

Table. Number of deaths for leading causes of death* – United States, 2015-2020

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths by Year					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total deaths	2,712,630	2,744,248	2,813,503	2,839,205	2,854,838	3,358,814
Heart disease	633,842	635,260	647,457	655,381	659,041	690,882
Cancer	595,930	598,038	599,108	599,274	599,601	598,932
COVID-19 [§]	--	--	--	--	--	345,323
Unintentional injuries	146,571	161,374	169,936	167,127	173,040	192,176
Stroke	140,323	142,142	146,383	147,810	150,005	159,050
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	155,041	154,596	160,201	159,486	156,979	151,637
Alzheimer disease	110,561	116,103	121,404	122,019	121,499	133,382
Diabetes	79,535	80,058	83,564	84,946	87,647	101,106
Influenza and pneumonia	57,062	51,537	55,672	59,120	49,783	53,495
Kidney disease	49,959	50,046	50,633	51,386	51,565	52,260
Suicide	44,193	44,965	47,173	48,344	47,511	44,834

*Leading causes are classified according to underlying cause and presented according the number of deaths among US residents. For more information see: Heron M. *Deaths: Leading causes for 2017*. National Vital Statistics Reports; vol 68 no 6. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2019.

[§]Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, coded to *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision* code U07.1 as the underlying cause of death.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System. Data for 2015—2019 are final. Data for 2020 are provisional.