

Leading Causes of Death Among Females and Males

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The following slides highlight selected **similarities** and **differences** in leading causes of death in 3 sections*:

- 1) In females and males overall
- 2) In females and males, by race and Hispanic origin
- 3) In females and males, by age group

*Note: The following slides highlight selected examples of similarities and differences in leading causes of death by sex, race and Hispanic origin, and age. There may be additional similarities and differences of importance that are not explicitly highlighted.

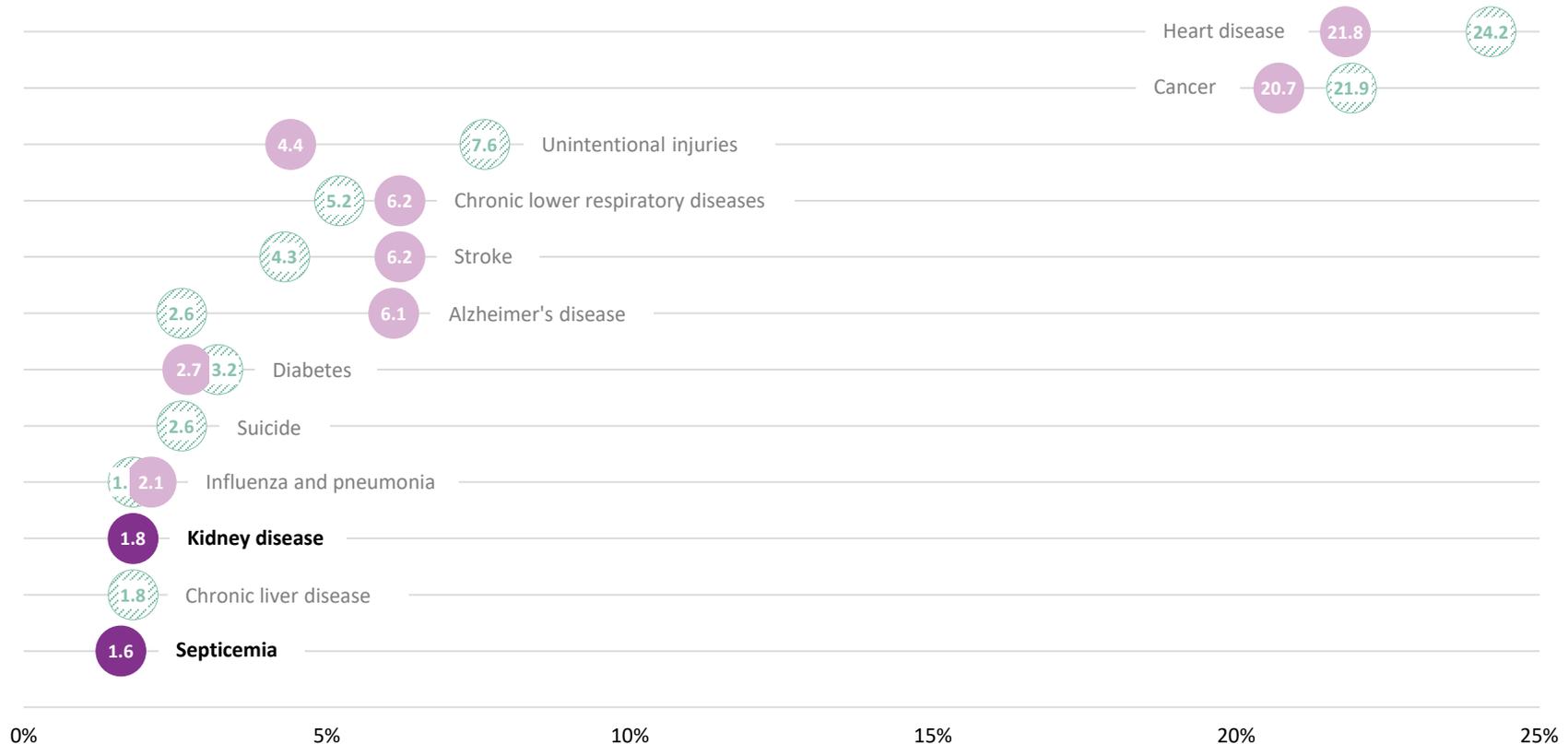


Heart disease and cancer were the top 2 leading causes of deaths in **females** and **males**



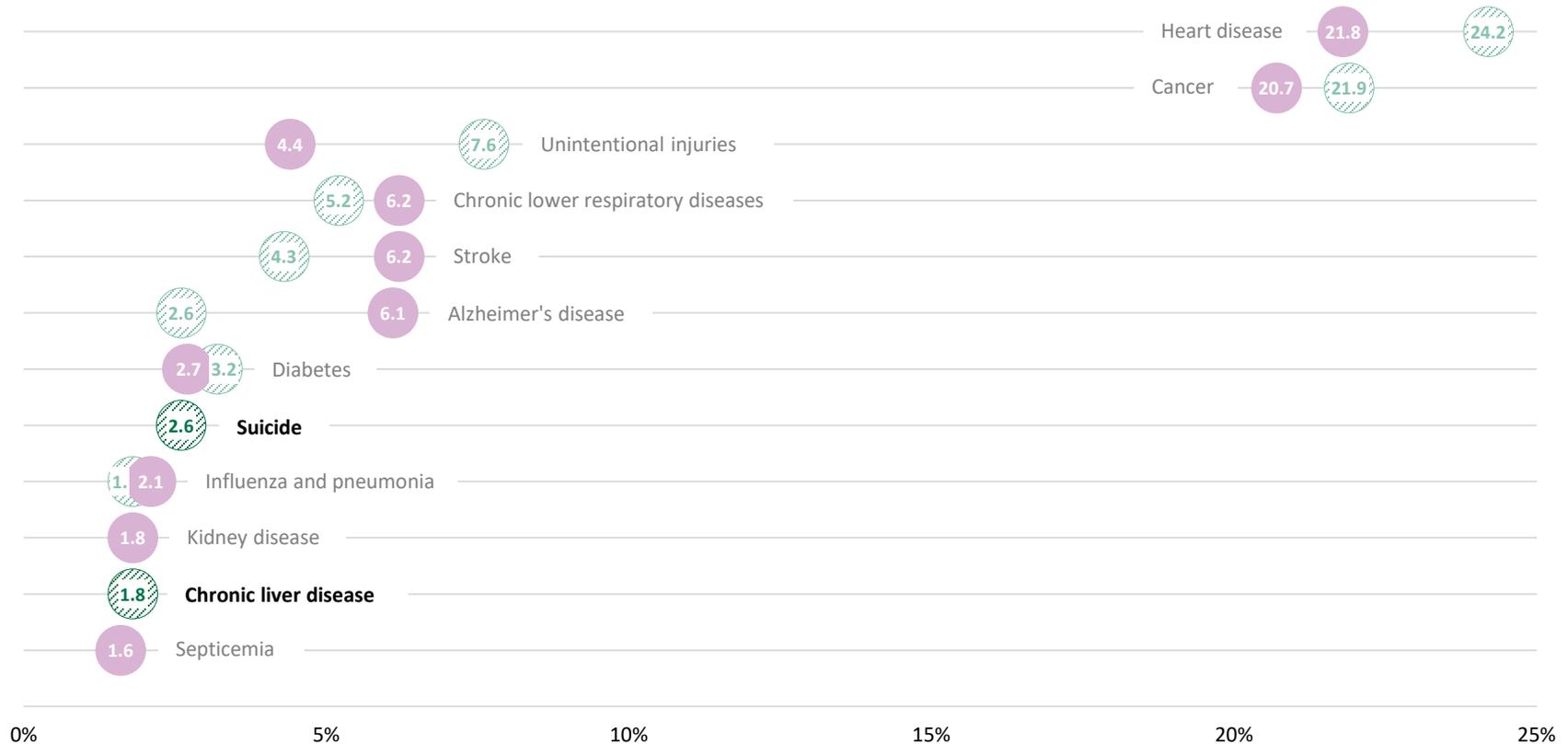
*Source: 2017 National Vital Statistics System

Kidney disease and septicemia were among the top leading causes of death for **females** but not for **males**



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Suicide and chronic liver disease were among the top leading causes of death for **males** but not for **females**



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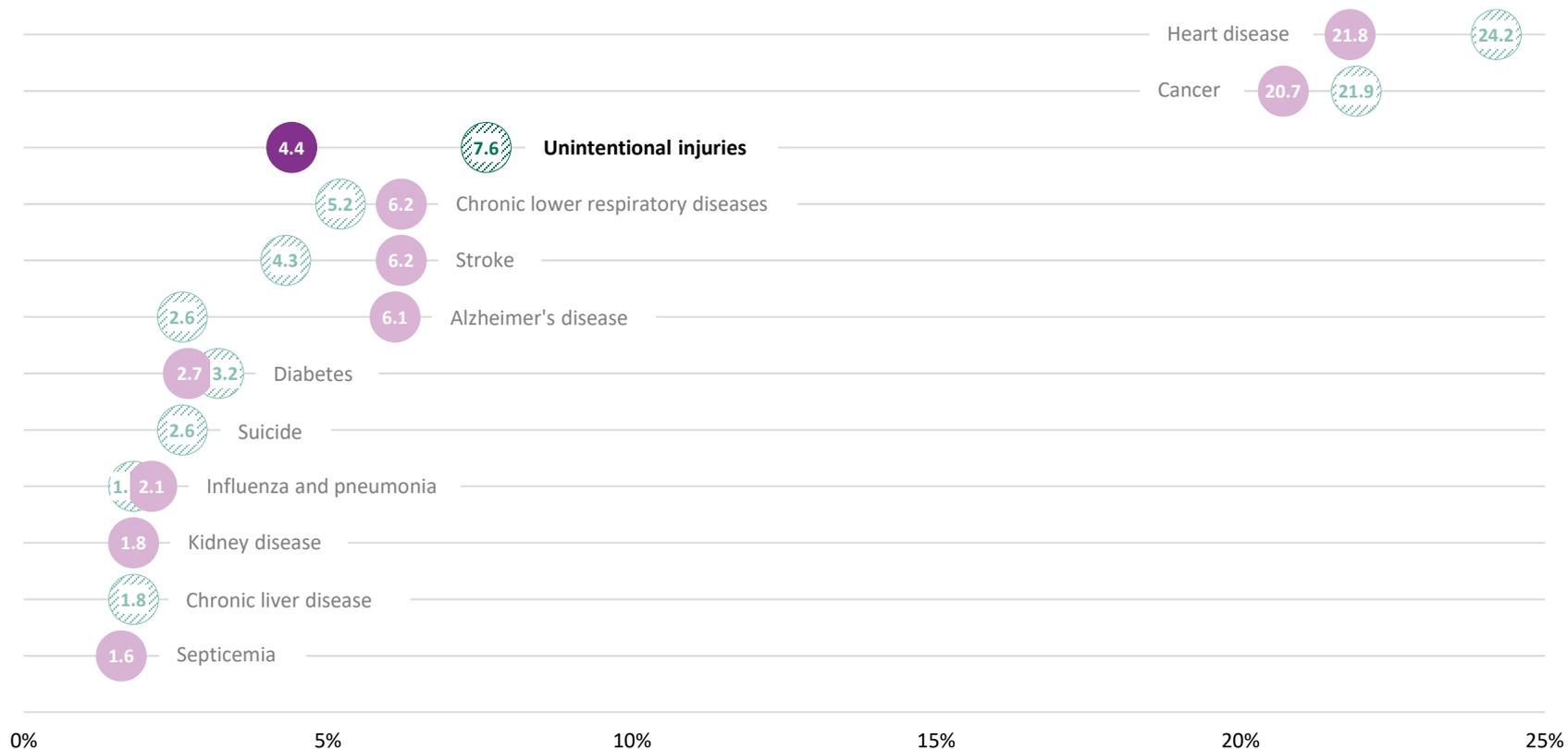
Alzheimer's disease, stroke, and chronic lower respiratory diseases each accounted for a higher percentage of deaths in females than males



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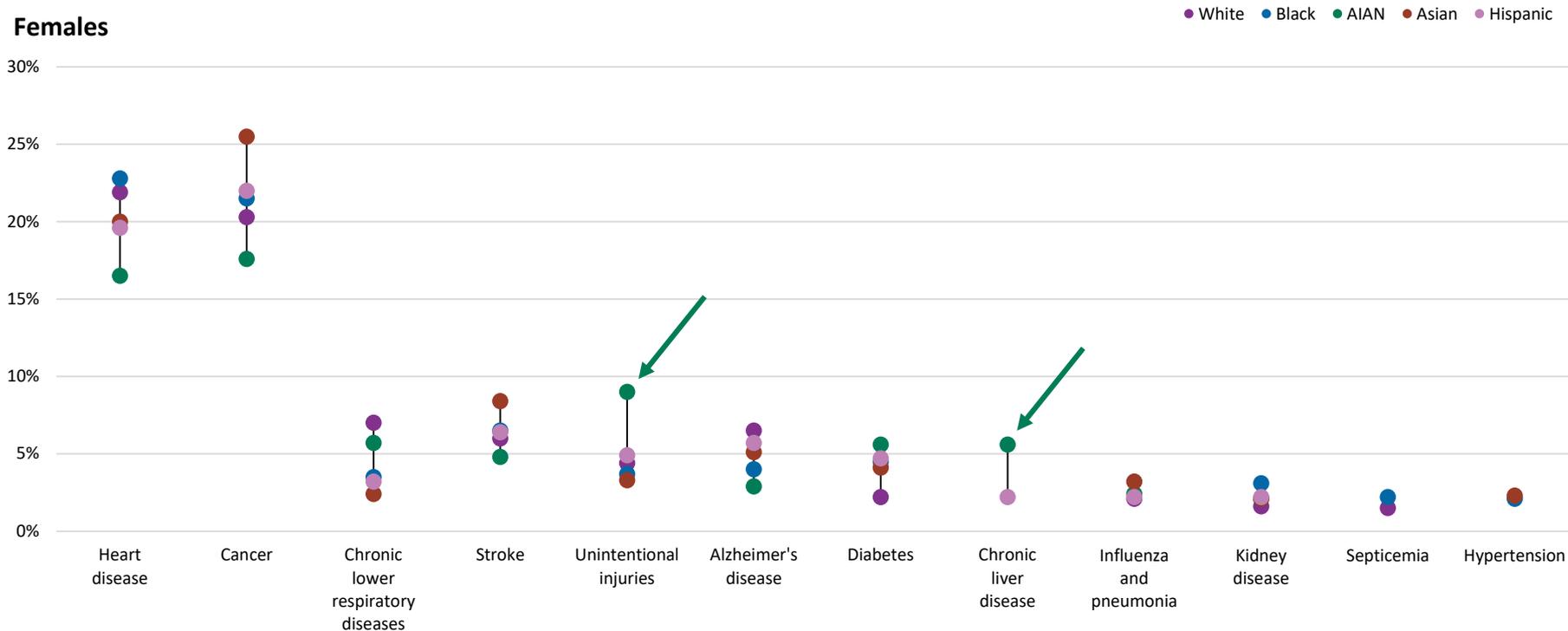


Unintentional injuries accounted for a higher percentage of deaths in **males** than **females**



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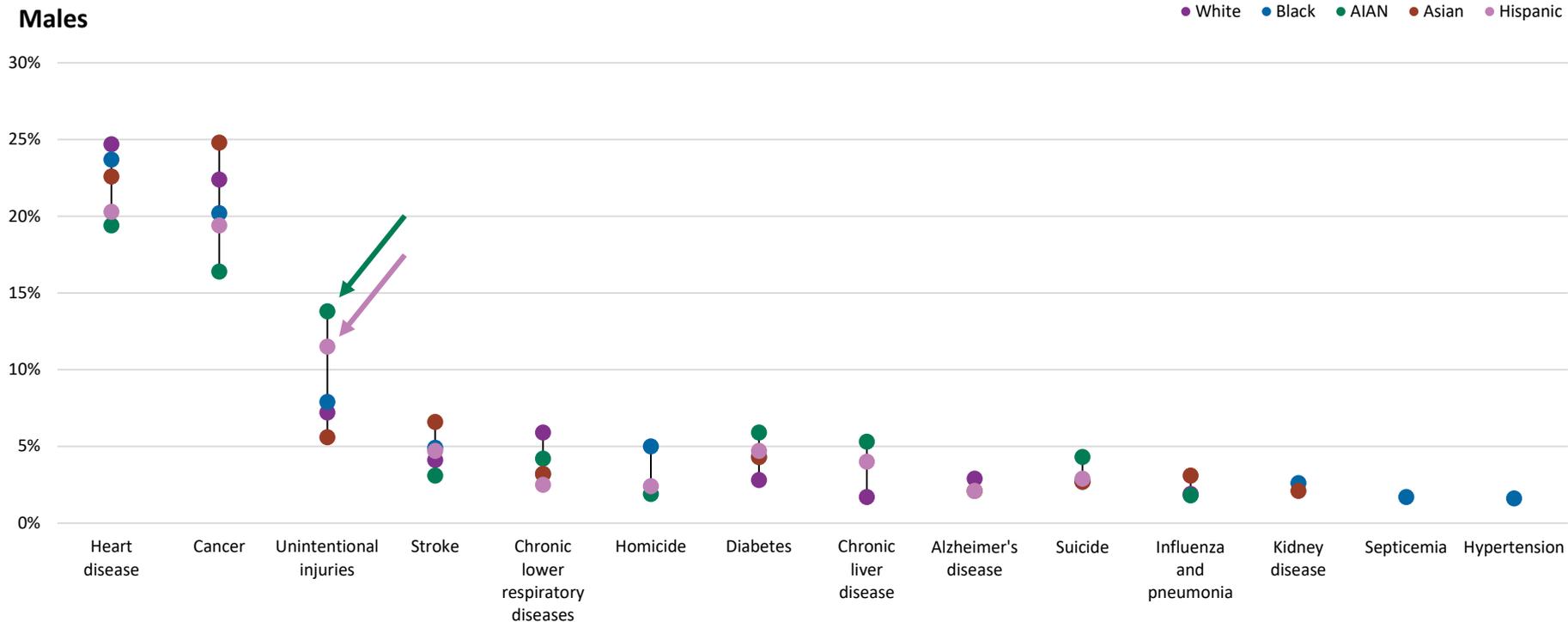
Unintentional injuries and chronic liver disease each accounted for a higher percentage of deaths in **non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native** females



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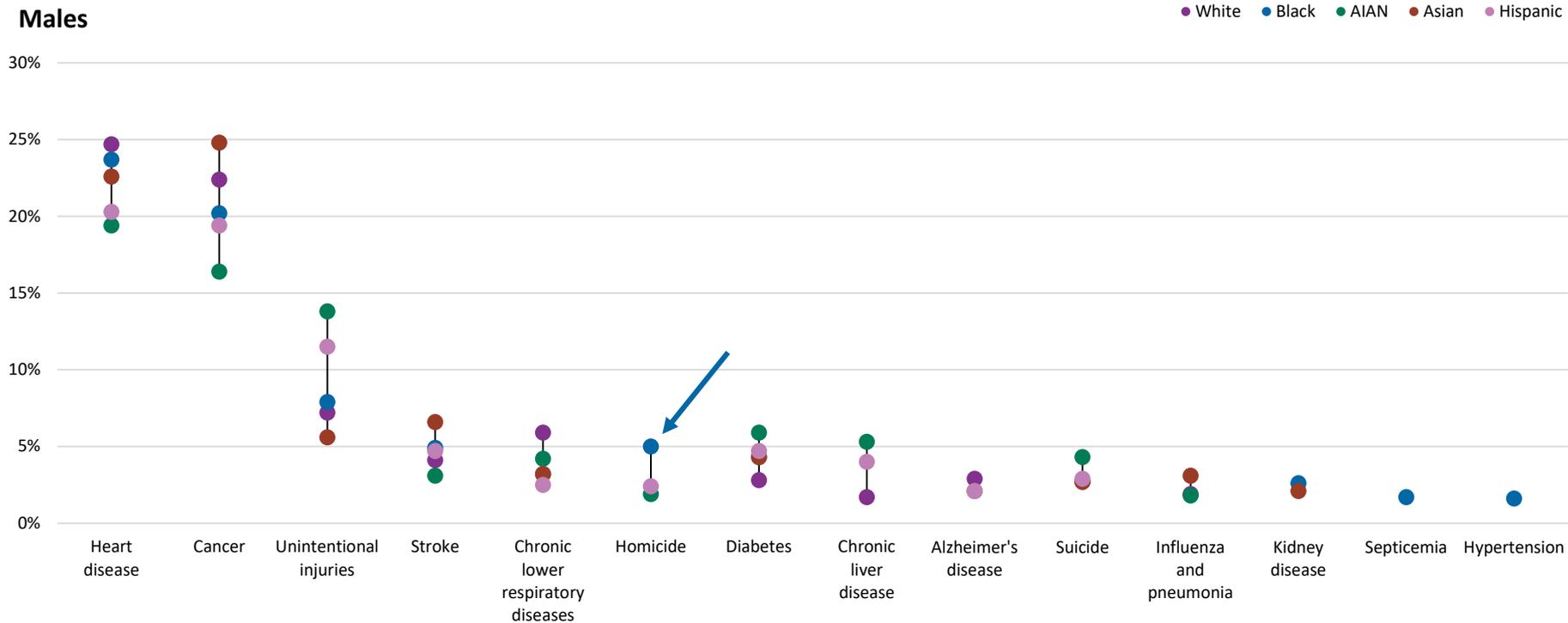


Unintentional injuries accounted for a higher percentage of deaths in **non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native** and **Hispanic** males



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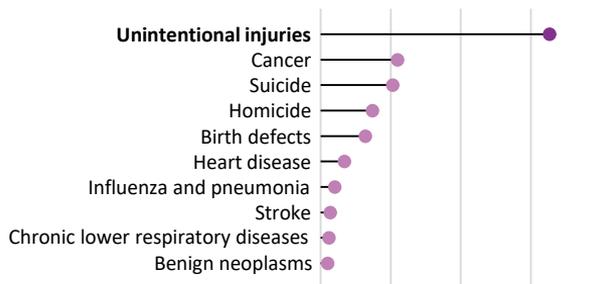
Homicide accounted for a higher percentage of deaths in **non-Hispanic Black** males



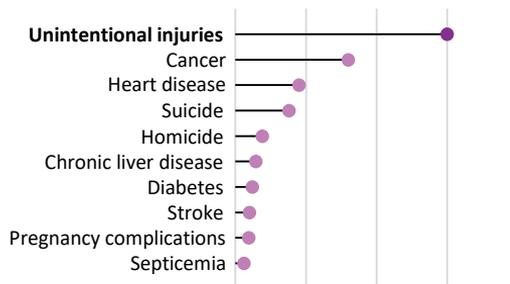
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Among females, the highest percentage of deaths was due to **unintentional injuries** for 1-44 year olds, **cancer** for 45-84 year olds, and **heart disease** for those 85 and older

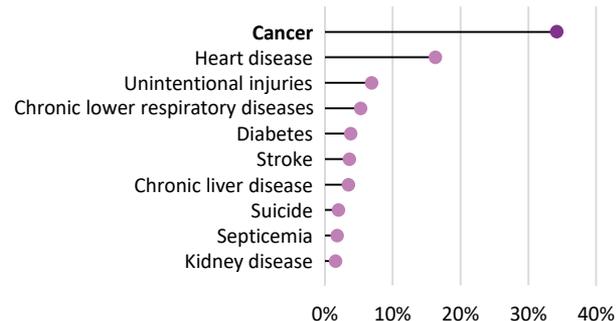
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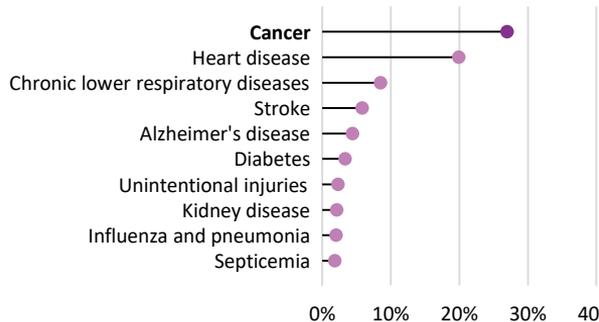
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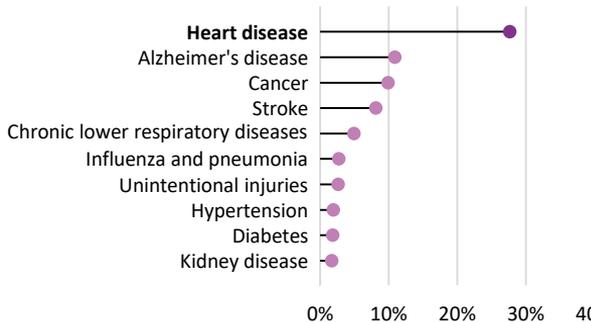
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65-84 years



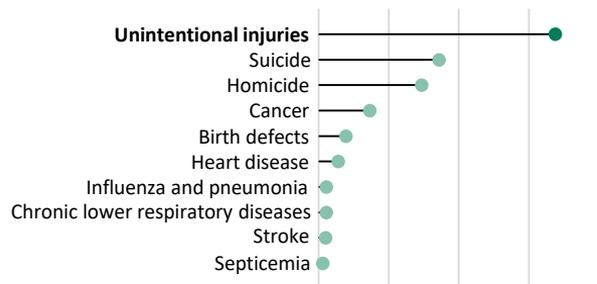
85+ years



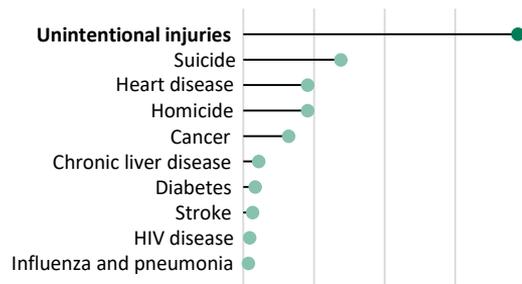
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Among males, the highest percentage of deaths was due to **unintentional injuries** for 1-44 year olds, **cancer** for 45-84 year olds, and **heart disease** for those 85 and older

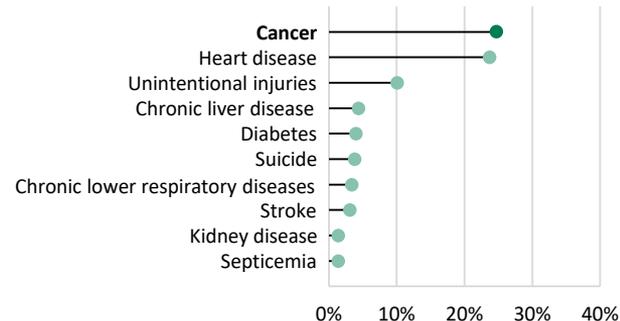
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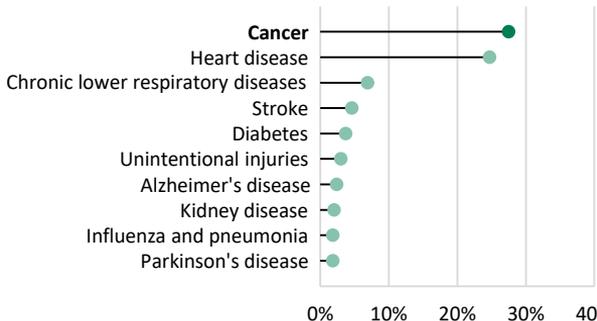
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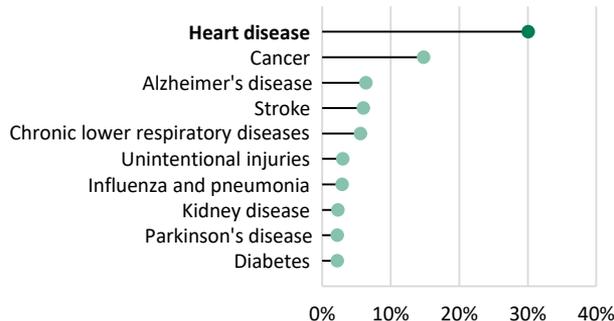
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