

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White 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 28.2%	Unintentional injuries 27.6%	Unintentional injuries 26.6%	Unintentional injuries 48.0%	Unintentional injuries 41.8%	Unintentional injuries 30.7%	Cancer 26.2%	Cancer 35.9%	Cancer 41.4%	Heart disease 26.5%	Cancer 37.4%	Cancer 23.7%	Heart disease 31.4%	Heart disease 24.0%
2	Birth defects 13.3%	Cancer 20.2%	Cancer 17.1%	Suicide 10.9%	Suicide 9.6%	Cancer 14.4%	Unintentional injuries 18.3%	Heart disease 13.1%	Heart disease 16.0%	Cancer 19.4%	Heart disease 18.2%	Heart disease 23.4%	Cancer 10.4%	Cancer 22.1%
3	Cancer 9.3%	Birth defects 8.0%	Suicide 7.5%	Cancer 8.2%	Cancer 7.9%	Suicide 8.8%	Heart disease 10.7%	Unintentional injuries 10.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%	Stroke 7.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 9.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.6%	Alzheimer's disease 8.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%
4	Homicide 8.2%	Heart disease 5.3%	Birth defects 5.5%	Homicide 5.6%	Homicide 5.7%	Heart disease 6.2%	Suicide 6.7%	Chronic liver disease 4.0%	Unintentional injuries 3.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.9%	Stroke 4.4%	Stroke 6.8%	Stroke 8.0%	Stroke 6.3%
5	Influenza & pneumonia 4.5%	Homicide 4.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 5.2%	Birth defects 3.0%	Heart disease 4.1%	Homicide 4.4%	Chronic liver disease 3.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.6%	Diabetes 3.4%	Alzheimer's disease 5.9%	Diabetes 3.3%	Alzheimer's disease 4.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.8%	Alzheimer's disease 4.8%
6	Heart diseases 3.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.3%	Homicide 3.8%	Heart disease 2.8%	Pregnancy complications 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%	Stroke 2.7%	Suicide 3.5%	Stroke 3.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 2.0%	Diabetes 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.0%	Unintentional injuries 3.6%
7	Septicemia (7) 1.3% ***	Benign neoplasms 2.1%	Heart disease 2.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Pregnancy complications 2.6%	Diabetes 2.1%	Stroke 3.2%	Chronic liver disease 2.4%	Diabetes 2.4%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Unintentional injuries 2.2%	Diabetes 2.5%
8	Benign neoplasms (7) 1.3% ***	Septicemia 1.8%	Septicemia 1.6%	Pregnancy complications 1.4%	Birth defects 2.1%	Diabetes 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%	Diabetes 2.7%	Septicemia 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Septicemia 1.7%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%
9	Stroke (7) 1.3%	Stroke 1.2%	Stroke 1.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.9%	Stroke 1.3%	Stroke 1.6%	Homicide 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Diabetes 1.9%	Kidney disease 1.9%
10	Perinatal conditions 1.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.0%	Benign neoplasms 1.2%	Septicemia 0.6%	Diabetes 1.2%	Birth defects 1.3%	Septicemia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.4%	Kidney disease 1.4%	Septicemia 1.5%	Alzheimer's disease 1.4%	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).