

**Table A:
Leading Causes of Death* by Age Group
North Carolina Residents, 2014**

<i>All Ages</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	19,301
2	Diseases of the heart	17,547
3	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	5,020
4	Cerebrovascular disease	4,691
5	Alzheimer's disease	3,240
6	Other unintentional injuries	3,152
7	Diabetes mellitus	2,685
8	Pneumonia and influenza	1,869
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1,790
10	Motor vehicle injuries	1,386
	All other causes (Residual)	24,531
	Total Deaths—All Causes	85,212

<i>Infants (Age <1)</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Short gestation—low birthweight	186
2	Congenital anomalies (birth defects)	125
3	Maternal complications of pregnancy	73
4	Complications of placenta, cord and membranes	41
5	Diseases of the circulatory system	28
5	SIDS	28
7	Other unintentional injuries	20
8	Neonatal hemorrhage	18
8	Respiratory distress	18
10	Bacterial sepsis	17
	All other causes (Residual)	306
	Total Deaths—All Causes	860

<i>1–4 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Other unintentional injuries	35
2	Motor vehicle injuries	16
3	Congenital anomalies (birth defects)	14
4	Cancer	13
5	Homicide	10
6	Pneumonia and influenza	5
7	Diseases of the heart	4
8	Aortic aneurism and dissection	1
	Cerebrovascular disease	1
	Complications of medical and surgical care	1
	Conditions originating in the perinatal period	1
	Meningitis	1
	All other causes (Residual)	30
	Total Deaths—All Causes	132

<i>5–14 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	29
2	Motor vehicle injuries	26
	Other unintentional injuries	26
4	Suicide	14
5	Congenital anomalies (birth defects)	7
	Homicide	7
7	Diseases of the heart	6
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4
	Pneumonia and influenza	4
10	Anemias	3
	All other causes (Residual)	53
	Total Deaths—All Causes	179

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Table A: (cont.)
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<i>15–24 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Motor vehicle injuries	266
2	Suicide	161
3	Other unintentional injuries	152
4	Homicide	134
5	Cancer	41
6	Diseases of the heart	25
7	Congenital anomalies (birth defects)	12
8	Pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	9
9	Cerebrovascular disease	8
	Pneumonia and influenza	8
	All other causes (Residual)	124
	Total Deaths—All Causes	940

<i>25–44 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Other unintentional injuries	721
2	Cancer	511
3	Diseases of the heart	464
4	Suicide	420
5	Motor vehicle injuries	407
6	Homicide	220
7	Diabetes mellitus	104
8	Cerebrovascular disease	84
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	80
10	HIV	65
	All other causes (Residual)	894
	Total Deaths—All Causes	3,970

<i>45–64 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	5,465
2	Diseases of the heart	3,508
3	Other unintentional injuries	842
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	814
5	Diabetes mellitus	778
6	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	676
7	Cerebrovascular disease	653
8	Suicide	501
9	Motor vehicle injuries	402
10	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	307
	All other causes (Residual)	3,956
	Total Deaths—All Causes	17,902

<i>Ages 65 and Over</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Diseases of the heart	13,514
2	Cancer	13,241
3	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4,158
4	Cerebrovascular disease	3,942
5	Alzheimer's disease	3,207
6	Diabetes mellitus	1,797
7	Pneumonia and influenza	1,525
8	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1,441
9	Other unintentional injuries	1,356
10	Septicemia	1,029
	All other causes (Residual)	16,019
	Total Deaths—All Causes	61,229

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Table B: Leading Causes of Death by Race* North Carolina Residents, 2014

Note: Hispanic and Non-Hispanic deaths are in Table D on page 8.

<i>White, Non-Hispanic</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	14,792
2	Diseases of the heart	13,520
3	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	4,417
4	Cerebrovascular disease	3,521
5	Alzheimer's disease	2,702
6	Other unintentional injuries	2,576
7	Diabetes mellitus	1,699
8	Pneumonia and influenza	1,529
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1,173
10	Suicide	1,153
	All other causes (Residual)	18,154
	Total Deaths—All Causes	65,236

<i>African American, Non-Hispanic</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	3,940
2	Diseases of the heart	3,631
3	Cerebrovascular disease	1,013
4	Diabetes mellitus	875
5	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	549
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	525
7	Alzheimer's disease	447
8	Other unintentional injuries	443
9	Hypertension	342
10	Motor vehicle injuries	328
	All other causes (Residual)	5,227
	Total Deaths—All Causes	17,320

<i>American Indian, Non-Hispanic</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	151
2	Diseases of the heart	146
3	Diabetes mellitus	52
4	Other unintentional injuries	51
5	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	45
6	Cerebrovascular disease	43
7	Alzheimer's disease	39
8	Motor vehicle injuries	36
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	31
10	Homicide	19
	All other causes (Residual)	249
	Total Deaths—All Causes	862

<i>All Other Races, Non-Hispanic</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	185
2	Diseases of the heart	112
3	Cerebrovascular disease	47
4	Diabetes mellitus	27
5	Suicide	23
	Other unintentional injuries	23
7	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	19
	Motor vehicle injuries	19
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	15
10	Septicemia	13
	Alzheimer's disease	13
	Conditions originating in the perinatal period	13
	All other causes (Residual)	157
	Total Deaths—All Causes	666

* Caution should be taken when comparing the number of deaths across racial groupings. Population size varies considerably from one racial group to another. The number of deaths for each group is to a large extent a reflection of that population size.

**Table C:
Leading Causes of Death by Sex
North Carolina Residents, 2014**

<i>Female</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	8,957
2	Diseases of the heart	8,125
3	Cerebrovascular disease	2,703
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,657
5	Alzheimer's disease	2,321
6	Other unintentional injuries	1,269
7	Diabetes mellitus	1,258
8	Pneumonia and influenza	994
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	918
10	Septicemia	707
	All other causes (Residual)	12,504
	Total Deaths --- All Causes	42,413

<i>Male</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	10,344
2	Diseases of the heart	9,422
3	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	2,363
4	Cerebrovascular disease	1,988
5	Other unintentional injuries	1,883
6	Diabetes mellitus	1,427
7	Motor vehicle injuries	985
8	Suicide	982
9	Alzheimer's disease	919
10	Pneumonia and influenza	875
	All other causes (Residual)	11,608
	Total Deaths—All Causes	42,796

**Table D:
Leading Causes of Death by Hispanicity
North Carolina Residents, 2014**

<i>Hispanic</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	233
2	Diseases of the heart	138
3	Motor vehicle injuries	85
4	Cerebrovascular disease	67
5	Conditions originating in the perinatal period	63
6	Other unintentional injuries	59
7	Alzheimer's disease	39
8	Homicide	36
9	Suicide	33
10	Diabetes mellitus	32
	All other causes (Residual)	343
	Total Deaths—All Causes	1,128

<i>Non-Hispanic</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	19,068
2	Diseases of the heart	17,409
3	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	5,006
4	Cerebrovascular disease	4,624
5	Alzheimer's disease	3,201
6	Other unintentional injuries	3,093
7	Diabetes mellitus	2,653
8	Pneumonia and influenza	1,850
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1,768
10	Septicemia	1,364
	All other causes (Residual)	24,048
	Total Deaths—All Causes	84,084

NOTE: Overall totals may not add up to the sum of the individual categories due to records with unknown gender or ethnicity.

**Table E:
North Carolina Resident Mortality Statistics
Summary for 2010–2014**

Leading Causes of Death	Number of Deaths 2014	Death Rate 2014	Number of Deaths 2010–2014	Unadjusted Death Rate 2010–2014	Age-Adjusted Death Rate 2010–2014
Diseases of Heart	17,547	176.5	86,699	177.9	165.9
Acute Myocardial Infarction	3,391	34.1	17,787	36.5	33.8
Other Ischemic Heart Disease	6,881	69.2	34,814	71.4	66.2
Hypertension	877	8.8	4,134	8.5	7.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	4,691	47.2	22,116	45.4	43.0
Atherosclerosis	144	1.4	833	1.7	1.6
Cancer	19,301	194.1	92,542	189.9	171.8
Lip, Oral Cavity and Pharynx	345	3.5	1,461	3.0	2.7
Stomach	305	3.1	1,611	3.3	3.0
Colon, Rectum and Anus	1,625	16.3	7,632	15.7	14.3
Liver	767	7.7	3,352	6.9	6.0
Pancreas	1,255	12.6	5,817	11.9	10.7
Larynx	139	1.4	633	1.3	1.1
Trachea, Bronchus and Lung	5,602	56.3	27,591	56.6	50.6
Malignant Melanoma of Skin	306	3.1	1,469	3.0	2.8
Bladder	500	5.0	2,247	4.6	4.3
Brain Tumors	471	4.7	2,355	4.8	4.4
Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma	604	6.1	2,998	6.2	5.7
Leukemia	697	7.0	3,391	7.0	6.5
Diabetes Mellitus	2,685	27.0	11,798	24.2	22.1
Pneumonia and Influenza	1,869	18.8	9,011	18.5	17.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	5,020	50.5	24,042	49.3	46.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	1,182	11.9	5,378	11.0	9.7
Septicemia	1,378	13.9	6,798	14.0	13.0
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	1,790	18.0	8,813	18.1	17.0
Unintentional Motor Vehicle Injuries	1,386	13.9	6,679	13.7	13.5
All Other Unintentional Injuries	3,152	31.7	14,791	30.4	29.6
Suicide	1,347	13.5	6,256	12.8	12.4
Homicide	548	5.5	2,728	5.6	5.7
Alzheimer's disease	3,240	32.6	14,595	30.0	29.2
HIV disease	218	2.2	1,331	2.7	2.6
Total Deaths—All Causes	85,212	856.9	408,611	838.6	785.2

**Table F:
North Carolina Resident Sex-Specific Mortality Statistics
Summary for 2010–2014**

Sex-Specific Causes of Cancer Death	Number of Deaths 2014	Death Rate 2014	Number of Deaths 2010–2014	Unadjusted Death Rate 2010–2014	Age-Adjusted Death Rate 2010–2014
Female Breast	1,308	25.7	6,491	26.0	21.6
Cervix Uteri	127	2.5	591	2.4	2.1
Ovary	404	7.9	2,157	8.6	7.2
Prostate	900	18.6	4,338	18.3	21.4

NOTES: All death rates are per 100,000 population. The sex-specific death rates cannot be compared to the other leading causes of death because the denominators are sex-specific. Therefore, in ranking the causes of death—for example, in ranking the leading cancer sites—one must use the observed numbers of deaths. See Appendices for cause of death codes.