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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