



The Facts About... Leading Causes of Death

Top Fifteen Causes of Death in the United States, 2001			
Rank	Cause	Number of Deaths	Percent of Total Deaths
	All Causes	2,416,425	100.0%
1	Heart Disease	700,142	29.0%
2	Cancer	553,768	22.9%
3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	163,538	6.8%
4	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	123,013	5.1%
5	Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	101,537	4.2%
6	Diabetes Mellitus	71,327	3.0%
7	Influenza and Pneumonia	62,034	2.6%
8	Alzheimer's Disease	53,852	2.2%
9	Nephritis	39,480	1.6%
10	Septicemia	32,238	1.3%
11	Suicide	30,622	1.3%
12	Liver Disease	27,035	1.1%
13	Homicide	20,308	0.8%
14	Hypertension	19,250	0.8%
15	Pneumonitis	17,301	0.7%
	All Other Causes	400,395	16.6%

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System, 2003

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Top Fifteen Causes of Death in New York State, 2001			
Rank	Cause	Number of Deaths	Percent of Total Deaths
	All Causes	159,240	100.0%
1	Heart Disease	56,643	35.6%
2	Cancer	36,975	23.2%
3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	7,706	4.8%
4	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	6,906	4.3%
5	Influenza & Pneumonia	5,085	3.2%
6	Unintentional Injuries	4,982	3.1%
7	Diabetes Mellitus	3,844	2.4%
8	Homicide	2,818	1.8%
9	Nephritis	2,421	1.5%
10	Septicemia	2,308	1.4%
11	HIV	2,085	1.3%
12	Alzheimer's Disease	1,705	1.1%
13	Hypertension	1,517	1.0%
14	Liver Disease	1,488	0.9%
15	Suicide	1,253	0.8%
	All Other Causes	21,504	13.5%

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Leading Causes of Deaths in New York, 2001, Ages 0-24					
Rank	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24
1	Congenital Anomalies 256	Unintentional Injuries 64	Unintentional Injuries 54	Unintentional Injuries 59	Unintentional Injuries 600
2	Short Gestation 228	Cancer 34	Cancer 26	Cancer 32	Homicide 407
3	Maternal Compensation 79	Congenital Anomalies 31	Congenital Anomalies 14	Congenital Anomalies 14	Suicide 168
4	SIDS 64	Homicide 22	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 9	Suicide 11	Cancer 104
5	Respiratory Distress 55	Heart Disease 16	Homicide 9	Homicide 8	Heart Disease 66
6	Placenta Cord Membranes 44	Influenza and Pneumonia 7	Heart Disease 5	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 6	HIV 29
7	Bacterial Sepsis 38	Septicemia 7	HIV 4	Cerebro-vascular 6	Congenital Anomalies 22
8	Circulatory Sys. Disease 33	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 6	HIV 3	Benign Tumors 5	Anemias 16
9	Pulmonary Hemorrhage 31	Benign Tumors 4	Influenza and Pneumonia 3	Cerebrovascular 5	Influenza and Pneumonia 15
10	Unintentional Injury 29	Acute Bronchitis 3	Septicemia 3	HIV 4	Diabetes Mellitus 13
11	Intrauterine Hypoxia 26	Cerebro-vascular 3	Anemias 2	Influenza and Pneumonia 3	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 12
12	Atelectasis 24	Perinatal Period 3	Cerebro-vascular 2	Septicemia 3	Cerebro-vascular 11
13	Septicemia 23	Disease of Appendix 2	Perinatal Period 2	Eight Tied 1	Complicated Pregnancy 6
14	Necrotizing Enterocolitis 22	Nephritis 2	Three Tied 1	Eight Tied 1	Nephritis 6
15	Chronic Resp. Disease 20	Five Tied 1	Three Tied 1	Eight Tied 1	Septicemia 6

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Leading Causes of Deaths in New York, 2001, Ages 25-65+					
Rank	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
1	Homicide 833	Malignant Neoplasms 1,109	Malignant Neoplasms 3,298	Malignant Neoplasms 5,958	Heart Disease 49,110
2	Unintentional Injury 582	Unintentional Injury 810	Heart Disease 2,223	Heart Disease 4,243	Malignant Neoplasms 26,138
3	Malignant Neoplasms 273	Homicide 791	HIV 724	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 574	Cerebro-vascular 6,686
4	HIV 233	Heart Disease 773	Unintentional Injury 677	Diabetes Mellitus 527	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 6,015
5	Suicide 197	HIV 764	Homicide 470	Cerebro-vascular 498	Influenza and Pneumonia 4,532
6	Heart Disease 168	Suicide 281	Liver Disease 379	Unintentional Injury 405	Diabetes Mellitus 2,891
7	Diabetes Mellitus 39	Liver Disease 163	Cerebro-vascular 331	Liver Disease 335	Nephritis 2,024
8	Cerebro-vascular 38	Cerebro-vascular 124	Diabetes Mellitus 270	HIV 249	Septicemia 1,875
9	Influenza and Pneumonia 36	Diabetes Mellitus 103	Suicide 233	Influenza and Pneumonia 240	Unintentional Injury 1,698
10	Congenital Anomalies 30	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 66	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 189	Nephritis 207	Alzheimer's Disease 1,680
11	Chronic Lower Resp. Disease 27	Influenza and Pneumonia 59	Influenza and Pneumonia 173	Septicemia 195	Hypertension 1,274
12	Complicated Pregnancy 21	Viral Hepatitis 49	Viral Hepatitis 160	Homicide 191	Aortic Aneurysm 709
13	Liver Disease 16	Septicemia 46	Septicemia 138	Suicide 144	Parkinson's Disease 643
14	Anemias 15	Nephritis 44	Nephritis 112	Hypertension 138	Atherosclerosis 628
15	Benign Neoplasms 14	Two Tied 29	Hypertension 74	Viral Hepatitis 93	Benign Neoplasms 619

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