US Death Rates
1975-2006

Ages Less Than 65

Heart Disease
Neoplasms

Heart Disease 26% of deaths in 1975
Neoplasms 22% of deaths in 1975
Neoplasms 26% of deaths in 2006
Heart Disease 18% of deaths in 2006

Rate per 100,000

Year of Death

Ages 65 and Over

Heart Disease
Neoplasms

Heart Disease 44% of deaths in 1975
Heart Disease 29% of deaths in 2006
Neoplasms 18% of deaths in 1975
Neoplasms 22% of deaths in 2006

Rate per 100,000

Year of Death

Source: US Mortality Files, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 US Std Population (19 age groups - Census P25-1103).