

TABLE 6-55. Highest and Lowest Age-adjusted Death Rates by State, 2008*

Cause	Lowest		Highest	
	State	Rate ¹	State	Rate ¹
All Causes.....	Hawaii	590.6	West Virginia	958.5
Malignant Neoplasms.....	Utah	119.4	Kentucky	205.9
Diseases of the Heart.....	Minnesota	126.6	Mississippi	260.2
Cerebrovascular Disease	New York	27.4	Alabama	55.4
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	Hawaii	18.4	West Virginia	69.1
Unintended Injuries	New York	24.3	New Mexico	68.1
Alzheimer's Disease	New York	9.9	Washington	45.7
Diabetes Mellitus	Massachusetts	14.5	West Virginia	32.8
Suicide	New Jersey	6.8	Alaska	24.2
Influenza and Pneumonia	Florida	8.5	Arkansas	25.1
Alcohol-induced Deaths	Pennsylvania	4.4	Alaska	21.6
Hypertension with/without Renal Disease	Maine	3.9	Mississippi	15.0
Parkinson's Disease	New York	4.2	Utah	9.0
Nephritis and Nephrosis	Vermont	5.4	Louisiana	26.9
Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection	Utah	2.6	Maine	5.3
Septicemia.....	Vermont	3.0	Mississippi	19.1
Arteriosclerosis	South Carolina	0.7	Kansas	10.1
Congenital Anomalies	New Hampshire	2.4	West Virginia	4.9
Perinatal Conditions	New Hampshire	2.8	District of Columbia	11.6
Homicide	New Hampshire	1.6	District of Columbia	25.6
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.....	Nevada	1.2	Vermont	3.2
Viral Hepatitis	Wisconsin	1.0	District of Columbia	5.9
HIV/AIDS	Minnesota	0.7	District of Columbia	27.0

¹ Rates are adjusted to the U.S. standard million population and are per 100,000. Age-adjusted death rates allow the comparison of Oregon and the U.S. as if the population structure of each were identical (Oregon's population is older than the U.S. as a whole). Any differences in rates are due to factors other than age. U.S. rates in this table were calculated using the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention's WONDER (Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiological Research) system (<http://wonder.cdc.gov>). These rates may vary slightly from rates published by the National Center for Health Statistics and the Oregon Center for Health Statistics due to different file closure dates and different population estimate methodologies.

*Most recent available data.