Us Death Rates, 1975-2008
Heart Disease compared to Neoplasms, by age at death

Ages Less Than 65

Heart Disease 26% of deaths in 1975
Neoplasms 22% of deaths in 1975
Heart Disease 18% of deaths in 2008
Neoplasms 26% of deaths in 2008

Ages 65 and Over

Heart Disease 44% of deaths in 1975
Neoplasms 22% of deaths in 1975
Heart Disease 28% of deaths in 2008
Neoplasms 18% of deaths in 2008

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).