Quarterly Provisional Estimates of Mortality

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Background

 Until recently annual mortality files and reports not available until 18-24 months after the end of data year

 Surveillance projects have demonstrated potential for producing more rapid mortality estimates

Mortality Data NCHS had Received and Coded as of 7/27/2015

Date of Death (Week Ending)	Count	% of Expected*
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07/25/2015	2,472	5%
07/18/2015	13,869	28%
07/11/2015	21,035	42%
07/04/2015	25,647	51%
06/27/2015	30,528	61%
06/20/2015	33,778	67%
06/13/2015	36,509	73%
06/06/2015	37,035	74%
05/30/2015	37,885	75%
05/23/2015	38,107	76%
05/16/2015	39,457	79%
05/09/2015	41,586	83%

^{*} Assumes 50,000 deaths per week

Accounting for Incomplete Data: Methodology

Weight surveillance data to the monthly provisional count by state

 Impute based on previous years' data for the same month if surveillance data is less than half the monthly provisional count for a state

Mortality data completeness as a percentage of provisional count: selected states, as of June 21, 2015

Area	Oct. 2014	Nov. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015
Total U.S.	100	100	100	95	92	86
AK	100	100	100	100	100	100
AL	100	100	99	100	100	100
AR	100	93	93	100	95	73
AZ	100	100	100	100	100	100
CA	100	100	100	100	100	100
СО	100	100	100	100	90	35
СТ	100	98	100	100	62	0
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Evaluation of Provisional Death Rates: Diabetes (X months lag)



Evaluation of Provisional Death Rates: Diabetes (X+2.5 months lag)



Evaluation of Provisional Death Rates: Drug Overdose (X months lag)



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Percent of Death Records with Cause of Death Pending by Month: 2011—August 2015 (as of 8/24/15)



Accuracy of Provisional Estimates

Based on preliminary analysis of the methods...

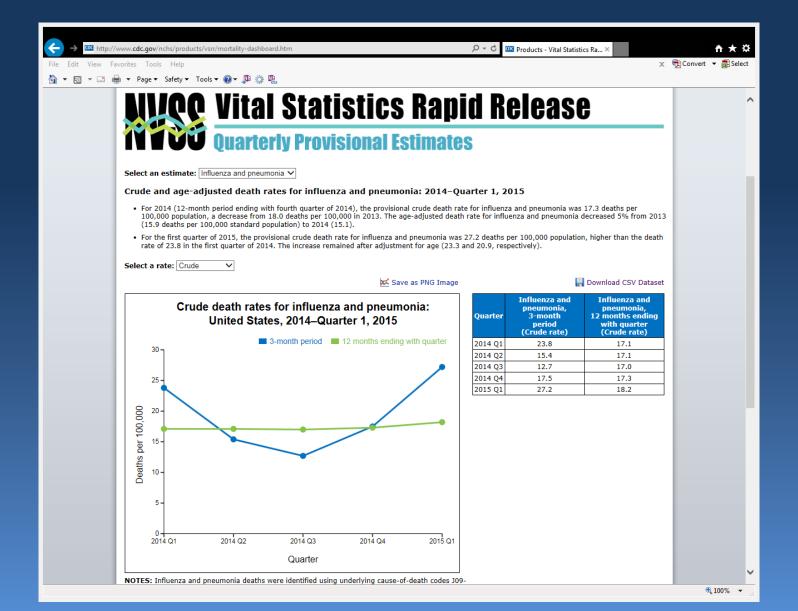
- Rate estimates for the most recent 3-month period may be up to 2% below the true rates for some of the selected causes of death
- Rate estimates for the most recent 12-month period and for earlier 3-month periods are expected to be more accurate

First Release of Quarterly Provisional Estimates

What does the report contain?

- Includes quarterly estimates through 1st quarter of 2015
- Rate estimates for 7 selected causes of death
- 3-month "quarterly" and 12-month ending crude and age-adjusted death rates
- Web only

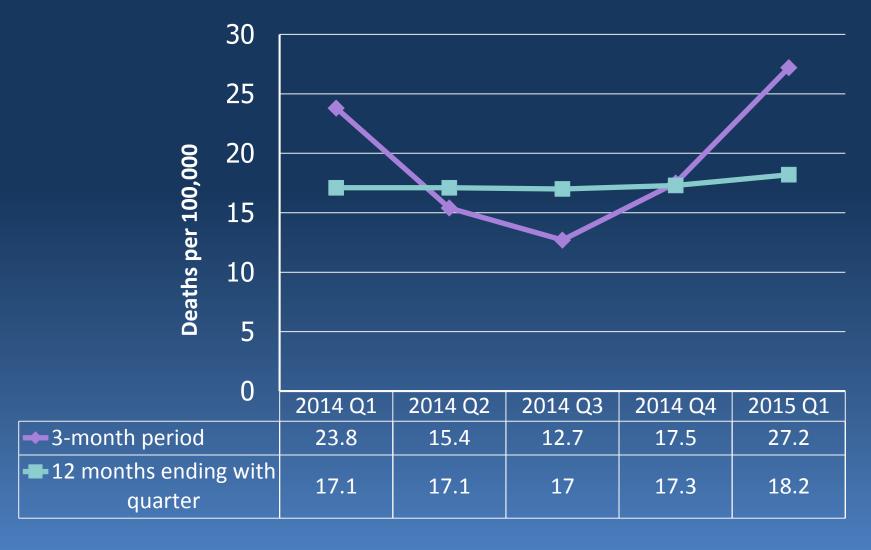
Screenshot of Quarterly Provisional Estimates Dashboard



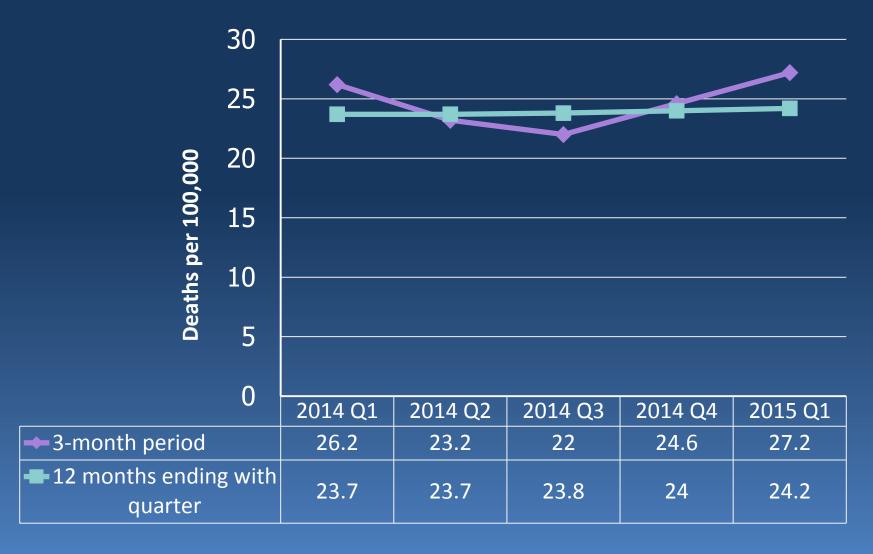
Estimates Selected for First Release

- Influenza and pneumonia
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease
- Falls (for persons aged 65 and over)
- Alzheimer's disease
- Diabetes
- Stroke
- Heart disease

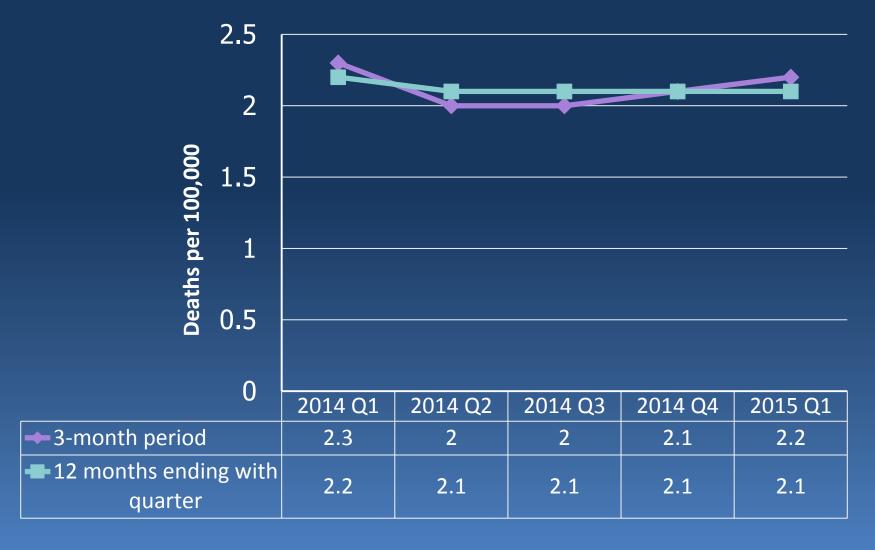
Crude death rates for influenza and pneumonia: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



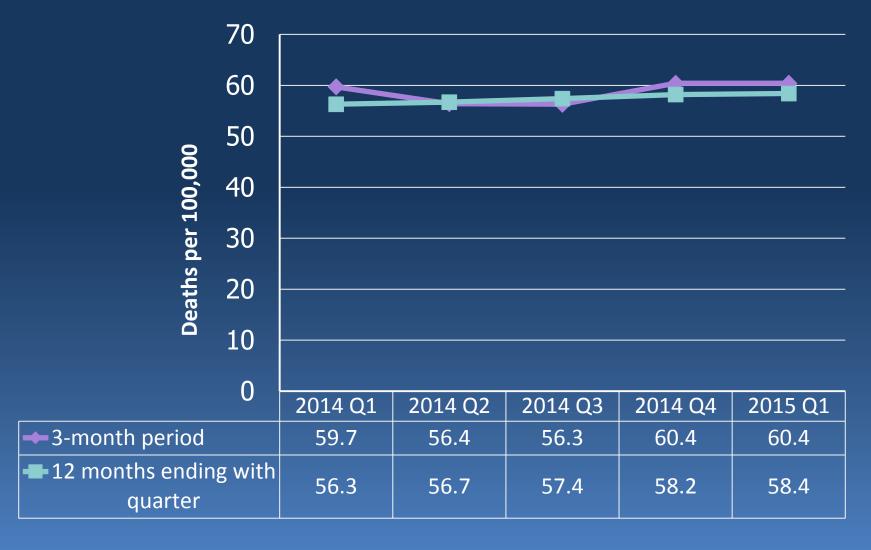
Crude death rates for diabetes: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



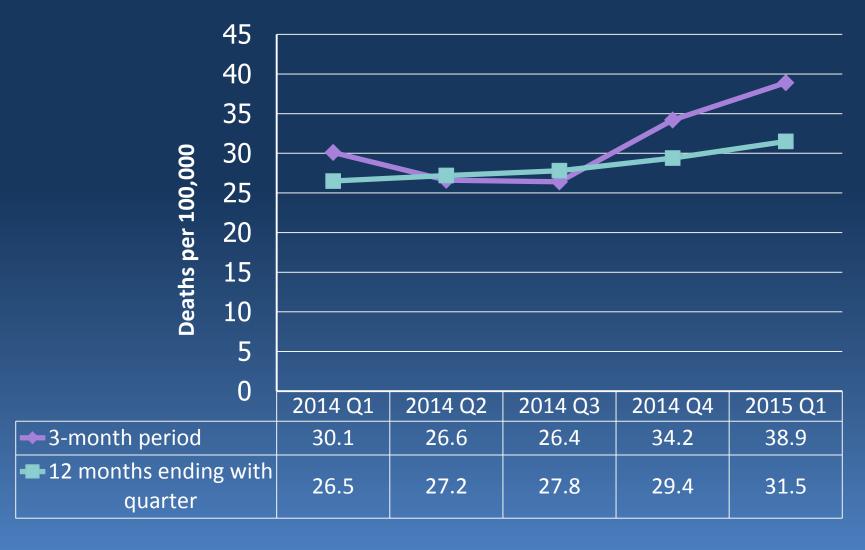
Crude death rates for HIV disease: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



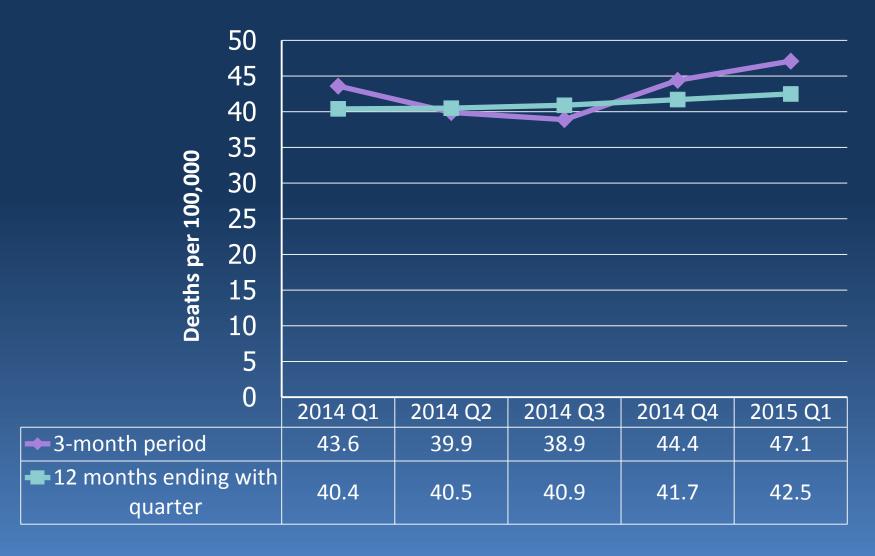
Crude death rates for falls, ages 65 and over: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



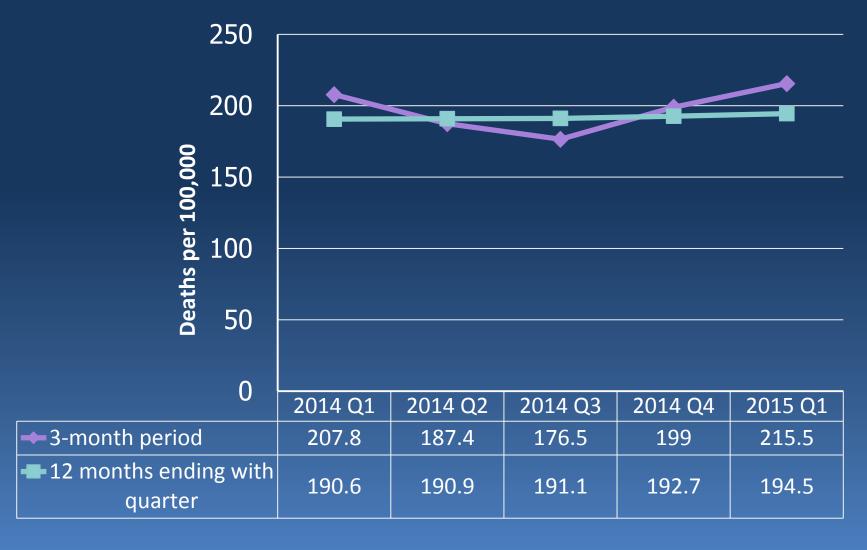
Crude death rates for Alzheimer's disease: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



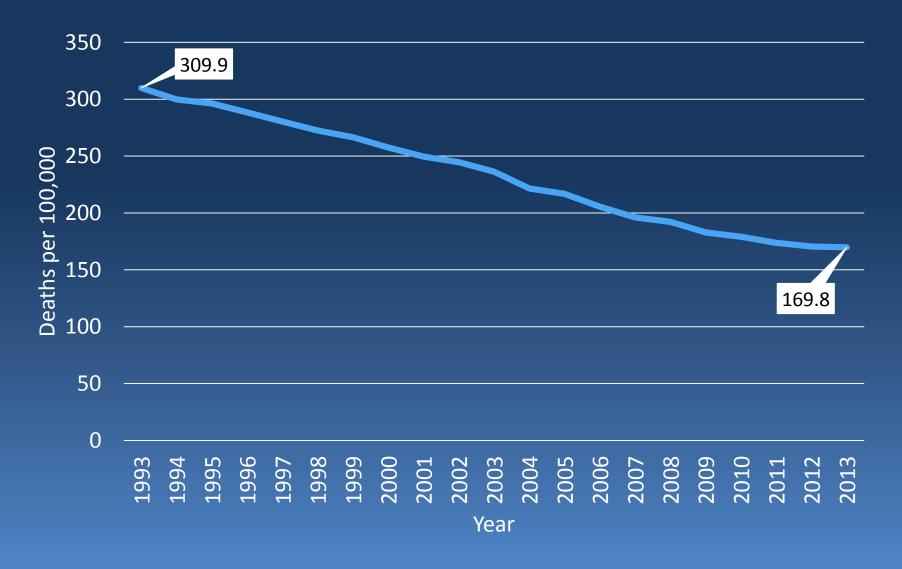
Crude death rates for stroke: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



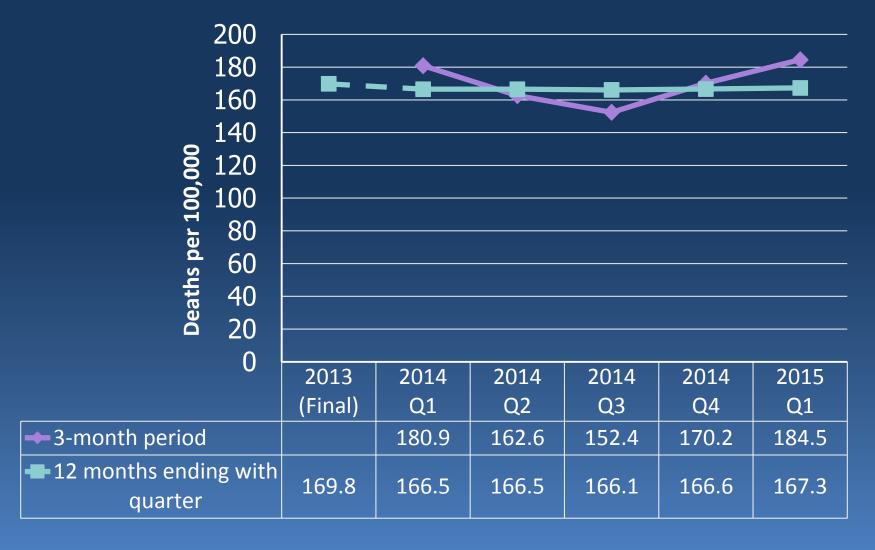
Crude death rates for heart disease: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



Age-adjusted death rates for heart disease: United States, 1993—2013



Age-adjusted death rates for heart disease: United States, 2014—Quarter 1, 2015



What's Next

- Expand list of provisional mortality estimates
 - 15 leading causes of death (if possible)
 - Selected other causes of death

 Feasibility of using different lag periods for differ causes of death

Provisional estimates of birth data

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