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[Data are based on death certificates]

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1970 ¹	1980 ¹	1990 ¹	1995 ¹	2000 ²	2010 ²	2014 ²	2015 ²
All persons								
Deaths per 100,000 resident population								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	14.3	14.8	14.6	13.4	10.2	10.1	10.3	11.1
All ages, crude	13.1	14.9	14.9	13.5	10.2	10.3	10.5	11.3
Under 1 year	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1–14 years	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8
1–4 years	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
5–14 years	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9
15–24 years	15.5	20.6	25.8	26.7	16.8	14.2	14.0	15.7
15–19 years	11.4	14.7	23.3	24.1	12.9	10.6	9.9	11.3
20–24 years	20.3	26.4	28.1	29.2	20.9	17.9	17.7	19.8
25–44 years	20.9	22.5	19.3	16.9	13.1	13.3	13.4	15.0
25–34 years	22.2	24.3	21.8	19.6	14.5	15.0	14.7	16.8
35–44 years	19.6	20.0	16.3	14.3	11.9	11.7	12.1	13.1
45–64 years	17.6	15.2	13.6	11.7	10.0	11.6	11.8	12.0
45–54 years	18.1	16.4	13.9	12.0	10.5	12.0	12.2	12.4
55–64 years	17.0	13.9	13.3	11.3	9.4	11.1	11.4	11.7
65 years and over	13.8	13.5	16.0	14.1	12.2	11.7	12.7	12.7
65–74 years	14.5	13.8	14.4	12.8	10.6	10.7	11.5	11.3
75–84 years	13.4	13.4	19.4	16.3	13.9	12.7	13.9	14.5
85 years and over	10.2	11.6	14.7	14.4	14.2	13.2	15.0	14.5
Male								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	24.8	25.9	26.1	23.8	18.1	17.9	18.0	19.4
All ages, crude	22.2	25.7	26.2	23.6	17.8	18.0	18.3	19.6
Under 1 year	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1–14 years	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
1–4 years	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6
5–14 years	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.9	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.2
15–24 years	26.4	34.8	44.7	46.5	29.4	25.0	24.3	27.4
15–19 years	19.2	24.5	40.1	41.6	22.4	18.4	17.2	19.5
20–24 years	35.1	45.2	49.1	51.5	37.0	31.8	30.8	34.7
25–44 years	34.1	38.1	32.6	28.4	22.0	22.9	22.8	25.6
25–34 years	36.5	41.4	37.0	33.2	24.9	26.4	25.2	28.8
35–44 years	31.6	33.2	27.4	23.6	19.4	19.3	20.1	22.1
45–64 years	31.0	25.9	23.4	20.0	17.1	19.9	19.8	20.2
45–54 years	30.7	27.3	23.2	20.1	17.6	20.3	19.9	20.5
55–64 years	31.3	24.5	23.7	19.8	16.3	19.3	19.8	19.9
65 years and over	29.7	29.7	35.3	30.7	26.4	24.1	25.7	25.5
65–74 years	29.5	27.8	28.2	25.1	20.3	20.0	21.5	21.1
75–84 years	31.0	33.0	46.9	37.8	32.2	27.5	29.2	30.2
85 years and over	26.2	34.9	49.3	47.1	44.7	37.4	40.7	38.9
Female								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.8	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.2
All ages, crude	4.4	4.7	4.3	3.8	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.2
Under 1 year	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1–14 years	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5
1–4 years	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	*	0.3	0.4	0.4
5–14 years	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5
15–24 years	4.8	6.1	6.0	5.9	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.4
15–19 years	3.5	4.6	5.7	5.6	2.9	2.3	2.3	2.7
20–24 years	6.4	7.7	6.3	6.1	4.2	3.5	3.9	4.1
25–44 years	8.3	7.4	6.1	5.5	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.4
25–34 years	8.4	7.5	6.7	5.8	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.5
35–44 years	8.2	7.2	5.4	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.3
45–64 years	5.4	5.4	4.5	3.9	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.3
45–54 years	6.4	6.2	4.9	4.2	3.6	3.8	4.7	4.5
55–64 years	4.2	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.6	4.0
65 years and over	2.4	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.5
65–74 years	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7
75–84 years	1.7	1.7	2.9	2.8	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.6
85 years and over	*	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7
White male ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	19.7	22.1	22.0	20.1	15.9	16.1	16.3	17.0
All ages, crude	17.6	21.8	21.8	19.9	15.6	16.5	17.0	17.7
1–14 years	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9
15–24 years	16.9	28.4	29.5	30.8	19.6	16.2	16.1	17.5
25–44 years	24.2	29.5	25.7	23.2	18.0	18.6	18.4	20.0
25–34 years	24.3	31.1	27.8	25.2	18.1	19.1	18.7	20.5
35–44 years	24.1	27.1	23.3	21.2	17.9	18.0	18.2	19.4
45–64 years	27.4	23.3	22.8	19.5	17.4	21.3	21.4	21.6
65 years and over	29.9	30.1	36.8	32.2	28.2	26.5	28.3	28.3

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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1970 ¹	1980 ¹	1990 ¹	1995 ¹	2000 ²	2010 ²	2014 ²	2015 ²
Deaths per 100,000 resident population								
Black or African American male ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	70.8	60.1	56.3	49.2	34.2	31.8	31.5	36.4
All ages, crude	60.8	57.7	61.9	52.9	36.1	33.4	32.9	38.1
1–14 years	5.3	3.0	4.4	4.4	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1
15–24 years	97.3	77.9	138.0	138.7	89.3	73.2	68.9	79.7
25–44 years	126.2	114.1	90.3	70.2	54.1	57.3	57.4	68.1
25–34 years	145.6	128.4	108.6	92.3	74.8	78.2	71.3	84.9
35–44 years	104.2	92.3	66.1	46.3	34.3	35.2	41.0	47.9
45–64 years	71.1	55.6	34.5	28.3	18.4	16.5	16.9	18.7
65 years and over	30.6	29.7	23.9	21.8	13.8	9.4	10.9	10.0
American Indian or Alaska Native male ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	24.0	19.4	19.4	13.1	11.7	12.9	14.4
All ages, crude	---	27.5	20.5	20.9	13.2	12.5	12.4	14.2
15–24 years	---	55.3	49.1	40.9	26.9	26.0	17.7	26.4
25–44 years	---	43.9	25.4	31.2	16.6	16.9	19.3	18.7
45–64 years	---	*	*	14.2	12.2	11.1	12.6	14.0
65 years and over	---	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian or Pacific Islander male ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	7.8	8.8	9.2	6.0	4.2	3.7	4.4
All ages, crude	---	8.2	9.4	10.0	6.2	4.4	3.8	4.7
15–24 years	---	10.8	21.0	24.3	9.3	6.8	6.3	8.0
25–44 years	---	12.8	10.9	10.6	8.1	6.0	4.8	6.0
45–64 years	---	10.4	8.1	8.2	7.4	4.4	4.1	5.0
65 years and over	---	*	*	*	*	3.9	3.4	3.7
Hispanic or Latino male ^{4,5}								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	---	27.6	23.8	13.6	10.5	9.4	10.1
All ages, crude	---	---	29.9	26.2	14.2	10.5	9.4	10.2
1–14 years	---	---	2.6	2.8	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.5
15–24 years	---	---	55.5	61.7	30.8	20.9	17.2	19.6
25–44 years	---	---	42.7	31.4	17.3	14.4	14.1	15.0
25–34 years	---	---	47.3	36.4	20.3	18.0	15.7	17.7
35–44 years	---	---	35.4	24.2	13.2	10.2	12.3	11.9
45–64 years	---	---	21.4	17.2	12.0	9.1	7.9	8.0
65 years and over	---	---	19.1	16.5	12.2	9.9	7.8	9.1
White, not Hispanic or Latino male ⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	---	20.6	18.6	15.5	16.6	17.3	18.0
All ages, crude	---	---	20.4	18.5	15.7	17.6	18.7	19.4
1–14 years	---	---	1.6	1.6	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.0
15–24 years	---	---	24.1	23.5	16.2	14.2	15.4	16.4
25–44 years	---	---	23.3	21.4	17.9	19.4	19.4	21.2
25–34 years	---	---	24.7	22.5	17.2	18.9	19.2	20.9
35–44 years	---	---	21.6	20.4	18.4	19.9	19.7	21.5
45–64 years	---	---	22.7	19.5	17.8	22.8	23.4	23.7
65 years and over	---	---	37.4	32.5	29.0	27.6	29.9	29.8
White female ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.2
All ages, crude	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.3
15–24 years	3.4	5.1	4.8	4.5	2.8	2.3	2.6	2.8
25–44 years	6.9	6.2	5.3	4.9	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.4
45–64 years	5.0	5.1	4.5	4.0	3.5	4.1	4.7	4.9
65 years and over	2.2	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8

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Deaths per 100,000 resident population								
Black or African American female ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	11.1	8.7	7.3	6.2	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.6
All ages, crude	10.0	8.8	7.8	6.5	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.7
15–24 years	15.2	12.3	13.3	13.2	7.6	6.4	6.2	6.8
25–44 years	19.4	16.1	12.4	9.8	6.5	5.6	5.3	6.2
45–64 years	10.2	8.2	4.8	4.1	3.1	2.2	2.1	2.3
65 years and over	4.3	3.1	3.1	2.6	1.3	*	1.4	1.1
American Indian or Alaska Native female ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	5.8	3.3	3.8	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.6
All ages, crude	---	5.8	3.4	4.1	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.5
15–24 years	---	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
25–44 years	---	10.2	*	7.0	5.5	3.7	5.6	4.3
45–64 years	---	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
65 years and over	---	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian or Pacific Islander female ⁴								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.8
All ages, crude	---	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.8
15–24 years	---	*	*	3.9	*	*	*	*
25–44 years	---	3.2	2.7	2.7	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.0
45–64 years	---	*	*	*	*	*	1.3	0.8
65 years and over	---	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latina female ^{4,5}								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	---	3.3	3.1	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.5
All ages, crude	---	---	3.6	3.3	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.5
15–24 years	---	---	6.9	6.1	2.9	2.1	2.6	2.5
25–44 years	---	---	5.1	4.7	2.5	1.8	1.9	2.2
45–64 years	---	---	2.4	2.4	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.6
65 years and over	---	---	*	*	*	*	*	*
White, not Hispanic or Latina female ⁵								
All ages, age-adjusted ³	---	---	3.7	3.4	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.6
All ages, crude	---	---	3.7	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.7
15–24 years	---	---	4.3	4.1	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.9
25–44 years	---	---	5.1	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.6	5.0
45–64 years	---	---	4.6	4.1	3.6	4.4	5.2	5.4
65 years and over	---	---	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.0

* Rates based on fewer than 20 deaths are considered unreliable and are not shown.

--- Data not available.

¹ Underlying cause of death was coded according to the 8th Revision of the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD)* in 1970 and 9th Revision in 1980–1998. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Table III; Table IV.

² Starting with 1999 data, cause of death is coded according to ICD–10. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Comparability ratio; Table IV; Table V.

³ Age-adjusted rates are calculated using the year 2000 standard population. Prior to 2001, age-adjusted rates were calculated using standard million proportions based on rounded population numbers. Starting with 2001 data, unrounded population numbers are used to calculate age-adjusted rates. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

⁴ 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. Death rates for Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander persons should be interpreted with caution because of inconsistencies in reporting Hispanic origin or race on the death certificate (death rate numerators) compared with population figures (death rate denominators). The net effect of misclassification is an underestimation of deaths and death rates for races other than white and black. See Appendix II, Race, for a detailed discussion of sources of bias in death rates by race and Hispanic origin.

⁵ Prior to 1997, data from states that did not report Hispanic origin on the death certificate were excluded. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin.

NOTES: Starting with *Health, United States, 2003*, rates for 1991–1999 were revised using intercensal population estimates based on the 1990 and 2000 censuses. For 2000, population estimates are bridged-race April 1 census counts. Starting with *Health, United States, 2012*, rates for 2001–2009 were revised using intercensal population estimates based on the 2000 and 2010 censuses. For 2010, population estimates are bridged-race April 1 census counts. Rates for 2011 and beyond were computed using 2010-based postcensal estimates. See Appendix I, Population Census and Population Estimates. Age groups were selected to minimize the presentation of unstable age-specific death rates based on small numbers of deaths and for consistency among comparison groups. For additional injury-related statistics, see Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS), available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>. Starting with 2003 data, some states began to collect information on more than one race on the death certificate, according to 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 OMB standards, for comparability with other states. See Appendix II, Race. Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>. Some data have been revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System; numerator data from National Vital Statistics System, annual public-use Mortality Files; denominator data from national population estimates for race groups from Table 1 and unpublished Hispanic population estimates for 1985–1996 prepared by the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau; Murphy SL, Kochanek KD, Xu JQ, Curtin SC. Deaths: Final data for 2015. National vital statistics reports. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS; 2017. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/nvsr.htm>. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).