

Leading Causes of Death¹ by Age Group, MA Residents, 2008

Rank ²	Age Groups (number of deaths)								
	<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 and LBW (95)	Cancer (28)	Unintentional Injuries (180)	Unintentional Injuries (482)	Cancer (3092)	Cancer (2933)	Cancer (4119)	Heart Disease (5946)	Cancer (12996)
2	Congenital malformations (58)	Unintentional Injuries (24)	Homicide (63)	Cancer (289)	Heart Disease (1606)	Heart Disease (1485)	Heart Disease (3531)	Cancer (2508)	Heart Disease (12840)
3	Pregnancy Complications (28)	Congenital Malformation (11)	Suicide (44)	Heart Disease (244)	Unintentional Injuries (556)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (497)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (967)	Stroke (1298)	TOTAL INJURIES (2,820)
4	SIDS (24)	Influenza & Pneumonia (5)	Cancer (24)	Suicide (175)	Chronic liver disease (299)	Stroke (253)	Stroke (824)	Alzheimer's Disease (1228)	Stroke (2636)
5	Complications of placenta (21)	Ill-defined conditions (5)	Heart Disease (18)	Homicide (73)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (238)	Diabetes (207)	Alzheimer's Disease (492)	Influenza & Pneumonia (908)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (2565)
6	Intrauterine Hypoxia (10)	Heart Disease (4)	Ill-defined conditions (15)	Ill-defined conditions (67)	Stroke (224)	Nephritis (187)	Nephritis (453)	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (851)	Alzheimer's Disease (1829)
7	Respiratory distress (10)	Perinatal conditions (4)	Congenital Malformation (11)	Chronic liver disease (63)	Diabetes (219)	Unintentional Injuries (141)	Influenza & Pneumonia (416)	Nephritis (604)	Influenza & Pneumonia (1599)
8	Circulatory System (8)	Suicide (3)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (6)	HIV/AIDS (38)	Suicide (211)	Influenza & Pneumonia (134)	Diabetes (332)	Unintentional Injuries (389)	Nephritis (1375)
9	Neonatal hemorrhage (7)	Stroke (2)	Stroke (5)	Injuries of Undetermined Intent (31)	Septicemia (117)	Septicemia (133)	Septicemia (256)	Ill-defined conditions (318)	Diabetes (1084)
10	Pulmonary hemorrhage (5)	Homicide (2)	Diabetes (3)	Diabetes (30)	Ill-defined conditions (113)	Chronic liver disease (111)	Unintentional Injuries (252)	Pneumonitis (299)	Septicemia (782)
All Causes	381	119	421	1,906	8,426	7,425	14,970	19,692	53,341

Data Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH

¹ This table is based on data from the *Massachusetts Deaths, 2008* 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 (unintentional, suicide, homicide, and injuries of undetermined intent).