

Table 1. Number of deaths, percent of all deaths (%) and probability of death in the U.S. during 2002 by selected underlying disease category. Data are taken from CDC Wonder (13) unless otherwise stated.

Underlying Disease	Deaths per Year by Disease Category		Probability of Death:	Risk of Death Relative to Deaths Attribute to Nature
	Number	% of All Deaths	One Death Per Year Among this Number of Americans	
Heart Disease	696,947	29%	430	448
Malignant Neoplasm (cancer)	557,271	23%	538	359
Cerebrovascular Disease	162,672	7%	1,844	105
Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	124,816	5%	2,404	80
Unintentional Injury	106,742	4%	2,811	69
Infectious Diseases (Selected Categories)*	96,704	4%	3,102	62
Diabetes Mellitus	73,249	3%	4,096	47
Alzheimer's Disease	58,866	2%	5,096	38
Intentional Injury**	49,293	2%	6,086	32
Nephritis	40,974	2%	7,322	26
Septicemia***	33,865	1%	8,859	22
Liver Disease	27,257	1%	11,006	18
Hypertension	20,261	<1%	14,807	13
Parkinson's Disease	16,959	<1%	17,690	11
Aortic Aneurysm	14,818	<1%	20,246	10
Perinatal Period****	14,254	<1%	21,047	9
Food-borne Infections or Intoxications (33)***	5,000	<1%	60,000	3
Deaths Attributed to Nature*****	1,554	<1%	193,050	1
SUBTOTAL: deaths from diseases listed above	2,054,529	84%	146	1,322
Deaths from all other diseases*****	388,858	16%	771	250
TOTAL: all deaths in U.S. during 2002	2,443,387	100%	123	1,572

* Selected infectious diseases includes all diseases listed in Table 4

** Suicides and homicides are combined as intentional injury deaths

*** Many septicemia and foodborne infection or intoxication deaths are already counted in the Infectious Diseases category above (Taken from Table 4). To avoid double-counting, these deaths are not counted again in the SUBTOTAL category below.

**** Perinatal deaths include fatalities occurring between the late fetal period and the first week of infancy defined by ICD-10 codes P00 through P96 (13).

***** Deaths attributed to nature include fatalities resulting from geophysical environment such as exposure to excessive heat and cold, lack of food, contact with mammals, arthropods or reptiles and natural disasters including landslides, storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, avalanches, and floods. These deaths are already counted in the unintentional injury category and are not counted again in the SUBTOTAL category.

***** Includes deaths from all diseases not listed above.