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Number of deaths and percentage of total deaths for the 10 leading causes of death, by sex, race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2024

This interactive chart presents the rankings of the leading causes of death in the United States for 2024. It shows the number of deaths, age-adjusted death rates, percentage of total deaths, and ranking for each cause. Data are presented by sex and race and ethnicity. For complete details, please see *Deaths: Leading Causes for 2024.*

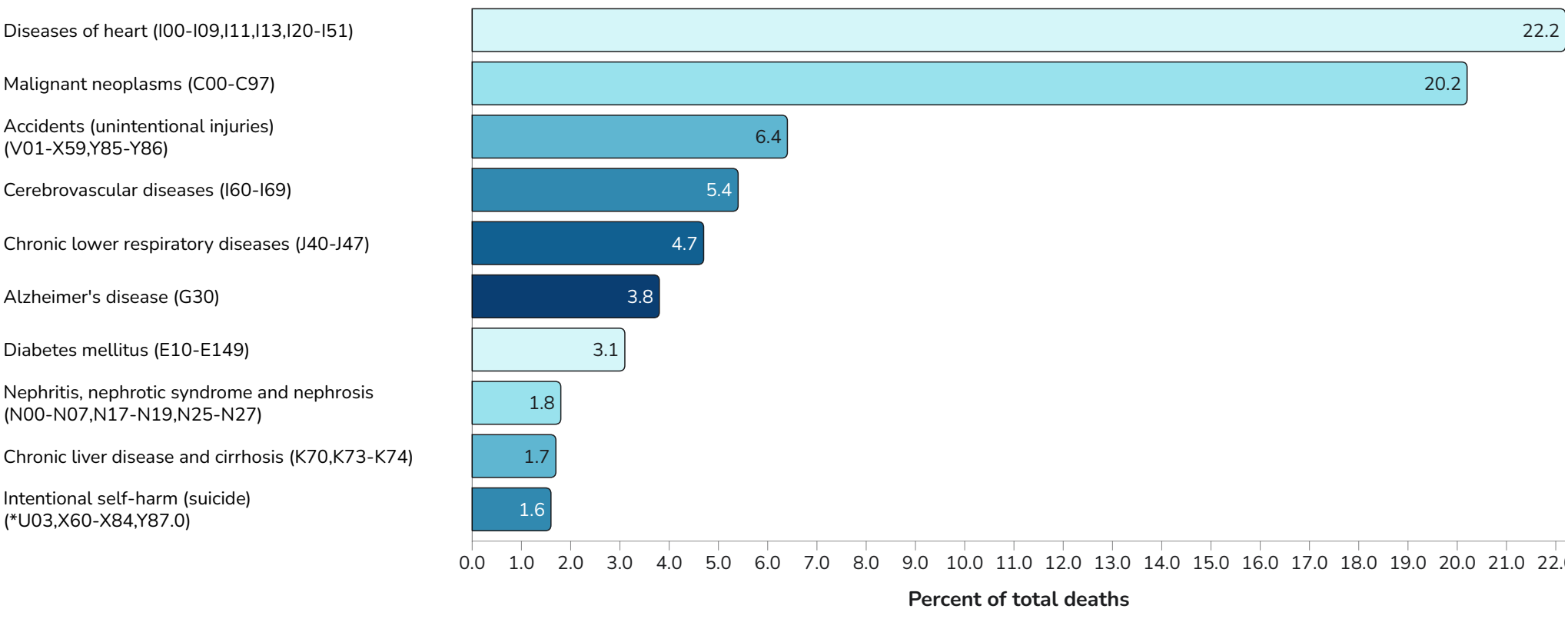
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Leading causes of death in the United States by sex, race and Hispanic origin, and rank: 2024

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Race and Hispanic Origin

All origins and races | Total



Data Table: Leading Causes of Death in the United States: 2024

Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	22.2	683,491	201.0	Total	All origins and races
Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	20.2	619,876	182.3	Total	All origins and races
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	6.4	197,449	58.1	Total	All origins and races
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	5.4	166,852	49.1	Total	All origins and races
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	4.7	145,643	42.8	Total	All origins and races
Alzheimer's disease (G30)	3.8	116,022	34.1	Total	All origins and races
Diabetes mellitus (E10-E149)	3.1	94,445	27.8	Total	All origins and races

Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	1.8	55,081	16.2	Total	All origins and races
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	1.7	52,274	15.4	Total	All origins and races
Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	1.6	48,824	14.4	Total	All origins and races

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Technical Notes

Nature and Sources of Data

The data shown in this report reflect information collected by NCHS for 2023 and 2024 from death certificates filed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and compiled into a national database as part of the National Vital Statistics System. Data are available through National Vital Statistics System, mortality data file and CDC WONDER, which provides an easy-to-use, menu-driven system for public access.

Ranking of Causes of Death

The procedures used by NCHS to rank causes of death are consistent with the recommendations of the 1951 Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics (1). Causes are ranked according to the number of deaths attributed to *rankable causes*, which are a standard set of causes of death defined by NCHS to ensure consistency and comparability in reporting. While the rankings displayed are based on numbers, the presentation in the figure is by the percentage of total deaths.

Cause of Death

Cause-of-death data are based on the underlying cause of death, classified according to the *International Classification of Diseases,10th Revision* (2).

Age-Adjusted Death Rate

Age-adjusted rates were computed by applying the age-specific death rates to the U.S. standard population (3). The population data used to calculate death rates are July 1, 2024, estimates based on the blended base produced by the U.S. Census Bureau (5)

Race and Hispanic Origin

Race and Hispanic origin were categorized based on the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards for federal statistical and administrative reporting (4). All of the race categories are single race, meaning that only one race was reported on the death certificate. Data shown for the Hispanic population include people of any race.

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