

### Leading Causes of Death by Race/Ethnicity, All Females-United States, 2012\*

Rank	All Races	Hispanic	White	Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander
1	Heart disease 22.6%	Cancer 22.9%	Heart disease 22.6%	Heart disease 23.5%	Cancer 19.6%	Cancer 27.7%
2	Cancer 21.8%	Heart disease 20.0%	Cancer 21.6%	Cancer 22.8%	Heart disease 16.3%	Heart disease 20.4%
3	Stroke 6.0%	Stroke 5.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%	Stroke 6.1%	Unintentional Injuries 8.6%	Stroke 8.1%
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.0%	Diabetes 5.1%	Stroke 5.9%	Diabetes 4.7%	Diabetes 6.3%	Diabetes 3.9%
5	Alzheimer's disease 4.6%	Unintentional injuries 4.5%	Alzheimer's disease 4.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.1%	Chronic liver disease 5.4%	Alzheimer's disease 3.4%
6	Unintentional injuries 3.8%	Alzheimer's disease 3.6%	Unintentional injuries 3.9%	Kidney disease 3.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.5%	Unintentional injuries 3.3%
7	Diabetes 2.8%	Chronic lower Respiratory diseases 3.1%	Diabetes 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 2.9%	Stroke 4.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.1%
8	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Chronic liver disease 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Alzheimer's disease 2.7%	Influenza & pneumonia (8) 2.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.4%
9	Kidney disease 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%	Kidney disease 1.6%	Septicemia 2.3%		Kidney disease 2.0%
10	Septicemia 1.5%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Septicemia 1.4%	Hypertension 2.0%	Septicemia 2.0%	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](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

Cholelithiasis 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.