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Percentage Distribution of Deaths,* by Place of Death†,§ — United States, 2000–2014

* Percentage was calculated as (deaths occurred in a place/all deaths) x 100.
† Excluding all deaths from external causes defined by International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) codes V01–Y89 and cause-of-death codes U01–U03.
§ Deaths in hospice and all other places include those in a hospice facility; all other places other than hospital, nursing home, and home; and unknown place of death. The category "hospice" was introduced with the revised death certificate in 2003. The number of states using the revised death certificate grew from four states in 2003 to 46 states and the District of Columbia in 2014.

The percentage of deaths that occurred in a hospital decreased 25.7%, from approximately half (50.2%) in 2000 to 37.3% in 2014. During 2000–2005, the percentage of deaths that occurred in a nursing home or long-term care facility remained relatively stable, and then decreased 10.1% during 2005–2014. The percentage of deaths that occurred at a decedent’s home increased 29.5% during 2000–2014. The percentage of deaths that occurred in hospice and all other places increased 242.9%, from 3.5% in 2000 to 12.0% in 2014.

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