	5	Cerebrovascular diseases	122	4.9	5.0
6	Assault (homicide)	359	6.4	14.2	6	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	102	4.1	4.2
7	Intentional self-harm	320	5.7	12.7	7	Assault (homicide)	88	3.5	3.6
8	Cerebrovascular diseases	145	2.6	5.7	8	Intentional self-harm	65	2.6	2.7
9	Viral hepatitis	100	1.8	4.0	9	Diabetes mellitus	59	2.4	2.4
10	Diabetes mellitus	95	1.7	3.8	10	Septicemia	33	1.3	1.4
Asian/Pacific Islander — 35-44 years									
1	Malignant neoplasms	247	24.9	26.6	1	Malignant neoplasms	296	44.1	29.4
2	Diseases of heart	174	17.5	18.7	2	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	69	10.3	6.9
3	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	138	13.9	14.8	3	Cerebrovascular diseases	49	7.3	4.9
4	Intentional self-harm	85	8.6	9.1	4	Diseases of heart	48	7.2	4.8
5	Cerebrovascular diseases	47	4.7	5.1	5	Intentional self-harm	30	4.5	3.0
6	Assault (homicide)	45	4.5	4.8	6	Assault (homicide)	27	4.0	2.7
7	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	31	3.1	3.3	7	Influenza and pneumonia	11	1.6	*
8	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	25	2.5	2.7	8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	10	1.5	*
9	Viral hepatitis	15	1.5	*	9	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	8	1.2	*
9	Diabetes mellitus	15	1.5	*	10	Diabetes mellitus	7	1.0	*
					10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	7	1.0	*

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American Indian — 35-44 years									
1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	166	24.6	92.3	1	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	90	22.2	49.6
2	Diseases of heart	83	12.3	46.1	2	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	59	14.5	32.5
3	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	78	11.6	43.3	3	Malignant neoplasms	56	13.8	30.9
4	Intentional self-harm	53	7.9	29.5	4	Diseases of heart	39	9.6	21.5
5	Malignant neoplasms	49	7.3	27.2	5	Intentional self-harm	14	3.4	*
6	Assault (homicide)	32	4.7	17.8	5	Assault (homicide)	14	3.4	*
7	Human immunodeficiency virus disease	20	3.0	11.1	7	Cerebrovascular diseases	11	2.7	*
8	Influenza and pneumonia	18	2.7	*	8	Influenza and pneumonia	10	2.5	*
9	Diabetes mellitus	16	2.4	*	9	Viral hepatitis	7	1.7	*
10	Cerebrovascular diseases	11	1.6	*	9	Diabetes mellitus	7	1.7	*

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