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Leading Causes of Death

Heart disease continues to kill more Americans than any other cause, followed by stroke at No. 5, according to 2015 federal data.

	<i>Total Deaths</i>	<i>Share of Total</i>
Heart disease	633,842	23.4%
Cancer	595,930	22
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	155,041	5.7
Accidents	146,571	5.4
Stroke	140,323	5.1
Alzheimer's disease	110,561	4.1
Diabetes	79,535	2.9
Flu, pneumonia	57,062	2.1
Kidney disease	49,959	1.8
Suicide	44,193	1.6

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention