

Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity, All Females-United States, 2009*

Rank	All Races	Hispanic	White	Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander
1	Heart disease 24.0%	Cancer 22.3%	Heart disease 24.0%	Heart disease 24.4%	Cancer 19.4%	Cancer 26.9%
2	Cancer 22.2%	Heart disease 21.0%	Cancer 22.1%	Cancer 22.2%	Heart disease 17.1%	Heart disease 21.7%
3	Stroke 6.3%	Stroke 6.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%	Stroke 6.4%	Unintentional injuries 8.5%	Stroke 8.4%
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.9%	Diabetes 4.9%	Stroke 6.3%	Diabetes 4.6%	Diabetes 5.4%	Diabetes 3.8%
5	Alzheimer's disease 4.5%	Unintentional injuries 4.4%	Alzheimer's disease 4.8%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Chronic liver disease 4.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.2%
6	Unintentional injuries 3.5%	Alzheimer's disease 3.2%	Unintentional injuries 3.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.7%	Unintentional injuries 3.2%
7	Diabetes 2.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.2%	Diabetes 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%	Stroke 4.3%	Alzheimer's disease 3.0%
8	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%	Alzheimer's disease 2.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.6%
9	Kidney disease 2.0%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Septicemia 2.4%	Kidney disease 2.6%	Kidney disease 2.3%
10	Septicemia 1.6%	Chronic liver disease 2.1%	Septicemia 1.5%	Hypertension 2.0%	Septicemia 2.2%	Hypertension 1.7%

*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).