

**Table A:**  
**Leading Causes of Death\* by Age Group**  
**North Carolina Residents, 2020**

<i>All Ages</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Diseases of the heart	20,443
2	Cancer	20,018
3	COVID-19	7,909
4	Other Unintentional injuries	5,790
5	Cerebrovascular disease	5,734
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	5,190
7	Alzheimer's disease	4,724
8	Diabetes mellitus	3,565
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	2,074
10	Pneumonia and influenza	1,807
	All other causes (Residual)	32,423
<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>		<b>109,677</b>

<i>Infants (Age &lt;1)</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Short gestation - low birthweight	150
2	Congenital anomalies (birth defects)	146
3	Maternal complications of pregnancy	45
4	Complications of placenta, cord, and membranes	32
5	Other unintentional injuries	32
6	Bacterial sepsis	21
7	Respiratory distress	19
8	Diseases of the circulatory system	16
9	Necrotizing enterocolitis	16
10	Neonatal hemorrhage	15
	All other causes (Residual)	311
<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>		<b>803</b>

<i>1–4 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Other unintentional injuries	32
2	Homicide	16
3	Motor vehicle injuries	11
4	Cancer	8
4	Congenital anomalies (birth defects)	8
6	Cerebrovascular disease	4
6	Pneumonia and influenza	4
8	In-situ/benign neoplasms	3
9	Conditions originating in the perinatal period	2
9	Diseases of the heart	2
		3
	All other causes (Residual)	20
<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>		<b>110</b>

<i>5–14 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Motor vehicle injuries	29
2	Cancer	27
3	Other unintentional injuries	21
3	Suicide	21
5	Homicide	13
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	7
6	Congenital anomalies (birth defects)	7
8	Diseases of the heart	6
9	Cerebrovascular disease	5
10	Complications of medical and surgical care	2
10	Diabetes mellitus	2
10	In-situ/benign neoplasms	2
	All other causes (Residual)	38
<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>		<b>184</b>

\* Leading causes of death are generated from a list of 52 causes of death categories developed by the National Center for Health Statistics to promote comparability in analyses of mortality. For deaths under 1 year of age, a list of 73 causes of death was used. See Appendices for the ICD-10 codes for these lists of causes.

**Table A: (cont.)**  
**Leading Causes of Death\* by Age Group**  
**North Carolina Residents, 2020**

<i>15–24 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Other unintentional injuries	341
2	Motor vehicle injuries	320
3	Homicide	262
4	Suicide	194
5	Cancer	46
6	Diseases of the heart	21
7	Pregnancy, childbirth, and puerperium	13
8	Pneumonia and influenza	11
9	COVID-19	9
9	Diabetes mellitus	9
	All other causes (Residual)	148
	<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>	<b>1,374</b>

<i>25–44 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Other unintentional injuries	1,961
2	Motor vehicle injuries	613
3	Diseases of the heart	537
4	Suicide	486
5	Cancer	414
6	Homicide	391
7	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	161
8	COVID-19	160
9	Diabetes mellitus	158
10	Cerebrovascular disease	95
	All other causes (Residual)	1,269
	<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>	<b>6,245</b>

<i>45–64 Years</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Cancer	4,978
2	Diseases of the heart	4,012
3	Other unintentional injuries	1,451
4	COVID-19	1,191
5	Diabetes mellitus	1,011
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	878
7	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	869
8	Cerebrovascular disease	738
9	Suicide	476
10	Motor vehicle injuries	360
	All other causes (Residual)	5,215
	<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>	<b>21,293</b>

<i>Ages 65 and Over</i>		
Rank	Cause	Number
1	Diseases of the heart	15,853
2	Cancer	14,541
3	COVID-19	6,549
4	Cerebrovascular disease	4,884
5	Alzheimer's disease	4,681
6	Chronic lower respiratory disease	4,272
7	Diabetes mellitus	2,385
8	Other unintentional injuries	1,952
9	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	1,654
10	Pneumonia and influenza	1,410
	All other causes (Residual)	21,487
	<b>Total Deaths—All Causes</b>	<b>79,668</b>

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