

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White Females-United States, 2012*

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 32.4%	Unintentional injuries 27.4%	Unintentional injuries 24.9%	Unintentional injuries 46.4%	Unintentional injuries 43.2%	Unintentional injuries 34.6%	Cancer 25.0%	Cancer 34.8%	Cancer 40.2%	Heart disease 24.7%	Cancer 36.9%	Cancer 23.4%	Heart disease 29.0%	Heart disease 22.6%
2	Birth defects 12.4%	Cancer 20.4%	Cancer 19.3%	Suicide 15.4%	Suicide 11.6%	Cancer 13.5%	Unintentional injuries 20.1%	Heart disease 13.6%	Heart disease 15.8%	Cancer 18.9%	Heart disease 17.3%	Heart disease 21.6%	Cancer 10.2%	Cancer 21.6%
3	Cancer 10.7%	Birth Defects 8.3%	Suicide 8.2%	Cancer 9.2%	Cancer 8.8%	Suicide 10.4%	Heart disease 11.1%	Unintentional injuries 10.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 9.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.7%	Alzheimer's disease 8.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%
4	Homicide 6.3%	Homicide 6.3%	Birth defects 6.4%	Homicide 4.5%	Homicide 5.7%	Heart disease 6.3%	Suicide 7.2%	Chronic liver disease 4.6%	Unintentional injuries 4.2%	Stroke 6.6%	Stroke 4.3%	Stroke 6.5%	Stroke 7.5%	Stroke 5.9%
5	Heart disease 4.2%	Benign neoplasms (5) 3.0%	Homicide 5.2%	Heart disease 3.0%	Heart disease 3.9%	Homicide 3.9%	Chronic liver disease 3.7%	Suicide 4.0%	Diabetes 3.4%	Alzheimer's disease 5.9%	Diabetes 3.4%	Alzheimer's disease 4.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.9%	Alzheimer's disease 4.9%
6	Benign neoplasms 2.2%		Heart disease 3.9%	Birth defects 2.8%	Pregnancy complications 2.2%	Pregnancy complications 2.2%	Stroke 2.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.8%	Stroke 3.2%	Diabetes 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 2.2%	Diabetes 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 3.9%
7	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Stroke 2.2%	Stroke 1.0%	Birth defects 2.1%	Diabetes 1.6%	Diabetes 2.5%	Stroke 3.1%	Chronic liver disease 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.4%	Septicemia 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 2.5%	Diabetes 2.5%
8	Septicemia 1.4%	Stroke 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia (8) 0.8%	Diabetes 1.1%	Stroke 1.6%	Homicide 1.9%	Diabetes 2.7%	Septicemia 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.0%	Diabetes 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%
9	Stroke 0.8%	Perinatal conditions 1.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%		Stroke 1.0%	Chronic liver disease 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.5%	Septicemia 1.4%	Suicide 1.5%	Kidney disease 1.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.4%	Stroke 1.9%	Hypertension 1.8%	Kidney disease 1.6%
10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.0%	Benign neoplasms 1.3%	Septicemia 0.8%	Septicemia 0.7%	Birth defects 1.3%	Septicemia 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.1%	Kidney disease 1.3%	Hypertension 1.4%	Chronic liver disease 1.4%	Septicemia 1.6%	Kidney disease 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 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

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