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Age and rank order	1980		2014	
	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
<b>Under 1 year</b>				
Rank	All causes . . . . .	45,526	All causes . . . . .	23,215
1 . . . . .	Congenital anomalies . . . . .	9,220	Congenital malformations/deformations/ chromosomal abnormalities . . . . .	4,746
2 . . . . .	Sudden infant death syndrome . . . . .	5,510	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight . . . . .	4,173
3 . . . . .	Respiratory distress syndrome . . . . .	4,989	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy . . . . .	1,574
4 . . . . .	Disorders relating to short gestation and unspecified low birthweight . . . . .	3,648	Sudden infant death syndrome . . . . .	1,545
5 . . . . .	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy . . . . .	1,572	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	1,160
6 . . . . .	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia . . . . .	1,497	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes . . . . .	965
7 . . . . .	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	1,166	Bacterial sepsis of newborn . . . . .	544
8 . . . . .	Birth trauma . . . . .	1,058	Respiratory distress of newborn . . . . .	460
9 . . . . .	Pneumonia and influenza . . . . .	1,012	Diseases of circulatory system . . . . .	444
10 . . . . .	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord, and membranes . . . . .	985	Neonatal hemorrhage . . . . .	441
<b>1–4 years</b>				
Rank	All causes . . . . .	8,187	All causes . . . . .	3,830
1 . . . . .	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	3,313	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	1,216
2 . . . . .	Congenital anomalies . . . . .	1,026	Congenital malformations/deformations/ chromosomal abnormalities . . . . .	399
3 . . . . .	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	573	Homicide . . . . .	364
4 . . . . .	Diseases of heart . . . . .	338	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	321
5 . . . . .	Homicide . . . . .	319	Diseases of heart . . . . .	149
6 . . . . .	Pneumonia and influenza . . . . .	267	Influenza and pneumonia . . . . .	109
7 . . . . .	Meningitis . . . . .	223	Septicemia . . . . .	53
8 . . . . .	Meningococcal infection . . . . .	110	Chronic lower respiratory diseases <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	53
9 . . . . .	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period . . . . .	84	Benign neoplasms/neoplasms of uncertain/ unknown behavior . . . . .	38
10 . . . . .	Septicemia . . . . .	71	Conditions originating in perinatal period <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	38
<b>5–14 years</b>				
Rank	All causes . . . . .	10,689	All causes . . . . .	5,250
1 . . . . .	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	5,224	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	1,480
2 . . . . .	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	1,497	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	852
3 . . . . .	Congenital anomalies . . . . .	561	Suicide . . . . .	428
4 . . . . .	Homicide . . . . .	415	Congenital malformations/deformations/ chromosomal abnormalities . . . . .	348
5 . . . . .	Diseases of heart . . . . .	330	Homicide . . . . .	279
6 . . . . .	Pneumonia and influenza . . . . .	194	Diseases of heart . . . . .	191
7 . . . . .	Suicide . . . . .	142	Chronic lower respiratory diseases . . . . .	139
8 . . . . .	Benign neoplasms . . . . .	104	Influenza and pneumonia . . . . .	98
9 . . . . .	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	95	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	88
10 . . . . .	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases . . . . .	85	Benign neoplasms/neoplasms of uncertain/ unknown behavior . . . . .	74
<b>15–24 years</b>				
Rank	All causes . . . . .	49,027	All causes . . . . .	28,791
1 . . . . .	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	26,206	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	11,797
2 . . . . .	Homicide . . . . .	6,537	Suicide . . . . .	5,090
3 . . . . .	Suicide . . . . .	5,239	Homicide . . . . .	4,171
4 . . . . .	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	2,683	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	1,569
5 . . . . .	Diseases of heart . . . . .	1,223	Diseases of heart . . . . .	953
6 . . . . .	Congenital anomalies . . . . .	600	Congenital malformations/deformations/ chromosomal abnormalities . . . . .	377
7 . . . . .	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	418	Influenza and pneumonia . . . . .	199
8 . . . . .	Pneumonia and influenza . . . . .	348	Diabetes mellitus <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	181
9 . . . . .	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases . . . . .	141	Chronic lower respiratory diseases . . . . .	178
10 . . . . .	Anemias . . . . .	133	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	177

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	Cause of death	Deaths	Cause of death	Deaths
<b>25–44 years</b>				
Rank	All causes . . . . .	108,658	All causes . . . . .	118,173
1 . . . . .	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	26,722	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	33,366
2 . . . . .	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	17,551	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	14,891
3 . . . . .	Diseases of heart . . . . .	14,513	Diseases of heart . . . . .	13,709
4 . . . . .	Homicide . . . . .	10,983	Suicide . . . . .	13,289
5 . . . . .	Suicide . . . . .	9,855	Homicide . . . . .	6,769
6 . . . . .	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis . . . . .	4,782	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis . . . . .	3,307
7 . . . . .	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	3,154	Diabetes mellitus <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	2,708
8 . . . . .	Diabetes mellitus . . . . .	1,472	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	2,324
9 . . . . .	Pneumonia and influenza . . . . .	1,467	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease . . . . .	1,757
10 . . . . .	Congenital anomalies . . . . .	817	Influenza and pneumonia . . . . .	1,674
<b>45–64 years</b>				
Rank	All causes . . . . .	425,338	All causes . . . . .	524,725
1 . . . . .	Diseases of heart . . . . .	148,322	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	160,116
2 . . . . .	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	135,675	Diseases of heart . . . . .	109,264
3 . . . . .	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	19,909	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	38,607
4 . . . . .	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	18,140	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis . . . . .	21,419
5 . . . . .	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis . . . . .	16,089	Chronic lower respiratory diseases . . . . .	20,894
6 . . . . .	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases . . . . .	11,514	Diabetes mellitus <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	19,404
7 . . . . .	Diabetes mellitus . . . . .	7,977	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	17,076
8 . . . . .	Suicide . . . . .	7,079	Suicide . . . . .	16,313
9 . . . . .	Pneumonia and influenza . . . . .	5,804	Septicemia . . . . .	8,223
10 . . . . .	Homicide . . . . .	4,019	Influenza and pneumonia . . . . .	8,121
<b>65 years and over</b>				
Rank	All causes . . . . .	1,341,848	All causes . . . . .	1,922,271
1 . . . . .	Diseases of heart . . . . .	595,406	Diseases of heart . . . . .	489,722
2 . . . . .	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	258,389	Malignant neoplasms . . . . .	413,886
3 . . . . .	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	146,417	Chronic lower respiratory diseases . . . . .	124,693
4 . . . . .	Pneumonia and influenza . . . . .	45,512	Cerebrovascular diseases . . . . .	113,308
5 . . . . .	Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases . . . . .	43,587	Alzheimer's disease . . . . .	92,604
6 . . . . .	Atherosclerosis . . . . .	28,081	Diabetes mellitus <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	54,161
7 . . . . .	Diabetes mellitus . . . . .	25,216	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	48,282
8 . . . . .	Unintentional injuries . . . . .	24,844	Influenza and pneumonia . . . . .	44,836
9 . . . . .	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis . . . . .	12,968	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	39,957
10 . . . . .	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis . . . . .	9,519	Septicemia . . . . .	29,124

<sup>1</sup>Chronic lower respiratory diseases is tied with Septicemia for the 7th rank in 2014 and Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period is tied with In situ neoplasms, benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior for the 9th rank in 2014.

<sup>2</sup>Starting 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](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. **Data have been revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*.**

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