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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and rank order	1980		2013 ¹	
	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
All persons				
Rank	All causes	1,989,841	All causes	2,596,993
1.	Diseases of heart	761,085	Diseases of heart	611,105
2.	Malignant neoplasms	416,509	Malignant neoplasms	584,881
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	170,225	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	149,205
4.	Unintentional injuries	105,718	Unintentional injuries	130,557
5.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	56,050	Cerebrovascular diseases	128,978
6.	Pneumonia and influenza	54,619	Alzheimer's disease	84,767
7.	Diabetes mellitus	34,851	Diabetes mellitus ¹	75,578
8.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	30,583	Influenza and pneumonia	56,979
9.	Atherosclerosis	29,449	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	47,112
10.	Suicide	26,869	Suicide	41,149
Male				
Rank	All causes	1,075,078	All causes	1,306,034
1.	Diseases of heart	405,661	Diseases of heart	321,347
2.	Malignant neoplasms	225,948	Malignant neoplasms	307,559
3.	Unintentional injuries	74,180	Unintentional injuries	81,916
4.	Cerebrovascular diseases	69,973	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	70,317
5.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	38,625	Cerebrovascular diseases	53,691
6.	Pneumonia and influenza	27,574	Diabetes mellitus ¹	39,841
7.	Suicide	20,505	Suicide	32,055
8.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	19,768	Influenza and pneumonia	26,804
9.	Homicide	18,779	Alzheimer's disease	25,836
10.	Diabetes mellitus	14,325	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	23,709
Female				
Rank	All causes	914,763	All causes	1,290,959
1.	Diseases of heart	355,424	Diseases of heart	289,758
2.	Malignant neoplasms	190,561	Malignant neoplasms	277,322
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	100,252	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	78,888
4.	Unintentional injuries	31,538	Cerebrovascular diseases	75,287
5.	Pneumonia and influenza	27,045	Alzheimer's disease	58,931
6.	Diabetes mellitus	20,526	Unintentional injuries	48,641
7.	Atherosclerosis	17,848	Diabetes mellitus ¹	35,737
8.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	17,425	Influenza and pneumonia	30,175
9.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	10,815	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	23,619
10.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	9,815	Septicemia	20,162
White				
Rank	All causes	1,738,607	All causes	2,217,103
1.	Diseases of heart	683,347	Diseases of heart	522,645
2.	Malignant neoplasms	368,162	Malignant neoplasms	498,116
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	148,734	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	136,682
4.	Unintentional injuries	90,122	Unintentional injuries	112,803
5.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	52,375	Cerebrovascular diseases	107,909
6.	Pneumonia and influenza	48,369	Alzheimer's disease	77,387
7.	Diabetes mellitus	28,868	Diabetes mellitus ¹	58,925
8.	Atherosclerosis	27,069	Influenza and pneumonia	49,013
9.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	25,240	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	37,270
10.	Suicide	24,829	Suicide	37,154
Black or African American				
Rank	All causes	233,135	All causes	302,969
1.	Diseases of heart	72,956	Diseases of heart	72,010
2.	Malignant neoplasms	45,037	Malignant neoplasms	67,953
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	20,135	Cerebrovascular diseases	16,269
4.	Unintentional injuries	13,480	Unintentional injuries	13,413
5.	Homicide	10,172	Diabetes mellitus ¹	13,385
6.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6,961	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	9,918
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	5,648	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	8,393
8.	Diabetes mellitus	5,544	Homicide	8,059
9.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	4,790	Septicemia	6,250
10.	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	3,416	Alzheimer's disease	5,714

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	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Rank	All causes	6,923	All causes	17,052
1	Diseases of heart	1,494	Diseases of heart	3,139
2	Unintentional injuries	1,290	Malignant neoplasms	3,109
3	Malignant neoplasms	770	Unintentional injuries	1,833
4	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	410	Diabetes mellitus ¹	959
5	Cerebrovascular diseases	322	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	944
6	Pneumonia and influenza	257	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	757
7	Homicide	217	Cerebrovascular diseases	595
8	Diabetes mellitus	210	Suicide	521
9	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	199	Influenza and pneumonia	375
10	Suicide	181	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	302
Asian or Pacific Islander				
Rank	All causes	11,071	All causes	59,869
1	Diseases of heart	3,265	Malignant neoplasms	15,703
2	Malignant neoplasms	2,522	Diseases of heart	13,311
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,028	Cerebrovascular diseases	4,205
4	Unintentional injuries	810	Unintentional injuries	2,508
5	Pneumonia and influenza	342	Diabetes mellitus ¹	2,309
6	Suicide	249	Influenza and pneumonia	2,024
7	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	246	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,848
8	Diabetes mellitus	227	Alzheimer's disease	1,428
9	Homicide	211	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	1,147
10	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	207	Suicide	1,121
Hispanic or Latino				
Rank	---	---	All causes	163,241
1	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	35,147
2	---	---	Diseases of heart	33,243
3	---	---	Unintentional injuries	12,015
4	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	8,127
5	---	---	Diabetes mellitus ¹	7,632
6	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	5,141
7	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4,827
8	---	---	Alzheimer's disease	4,127
9	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia	3,592
10	---	---	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	3,083
White male				
Rank	All causes	933,878	All causes	1,110,956
1	Diseases of heart	364,679	Diseases of heart	275,101
2	Malignant neoplasms	198,188	Malignant neoplasms	263,167
3	Unintentional injuries	62,963	Unintentional injuries	70,161
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	60,095	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	63,757
5	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	35,977	Cerebrovascular diseases	44,203
6	Pneumonia and influenza	23,810	Diabetes mellitus ¹	31,745
7	Suicide	18,901	Suicide	28,943
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	16,407	Alzheimer's disease	23,648
9	Diabetes mellitus	12,125	Influenza and pneumonia	22,907
10	Atherosclerosis	10,543	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	20,884
Black or African American male				
Rank	All causes	130,138	All causes	154,767
1	Diseases of heart	37,877	Diseases of heart	37,096
2	Malignant neoplasms	25,861	Malignant neoplasms	34,671
3	Unintentional injuries	9,701	Unintentional injuries	9,017
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	9,194	Cerebrovascular diseases	7,338
5	Homicide	8,274	Homicide	6,937
6	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3,869	Diabetes mellitus ¹	6,378
7	Pneumonia and influenza	3,386	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	5,073
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	3,020	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	3,976
9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	2,429	Septicemia	2,882
10	Diabetes mellitus	2,010	Influenza and pneumonia	2,696

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	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
American Indian or Alaska Native male				
Rank	All causes	4,193	All causes	9,331
1	Unintentional injuries	946	Diseases of heart	1,843
2	Diseases of heart	917	Malignant neoplasms	1,650
3	Malignant neoplasms	408	Unintentional injuries	1,177
4	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	239	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	511
5	Cerebrovascular diseases	163	Diabetes mellitus ¹	490
6	Homicide	162	Suicide	401
7	Pneumonia and influenza	148	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	370
8	Suicide	147	Cerebrovascular diseases	253
9	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	107	Influenza and pneumonia	190
10	Diabetes mellitus	86	Homicide	187
Asian or Pacific Islander male				
Rank	All causes	6,809	All causes	30,980
1	Diseases of heart	2,174	Malignant neoplasms	8,071
2	Malignant neoplasms	1,485	Diseases of heart	7,307
3	Unintentional injuries	556	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,897
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	521	Unintentional injuries	1,561
5	Pneumonia and influenza	227	Diabetes mellitus ¹	1,228
6	Suicide	159	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,117
7	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	158	Influenza and pneumonia	1,011
8	Homicide	151	Suicide	820
9	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	128	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	574
10	Diabetes mellitus	103	Alzheimer's disease	447
Hispanic or Latino male				
Rank	---	---	All causes	88,880
1	---	---	Diseases of heart	18,377
2	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	18,371
3	---	---	Unintentional injuries	8,760
4	---	---	Diabetes mellitus ¹	3,934
5	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	3,841
6	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	3,552
7	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,536
8	---	---	Suicide	2,279
9	---	---	Homicide	2,132
10	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia	1,816
White female				
Rank	All causes	804,729	All causes	1,106,147
1	Diseases of heart	318,668	Diseases of heart	247,544
2	Malignant neoplasms	169,974	Malignant neoplasms	234,949
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	88,639	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	72,925
4	Unintentional injuries	27,159	Cerebrovascular diseases	63,706
5	Pneumonia and influenza	24,559	Alzheimer's disease	53,739
6	Diabetes mellitus	16,743	Unintentional injuries	42,642
7	Atherosclerosis	16,526	Diabetes mellitus ¹	27,180
8	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	16,398	Influenza and pneumonia	26,106
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	8,833	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	18,470
10	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6,512	Septicemia	16,287
Black or African American female				
Rank	All causes	102,997	All causes	148,202
1	Diseases of heart	35,079	Diseases of heart	34,914
2	Malignant neoplasms	19,176	Malignant neoplasms	33,282
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	10,941	Cerebrovascular diseases	8,931
4	Unintentional injuries	3,779	Diabetes mellitus ¹	7,007
5	Diabetes mellitus	3,534	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4,845
6	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3,092	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	4,417
7	Pneumonia and influenza	2,262	Unintentional injuries	4,396
8	Homicide	1,898	Alzheimer's disease	4,050
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	1,770	Septicemia	3,368
10	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1,722	Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	2,959

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	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
American Indian or Alaska Native female				
Rank	All causes	2,730	All causes	7,721
1.	Diseases of heart	577	Malignant neoplasms	1,459
2.	Malignant neoplasms	362	Diseases of heart	1,296
3.	Unintentional injuries	344	Unintentional injuries	656
4.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	171	Diabetes mellitus ¹	469
5.	Cerebrovascular diseases	159	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	433
6.	Diabetes mellitus	124	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	387
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	109	Cerebrovascular diseases	342
8.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	92	Influenza and pneumonia	185
9.	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	56	Alzheimer's disease	161
10.	Homicide	55	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	159
Asian or Pacific Islander female				
Rank	All causes	4,262	All causes	28,889
1.	Diseases of heart	1,091	Malignant neoplasms	7,632
2.	Malignant neoplasms	1,037	Diseases of heart	6,004
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	507	Cerebrovascular diseases	2,308
4.	Unintentional injuries	254	Diabetes mellitus ¹	1,081
5.	Diabetes mellitus	124	Influenza and pneumonia	1,013
6.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	118	Alzheimer's disease	981
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	115	Unintentional injuries	947
8.	Congenital anomalies	104	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	731
9.	Suicide	90	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	573
10.	Homicide	60	Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	550
Hispanic or Latina female				
Rank	---	---	All causes	74,361
1.	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	16,776
2.	---	---	Diseases of heart	14,866
3.	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	4,286
4.	---	---	Diabetes mellitus ¹	3,698
5.	---	---	Unintentional injuries	3,255
6.	---	---	Alzheimer's disease	2,829
7.	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,291
8.	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia	1,776
9.	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	1,589
10.	---	---	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	1,500

--- Data not available. Complete coverage of all states for the Hispanic origin variable began in 1997.

¹Starting with 2011 data, the rules for selecting Renal failure as the underlying cause of death were changed, affecting the number of deaths in the Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis and Diabetes categories. These changes directly affect deaths with mention of Renal failure and other associated conditions, such as Diabetes mellitus with renal complications. The result is a decrease in the number of deaths for Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis and an increase in the number of deaths for Diabetes mellitus. Therefore, trend data for these two causes of death should be interpreted with caution. For more information, see Technical Notes in Deaths: Preliminary data for 2011, available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_06.pdf.

NOTES: For cause of death codes based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision* (ICD-9) in 1980 and ICD-10 in 2013, see Appendix II, Cause of death; Table III; Table IV. Starting with 2003 data, some states allowed the reporting of more than one race on the death certificate. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards, for comparability with other states. The race groups, white, black, Asian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaska Native, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See Appendix II, Race; Hispanic origin.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System: Vital statistics of the United States, vol II, mortality, part A, 1980. Washington, DC: Public Health Service. 1985. Public-use 2013 Mortality File. Leading causes of death, Tables LCWK3 and LCWK4. 2013. Available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm#icod. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).