

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White Females-United States, 2011\*

### 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 30.4%	Unintentional injuries 28.5%	Unintentional injuries 27.7%	Unintentional injuries 46.6%	Unintentional injuries 45.4%	Unintentional injuries 34.5%	Cancer 25.1%	Cancer 34.8%	Cancer 40.5%	Heart disease 25.1%	Cancer 36.8%	Cancer 23.3%	Heart disease 29.4%	Heart disease 22.9%
2	Birth defects 12.9%	Cancer 20.4%	Cancer 16.8%	Suicide 13.5%	Suicide 11.6%	Cancer 13.0%	Unintentional injuries 21.0%	Heart disease 13.4 %	Heart disease 15.8%	Cancer 18.8%	Heart disease 17.5%	Heart disease 22.0%	Cancer 10.2%	Cancer 21.5%
3	Cancer 10.8%	Birth defects 6.9 %	Suicide 7.7%	Cancer 8.7%	Cancer 8.6%	Suicide 10.4%	Heart disease 11.0%	Unintentional injuries 10.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 9.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.8%	Alzheimer's disease 8.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%
4	Homicide 7.2%	Heart disease 5.5 %	Birth defects 7.6%	Homicide 4.9%	Homicide 5.4%	Heart disease 6.7%	Suicide 7.1%	Chronic liver disease 4.6%	Unintentional injuries 4.0%	Stroke 6.7%	Stroke 4.3%	Stroke 6.7%	Stroke 7.5%	Stroke 6.0%
5	Heart disease 4.0%	Homicide 4.6%	Homicide 4.3%	Heart disease 2.8 %	Heart disease 3.6 %	Homicide 4.0%	Chronic liver disease 3.6%	Suicide 3.8%	Diabetes 3.6%	Alzheimer's disease 6.1%	Diabetes 3.4%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.9%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.1%	Heart disease 4.2%	Birth defects 2.3%	Pregnancy complications 2.2 %	Pregnancy complications 2.3%	Stroke 2.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.7%	Stroke 3.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 2.2%	Diabetes 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.0%	Unintentional injuries 3.8%
7	Septicemia 1.9%	Septicemia 2.3%	Stroke (7) 1.9%	Pregnancy complications 1.0 %	Birth defects 1.6 %	Diabetes 1.7%	Diabetes 2.4%	Stroke 3.0%	Chronic liver disease 2.7%	Diabetes 2.4%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.2%	Unintentional injuries 2.4%	Diabetes 2.5%
8	Benign neoplasms 1.1%	Benign neoplasms 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia (7) 1.9%	Stroke 1.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Stroke (8) 1.6%	Homicide 1.9%	Diabetes 2.8%	Septicemia 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.3%	Septicemia 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Diabetes 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%
9	Perinatal conditions 0.8%	Stroke (9) 1.3%	Diabetes 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.9%	Stroke 1.1%	Influenza & pneumonia (8) 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Septicemia 1.5%	Suicide 1.4%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Kidney disease 1.9%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Kidney disease 1.7%
10	Stroke 0.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (9) 1.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.2%	Benign neoplasms 0.8%	Septicemia 0.7%	Chronic liver disease (10) 1.5% Birth defects (10) 1.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.4%	Septicemia 1.4%	Alzheimer's disease 1.4%	Septicemia 1.5%	Hypertension 1.7%	Septicemia 1.4%

\*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).

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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

#### FULL TERMS

<b>Aortic aneurism</b>	Aortic aneurism and dissection
<b>Appendix disease</b>	Diseases of appendix
<b>Benign neoplasms</b>	In situ neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior
<b>Birth defects</b>	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
<b>Bronchitis</b>	Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis
<b>Cancer</b>	Malignant neoplasms
<b>C. difficile infection</b>	Enterocolitis due to clostridium
<b>Chronic liver disease</b>	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
<b>Chronic lower respiratory diseases</b>	Includes bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, bronchiectasis, and other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
<b>Diabetes</b>	Diabetes mellitus
<b>Gallbladder disorders</b>	Cholethiasis and other disorders of gallbladder
<b>Heart disease</b>	Diseases of the heart
<b>HIV disease</b>	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease
<b>Homicide</b>	Assault (homicide)
<b>Hypertension</b>	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease
<b>Kidney disease</b>	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis
<b>Kidney infection</b>	Infections of kidney
<b>Legal intervention*</b>	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
<b>Pelvic Inflammatory diseases</b>	Inflammatory diseases of female pelvic organs
<b>Perinatal conditions</b>	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
<b>Pneumonitis</b>	Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids
<b>Pregnancy complications</b>	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
<b>Stroke</b>	Cerebrovascular diseases
<b>Suicide</b>	Intentional self-harm
<b>Unintentional injuries</b>	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.