Causes of Death

A breakdown of how many high school-age and college-age Americans die each year from select causes. The highest number of young U.S. athletes to die from heart-related causes in a single year is 76.

Car accident: 11,015  
Homicide: 5,717  
Suicide: 4,189  
Cancer: 1,644  
Major cardiovascular diseases: 1,376  
Drowning: 631  
Drugs: 273  
U.S. athletes, all causes: 120  
U.S. athletes, cardiovascular: 76  
NCAA athletes, all causes: 18  
NCAA athletes, cardiovascular: 4

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