

Leading Causes of Death* by Age Group, MA Residents, 2009

Rank	Age Groups								All
	<1 year	1-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65-74 years	75-84 years	85+ years	
1	Short gestation and LBW (83)	Cancer (21)	Unintentional Injuries (180)	Unintentional Injuries (526)	Cancer (3257)	Cancer (3030)	Cancer (3846)	Heart Disease (5565)	Cancer (13042)
2	Congenital malformations (57)	Unintentional Injuries (17)	Homicide (67)	Cancer (333)	Heart Disease (1665)	Heart Disease (1444)	Heart Disease (3296)	Cancer (2530)	Heart Disease (12233)
3	SIDS (34)	congenital malform (10)	Suicide (50)	Heart Disease (234)	Unintentional Injuries (575)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (497)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (923)	Stroke (1313)	TOTAL Injuries (2920)
4	Pregnancy Complications (26)	Heart Disease (6)	Cancer (24)	Suicide (178)	Chronic liver disease (296)	Stroke (245)	Stroke (745)	Alzheimer's Disease (1132)	Stroke (2552)
5	Complications of placenta (15)	ill-defined conditions-signs and symptoms (6)	Heart Disease (20)	Homicide (73)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (261)	Diabetes (201)	Alzheimer's Disease (471)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (844)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (2546)
6	Respiratory distress (12)	Influenza & Pneumonia (5)	ill-defined conditions-signs and symptoms (15)	Chronic liver disease (47)	Suicide (240)	Nephritis (177)	Nephritis (374)	Influenza & Pneumonia (706)	Alzheimer's Disease (1690)
7	Bacterial sepsis of newborn (10)	Homicide (5)	Congenital malform (10)	Stroke (45)	Diabetes (220)	Unintentional Injuries (136)	Influenza & Pneumonia (363)	Nephritis (588)	Influenza & Pneumonia (1335)
8	Neonatal hemorrhage (9)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (3)	Influenza & Pneumonia (7)	ill-defined conditions-signs and symptoms (44)	Stroke (200)	Influenza & Pneumonia (120)	Diabetes (276)	Unintentional Injuries (356)	Nephritis (1267)
9	Hematological disorders (5)	Septicemia (2)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (7)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (32)	Nephritis (114)	Septicemia (112)	Septicemia (241)	Septicemia (277)	Diabetes (995)
10	Necrotizing enterocolitis (5)	other infect (2)	other infect (3)	HIV/AIDS (31)	Influenza & Pneumonia (109)	Chronic liver disease (108)	Unintentional Injuries (240)	pneumonitis (270)	Septicemia (753)
ALL	366	118	440	1,974	8,688	7,380	13,943	19,004	51,915

Data Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH

¹ This table is based on data from the Massachusetts Deaths report. Ranking is based on number of deaths (in parenthesis).

² The overall injury ranking presented here for all ages is based on all injury intents combined (e.g., unintentional, suicide, homicide).