

Rank Causes of Black Deaths, other than abortion, in 2005

	Number of deaths	% of total deaths
1 Diseases of the heart	74,159	25.3%
2 Malignant neoplasms (Cancer)	63,165	21.6%
3 Cerebrovascular diseases (High blood pressure / stroke)	17,541	6.0%
4 Accidents (unintentional injuries)	13,652	4.7%
5 Diabetes	12,970	4.4%
6 Assault (homicide)	8,669	3.0%
7 Chronic lower respiratory diseases (Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema, Asthma)	8,229	2.8%
8 Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (Kidney disease)	8,075	2.8%
9 HIV	7,022	2.4%
10 Septicimia (Sepsis / blood poisoning)	6,221	2.1%
11 Influenza and pneumonia	5,780	2.0%
14 Alzheimers	4,620	1.6%
15 Chronic liver disorders and cirrhosis	2,530	0.9%
16 Suicide	1,992	0.7%
All other causes combined	58,183	19.7%
Total	292,808	100.0%

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