

Underlying Causes of Death (a-list) by time, causes and sex, 2002-2020

		Total	Man	Woman
2002	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	15	7	8
	Cancer	111	62	49
	Other tumers	3	2	1
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	1	1	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	8	4	4
	Mental and behavioural disorders	9	6	3
	Nervous system, eye and ear	5	2	3
	Heart diseases	57	37	20
	Other circulatory system diseases	44	23	21
	Respiratory system	27	13	14
	Digestive system	23	12	11
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1	0	1
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	0	1
	Genitourinary system	7	2	5
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6	4	2
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	2	0	2
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	11	6	5
	Accidents	39	25	14
	Suicide and attempted suicide	49	37	12
	Homicide and assault	10	4	6
	Other	4	1	3
	Deaths without medical information	11	8	3
Unknown	5	4	1	
2003	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	10	6	4
	Cancer	119	60	59
	Other tumers	7	4	3
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	5	1	4
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	6	5	1
	Mental and behavioural disorders	14	6	8
	Nervous system, eye and ear	6	6	0
	Heart diseases	49	23	26
	Other circulatory system diseases	42	20	22
	Respiratory system	35	17	18
	Digestive system	15	10	5
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	2	2	0
	Genitourinary system	4	3	1
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	5	4	1
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	6	3	3
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	16	9	7
	Accidents	42	30	12
	Suicide and attempted suicide	43	33	10
	Homicide and assault	7	4	3
	Other	4	3	1
	Deaths without medical information	9	6	3
Unknown	0	0	0	
2004	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	12	9	3
	Cancer	122	69	53
	Other tumers	3	2	1
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	0	0	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	11	9	2
	Mental and behavioural disorders	12	6	6
	Nervous system, eye and ear	5	2	3
	Heart diseases	75	47	28
	Other circulatory system diseases	42	20	22
	Respiratory system	40	17	23
	Digestive system	15	7	8
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1	1	0

	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	1	0
	Genitourinary system	1	0	1
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	2	2	0
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	5	3	2
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	18	9	9
	Accidents	40	31	9
	Suicide and attempted suicide	51	41	10
	Homicide and assault	6	4	2
	Other	3	3	0
	Deaths without medical information	11	8	3
2005	Unknown	0	0	0
	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	9	5	4
	Cancer	123	56	67
	Other tumers	6	4	2
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	0	0	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	9	4	5
	Mental and behavioural disorders	18	11	7
	Nervous system, eye and ear	12	8	4
	Heart diseases	66	38	28
	Other circulatory system diseases	40	21	19
	Respiratory system	34	14	20
	Digestive system	10	6	4
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1	0	1
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	1	0
	Genitourinary system	5	4	1
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3	1	2
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	5	3	2
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	19	9	10
	Accidents	37	24	13
	Suicide and attempted suicide	49	38	11
	Homicide and assault	10	7	3
	Other	4	1	3
	Deaths without medical information	4	3	1
2006	Unknown	3	2	1
	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	11	8	3
	Cancer	106	50	56
	Other tumers	6	5	1
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	2	2	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	8	2	6
	Mental and behavioural disorders	6	5	1
	Nervous system, eye and ear	6	5	1
	Heart diseases	64	40	24
	Other circulatory system diseases	37	19	18
	Respiratory system	27	17	10
	Digestive system	16	7	9
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	0	1
	Genitourinary system	7	4	3
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	7	4	3
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	1	1	0
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	34	19	15
	Accidents	32	23	9
	Suicide and attempted suicide	56	39	17
	Homicide and assault	10	4	6
	Other	0	0	0
	Deaths without medical information	4	3	1
2007	Unknown	1	1	0
	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	10	6	4
	Cancer	122	71	51
	Other tumers	0	0	0

	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	1	0	1
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	12	9	3
	Mental and behavioural disorders	17	10	7
	Nervous system, eye and ear	7	5	2
	Heart diseases	58	34	24
	Other circulatory system diseases	46	26	20
	Respiratory system	37	13	24
	Digestive system	19	9	10
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
	Genitourinary system	7	4	3
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	5	2	3
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	4	0	4
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	21	12	9
	Accidents	35	28	7
	Suicide and attempted suicide	38	26	12
	Homicide and assault	9	4	5
	Other	1	0	1
	Deaths without medical information	6	4	2
	Unknown	1	0	1
2008	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	13	6	7
	Cancer	107	59	48
	Other tumers	6	3	3
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	2	1	1
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	6	5	1
	Mental and behavioural disorders	19	14	5
	Nervous system, eye and ear	7	5	2
	Heart diseases	65	42	23
	Other circulatory system diseases	49	24	25
	Respiratory system	35	14	21
	Digestive system	15	10	5
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	0	1
	Genitourinary system	2	1	1
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	8	5	3
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	3	0	3
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	21	8	13
	Accidents	28	16	12
	Suicide and attempted suicide	35	30	5
	Homicide and assault	5	2	3
	Other	1	1	0
	Deaths without medical information	10	7	3
	Unknown	0	0	0
2009	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	6	2	4
	Cancer	122	62	60
	Other tumers	1	0	1
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	1	1	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	9	6	3
	Mental and behavioural disorders	15	8	7
	Nervous system, eye and ear	13	9	4
	Heart diseases	41	23	18
	Other circulatory system diseases	36	19	17
	Respiratory system	40	16	24
	Digestive system	24	13	11
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1	0	1
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	1	0
	Genitourinary system	5	0	5
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	7	4	3
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	3	2	1
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	24	14	10

	Accidents	30	20	10
	Suicide and attempted suicide	40	31	9
	Homicide and assault	7	3	4
	Other	2	2	0
	Deaths without medical information	21	18	3
	Unknown	1	1	0
2010	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	11	6	5
	Cancer	144	89	55
	Other tumers	4	2	2
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	0	0	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	10	6	4
	Mental and behavioural disorders	21	13	8
	Nervous system, eye and ear	12	8	4
	Heart diseases	58	39	19
	Other circulatory system diseases	42	22	20
	Respiratory system	35	14	21
	Digestive system	15	8	7
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1	1	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
	Genitourinary system	8	3	5
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	5	4	1
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	5	4	1
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	29	17	12
	Accidents	24	16	8
	Suicide and attempted suicide	62	40	22
	Homicide and assault	5	0	5
	Other	0	0	0
	Deaths without medical information	22	16	6
	Unknown	0	0	0
2011	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	16	5	11
	Cancer	127	59	68
	Other tumers	10	6	4
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	3	3	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	2	1	1
	Mental and behavioural disorders	21	12	9
	Nervous system, eye and ear	13	7	6
	Heart diseases	65	38	27
	Other circulatory system diseases	28	14	14
	Respiratory system	22	7	15
	Digestive system	13	5	8
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	4	2	2
	Genitourinary system	8	6	2
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	1	0	1
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	2	2	0
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	1	1	0
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	30	17	13
	Accidents	17	10	7
	Suicide and attempted suicide	55	40	15
	Homicide and assault	1	1	0
	Other	0	0	0
	Deaths without medical information	37	23	14
	Unknown	4	2	2
2012	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	14	9	5
	Cancer	111	56	55
	Other tumers	0	0	0
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	3	1	2
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	6	4	2
	Mental and behavioural disorders	16	11	5
	Nervous system, eye and ear	11	4	7
	Heart diseases	85	59	26
	Other circulatory system diseases	46	22	24

	Respiratory system	28	12	16
	Digestive system	15	8	7
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
	Genitourinary system	6	4	2
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3	0	3
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	2	1	1
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	27	11	16
	Accidents	22	20	2
	Suicide and attempted suicide	31	24	7
	Homicide and assault	5	2	3
	Other	0	0	0
	Deaths without medical information	26	20	6
2013	Unknown	1	0	1
	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	21	12	9
	Cancer	105	60	45
	Other tumers	7	2	5
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	0	0	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	10	5	5
	Mental and behavioural disorders	13	6	7
	Nervous system, eye and ear	8	6	2
	Heart diseases	56	41	15
	Other circulatory system diseases	32	21	11
	Respiratory system	28	12	16
	Digestive system	17	5	12
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	1	0	1
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	1	0
	Genitourinary system	2	1	1
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	2	1	1
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	0	0	0
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	29	17	12
	Accidents	21	15	6
	Suicide and attempted suicide	42	31	11
	Homicide and assault	3	2	1
	Other	1	1	0
	Deaths without medical information	52	32	20
2014	Unknown	5	4	1
	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	12	4	8
	Cancer	107	47	60
	Other tumers	7	4	3
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	1	0	1
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	8	6	2
	Mental and behavioural disorders	13	6	7
	Nervous system, eye and ear	19	15	4
	Heart diseases	60	32	28
	Other circulatory system diseases	29	15	14
	Respiratory system	38	15	23
	Digestive system	15	8	7
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
	Genitourinary system	10	3	7
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	2	0	2
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3	2	1
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	1	0	1
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	42	18	24
	Accidents	15	10	5
	Suicide and attempted suicide	46	32	14
	Homicide and assault	3	2	1
	Other	1	1	0
	Deaths without medical information	31	19	12
	Unknown	1	0	1

2015	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	20	8	12
	Cancer	101	54	47
	Other tumers	3	1	2
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	0	0	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	6	4	2
	Mental and behavioural disorders	16	8	8
	Nervous system, eye and ear	11	9	2
	Heart diseases	57	38	19
	Other circulatory system diseases	35	26	9
	Respiratory system	38	20	18
	Digestive system	20	10	10
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
	Genitourinary system	4	4	0
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	5	4	1
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	1	0	1
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	50	28	22
	Accidents	25	18	7
	Suicide and attempted suicide	32	20	12
	Homicide and assault	3	3	0
	Other	1	1	0
	Deaths without medical information	47	34	13
Unknown	3	3	0	
2016	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	10	7	3
	Cancer	108	65	43
	Other tumers	2	1	1
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	5	3	2
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	10	8	2
	Mental and behavioural disorders	22	15	7
	Nervous system, eye and ear	5	3	2
	Heart diseases	68	42	26
	Other circulatory system diseases	47	28	19
	Respiratory system	43	20	23
	Digestive system	16	12	4
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	3	0	3
	Genitourinary system	7	6	1
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3	2	1
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	1	1	0
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	19	10	9
	Accidents	38	30	8
	Suicide and attempted suicide	48	34	14
	Homicide and assault	3	3	0
	Other	2	1	1
	Deaths without medical information	28	18	10
Unknown	0	0	0	
2017	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	16	8	8
	Cancer	126	62	64
	Other tumers	2	0	2
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	1	1	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	15	8	7
	Mental and behavioural disorders	25	13	12
	Nervous system, eye and ear	15	9	6
	Heart diseases	73	52	21
	Other circulatory system diseases	52	37	15
	Respiratory system	42	17	25
	Digestive system	17	7	10
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
	Genitourinary system	9	3	6
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0

	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3	1	2
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	2	2	0
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	16	6	10
	Accidents	36	21	15
	Suicide and attempted suicide	40	25	15
	Homicide and assault	6	2	4
	Other	0	0	0
	Deaths without medical information	10	7	3
	Unknown	0	0	0
2018	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	11	7	4
	Cancer	136	77	59
	Other tumors	3	1	2
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	2	2	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	3	2	1
	Mental and behavioural disorders	14	8	6
	Nervous system, eye and ear	12	7	5
	Heart diseases	77	47	30
	Other circulatory system diseases	44	28	16
	Respiratory system	50	22	28
	Digestive system	21	10	11
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	2	1	1
	Genitourinary system	4	0	4
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	1	0	1
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	3	1	2
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	0	0	0
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	26	11	15
	Accidents	23	13	10
	Suicide and attempted suicide	45	32	13
	Homicide and assault	2	1	1
	Other	3	1	2
	Deaths without medical information	11	9	2
	Unknown	3	2	1
2019	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	17	12	5
	Cancer	133	71	62
	Other tumors	1	1	0
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	4	1	3
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	11	6	5
	Mental and behavioural disorders	19	13	6
	Nervous system, eye and ear	8	5	3
	Heart diseases	67	48	19
	Other circulatory system diseases	41	22	19
	Respiratory system	51	22	29
	Digestive system	24	11	13
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
	Genitourinary system	7	2	5
	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	2	0	2
	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	6	2	4
	Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	3	2	1
	Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	32	17	15
	Accidents	38	26	12
	Suicide and attempted suicide	44	33	11
	Homicide and assault	4	3	1
	Other	0	0	0
	Deaths without medical information	37	22	15
	Unknown	0	0	0
2020	Infectious inc parasitic diseases	0	0	0
	Cancer	0	0	0
	Other tumors	0	0	0
	Blood (-forming) organs, involving the immune system	0	0	0
	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic	0	0	0
	Mental and behavioural disorders	0	0	0

Nervous system, eye and ear	0	0	0
Heart diseases	1	0	1
Other circulatory system diseases	0	0	0
Respiratory system	0	0	0
Digestive system	0	0	0
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	0	0	0
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	0	0	0
Genitourinary system	0	0	0
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	0	0	0
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	0	0	0
Congenital malformations and chromosomal abnormalities	0	0	0
Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings, not elsewhere classified	0	0	0
Accidents	0	0	0
Suicide and attempted suicide	0	0	0
Homicide and assault	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Deaths without medical information	500	285	215
Unknown	6	3	3

The Population Register contains information on all persons who have resided in Greenland after 1 January 1977.

The purpose of the register is to be the basis for population statistics, and to supplement other personal information with basic information about each person, like address and family relations. The Population register is updated with information from CPR (Administrative Population Register) where the following information is retrieved:

name, gender, age, place of birth, citizenship, marital status, reference to mother, father and spouse, address of residence and more.

According to §13 of the Act on Greenland Statistics, no person-related information is disclosed from the register, except for personal numbers, randomly drawn for surveys

For every death that occurs in Greenland, a doctor issues a death certificate in connection with the corpse inquest. The doctor must issue the death certificate, without undue delay, when the necessary information is available.

The death certificate consists of 2 pages. The death certificate page 1 is a legal document used as evidence that the person has passed away at death. The death certificate page 2 contains the medical information about the death.

The death certificate page 1 contains formal information for identifying the deceased, as well as the doctor's declaration that death has occurred.

The information is also used for the personal registration in the CPR register.

Page 2 of the death certificate contains information on causes of death, manner of death, etc. At least one must be specified cause of death on the death certificate, but several can be stated. The most important information is the underlying cause of death.

time: Calendar year of death. (Including delayed reports)

causes: "The underlying cause of death is the cause of death that started the course of the individual cases led to death. Possibly, other causes of death are defined as additional causes of death."

causes: Suicide and attempted suicide: Only suicide is registered

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