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Top Two Killers

The total number of Americans dying from heart disease rose in recent years following decades in decline. Cancer deaths have nearly tripled since 1950 and continue to climb.

Heart disease:

2011: 596,577 deaths

2014: 614,348

Cancer:

2011: 576,691 deaths

2014: 591,699

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention