Leading causes of death are classified according to underlying cause and presented according to the number of deaths among US residents. For more information see: Heron M. *Deaths: Leading causes for 2019*. National Vital Statistics Reports; vol 70 no 9. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2021.

Table. Provisional count of deaths by leading causes of death – United States, 2021

Ranking	Cause of Death	Number of Deaths
--	Total deaths	3,458,697
1	Heart disease	693,021
2	Cancer	604,553
3	COVID-19[§]	415,399
4	Unintentional injuries	219,487
5	Stroke	162,590
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	142,047
7	Alzheimer disease	119,314
8	Diabetes	103,004
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	56,408
10	Kidney disease	54,236
11	Suicide	47,458
12	Hypertension	42,745
13	Influenza and pneumonia	41,835
14	Septicemia	41,272
15	Parkinson disease	38,488

[§]Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, coded to *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision* code U07.1 as the underlying cause of death.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System. Data for 2021 are provisional as of April 12, 2022. Provisional data are available on CDC's WONDER platform (https://wonder.cdc.gov/). Please note that provisional data for injury-related deaths are reported with a 6-month lag on WONDER, and those numbers may not match the numbers reported in this table.