

Data Brief 350. Mortality Patterns Between Five States With Highest Death Rates and Five States With Lowest Death Rates: United States, 2017

Data table for Figure 1. Average age-adjusted death rates for the five states with the highest rates and the five states with the lowest rates, by sex: United States, 2017

Area	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Rate ¹	Number	Rate ¹	Number	Rate ¹
Five highest-rate states	197,458	926.8	101,586	1,094.3	95,872	785.7
Five lowest-rate states	510,620	624.0	258,913	741.2	251,707	526.4
United States	2,813,503	731.9	1,439,111	864.5	1,374,392	619.7

¹Deaths per 100,000 standard population.

NOTES: In 2017, the five states with the highest age-adjusted death rates were Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. The five states with the lowest age-adjusted death rates were California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Minnesota, and New York.

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Data table for Figure 2. Average death rates for the five states with the highest rates and the five states with the lowest rates, by age group: United States, 2017

Age group (years)	Five highest-rate states		Five lowest-rate states	
	Deaths	Rate ¹	Deaths	Rate ¹
Under 1	1,629	739.7	3,600	425.7
1–4	305	33.9	605	17.7
5–14	416	17.9	927	10.7
15–24	2,245	92.9	5,132	55.2
25–34	4,423	186.1	9,522	91.8
35–44	6,668	302.0	12,799	142.4
45–54	13,789	597.6	28,853	313.0
55–64	30,066	1,261.9	62,457	709.3
65–74	41,165	2,371.3	89,773	1,507.0
75–84	47,691	5,515.6	115,760	3,879.4
85 and over	49,058	14,846.7	181,159	12,556.9

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Data table for Figure 3. Average age-adjusted death rates for the five states with the highest rates and the five states with the lowest rates, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2017

Race and Hispanic origin	Five highest-rate states		Five lowest-rate states	
	Number	Rate ¹	Number	Rate ¹
Non-Hispanic black	28,717	996.2	45,762	755.5
Non-Hispanic white	162,531	929.1	347,953	668.9
Hispanic	1,739	374.6	68,626	509.7

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Data table for Figure 4. Average age-adjusted death rates for the five leading causes of death for the five states with the highest rates and the five states with the lowest rates: United States, 2017

Cause of death (based on <i>International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision</i> [ICD-10])	Five highest-rate states				Five lowest-rate states			
	Rank ¹	Number	Percent	Rate ²	Rank ¹	Number	Percent	Rate ²
All causes	...	197,458	100.0	926.8	...	510,620	100.0	624.0
All top five causes	...	122,542	62.1	568.5	...	317,730	62.2	387.3
Diseases of heart (I00–I09,I11,I13,I20–I51)	1	47,018	23.8	217.3	1	124,832	24.4	149.2
Malignant neoplasms (C00–C97)	2	39,938	20.2	178.5	2	113,432	22.2	138.8
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40–J47)	3	13,717	6.9	62.0	5	25,452	5.0	31.0
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01–X59,Y85–Y86)	4	12,160	6.2	65.5	4	26,978	5.3	35.8
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60–I69)	5	9,709	4.9	45.3	3	27,036	5.3	32.5
All other causes (residual)	...	74,916	37.9	192,890	37.8	...

... Category not applicable.

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