

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White Females-United States, 2008*

Age in Groups

Rank	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 29.2%	Unintentional injuries 29.0%	Unintentional injuries 28.6%	Unintentional injuries 52.3%	Unintentional injuries 45.0%	Unintentional Injuries 31.2%	Cancer 25.9%	Cancer 35.8%	Cancer 41.3%	Heart disease 27.0%	Cancer 36.9%	Heart disease 23.9%	Heart disease 32.0%	Heart disease 24.6%
2	Birth defects 12.9%	Cancer 22.0%	Cancer 17.2%	Suicide 9.5%	Suicide 9.6%	Cancer 14.5%	Unintentional injuries 19.3%	Heart disease 14.0%	Heart disease 16.3%	Cancer 18.9%	Heart disease 18.5%	Cancer 23.2%	Cancer 10.0%	Cancer 21.6%
3	Cancer 10.5%	Birth defects 7.9%	Birth defects 6.2%	Cancer 8.5%	Cancer 7.9%	Suicide 9.4%	Heart disease 10.9%	Unintentional injuries 10.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%	Stroke 7.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 10.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.6%	Alzheimer's disease 8.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%
4	Homicide 7.7%	Heart disease 3.7%	Suicide 5.2%	Homicide 5.4%	Homicide 6.0%	Heart disease 6.9%	Suicide 6.9%	Chronic liver disease 3.8%	Diabetes 3.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.9%	Stroke 4.6%	Stroke 6.9%	Stroke 8.1%	Stroke 6.4%
5	Heart disease 3.5%	Homicide 3.2%	Heart disease 4.3%	Heart disease 2.6%	Heart disease 3.5%	Homicide 4.8%	Chronic liver disease 3.4%	Suicide 3.5%	Unintentional injuries 3.6%	Alzheimer's disease 6.0%	Diabetes 3.5%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.7%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 3.4%	Benign neoplasms 2.7%	Homicide 4.1%	Birth defects 2.1%	Pregnancy complications 2.3%	Pregnancy complications 2.4%	Stroke 2.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.4%	Stroke 3.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 1.9%	Diabetes 2.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.5%	Unintentional injuries 3.6%
7	Septicemia 2.7%	Stroke 1.6%	Stroke 3.1%	Stroke (7) 0.9% ***	Birth defects 2.1%	Diabetes 1.7%	Diabetes 2.2%	Stroke 3.2%	Chronic liver disease 2.2%	Diabetes 2.5%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Diabetes 2.5%
8	Stroke 1.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (8) 1.2% ***	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia (7) 0.9% ***	Septicemia 1.1%	Stroke 1.6%	Homicide 2.0%	Diabetes 2.7%	Septicemia 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Septicemia 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%
9	Benign neoplasms 1.5%	Perinatal conditions (8) 1.2% ***	Septicemia 1.9%	Pregnancy complications 0.8%	Diabetes 1.0%	Birth defects 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.5%	Septicemia 1.5%	Kidney disease 1.5%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Diabetes 1.9%	Kidney disease 1.8%
10	Perinatal conditions 1.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.3%	Septicemia 0.7%	Stroke 0.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Septicemia 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Septicemia 1.4%	Alzheimer's disease 1.5%	Septicemia 1.6%	Hypertension 1.6%	Septicemia 1.5%

*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The white, black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander race groups include persons of Hispanic and non-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 full unabridged equivalents used in the report. To learn more, visit *Mortality Tables* at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).