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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2010 ³	2016 ³	2017 ³
All persons									
Deaths per 100,000 resident population									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	13.2	12.5	13.1	12.2	12.5	10.4	12.1	13.5	14.0
All ages, crude	11.4	10.6	11.6	11.9	12.4	10.4	12.4	13.9	14.5
10–14 years	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.3	2.1	2.5
15–24 years	4.5	5.2	8.8	12.3	13.2	10.2	10.5	13.2	14.5
15–19 years	2.7	3.6	5.9	8.5	11.1	8.0	7.5	10.0	11.8
20–24 years	6.2	7.1	12.2	16.1	15.1	12.5	13.6	16.1	17.0
25–44 years	11.6	12.2	15.4	15.6	15.2	13.4	15.0	16.9	17.7
25–34 years	9.1	10.0	14.1	16.0	15.2	12.0	14.0	16.5	17.5
35–44 years	14.3	14.2	16.9	15.4	15.3	14.5	16.0	17.4	17.9
45–64 years	23.5	22.0	20.6	15.9	15.3	13.5	18.6	19.2	19.6
45–54 years	20.9	20.7	20.0	15.9	14.8	14.4	19.6	19.7	20.2
55–64 years	26.8	23.7	21.4	15.9	16.0	12.1	17.5	18.7	19.0
65 years and over	30.0	24.5	20.8	17.6	20.5	15.2	14.9	16.7	16.8
65–74 years	29.6	23.0	20.8	16.9	17.9	12.5	13.7	15.4	15.6
75–84 years	31.1	27.9	21.2	19.1	24.9	17.6	15.7	18.2	18.0
85 years and over	28.8	26.0	19.0	19.2	22.2	19.6	17.6	19.0	20.1
Male									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	21.2	20.0	19.8	19.9	21.5	17.7	19.8	21.4	22.4
All ages, crude	17.8	16.5	16.8	18.6	20.4	17.1	19.9	21.8	22.9
10–14 years	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.2	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.5	3.3
15–24 years	6.5	8.2	13.5	20.2	22.0	17.1	16.9	20.5	22.7
15–19 years	3.5	5.6	8.8	13.8	18.1	13.0	11.7	14.8	17.9
20–24 years	9.3	11.5	19.3	26.8	25.7	21.4	22.2	25.9	27.2
25–44 years	17.2	17.9	20.9	24.0	24.4	21.3	23.6	26.2	27.5
25–34 years	13.4	14.7	19.8	25.0	24.8	19.6	22.5	26.0	27.6
35–44 years	21.3	21.0	22.1	22.5	23.9	22.8	24.6	26.3	27.5
45–64 years	37.1	34.4	30.0	23.7	24.3	21.3	29.2	29.1	30.1
45–54 years	32.0	31.6	27.9	22.9	23.2	22.4	30.4	29.4	30.3
55–64 years	43.6	38.1	32.7	24.5	25.7	19.4	27.7	28.7	29.8
65 years and over	52.8	44.0	38.4	35.0	41.6	31.1	29.0	31.0	31.4
65–74 years	50.5	39.6	36.0	30.4	32.2	22.7	23.9	25.9	26.2
75–84 years	58.3	52.5	42.8	42.3	56.1	38.6	32.3	36.0	35.8
85 years and over	58.3	57.4	42.4	50.6	65.9	57.5	47.3	48.0	50.6

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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2010 ³	2016 ³	2017 ³
Deaths per 100,000 resident population									
Female									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	5.6	5.6	7.4	5.7	4.8	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.1
All ages, crude	5.1	4.9	6.6	5.5	4.8	4.0	5.2	6.2	6.3
10–14 years	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.7	1.7
15–24 years	2.6	2.2	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.0	3.9	5.4	5.8
15–19 years	1.8	1.6	2.9	3.0	3.7	2.7	3.1	5.0	5.4
20–24 years	3.3	2.9	5.7	5.5	4.1	3.2	4.7	5.8	6.2
25–44 years	6.2	6.6	10.2	7.7	6.2	5.4	6.4	7.6	7.8
25–34 years	4.9	5.5	8.6	7.1	5.6	4.3	5.3	6.7	7.2
35–44 years	7.5	7.7	11.9	8.5	6.8	6.4	7.5	8.5	8.5
45–64 years	9.9	10.2	12.0	8.9	7.1	6.2	8.6	9.9	9.7
45–54 years	9.9	10.2	12.6	9.4	6.9	6.7	9.0	10.3	10.4
55–64 years	9.9	10.2	11.4	8.4	7.3	5.4	8.0	9.4	8.9
65 years and over	9.4	8.4	8.1	6.1	6.4	4.0	4.2	5.3	5.2
65–74 years	10.1	8.4	9.0	6.5	6.7	4.0	4.8	6.2	6.2
75–84 years	8.1	8.9	7.0	5.5	6.3	4.0	3.7	4.5	4.3
85 years and over	8.2	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.4	4.2	3.3	3.5	3.5
White male ⁵									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	22.3	21.1	20.8	20.9	22.8	19.1	22.0	23.9	25.1
All ages, crude	19.0	17.6	18.0	19.9	22.0	18.8	22.6	24.8	26.1
15–24 years	6.6	8.6	13.9	21.4	23.2	17.9	18.3	21.9	24.4
25–44 years	17.9	18.5	21.5	24.6	25.4	22.9	26.2	29.2	31.0
45–64 years	39.3	36.5	31.9	25.0	26.0	23.2	33.0	33.2	34.5
65 years and over	55.8	46.7	41.1	37.2	44.2	33.3	31.7	34.4	34.9
65–74 years	53.2	42.0	38.7	32.5	34.2	24.3	26.3	28.8	29.1
75–84 years	61.9	55.7	45.5	45.5	60.2	41.1	34.9	39.7	39.8
85 years and over	61.9	61.3	45.8	52.8	70.3	61.6	50.8	52.5	55.3
Black or African American male ⁵									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	7.5	8.4	10.0	11.4	12.8	10.0	9.1	10.2	11.0
All ages, crude	6.3	6.4	8.0	10.3	12.0	9.4	8.7	10.1	11.0
15–24 years	4.9	4.1	10.5	12.3	15.1	14.2	11.1	14.7	16.2
25–44 years	9.8	12.6	16.1	19.2	19.6	14.3	14.5	16.4	17.6
45–64 years	12.7	13.0	12.4	11.8	13.1	9.9	9.5	9.6	10.4
65 years and over	9.0	9.9	8.7	11.4	14.9	11.5	8.3	8.7	8.7
65–74 years	10.0	11.3	8.7	11.1	14.7	11.1	7.6	8.0	8.6
75–84 years ⁶	*	*	*	10.5	14.4	12.1	9.9	10.6	8.8
85 years and over	---	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native male ⁵									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	19.3	20.1	16.0	15.5	20.7	20.4
All ages, crude	---	---	---	20.9	20.9	15.9	16.1	20.7	20.4
15–24 years	---	---	---	45.3	49.1	26.2	30.6	32.6	32.9
25–44 years	---	---	---	31.2	27.8	24.5	20.9	33.6	32.2
45–64 years	---	---	---	*	*	15.4	17.8	19.8	19.7
65 years and over	---	---	---	*	*	*	*	11.8	12.2

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Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 ^{1,2}	1960 ^{1,2}	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990 ²	2000 ³	2010 ³	2016 ³	2017 ³
Asian or Pacific Islander male ⁵									
Deaths per 100,000 resident population									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	10.7	9.6	8.6	9.5	10.1	9.7
All ages, crude	---	---	---	8.8	8.7	7.9	9.3	10.3	10.0
15–24 years	---	---	---	10.8	13.5	9.1	10.9	16.3	16.5
25–44 years	---	---	---	11.0	10.6	9.9	10.6	11.9	11.3
45–64 years	---	---	---	13.0	9.7	9.7	12.8	11.8	11.0
65 years and over	---	---	---	18.6	16.8	15.4	14.9	12.1	12.5
Hispanic or Latino male ^{5,7}									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	13.7	10.3	9.9	10.9	11.2
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	11.4	8.4	8.5	10.1	10.7
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	14.7	10.9	10.7	13.5	15.6
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	16.2	11.2	11.2	14.6	14.8
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	16.1	12.0	12.9	12.7	12.6
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	23.4	19.5	15.7	13.7	13.3
White, not Hispanic or Latino male ⁷									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	23.5	20.2	24.2	26.6	28.2
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	23.1	20.4	25.7	28.3	29.9
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	24.4	19.5	20.4	24.5	27.2
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	26.4	25.1	30.3	33.5	35.9
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	26.8	24.0	35.4	36.5	38.2
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	45.4	33.9	32.7	36.1	36.8
Black, not Hispanic or Latino male ⁷									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	---	10.2	9.4	10.6	11.4
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	---	9.6	9.1	10.6	11.4
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	---	14.6	11.5	15.4	16.8
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	---	14.7	15.1	17.1	18.2
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	---	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.6
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	---	11.8	8.4	8.9	8.8
White female ⁵									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	6.0	5.9	7.9	6.1	5.2	4.3	5.6	6.9	6.9
All ages, crude	5.5	5.3	7.1	5.9	5.3	4.4	5.9	7.2	7.1
15–24 years	2.7	2.3	4.2	4.6	4.2	3.1	4.2	5.5	5.9
25–44 years	6.6	7.0	11.0	8.1	6.6	6.0	7.3	8.8	8.9
45–64 years	10.6	10.9	13.0	9.6	7.7	6.9	9.9	11.6	11.3
65 years and over	9.9	8.8	8.5	6.4	6.8	4.3	4.5	5.8	5.8
Black or African American female ⁵									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	1.8	2.0	2.9	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.7
All ages, crude	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.7
15–24 years	1.8	*	3.8	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	4.0	4.3
25–44 years	2.3	3.0	4.8	4.3	3.8	2.6	2.8	3.6	4.2
45–64 years	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.9	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.6
65 years and over	*	*	2.6	*	1.9	1.3	*	1.4	1.3

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American Indian or Alaska Native female ⁵									
Deaths per 100,000 resident population									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	4.7	3.6	3.8	6.1	6.4	6.6
All ages, crude	---	---	---	4.7	3.7	4.0	5.9	6.4	6.8
15–24 years	---	---	---	*	*	*	10.4	11.8	12.1
25–44 years	---	---	---	10.7	*	7.2	7.4	10.7	12.1
45–64 years	---	---	---	*	*	*	6.2	4.1	5.2
65 years and over	---	---	---	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian or Pacific Islander female ⁵									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	5.5	4.1	2.8	3.4	3.6	3.8
All ages, crude	---	---	---	4.7	3.4	2.7	3.4	3.7	4.0
15–24 years	---	---	---	*	3.9	2.7	3.5	6.3	6.3
25–44 years	---	---	---	5.4	3.8	3.3	4.1	3.7	4.1
45–64 years	---	---	---	7.9	5.0	3.2	4.7	4.5	4.2
65 years and over	---	---	---	*	8.5	5.2	4.3	4.7	5.3
Hispanic or Latina female ^{5,7}									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	2.3	1.7	2.1	2.6	2.6
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	2.2	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.6
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	3.1	2.0	3.1	3.8	4.2
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	3.1	2.1	2.4	3.5	3.5
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.2
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	*	*	2.2	1.8	1.7
White, not Hispanic or Latina female ⁷									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	5.4	4.7	6.2	7.9	7.9
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	5.6	4.9	6.7	8.2	8.2
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	4.3	3.3	4.4	6.1	6.4
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	7.0	6.7	8.6	10.3	10.4
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	8.0	7.3	10.7	13.0	12.8
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	7.0	4.4	4.7	6.2	6.1
Black, not Hispanic or Latina female ⁷									
All ages, age-adjusted ⁴	---	---	---	---	---	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.8
All ages, crude	---	---	---	---	---	1.7	1.8	2.5	2.8
15–24 years	---	---	---	---	---	2.3	2.1	4.0	4.5
25–44 years	---	---	---	---	---	2.7	2.9	3.8	4.3
45–64 years	---	---	---	---	---	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.7
65 years and over	---	---	---	---	---	1.3	*	1.4	1.3

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* Rates based on fewer than 20 deaths are considered unreliable and are not shown.

- - - Data not available.

¹Includes deaths of persons who were not residents of the 50 states and the District of Columbia (D.C.). In 1950, deaths of persons in Alaska and Hawaii were not included because these states did not receive statehood until 1959.

²Underlying cause of death was coded according to the 6th revision of the *International Classification of Diseases* (ICD) in 1950, 7th revision in 1960, 8th revision in 1970, and 9th revision in 1980–1998. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Table III; Table IV.

³Starting with 1999 data, cause of death is coded according to ICD–10. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Comparability ratio; Table IV; Table V.

⁴Age-adjusted rates are calculated using the year 2000 standard population. Prior to 2001, age-adjusted rates were calculated using standard million proportions based on rounded population numbers. Starting with 2001 data (shown in spreadsheet version), unrounded population numbers are used to calculate age-adjusted rates. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

⁵The race groups white, black, Asian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaska Native include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Death rates for Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander persons should be interpreted with caution because of inconsistencies in reporting Hispanic origin or race on the death certificate (death rate numerators) compared with population figures (death rate denominators). The net effect of misclassification is an underestimation of deaths and death rates for races other than white and black. See Appendix II, Race, for a detailed discussion of sources of bias in death rates by race and Hispanic origin.

⁶In 1950, rate is for the age group 75 and over.

⁷Prior to 1997, data from states that did not report Hispanic origin on the death certificate were excluded. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin.

NOTES: Suicide death rates for all ages include the small number of suicides among children aged 5–9 years. Starting with *Health, United States, 2003*, rates for 1991–1999 (shown in spreadsheet version) were revised using intercensal population estimates based on the 1990 and 2000 Censuses. For 2000, population estimates are bridged-race April 1 census counts. Starting with *Health, United States, 2012*, rates for 2001–2009 (shown in spreadsheet version) were revised using intercensal population estimates based on the 2000 and 2010 Censuses. For 2010, population estimates are bridged-race April 1 census counts. Rates for 2011 (shown in spreadsheet version) and beyond were computed using 2010-based postcensal estimates. See Appendix I, Population Census and Population Estimates. Figures for 2001 (in spreadsheet version) include September 11-related deaths for which death certificates were filed as of October 24, 2002. See Appendix II, Cause of death; Table IV for terrorism-related ICD–10 codes. Age groups were selected to minimize the presentation of unstable age-specific death rates based on small numbers of deaths and for consistency among comparison groups. For additional injury-related statistics, see Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS), available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>. Starting with 2003 data (shown in spreadsheet version), some states began to collect information on more than one race on the death certificate, according to 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 OMB standards, for comparability across the trend. See Appendix II, Race. Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System; Grove RD, Hetzel AM. Vital statistics rates in the United States, 1940–1960. 1968; numerator data from National Vital Statistics System, annual public-use Mortality Files; denominator data from national population estimates for race groups from Table 1 and unpublished Hispanic population estimates for 1985–1996 prepared by the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau; Kochanek KD, Murphy SL, Xu JQ, Arias E. Deaths: Final data for 2017. National Vital Statistics Reports. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2019. Available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/nvsr.htm>. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).