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Leading Causes of Death

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Data are for the U.S.

Number of deaths for leading causes of death

• Heart disease: 696,962

• Cancer: 602,350

• COVID-19: 350,831

• Accidents (unintentional injuries): 200,955

• Stroke (cerebrovascular diseases): 160,264

• Chronic lower respiratory diseases: 152,657

• Alzheimer’s disease: 134,242

• Diabetes: 102,188

• Influenza and pneumonia: 53,544


• Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis: 52,547


Source: [Mortality in the United States, 2020, data table for figure 4](#)

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More data

- [Deaths: Final Data for 2019](#)  [PDF – 3 MB]

• [Deaths: Leading Causes for 2019](#)  [PDF – 3 MB]

• [Trends in Leading causes of death from Health, United States](#)

• [Death Rates by Marital Status for Leading Causes of Death: United States, 2010-2019](#)  [PDF – 332 KB]

• [Deaths, percent of total deaths, and death rates for the 15 leading causes of death: United States and each State](#)


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