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Leading Causes of Death

Heart disease continues to kill more Americans than any other cause, followed by stroke at No. 5, according to 2015 federal data.

| | <i>Total Deaths</i> | <i>Share of Total</i> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Heart disease | 633,842 | 23.4% |
| Cancer | 595,930 | 22 |
| Chronic lower respiratory diseases | 155,041 | 5.7 |
| Accidents | 146,571 | 5.4 |
| Stroke | 140,323 | 5.1 |
| Alzheimer's disease | 110,561 | 4.1 |
| Diabetes | 79,535 | 2.9 |
| Flu, pneumonia | 57,062 | 2.1 |
| Kidney disease | 49,959 | 1.8 |
| Suicide | 44,193 | 1.6 |

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention