

**1997 Top 10 Leading Causes of Death for Hamilton County
By Race**

CAUSES OF DEATH

RATES/100,000 Pop.

White

1. Diseases of the heart	349.5
2. All Cancer	234.7
3. Cerebrovascular Diseases	74.1
4. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	50.5
5. Pneumonia and Influenza	44.5
6. Accidents and Adverse Effects	35.5
7. Atherosclerosis	30.8
8. Diabetes Mellitus	17.1
9. Suicide	12.0
10. Alzheimers	10.3

Black

1. Diseases of the Heart	364.6
2. All Cancer	216.3
3. Cerebrovascular Disease	89.0
4. Diabetes Mellitus	47.1
5. Accidents and Adverse Effects	40.1
6. Homicide and Legal Intervention	34.9
7. All other Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	34.9
8. Pneumonia and Influenza	29.7
9. Hypertension	17.4
10. Chronic Liver Diseases	15.7

Source: Tennessee Department of Health