Leading Causes of Death

Heart disease continues to kill more Americans than any other cause, according to 2014 federal data.

**Heart disease**
Total death: 614,348
Percentage share of total: 23.4%

**Cancer**
Total death: 591,699
Percentage share of total: 22.5%

**Chronic lower respiratory diseases**
Total death: 147,101
Percentage share of total: 5.6%

**Accidents**
Total death: 136,053
Percentage share of total: 5.2%

**Stroke**
Total death: 133,103
Percentage share of total: 5.1%

**Alzheimer’s disease**
Total death: 93,541
Percentage share of total: 3.6%

**Diabetes**
Total death: 76,488
Percentage share of total: 2.9%

**Flu, pneumonia**
Total death: 55,227
Percentage share of total: 2.1%

**Kidney disease**
Total death: 48,146
Percentage share of total: 1.8%

**Suicide**
Total death: 42,773
Percentage share of total: 1.6%

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*