

## Leading Causes of Death

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Baltimore City, 2006**

<i>All Causes</i>	Total Number of Deaths	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000
Diseases of the Heart	1742	266.7
Cancer	1468	228.9
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	344	52.6
HIV/AIDS	263	41.5
Homicide	248	38.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	230	35.9
Diabetes Mellitus	227	35.3
Drug-Induced Death (undetermined manner)*	223	35.9
Septicemia	210	32.9
Accidents	163	25.8
Influenza and Pneumonia	163	24.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, and Nephrosis	141	21.7

Source: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Vital Statistics Administration

Causes are ranked by the total number of deaths

\*Drug-Induced Deaths of undetermined manner or intent (not due to accident, suicide or homicide). ICD-10 codes Y10-Y14

For a complete list of ICD-10 code classifications see technical notes

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U.S., 2006**

<i>All Causes</i>	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000
Diseases of the Heart	199.4
Cancer	180.8
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	43.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	40.4
Accidents	38.5
Alzheimer's Disease	22.7
Diabetes Mellitus	23.3
Influenza and Pneumonia	17.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, and Nephrosis	14.3
Septicemia	10.9
Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	10.6
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	8.7

Source: Heron MP, Hoyert DL, Xu J, Scott C, Tejada-Veru B. Deaths: Preliminary data for 2006. National vital statistics reports; vol 56 no 16. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2008.

- In 2006, heart disease, cancer, and cerebrovascular disease were the top three leading causes of death in Baltimore City and nationwide.
- HIV/AIDS and homicide were the fourth and fifth leading causes of death in Baltimore City in 2006. In contrast, nationwide homicide was the 15th leading cause; HIV/AIDS was not included in the top 15 causes nationwide for 2006.
- In 2006, drug induced deaths of undetermined manner (not accidents, homicides, or suicides) was the 8th leading cause of death in Baltimore City.
- Alzheimer's was the 6th leading cause of death nationwide, but did not figure in the top 12 in Baltimore. Similarly suicide and chronic liver disease are leading causes of death in the US but did not figure in Baltimore's top 12.