

**Table 23 (page 1 of 2). Age-adjusted death rates, by race, Hispanic origin, and state: United States, average annual 1979–1981, 1989–1991, and 2005–2007**

[Data are based on death certificates]

State	All persons			White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native <sup>1</sup>	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic or Latino <sup>2</sup>	White, not Hispanic or Latino
	1979–1981	1989–1991	2005–2007						
Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 population <sup>3</sup>									
United States . . . . .	1,022.8	942.2	779.2	766.8	987.0	641.9	432.3	567.2	779.3
Alabama . . . . .	1,091.2	1,037.9	952.9	916.4	1,105.5	306.5	351.9	315.4	921.2
Alaska . . . . .	1,087.4	944.6	758.4	724.7	670.8	1,056.2	454.8	464.3	730.9
Arizona . . . . .	951.5	873.5	714.3	711.6	807.6	807.9	347.5	647.0	715.3
Arkansas . . . . .	1,017.0	996.3	894.3	869.6	1,113.9	356.8	468.1	346.4	878.4
California . . . . .	975.5	911.0	699.2	719.5	977.2	405.9	448.2	564.8	749.6
Colorado . . . . .	941.1	856.1	719.8	724.0	811.6	505.7	388.2	682.7	722.7
Connecticut . . . . .	961.5	857.5	713.5	708.7	809.5	331.3	334.8	548.6	708.8
Delaware . . . . .	1,069.7	1,001.9	800.9	780.7	943.5	*	314.5	497.9	781.3
District of Columbia . . . . .	1,243.1	1,255.3	898.7	569.3	1,122.5	*	417.4	332.4	580.7
Florida . . . . .	960.8	870.9	709.8	692.9	901.9	274.2	322.4	563.5	716.8
Georgia . . . . .	1,094.3	1,037.4	859.4	826.2	988.5	511.3	407.7	283.4	839.5
Hawaii . . . . .	801.2	752.2	626.8	665.9	430.3	*	619.5	952.3	685.6
Idaho . . . . .	936.7	856.6	750.8	753.0	520.3	774.7	450.3	555.5	756.1
Illinois . . . . .	1,063.7	973.8	783.4	755.5	1,050.1	263.1	363.7	453.3	769.5
Indiana . . . . .	1,048.3	962.0	839.9	829.1	1,035.5	144.1	262.8	411.2	835.6
Iowa . . . . .	919.9	848.2	735.1	733.4	966.5	623.6	330.6	350.8	736.7
Kansas . . . . .	940.1	867.2	796.0	783.5	1,078.3	1,275.1	375.6	530.0	785.9
Kentucky . . . . .	1,088.9	1,024.5	917.5	912.7	1,054.8	190.7	425.9	568.7	914.6
Louisiana . . . . .	1,132.6	1,074.6	974.9	904.9	1,193.7	319.7	447.4	398.2	913.2
Maine . . . . .	1,002.9	918.7	793.2	794.1	543.9	*	338.2	281.5	793.3
Maryland . . . . .	1,063.3	985.2	796.6	758.6	952.7	318.7	373.8	342.4	770.0
Massachusetts . . . . .	982.6	884.8	719.9	725.6	778.8	316.0	353.8	484.4	725.9
Michigan . . . . .	1,050.2	966.0	816.1	785.3	1,060.2	947.1	366.6	684.0	784.8
Minnesota . . . . .	892.9	825.2	676.6	668.5	861.7	1,025.4	492.8	408.9	669.3
Mississippi . . . . .	1,108.7	1,071.4	970.4	908.7	1,119.8	827.4	457.3	265.5	913.3
Missouri . . . . .	1,033.7	952.4	845.1	824.9	1,083.9	404.9	416.1	522.5	828.3
Montana . . . . .	1,013.6	890.2	785.3	766.6	614.2	1,160.1	415.9	531.4	765.4
Nebraska . . . . .	930.6	867.9	744.4	734.5	1,014.5	1,153.4	419.3	504.3	737.5
Nevada . . . . .	1,077.4	1,017.4	844.1	865.3	908.2	630.2	454.6	436.7	910.7
New Hampshire . . . . .	982.3	891.7	734.1	739.7	455.1	*	306.6	285.3	741.9
New Jersey . . . . .	1,047.5	956.0	742.8	733.0	939.9	352.8	337.9	466.6	753.1
New Mexico . . . . .	967.1	891.9	773.0	773.9	691.1	788.7	368.8	749.0	766.4
New York . . . . .	1,051.8	973.7	699.6	704.1	760.5	249.5	367.4	545.6	705.6
North Carolina . . . . .	1,050.4	986.0	850.4	813.0	1,030.7	855.5	368.6	275.9	821.8
North Dakota . . . . .	922.4	818.4	708.7	688.4	*	1,338.4	*	*	668.9
Ohio . . . . .	1,070.6	967.4	847.5	829.3	1,052.8	232.8	321.8	450.8	831.1
Oklahoma . . . . .	1,025.6	961.4	933.8	924.4	1,112.1	929.1	416.9	490.5	935.3
Oregon . . . . .	953.9	893.0	770.3	777.2	808.3	760.6	444.7	419.9	786.1
Pennsylvania . . . . .	1,076.4	963.4	809.8	791.3	1,052.5	234.9	362.6	504.7	792.9
Rhode Island . . . . .	990.8	889.6	761.7	763.5	797.5	*	408.9	398.7	768.7
South Carolina . . . . .	1,104.6	1,030.0	869.3	819.4	1,041.6	416.0	348.4	451.6	823.5
South Dakota . . . . .	941.9	846.4	726.1	689.8	745.6	1,329.7	*	375.8	691.1
Tennessee . . . . .	1,045.5	1,011.8	907.1	882.3	1,103.8	300.7	406.9	287.2	887.7
Texas . . . . .	1,014.9	947.6	789.0	778.5	1,001.2	202.0	390.4	651.3	809.5
Utah . . . . .	924.9	823.2	701.5	703.0	765.2	729.8	551.1	529.9	709.4
Vermont . . . . .	990.2	908.6	733.0	736.5	*	*	*	*	740.1
Virginia . . . . .	1,054.0	963.1	787.2	761.8	977.9	271.3	401.1	366.4	769.5
Washington . . . . .	947.7	869.4	731.7	739.5	873.0	894.5	456.7	473.8	745.9
West Virginia . . . . .	1,100.3	1,031.5	950.7	952.0	1,071.7	*	*	173.8	956.5
Wisconsin . . . . .	956.4	879.1	747.9	733.1	1,062.2	1,063.3	466.1	412.1	736.2
Wyoming . . . . .	1,016.1	897.4	809.3	806.4	695.1	1,002.6	*	739.7	805.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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\* Data for states with population under 10,000 in the middle year of a 3-year period or fewer than 50 deaths for the 3-year period are considered unreliable and are not shown.

<sup>1</sup>All data for the American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN) category should be used with caution. Agreement between self-reported race and death certificate proxy reporting was found to be poor for the AIAN population. (Arias E, Schauman WS, Eschbach K, et al. The validity of race and Hispanic origin reporting on death certificates in the United States. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 2(148). 2008.) See [Appendix II, Race, Mortality file](#).

<sup>2</sup>Caution should also be used when comparing death rates by Hispanic origin and race among states. Estimates of death rates may be affected by several factors, including possible misreporting of race and Hispanic origin on the death certificate, migration patterns between United States and country of origin for persons who were born outside the United States, and possible biases in population estimates. See [Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality file](#), and [Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race](#).

<sup>3</sup>Average annual death rates, age-adjusted using the year 2000 standard population. Prior to 2001, age-adjusted rates were calculated using standard million proportions based on rounded population numbers. Starting with 2001 data, unrounded population numbers are used to calculate age-adjusted rates. See [Appendix II, Age adjustment](#). Denominators for rates are resident population estimates for the middle year of each 3-year period, multiplied by 3. See [Appendix I, Population Census and Population Estimates](#).

NOTES: The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Death rates for the American Indian or Alaska Native and Asian or Pacific Islander populations are known to be underestimated. See [Appendix II, Race](#), for a discussion of sources of bias in death rates by race and Hispanic origin. Starting with 2003 data, some states allowed the reporting of more than one race on the death certificate. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget Standards, for comparability with other states. See [Appendix II, Race](#).

**SOURCE:** CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System; numerator data from annual mortality files; denominator data from state population estimates prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau 1980 from April 1, 1980 MARS Census File; 1990 from April 1, 1990 MARS Census File; 2006 from bridged-race Vintage 2008 file. Estimates of the July 1, 2006, resident populations of the United States by state and county, race, age, sex, and Hispanic origin, prepared under a collaborative arrangement with the U.S. Census Bureau. Available from: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged\\_race.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm).