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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and rank order	1980		2014	
	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
All persons				
Rank	All causes	1,989,841	All causes	2,626,418
1	Diseases of heart	761,085	Diseases of heart	614,348
2	Malignant neoplasms	416,509	Malignant neoplasms	591,700
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	170,225	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	147,101
4	Unintentional injuries	105,718	Unintentional injuries	135,928
5	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	56,050	Cerebrovascular diseases	133,103
6	Pneumonia and influenza	54,619	Alzheimer's disease	93,541
7	Diabetes mellitus	34,851	Diabetes mellitus ¹	76,488
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	30,583	Influenza and pneumonia	55,227
9	Atherosclerosis	29,449	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	48,146
10	Suicide	26,869	Suicide	42,826
Male				
Rank	All causes	1,075,078	All causes	1,328,241
1	Diseases of heart	405,661	Diseases of heart	325,077
2	Malignant neoplasms	225,948	Malignant neoplasms	311,296
3	Unintentional injuries	74,180	Unintentional injuries	85,340
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	69,973	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	69,456
5	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	38,625	Cerebrovascular diseases	55,471
6	Pneumonia and influenza	27,574	Diabetes mellitus ¹	41,111
7	Suicide	20,505	Suicide	33,162
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	19,768	Alzheimer's disease	28,362
9	Homicide	18,779	Influenza and pneumonia	26,586
10	Diabetes mellitus	14,325	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	24,584
Female				
Rank	All causes	914,763	All causes	1,298,177
1	Diseases of heart	355,424	Diseases of heart	289,271
2	Malignant neoplasms	190,561	Malignant neoplasms	280,404
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	100,252	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	77,645
4	Unintentional injuries	31,538	Cerebrovascular diseases	77,632
5	Pneumonia and influenza	27,045	Alzheimer's disease	65,179
6	Diabetes mellitus	20,526	Unintentional injuries	50,588
7	Atherosclerosis	17,848	Diabetes mellitus ¹	35,377
8	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	17,425	Influenza and pneumonia	28,641
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	10,815	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	23,710
10	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	9,815	Septicemia	20,607
White				
Rank	All causes	1,738,607	All causes	2,237,880
1	Diseases of heart	683,347	Diseases of heart	524,695
2	Malignant neoplasms	368,162	Malignant neoplasms	502,933
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	148,734	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	134,541
4	Unintentional injuries	90,122	Unintentional injuries	117,151
5	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	52,375	Cerebrovascular diseases	111,035
6	Pneumonia and influenza	48,369	Alzheimer's disease	84,990
7	Diabetes mellitus	28,868	Diabetes mellitus ¹	59,741
8	Atherosclerosis	27,069	Influenza and pneumonia	47,293
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	25,240	Suicide	38,723
10	Suicide	24,829	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	37,976
Black or African American				
Rank	All causes	233,135	All causes	308,960
1	Diseases of heart	72,956	Diseases of heart	73,095
2	Malignant neoplasms	45,037	Malignant neoplasms	69,090
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	20,135	Cerebrovascular diseases	17,088
4	Unintentional injuries	13,480	Unintentional injuries	14,135
5	Homicide	10,172	Diabetes mellitus ¹	13,435
6	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6,961	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	9,934
7	Pneumonia and influenza	5,648	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	8,586
8	Diabetes mellitus	5,544	Homicide	7,903
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	4,790	Alzheimer's disease	6,567
10	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	3,416	Septicemia	6,386

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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and rank order		1980	2014
		Cause of death	Deaths
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American Indian or Alaska Native			
Rank	All causes	6,923	All causes 18,008
1	Diseases of heart	1,494	Diseases of heart 3,288
2	Unintentional injuries	1,290	Malignant neoplasms 3,153
3	Malignant neoplasms	770	Unintentional injuries 1,996
4	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	410	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis 951
5	Cerebrovascular diseases	322	Diabetes mellitus ¹ 945
6	Pneumonia and influenza	257	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 788
7	Homicide	217	Cerebrovascular diseases 649
8	Diabetes mellitus	210	Suicide 489
9	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	199	Influenza and pneumonia 412
10	Suicide	181	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹ 338
Asian or Pacific Islander			
Rank	All causes	11,071	All causes 61,570
1	Diseases of heart	3,265	Malignant neoplasms 16,524
2	Malignant neoplasms	2,522	Diseases of heart 13,270
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,028	Cerebrovascular diseases 4,331
4	Unintentional injuries	810	Unintentional injuries 2,646
5	Pneumonia and influenza	342	Diabetes mellitus ¹ 2,367
6	Suicide	249	Influenza and pneumonia 1,911
7	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	246	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1,838
8	Diabetes mellitus	227	Alzheimer's disease 1,680
9	Homicide	211	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹ 1,246
10	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	207	Suicide 1,188
Hispanic or Latino			
Rank	---	---	All causes 169,387
1	---	---	Malignant neoplasms 36,447
2	---	---	Diseases of heart 34,021
3	---	---	Unintentional injuries 12,413
4	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases 8,713
5	---	---	Diabetes mellitus ¹ 7,795
6	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis 5,658
7	---	---	Alzheimer's disease 4,934
8	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4,795
9	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia 3,875
10	---	---	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹ 3,273
White male			
Rank	All causes	933,878	All causes 1,128,993
1	Diseases of heart	364,679	Diseases of heart 277,921
2	Malignant neoplasms	198,188	Malignant neoplasms 266,137
3	Unintentional injuries	62,963	Unintentional injuries 72,807
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	60,095	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 62,989
5	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	35,977	Cerebrovascular diseases 45,505
6	Pneumonia and influenza	23,810	Diabetes mellitus ¹ 32,920
7	Suicide	18,901	Suicide 30,015
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	16,407	Alzheimer's disease 25,937
9	Diabetes mellitus	12,125	Influenza and pneumonia 22,643
10	Atherosclerosis	10,543	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis 21,781
Black or African American male			
Rank	All causes	130,138	All causes 157,733
1	Diseases of heart	37,877	Diseases of heart 37,962
2	Malignant neoplasms	25,861	Malignant neoplasms 35,061
3	Unintentional injuries	9,701	Unintentional injuries 9,537
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	9,194	Cerebrovascular diseases 7,747
5	Homicide	8,274	Homicide 6,823
6	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3,869	Diabetes mellitus ¹ 6,452
7	Pneumonia and influenza	3,386	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5,035
8	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	3,020	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹ 4,034
9	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	2,429	Septicemia 2,969
10	Diabetes mellitus	2,010	Influenza and pneumonia 2,736

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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	9,829
1.	Unintentional injuries	946	Diseases of heart	1,915
2.	Diseases of heart	917	Malignant neoplasms	1,727
3.	Malignant neoplasms	408	Unintentional injuries	1,331
4.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	239	Diabetes mellitus ¹	504
5.	Cerebrovascular diseases	163	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	481
6.	Homicide	162	Suicide	363
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	148	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	360
8.	Suicide	147	Cerebrovascular diseases	296
9.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	107	Homicide	209
10.	Diabetes mellitus	86	Influenza and pneumonia	195
Asian or Pacific Islander male				
Rank	All causes	6,809	All causes	31,686
1.	Diseases of heart	2,174	Malignant neoplasms	8,371
2.	Malignant neoplasms	1,485	Diseases of heart	7,279
3.	Unintentional injuries	556	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,923
4.	Cerebrovascular diseases	521	Unintentional injuries	1,665
5.	Pneumonia and influenza	227	Diabetes mellitus ¹	1,235
6.	Suicide	159	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,072
7.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	158	Influenza and pneumonia	1,012
8.	Homicide	151	Suicide	833
9.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	128	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	652
10.	Diabetes mellitus	103	Alzheimer's disease	508
Hispanic or Latino male				
Rank	---	---	All causes	92,474
1.	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	19,040
2.	---	---	Diseases of heart	18,884
3.	---	---	Unintentional injuries	8,969
4.	---	---	Diabetes mellitus ¹	4,149
5.	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	4,092
6.	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	3,911
7.	---	---	Suicide	2,584
8.	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,433
9.	---	---	Homicide	2,122
10.	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia	1,975
White female				
Rank	All causes	804,729	All causes	1,108,887
1.	Diseases of heart	318,668	Diseases of heart	246,774
2.	Malignant neoplasms	169,974	Malignant neoplasms	236,796
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	88,639	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	71,552
4.	Unintentional injuries	27,159	Cerebrovascular diseases	65,530
5.	Pneumonia and influenza	24,559	Alzheimer's disease	59,053
6.	Diabetes mellitus	16,743	Unintentional injuries	44,344
7.	Atherosclerosis	16,526	Diabetes mellitus ¹	26,821
8.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases	16,398	Influenza and pneumonia	24,650
9.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	8,833	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	18,389
10.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6,512	Septicemia	16,665
Black or African American female				
Rank	All causes	102,997	All causes	151,227
1.	Diseases of heart	35,079	Diseases of heart	35,133
2.	Malignant neoplasms	19,176	Malignant neoplasms	34,029
3.	Cerebrovascular diseases	10,941	Cerebrovascular diseases	9,341
4.	Unintentional injuries	3,779	Diabetes mellitus ¹	6,983
5.	Diabetes mellitus	3,534	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4,899
6.	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3,092	Alzheimer's disease	4,730
7.	Pneumonia and influenza	2,262	Unintentional injuries	4,598
8.	Homicide	1,898	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	4,552
9.	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	1,770	Septicemia	3,417
10.	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1,722	Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	2,918

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American Indian or Alaska Native female				
Rank	All causes	2,730	All causes	8,179
1	Diseases of heart	577	Malignant neoplasms	1,426
2	Malignant neoplasms	362	Diseases of heart	1,373
3	Unintentional injuries	344	Unintentional injuries	665
4	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	171	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	470
5	Cerebrovascular diseases	159	Diabetes mellitus ¹	441
6	Diabetes mellitus	124	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	428
7	Pneumonia and influenza	109	Cerebrovascular diseases	353
8	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	92	Alzheimer's disease	224
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	56	Influenza and pneumonia	217
10	Homicide	55	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	175
Asian or Pacific Islander female				
Rank	All causes	4,262	All causes	29,884
1	Diseases of heart	1,091	Malignant neoplasms	8,153
2	Malignant neoplasms	1,037	Diseases of heart	5,991
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	507	Cerebrovascular diseases	2,408
4	Unintentional injuries	254	Alzheimer's disease	1,172
5	Diabetes mellitus	124	Diabetes mellitus ¹	1,132
6	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	118	Unintentional injuries	981
7	Pneumonia and influenza	115	Influenza and pneumonia	899
8	Congenital anomalies	104	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	766
9	Suicide	90	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	594
10	Homicide	60	Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	572
Hispanic or Latina female				
Rank	---	---	All causes	76,913
1	---	---	Malignant neoplasms	17,407
2	---	---	Diseases of heart	15,137
3	---	---	Cerebrovascular diseases	4,621
4	---	---	Diabetes mellitus ¹	3,646
5	---	---	Unintentional injuries	3,444
6	---	---	Alzheimer's disease	3,334
7	---	---	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,362
8	---	---	Influenza and pneumonia	1,900
9	---	---	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	1,747
10	---	---	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis ¹	1,573

--- 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: Final data for 2011, available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr63/nvsr63_03.pdf.

NOTES: For cause of death codes based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision* (ICD-9) in 1980 and ICD-10 in 2014, see Appendix II, Cause of death; Cause-of-death ranking; 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. **Data have been revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*.**

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 2014 Mortality File. Deaths: Final data for 2014. National vital statistics reports (forthcoming). Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/nvsr.htm>. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).