

Table E. Deaths and percentage of total deaths for the 10 leading causes of death, by race: United States, 2001

[Data for races other than white and black should be interpreted with caution because of misreporting of race on death certificates; see "Technical Notes." For explanation of asterisks preceding cause-of-death categories, see "Classification of terrorism-related deaths" in this report]

Cause of death (Based on the <i>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, 1992</i>)	White			Black			American Indian			Asian or Pacific Islander		
	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths	Rank ¹	Deaths	Percent of total deaths
All causes	2,079,691	100.0	...	287,709	100.0	...	11,977	100.0	...	37,048	100.0
Diseases of heart(I00–I09,I11,I13,I20–I51)	1	610,638	29.4	1	77,674	27.0	1	2,402	20.1	2	9,428	25.4
Malignant neoplasms(C00–C97)	2	479,651	23.1	2	62,170	21.6	2	2,155	18.0	1	9,792	26.4
Cerebrovascular diseases(I60–I69)	3	140,465	6.8	3	19,002	6.6	5	574	4.8	3	3,497	9.4
Chronic lower respiratory diseases(J40–J47)	4	113,819	5.5	8	7,589	2.6	7	427	3.6	6	1,178	3.2
Accidents (unintentional injuries)(V01–X59,Y85–Y86)	5	85,964	4.1	4	12,462	4.3	3	1,361	11.4	4	1,750	4.7
Diabetes mellitus(E10–E14)	6	57,180	2.7	5	12,305	4.3	4	644	5.4	5	1,243	3.4
Influenza and pneumonia(J10–J18)	7	54,774	2.6	11	5,771	2.0	9	318	2.7	7	1,171	3.2
Alzheimer's disease(G30)	8	50,348	2.4	14	3,114	1.1	15	93	0.8	15	297	0.8
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis(N00–N07,N17–N19,N25–N27)	9	31,345	1.5	9	7,274	2.5	10	236	2.0	9	625	1.7
Intentional self-harm (suicide)(*U03,X60–X84,Y87.0)	10	27,710	1.3	16	1,957	0.7	8	321	2.7	8	634	1.7
Septicemia(A40–A41)	11	25,806	1.2	10	5,880	2.0	12	155	1.3	11	397	1.1
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis(K70,K73–K74)	12	23,408	1.1	15	2,775	1.0	6	533	4.5	14	319	0.9
Assault (homicide)(*U01–*U02,X85–Y09,Y87.1)	19	11,328	0.5	6	8,226	2.9	11	211	1.8	10	543	1.5
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease(B20–B24)	22	6,171	0.3	7	7,844	2.7	16	74	0.6	24	86	0.2

... Category not applicable.

¹Rank based on number of deaths.