

Leading Causes of Death* by Age Group, MA Residents, 2004

Rank*	Age Groups								
	<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 (83)	Unintentional injuries (41)	Unintentional injuries (165)	Cancer (410)	Cancer (3,126)	Cancer (3,138)	Cancer (4,273)	Heart disease (5,763)	Heart disease (13,792)
2	Congenital malformations (59)	Cancer (23)	Homicide (80)	Injuries of undetermined intent (325)	Heart disease (1,697)	Heart disease (1,853)	Heart disease (4,167)	Cancer (2,312)	Cancer (13,312)
3	Pregnancy Complications (39)	Congenital malformations (14)	Injuries of undetermined intent (73)	Heart disease (285)	Unintentional injuries (279)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (487)	Stroke (1,100)	Stroke (1,516)	Stroke (3,252)
4	SIDS (33)	Homicide (7)	Suicide (51)	Unintentional injuries (263)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (256)	Stroke (359)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (1,033)	Influenza & pneumonia (1,108)	TOTAL INJURIES (2,615)
5	Complications of placenta (28)	Heart disease (5)	Cancer (30)	Suicide (165)	Chronic Liver Disease (251)	Diabetes (263)	Influenza & pneumonia (595)	Alzheimer's Disease (1,045)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (2,573)
6	Intrauterine hypoxia (13)	Ill defined conditions (5)	Ill defined conditions (23)	HIV /AIDS (88)	Diabetes (246)	Septicemia (167)	Alzheimer's Disease (535)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (778)	Influenza & pneumonia (1,955)
7	Circulatory System (10)	Septicemia (3)	Heart disease (15)	Ill defined conditions (85)	Stroke (229)	Nephritis (159)	Diabetes (443)	Nephritis (509)	Alzheimer's Disease (1,671)
8	Necrotizing enterocolitis (10)	Suicide (3)	Congenital malformations (7)	Homicide (60)	Injuries of undetermined intent (189)	Influenza & pneumonia (157)	Nephritis (431)	Diabetes (338)	Diabetes (1,327)
9	Respiratory distress (9)	Injuries of undetermined intent (3)	Stroke (5)	Chronic Liver Disease (52)	Septicemia (156)	Chronic Liver Disease (113)	Septicemia (300)	Septicemia (308)	Nephritis (1,249)
10	Atelectasis (6)	In situ neoplasms (2)	Influenza & pneumonia (4)	Stroke (38)	Suicide (141)	Unintentional injuries (93)	Unintentional injuries (233)	Ill defined conditions (281)	Septicemia (961)
All Causes	376	137	517	2,247	8,347	8,126	16,342	18,327	54,419

Data Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH

* This table is based on data from the *Massachusetts Deaths, 2004* report. Ranking is based on number of deaths (in parenthesis).

The overall injury ranking presented here for all ages is based on all injury intents combined (unintentional, suicide, homicide, and injuries of undetermined intent).