

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Females-United States, 2009\*

### 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 27.7%	Unintentional injuries 27.8%	Unintentional injuries 25.4%	Unintentional injuries 43.9%	Unintentional injuries 36.8%	Unintentional injuries 26.5%	Cancer 25.3%	Cancer 34.6%	Cancer 40.1%	Heart disease 26.6%	Cancer 36.5%	Heart disease 23.8%	Heart disease 31.3%	Heart disease 24.0%
2	Birth defects 12.0%	Cancer 18.8%	Cancer 15.3%	Suicide 10.3%	Suicide 9.1%	Cancer 13.9%	Unintentional injuries 15.8%	Heart disease 14.4%	Heart disease 17.2%	Cancer 19.5%	Heart disease 19.1%	Cancer 23.5%	Cancer 10.5%	Cancer 22.2%
3	Homicide 9.6%	Birth defects 7.8%	Suicide 6.9%	Homicide 8.1%	Homicide 8.1%	Suicide 7.7%	Heart disease 11.9%	Unintentional injuries 9.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Stroke 7.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.0%	Stroke 8.0%	Stroke 6.3%
4	Cancer 8.7%	Heart disease 5.2%	Birth defects 5.5%	Cancer 8.1%	Cancer 7.8%	Heart disease 7.6%	Suicide 5.5%	Stroke 3.8%	Stroke 3.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%	Stroke 4.7%	Stroke 7.0%	Alzheimer's disease 8.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.9%
5	Influenza & pneumonia 4.2%	Homicide 5.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 5.2%	Heart disease 3.4%	Heart disease 4.9%	Homicide 5.6%	Stroke 3.1%	Chronic liver disease 3.6%	Diabetes 3.8%	Alzheimer's disease 5.7%	Diabetes 3.7%	Alzheimer's disease 4.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.6%	Alzheimer's disease 4.5%
6	Heart disease 3.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.2%	Homicide 4.0%	Birth defects 3.1%	Pregnancy complications 3.6%	Pregnancy complications 3.0%	Chronic liver disease 3.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.3%	Unintentional injuries 3.3%	Diabetes 2.7%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Diabetes 3.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.0%	Unintentional injuries 3.5%
7	Septicemia 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.3%	Heart disease 3.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.9%	HIV disease 2.6%	Suicide 2.9%	Chronic liver disease 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 1.9%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Diabetes 2.8%
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.5%	Septicemia 1.6%	Septicemia 2.0%	Pregnancy complications 1.7%	Birth defects 1.9%	HIV disease 2.4%	Diabetes 2.4%	Diabetes 2.9%	Septicemia 1.8%	Kidney disease 2.2%	Septicemia 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%
9	Perinatal conditions 1.3%	Benign neoplasms 1.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.3%	Stroke 1.4%	Diabetes 1.9%	Homicide 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Unintentional injuries 2.0%	Diabetes 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.0%
10	Benign neoplasms (10) 1.2% *** Stroke (10) 1.2%	Stroke 1.2%	Benign neoplasms 1.3%	Septicemia 0.7%	Diabetes 1.2%	Stroke 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Septicemia 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 1.3%	Septicemia 1.7%	Hypertension 1.7%	Septicemia 1.6%

\*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](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm) or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).