

Table C. Deaths and percentage of total deaths for the 10 leading causes of death: United States, 2001–02

Cause of death and year	Rank ¹	2002		2001	
		Deaths	Percentage of total deaths	Deaths	Percentage of total deaths
All causes	2,443,387	100.0	2,416,425	100.0
Diseases of heart (I00–I09,I11,I13,I20–I51)	1	696,947	28.5	700,142	29.0
Malignant neoplasms (C00–C97)	2	557,271	22.8	553,768	22.9
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60–I69)	3	162,672	6.7	163,538	6.8
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40–J47)	4	124,816	5.1	123,013	5.1
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01–X59,Y85–Y86)	5	106,742	4.4	101,537	4.2
Diabetes mellitus (E10–E14)	6	73,249	3.0	71,372	3.0
Influenza and pneumonia (J10–J18)	7	65,681	2.7	62,034	2.6
Alzheimer's disease (G30)	8	58,866	2.4	53,852	2.2
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00–N07,N17–N19,N25–N27)	9	40,974	1.7	39,480	1.6
Septicemia (A40–A41)	10	33,865	1.4	32,238	1.3

... Category not applicable.

¹Rank based on number of deaths.