

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Black Males-United States, 2008*

Age in Groups

Rank	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	65-74	75-84	85+	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 28.4%	Unintentional injuries 35.7%	Unintentional injuries 29.5%	Homicide 50.3%	Homicide 48.3%	Homicide 34.9%	Heart disease 19.6%	Heart disease 24.3%	Cancer 29.1%	Heart disease 28.0%	Cancer 31.3%	Heart disease 27.6%	Heart disease 29.4%	Heart disease 24.0%
2	Homicide 14.2%	Cancer 10.7%	Homicide 15.0%	Unintentional injuries 22.1%	Unintentional injuries 19.5%	Unintentional injuries 18.9%	Unintentional injuries 14.4%	Cancer 20.9%	Heart disease 27.0%	Cancer 26.8%	Heart disease 27.6%	Cancer 26.5%	Cancer 19.2%	Cancer 22.4%
3	Birth defects 9.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.5%	Cancer 7.4%	Suicide 7.2%	Suicide 8.1%	Heart disease 10.1%	Homicide 11.1%	Unintentional injuries 8.5%	Stroke 4.9%	Stroke 6.1%	Stroke 5.8%	Stroke 6.3%	Stroke 6.5%	Unintentional injuries 5.7%
4	Cancer (4) 5.4% ***	Birth defects 7.2%	Heart disease 6.4%	Heart disease 4.0%	Heart disease 5.1%	Suicide 6.6%	HIV disease 10.3%	HIV disease 6.8%	Diabetes 4.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.5%	Diabetes 4.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.5%	Stroke 4.9%
5	Heart disease (4) 5.4%	Homicide 5.8%	Birth defects 5.5%	Cancer 3.3%	Cancer 2.8%	HIV disease 5.3%	Cancer 9.8%	Stroke 5.0%	Unintentional injuries 4.1%	Diabetes 4.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.2%	Diabetes 4.4%	Alzheimer's disease 4.0%	Homicide 4.9%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 4.0%	Benign neoplasm 3.5%	Suicide 4.8%	Birth defects 1.4%	HIV disease 1.6%	Cancer 4.2%	Suicide 3.6%	Diabetes 3.7%	Kidney disease 2.9%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Kidney disease 3.6%	Diabetes 3.7%
7	Septicemia (7) 1.7% ***	Heart disease 3.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.9%	Diabetes (7) 1.0% ***	Diabetes 1.3%	Stroke 3.4%	Homicide 3.1%	HIV disease 2.8%	Septicemia 2.4%	Septicemia 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.1%
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (7) 1.7%	Stroke (8) 2.0% ***	Diabetes (8) 1.7% ***	Anemias 0.6%	Birth defects (7) 1.0%	Stroke 1.1%	Diabetes 3.2%	Chronic liver disease 2.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Septicemia 2.4%	Diabetes 3.1%	Kidney disease 2.7%
9	Anemias 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia (8) 2.0%	Stroke (8) 1.7%	Septicemia (9) 0.5% ***	Anemias 0.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.0%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Chronic liver disease 2.2%	Alzheimer's disease 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.7%	Alzheimer's disease 2.1%	Septicemia 2.6%	HIV disease 2.6%
10	Stroke (10) 1.2% ***	Anemias 1.2%	Septicemia (10) 0.7% ***	Legal intervention (9) 0.5%	Legal intervention 0.8%	Anemias 0.9%	Septicemia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.8%	Septicemia 2.0%	Hypertension 1.7%	Hypertension 1.6%	Hypertension 1.7%	Hypertension 2.1%	Septicemia 2.0%

*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The white, black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander race groups include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin may be of any race. Some terms have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. See the next page for a listing of the shortened terms in the table and their full unabridged equivalents used in the report. To learn more, visit *Mortality Tables* at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).