

**Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity United States, Males - 2009\***

Rank	All Races	Hispanic	Black	White	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander
1	Heart disease 25.2%	Heart disease 20.9%	Heart disease 24.2%	Heart disease 25.4%	Heart disease 19.6%	Cancer 27.0%
2	Cancer 24.4%	Cancer 20.2%	Cancer 22.9%	Cancer 24.6	Cancer 17.0%	Heart disease 24.4%
3	Unintentional injuries 6.2%	Unintentional injuries 10.0%	Unintentional injuries 5.5%	Unintentional injuries 6.2%	Unintentional injuries 14.2%	Stroke 6.5%
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.3%	Stroke 4.2%	Stroke 4.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Diabetes 5.2%	Unintentional injuries 5.0%
5	Stroke 4.3%	Diabetes 4.1%	Homicide 4.6%	Stroke 4.2%	Chronic liver disease 4.7%	Diabetes 3.7%
6	Diabetes 2.9%	Chronic liver disease 3.8%	Diabetes 3.8%	Diabetes 2.7%	Suicide 3.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.4%
7	Suicide 2.4%	Homicide 3.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.1%	Suicide 2.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.2%
8	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Suicide 2.7%	Kidney disease 2.7%	Alzheimer's disease 2.1%	Stroke 3.2%	Suicide 2.6%
9	Kidney disease 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%	HIV disease 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia (9) 2.4% *** Homicide (9) 2.4%	Kidney disease 2.0%
10	Alzheimer's disease 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%	Septicemia 1.9%	Kidney disease 1.9%		Alzheimer's disease 1.2%

\*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](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm) or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).