

Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity, All Females-United States, 2010

Rank	All Races	Hispanic	White	Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander
1	Heart disease 23.5%	Cancer 22.6%	Heart disease 23.5%	Heart disease 24.1%	Cancer 19.5%	Cancer 28.3%
2	Cancer 22.1%	Heart disease 20.9%	Cancer 22.0%	Cancer 22.6%	Heart disease 16.8%	Heart disease 21.3%
3	Stroke 6.2%	Stroke 6.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%	Stroke 6.4%	Unintentional injuries 7.8%	Stroke 8.5%
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.9%	Diabetes 4.9%	Stroke 6.2%	Diabetes 4.6%	Diabetes 6.0%	Diabetes 3.7%
5	Alzheimer's disease 4.7%	Unintentional injuries 4.4%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Chronic liver disease 5.1%	Unintentional injuries 3.3%
6	Unintentional injuries 3.6%	Alzheimer's disease 3.5%	Unintentional injuries 3.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.0%	Alzheimer's disease 3.0%
7	Diabetes 2.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.1%	Diabetes 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%	Stroke 4.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.9%
8	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Alzheimer's disease 2.6%	Kidney disease 2.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.3%
9	Kidney disease 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Septicemia 2.3%	Alzheimer's disease 2.5%	Kidney disease 2.3%
10	Septicemia 1.5%	Chronic liver disease 2.0%	Septicemia 1.4%	Hypertension 2.1%	Septicemia 2.2%	Hypertension 1.9%

*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).

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Short and Full Terms for Leading Causes of Death (Females)

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 full, unabridged equivalents used in the report.

SHORT TERMS

Aortic aneurism
Appendix disease
Benign neoplasms
Birth defects
Bronchitis
Cancer
C. difficile infection
Chronic liver disease
Chronic lower respiratory diseases

Diabetes
Gallbladder disorders
Heart disease
HIV disease
Homicide
Hypertension
Kidney disease
Kidney infection
Legal intervention*

Pelvic Inflammatory diseases
Perinatal conditions
Pneumonitis
Pregnancy complications
Stroke
Suicide
Unintentional injuries

FULL TERMS

Aortic aneurism and dissection
Diseases of appendix
In situ neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis
Malignant neoplasms
Enterocolitis due to clostridium
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
Includes bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, bronchiectasis, and other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Diabetes mellitus
Cholethiasis and other disorders of gallbladder
Diseases of the heart
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease
Assault (homicide)
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis
Infections of kidney
Physical or other force used by police or other law-enforcing agents, including military on duty, in the course of arresting or attempting to arrest lawbreakers, suppressing disturbances, maintaining order, and other legal action. Includes legal execution and excludes citizen arrest.
Inflammatory diseases of female pelvic organs
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
Cerebrovascular diseases
Intentional self-harm
Accidents (unintentional injuries)

*World Health Organization. International statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (ICD-10). Geneva: World Health Organization, 1992. Available at <http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en/>. Accessed April 15, 2010.