

Table 1. Deaths, age-adjusted death rates, and life expectancy at birth, by race and sex; and infant deaths and mortality rates, by race: United States, final 2003 and preliminary 2004

[Data are based on a continuous file of records received from the States. Figures for 2004 are based on weighted data rounded to the nearest individual, so categories may not add to totals]

Measure and sex	All races ^{1,2}		White ²		Black ²	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
All deaths	2,398,343	2,448,288	2,059,949	2,103,714	284,877	291,300
Age-adjusted death rate ³	801.0	832.7	787.4	817.0	1,019.3	1,065.9
Male	955.1	994.3	937.4	973.9	1,258.4	1,319.1
Female	680.1	706.2	668.6	693.1	849.6	885.6
Life expectancy at birth ⁴	77.9	77.5	78.3	78.0	73.3	72.7
Male	75.2	74.8	75.7	75.3	69.8	69.0
Female	80.4	80.1	80.8	80.5	76.5	76.1
All infant deaths	27,838	28,025	18,240	18,440	8,359	8,402
Infant mortality rate ⁵	6.76	6.85	5.65	5.72	13.65	14.01

¹ Includes races other than white and black.

² Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. California, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming reported multiple-race data in 2004. The multiple-race data for these States were bridged to the single race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with the other States; see "Technical Notes."

³ Age-adjusted death rates are per 100,000 U.S. standard population, based on the year 2000 standard.

⁴ Life expectancy at birth stated in years.

⁵ Infant mortality rates are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births in specified group.

Table 2. Deaths and death rates for 2004 and age-adjusted death rates and percent changes in age-adjusted rates from 2003 to 2004 for the 15 leading causes of death: United States, final 2003 and preliminary 2004

[Data are based on a continuous file of records received from the states. Rates are per 100,000 population; age-adjusted rates per 100,000 U.S. standard population based on the year 2000 standard; see "Technical Notes." For explanation of asterisks (*) preceding cause-of-death codes, see "Technical Notes." Figures for 2004 are based on weighted data rounded to the nearest individual, so categories may not add to totals]

Rank ¹	Cause of death (Based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision</i> , 1992)	Number	Death rate	Age-adjusted death rate		
				2004	2003	Percent change
...	All causes	2,398,365	816.7	801.1	832.7	-3.8
1	Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	654,092	222.7	217.5	232.3	-6.4
2	Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	550,270	187.4	184.6	190.1	-2.9
3	Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	150,147	51.1	50.0	53.5	-6.5
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	123,884	42.2	41.8	43.3	-3.5
5	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	108,694	37.0	36.6	37.3	-1.9
6	Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	72,815	24.8	24.4	25.3	-3.6
7	Alzheimer's disease (G30)	65,829	22.4	21.7	21.4	1.4
8	Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)	61,472	20.9	20.4	22.0	-7.3
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	42,762	14.6	14.3	14.4	-0.7
10	Septicemia (A40-A41)	33,464	11.4	11.2	11.6	-3.4
11	Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	31,647	10.8	10.7	10.8	-0.9
12	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	26,549	9.0	8.8	9.3	-5.4
13	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease (I10,I12)	22,953	7.8	7.6	7.4	2.7
14	Parkinson's disease (G20-G21)	18,018	6.1	6.1	6.2	-1.6
15	Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids (J69)	16,959	5.8	5.6	5.9	-5.1
...	All other causes	418,810	142.6

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths.

NOTES: For certain causes of death such as unintentional injuries, homicides, suicides, and respiratory diseases, preliminary and final data differ because of the truncated nature of the preliminary file. Data are subject to sampling and/or random variation. For information regarding the calculation of standard errors and further discussion of the variability of the data, see "Technical Notes."

Table 3. Infant deaths and infant mortality rates for the 10 leading causes of infant death: United States, preliminary 2004

[Data are based on a continuous file of records received from the states. Rates are per 100,000 live births. Figures are based on weighted data rounded to the nearest individual, so categories may not add to totals or subtotals]

Rank ¹	Cause of death and age (Based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision</i> , 1992)	Number	Rate
...	All causes	27,835	676.3
1	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (Q00-Q99)	5,623	136.6
2	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified (P07)	4,685	113.8
3	Sudden infant death syndrome (R95)	2,109	51.2
4	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy (P01)	1,705	41.4
5	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes (P02)	998	24.2
6	Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59)	995	24.2
7	Respiratory distress of newborn (P22)	877	21.3
8	Bacterial sepsis of newborn (P36)	798	19.4
9	Neonatal hemorrhage (P50-P52,P54)	593	14.4
10	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia (P20-P21)	502	12.2
...	All other causes (Residual)	8,950	217.5

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths; see "Technical Notes."

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