

Table 2.4.1. Seven Leading Causes Of Death By Age, Sex, And Race: Tennessee, 1994

Age-Group 25-34 ¹											
Rank	White Males (N=621)	Percentage	Rank	White Females (N=235)	Percentage	Rank	Black Males (N=251)	Percentage	Rank	Black Females (N=118)	Percentage
1	Motor veh accidents	21.4	1	Motor veh accidents	25.5	1	Homicide	26.3	1	Infectious diseases	22.9
2	Infectious diseases	16.9	2	Cancer	17.9	2	Infectious diseases	25.9	2	All other diseases	16.1
3	Suicide	13.4	3	Heart disease	10.2	3	Motor veh accidents	9.2	3	Homicide	14.4
4	Other accidents	10.5	4	Suicide	7.7	4	Other accidents	8.0	4	Heart disease	13.6
5	Heart disease	9.7	4	Homicide	7.7	4	Heart disease	8.0	5	Cancer	11.0
6	Homicide	7.7	5	Other accidents	6.4	5	Suicide	6.0	6	Motor veh accidents	6.8
7	Cancer	6.9	5	Infectious diseases	6.4	6	All other diseases	4.9	7	Other accidents	5.9
			6	All other diseases	6.0	7	Cancer	3.2			
			7	Respiratory disease	4.3						
Age-Group 35-44 ¹											
Rank	White, Males (N=1,028)	Percentage	Rank	White Females (N=472)	Percentage	Rank	Black Males (N=335)	Percentage	Rank	Black Females (N=203)	Percentage
1	Heart disease	24.3	1	Cancer	31.8	1	Heart disease	21.5	1	Cancer	27.1
2	Cancer	13.5	2	Heart disease	18.9	2	Infectious diseases	19.4	2	Heart disease	26.1
3	Infectious diseases	13.0	3	Motor veh accidents	11.4	3	Homicide	14.6	3	All other diseases	11.8
4	Motor veh accidents	10.3	4	All other diseases	8.5	4	Cancer	10.1	4	Homicide	6.9
5	Suicide	9.7	5	Suicide	5.1	5	All other diseases	8.1	5	Motor veh accidents	5.4
6	All other diseases	7.9	6	Other accidents	4.7	6	Other accidents	7.5	5	Infectious diseases	5.4
7	Other accidents	7.0	7	Respiratory disease	3.8	7	Motor veh accidents	3.9	6	Other accidents	4.4
									7	Digestive disease	3.0
Age-Group 45-54 ¹											
Rank	White, Males (N=1,599)	Percentage	Rank	White Females (N=892)	Percentage	Rank	Black Males (N=381)	Percentage	Rank	Black Females (N=267)	Percentage
1	Heart disease	35.5	1	Cancer	45.5	1	Heart disease	36.2	1	Heart disease	34.8
2	Cancer	29.0	2	Heart disease	22.6	2	Cancer	24.9	2	Cancer	31.5
3	All other diseases	5.9	3	All other diseases	10.1	3	Infectious diseases	7.6	3	All other diseases	9.4
4	Digestive disease	4.3	4	Respiratory disease	3.5	4	All other diseases	6.0	4	Endocrine (diabetes)	4.9
5	Suicide	4.1	5	Endocrine (diabetes)	3.4	5	Digestive disease	3.9	5	Respiratory disease	4.1
6	Motor veh accidents	3.9	6	Digestive disease	3.1	5	Respiratory disease	3.9	6	Digestive disease	3.7
7	Other accidents	3.8	7	Suicide	2.9	6	Other accidents	3.1	6	Infectious diseases	3.7
						6	Homicide	3.1	7	Motor veh accidents	2.2
						7	Motor veh accidents	2.9			

Source: A special data request to the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Information Resources, Center for Health Statistics, July 5, 1996.

¹ These age-Groups were used to ensure comparability with US data from CDC.

See Figure 2.4.1.