Us Death Rates, 1975-2011
Heart Disease compared to Neoplasms, by age at death

Ages Less Than 65

Heart Disease
26% of deaths in 1975
18% of deaths in 2011

Neoplasms
22% of deaths in 1975
26% of deaths in 2011

Ages 65 and Over

Heart Disease
44% of deaths in 1975
26% of deaths in 2011

Neoplasms
18% of deaths in 1975
22% of deaths in 2011

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).