

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Black Females- United States, 2002\*

Rank	Age Group in Years													
	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	65-74	75-84	85 +	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 24.3%	Unintentional injuries 40.5%	Unintentional injuries 27.1%	Unintentional injuries 31.3%	Unintentional injuries 21.9%	HIV disease 14.7%	Cancer 20.6%	Cancer 29.0%	Cancer 32.5%	Heart disease 33.3%	Cancer 29.1%	Heart disease 32.6%	Heart disease 37.2%	Heart disease 28.3%
2	Homicide 14.0%	Cancer 10.0%	Cancer 9.8%	Homicide 19.4%	Homicide 18.6%	Unintentional injuries 12.1	Heart disease 15.5%	Heart disease 21.6%	Heart disease 26.4%	Cancer 19.2%	Heart disease 28.8%	Cancer 20.1%	Cancer 10.7%	Cancer 20.9%
3	Birth defects 11.1%	Homicide 7.0%	Homicide 7.6%	Cancer 7.7%	Heart disease 7.4%	Heart disease 11.6%	HIV disease 12.5%	Stroke 6.2%	Diabetes 6.4 %	Stroke 9.2%	Diabetes 7.3%	Stroke 9.5%	Stroke 10.4%	Stroke 7.7%
4	Cancer 8.1%	Birth defects 5.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.8%	Heart disease 5.8%	Cancer 5.9%	Cancer 11.4%	Unintentional injuries 8.1%	HIV disease 4.7%	Stroke 5.9%	Diabetes 5.8%	Stroke 7.1%	Diabetes 6.1%	Alzheimer's disease 4.3%	Diabetes 5.2%
5	Heart disease 4.5%	Heart disease 4.3%	Heart disease 5.1%	Birth defects 3.1%	HIV disease 4.8%	Homicide 10.2%	Stroke 4.9%	Diabetes 4.5%	Kidney disease 2.9%	Kidney disease 3.2%	Kidney disease 3.5%	Kidney disease 3.3%	Diabetes 4.3%	Kidney disease 2.8%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 3.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.3%	Birth defects 4.9%	Suicide 2.7%	Suicide 3.4%	Stroke 2.8%	Homicide 3.8%	Unintentional injuries 4.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.9%	Unintentional injuries 2.7%
7	Septicemia 2.4%	Anemias 1.7%	(7)Septicemia 2.4%	Pregnancy complications 2.5%	Pregnancy complications 2.9%	Diabetes 2.5%	Diabetes 2.9%	Chronic liver disease 2.2%	Septicemia 2.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Septicemia 2.6%	Septicemia 2.6%	Kidney disease 2.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.4%
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0%	Septicemia 1.3%	(7)HIV disease 2.4%	HIV disease 2.2%	Birth defects 1.9%	Pregnancy complications 2.0%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Unintentional injuries 1.6%	Septicemia 2.6%	Hypertension 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Septicemia 2.6%	Septicemia 2.4%
9	Perinatal conditions 1.6%	(9)Stroke 1.0%	(9)Benign neoplasms 2.2%	Anemias 1.7%	Anemias 1.7%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0	Hypertension 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Alzheimer's disease 2.2%	Hypertension 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%
10	Benign neoplasms 1.2%	(9)Influenza & pneumonia 1.0%	(9)Diabetes 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Diabetes 1.5%	(10)Anemias 1.7% (10)Suicide 1.7%	Chronic liver disease 1.6%	Septicemia 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Hypertension 2.1%	Unintentional injuries 1.2%	Hypertension 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.9%	HIV disease 1.8%

\*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The black race group includes persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Some terms have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. See the next page for a listing of the shortened terms in the table and their unabridged equivalents. To learn more, including the leading causes of death by age and race/ethnicity, visit *Deaths: Leading Causes for 2002* at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr53/nvsr53\\_17.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr53/nvsr53_17.pdf) (HHS, CDC, NCHS).

## **Shortened Terms and Unabridged Equivalents for Leading Causes of Death**

**Due to limited space, some terms in the leading causes of death table have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. Below is a listing of the shortened terms used in the table and their unabridged equivalents used in the report.**

### **SHORTENED TERMS**

**Benign neoplasms**  
**Bronchitis**  
**Cancer**  
**Chronic liver disease**  
**Birth defects**  
**Diabetes**  
**Heart disease**  
**HIV disease**  
**Homicide**  
**Hypertension**  
**Kidney disease**  
**Medical & surgical care complications**  
**Perinatal conditions**  
**Pregnancy complications**  
**Stroke**  
**Suicide**  
**Unintentional injuries**

### **UNABRIDGED TERMS**

In situ neoplasms, benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior  
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis  
Malignant neoplasms  
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis  
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities  
Diabetes mellitus  
Diseases of heart  
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease  
Assault (homicide)  
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease  
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis  
Complications of medical and surgical care  
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period  
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium  
Cerebrovascular diseases  
Intentional self-harm  
Accidents (unintentional injuries)