

Leading Causes of Death* by Age, Massachusetts 2001

	Age Groups (number of deaths)								
Rank	<1 year	1-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65-74 years	75-84 years	85+ years	All
1	Short gestation (92)	Unintentional Injuries (41)	Unintentional Injuries (164)	Cancer (450)	Cancer (3,113)	Cancer (3,399)	Heart Disease (4,789)	Heart Disease (6,069)	Heart Disease (15,136)
2	Congenital malformations (62)	Cancer (28)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (57)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (371)	Heart Disease (1,658)	Heart Disease (2,276)	Cancer (4,426)	Cancer (2,302)	Cancer (13,745)
3	SIDS (24)	Congenital malformations (9)	Homicide (53)	Heart Disease (317)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (268)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (602)	Stroke (1,200)	Stroke (1,602)	Stroke (3,534)
4	Maternal Pregnancy Comp. (23)	Signs and symptoms (8)	Suicide (52)	Unintentional Injuries (286)	Chronic Liver Disease (250)	Stroke (441)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (1,082)	Influenza & Pneumonia (954)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (2,806)
5	Respiratory Distress (19)	Heart Disease (7)	Cancer (26)	Suicide (171)	Stroke (239)	Diabetes (289)	Influenza & Pneumonia (538)	Alzheimer's Disease (931)	Influenza & Pneumonia (1,769)
6	Complications of placenta, cord/membranes (18)	Pneumonitis (6)	Heart Disease (10)	HIV/AIDS (136)	Unintentional Injuries (233)	Nephritis (206)	Alzheimer's Disease (486)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (822)	Alzheimer's Disease (1,532)
7	Bacterial sepsis (13)	Homicide (6)	Signs and symptoms (9)	Chronic Liver Disease (76)	Diabetes (231)	Septicemia (169)	Diabetes (484)	Nephritis (448)	Unintentional Injuries (1,496)
8	Circulatory system (10)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (4)	Septicemia (4)	Signs and symptoms (63)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (155)	Influenza & Pneumonia (155)	Nephritis (428)	Diabetes (368)	Diabetes (1,422)
9	Neonatal hemorrhage (9)	Suicide (4)	Congenital malformations (4)	Homicide (63)	Septicemia (147)	Unintentional Injuries (136)	Septicemia (332)	Unintentional Injuries (341)	Nephritis (1,206)
10	Intrauterine Hypoxia (8)	Stroke (3)	Other infections (3)	Diabetes (50)	Suicide (133)	Chronic Liver Disease (114)	Unintentional Injuries (290)	Pneumonitis (329)	Septicemia (954)
All Causes	407	169	444	2,571	8,004	9,323	17,416	18,395	56,733

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MA Department of Public Health; prepared by the Research & Epidemiology Program, MA Dept. of Public Health

* Ranking is based on number of deaths (in parenthesis).

Injury categories include unintentional, homicide, suicide and injuries of undetermined intent (i.e., deaths where investigation has not determined whether injuries were unintentional or purposely inflicted).