

Leading Cause of Death

Ages 15-20

Rank	Cause	Percent of Deaths	Number of Deaths
1	Motor Vehicle Crashes	36%	6,131
2	Homicide	17%	2,988
3	Suicide	13%	2,195
4	Other Injury (falls, drowning, etc.)	10%	1,642
5	Cancer	5%	906
6	Heart Disease	3%	540
	All Other Causes Combined	16%	2,820
	Total	100%	17,222

Source: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) - Vital Statistics Mortality Data - 1998, Multiple Cause of Death (MCOB) File, NCHS, Center for Disease Control (CDC).