

Table 1. Deaths and percentage of total deaths for the 10 leading causes of death: United States, 2002-2003

Cause of death (based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision</i> , 1992)	Rank ¹	2003		2002	
		Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Deaths	Percent of total deaths
All causes	...	2,448,288	100.0	2,443,387	100.0
Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	1	685,089	28.0	696,947	28.5
Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	2	556,902	22.7	557,271	22.8
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	3	157,689	6.4	162,672	6.7
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	4	126,382	5.2	124,816	5.1
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	5	109,277	4.5	106,742	4.4
Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	6	74,219	3.0	73,249	3.0
Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)	7	65,163	2.7	65,681	2.7
Alzheimer's disease (G30)	8	63,457	2.6	58,866	2.4
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	9	42,453	1.7	40,974	1.7
Septicemia (A40-A41)	10	34,069	1.4	33,865	1.4

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths.

Table 2. Deaths and percentage of total deaths for the 10 leading causes of death, by sex: United States, 2003[The asterisk (*) preceding cause-of-death codes indicates they are not part of the *International Classification of Diseases , Tenth Revision* (ICD-10): see "Technical Notes"]

Cause of death (based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, 1992</i>)	Males			Females		
	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths
All causes	...	1,201,964	100.0	...	1,246,324	100.0
Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	1	336,095	28.0	1	348,994	28.0
Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	2	287,990	24.0	2	268,912	21.6
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	3	70,532	5.9	7	38,745	3.1
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	4	61,426	5.1	3	96,263	7.7
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	5	60,714	5.1	4	65,668	5.3
Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	6	35,438	2.9	6	38,781	3.1
Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)	7	28,778	2.4	8	36,385	2.9
Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	8	25,203	2.1	17	6,281	0.5
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	9	20,481	1.7	9	21,972	1.8
Alzheimer's disease (G30)	10	18,335	1.5	5	45,122	3.6
Septicemia (A40-A41)	12	14,987	1.2	10	19,082	1.5

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths.

Table 3. Deaths and percentage of total deaths for the 10 leading causes of death, by race: United States, 2003

[Data for races other than white and black should be interpreted with caution because of misreporting of race on death certificates; see "Technical Notes." The asterisk (*) preceding cause of death codes indicates they are not part of the *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision* (ICD-10); see "Technical Notes"]

Cause of death (based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, 1992</i>)	White			Black			American Indian or Alaska Native			Asian or Pacific Islander		
	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths
All causes	...	2,103,714	100.0	...	291,300	100.0	...	13,147	100.0	...	40,127	100.0
Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	1	594,842	28.3	1	77,372	26.6	1	2,712	20.6	2	10,163	25.3
Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	2	481,556	22.9	2	62,660	21.5	2	2,154	16.4	1	10,532	26.2
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	3	134,705	6.4	3	18,806	6.5	6	552	4.2	3	3,626	9.0
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	4	116,917	5.6	8	7,709	2.6	7	512	3.9	7	1,244	3.1
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	5	93,381	4.4	5	12,351	4.2	3	1,573	12.0	4	1,972	4.9
Alzheimer's disease (G30)	6	59,184	2.8	14	3,718	1.3	13	122	0.9	12	433	1.1
Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	7	59,099	2.8	4	12,892	4.4	4	783	6.0	5	1,445	3.6
Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)	8	57,645	2.7	11	5,872	2.0	8	390	3.0	6	1,256	3.1
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	9	33,707	1.6	7	7,855	2.7	10	255	1.9	9	636	1.6
Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	10	28,485	1.4	16	1,955	0.7	9	322	2.4	8	722	1.8
Septicemia (A40-A41)	11	27,180	1.3	10	6,206	2.1	12	227	1.7	10	456	1.1
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	12	24,005	1.1	15	2,621	0.9	5	570	4.3	16	307	0.8
Assault (homicide) (*U01-*U02,X85-Y09,Y87.1)	20	8,709	0.4	6	8,392	2.9	11	237	1.8	14	394	1.0
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease (B20-B24)	22	6,019	0.3	9	7,479	2.6	17	70	0.5	24	90	0.2

... Category not applicable.

¹ Rank based on number of deaths.

Table 4. Deaths and percentage of total deaths for the 10 leading causes of death, by Hispanic origin and race for non-Hispanic population: United States, 2003

[Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the death certificate. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Data for Hispanic origin should be interpreted with caution because of misreporting of Hispanic origin on death certificates; see "Technical Notes." The asterisk (*) preceding the cause-of-death codes indicates they are not part of the *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)*; see "Technical Notes"]

Cause of death (based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, 1992</i>)	Hispanic			Non-Hispanic			Non-Hispanic white			Non-Hispanic black		
	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths
All causes	...	122,026	100.0	...	2,319,476	100.0	...	1,979,465	100.0	...	287,968	100.0
Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	1	28,298	23.2	1	654,828	28.2	1	565,808	28.6	1	76,452	26.5
Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	2	24,070	19.7	2	531,638	22.9	2	457,127	23.1	2	62,054	21.5
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	3	10,418	8.5	5	98,406	4.2	5	82,815	4.2	5	12,154	4.2
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	4	6,658	5.5	3	150,719	6.5	3	127,969	6.5	3	18,649	6.5
Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	5	6,179	5.1	6	67,862	2.9	8	52,894	2.7	4	12,787	4.4
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	6	3,382	2.8	12	24,030	1.0	12	20,602	1.0	15	2,582	0.9
Assault (homicide) (*U01-*U02,X85-Y09,Y87.1)	7	3,355	2.7	17	14,245	0.6	21	5,367	0.3	6	8,276	2.9
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	8	3,174	2.6	4	122,896	5.3	4	113,541	5.7	8	7,632	2.7
Influenza and pneumonia (J10-J18)	9	2,948	2.4	7	62,042	2.7	7	54,617	2.8	11	5,798	2.0
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (P00-P96)	10	2,628	2.2	21	11,559	0.5	20	6,359	0.3	12	4,716	1.6
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	11	2,170	1.8	9	40,172	1.7	9	31,497	1.6	7	7,804	2.7
Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	12	2,007	1.6	11	29,367	1.3	10	26,434	1.3	16	1,918	0.7
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease (B20-B24)	13	1,890	1.5	20	11,629	0.5	22	4,126	0.2	9	7,351	2.6
Alzheimer's disease (G30)	14	1,835	1.5	8	61,506	2.7	6	57,268	2.9	14	3,693	1.3
Septicemia (A40-A41)	16	1,505	1.2	10	32,476	1.4	11	25,664	1.3	10	6,141	2.1

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