Number of Deaths and the Death Rate per Disease 2019 vs 2009

Top 10 causes of death by age group

- The most common cause of death across **all ages** in 2019 was **Cancer**, which took 10 million lives. Next, cardiovascular disease, such as **Ischemic heart disease**, accounted for 9.1 million deaths in 2019. **Stroke** took 6.6 million lives in the same year. The overall death rate for people suffering from these diseases in 2019 was 42.5%, 43.1%, and 53.6% respectively. Most deaths occur in the **60+** age group.

- For children **under 4 years** of age, the highest death rates by disease were **Neonatal disorders** (8%) and **Tuberculosis** (16.9%).

- From **5-14 years** of age, the most deadly disease is **Cancer** where 32.8% of all cases lead to death.

- From **15-59 years** of age, **HIV/AIDS** has the highest death rate at 40.3% leading Cancer, Ischemic heart disease and Stroke.

- The good news is that over the 10 years from 2009 to 2019, **the death rate decreased in all age groups for all the top 10 causes of death**, except for Self-harm and interpersonal violence in the 15-59 age group (+1%) and Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in group 60+ (+3%).

The highest death rate

Age group	Disease	Deaths 2019, million	% change 2009-2019	Death Rate 2019	% change 2009-2019
All ages	Total cancers	10.0	+23%	42.5%	-5%
	Ischemic heart disease (IHD)	9.1	+22%	43.1%	-4%
	Stroke	6.6	+14%	53.6%	-11%
	Chronic respiratory diseases	4.0	+14%	5.1%	-8%
	Diabetes and kidney diseases	3.0	+34%	7.1%	-1%
	Cardiovascular diseases excluding IHD and stroke	2.9	+25%	13.0%	-2%
	Digestive diseases	2.6	+12%	0.6%	-8%
	Respiratory infections excluding tuberculosis	2.5	-3%	0.0%	-13%
	Neonatal disorders	1.9	-24%	8.0%	-21%
	Unintentional injuries	1.8	+3%	0.3%	-13%
0-4 years	Neonatal disorders	1.9	-24%	8.0%	-21%
	Respiratory infections excluding tuberculosis	0.68	-39%	0.0%	-41%
	Enteric infections	0.57	-42%	0.1%	-39%
	Other non-communicable diseases	0.54	-21%	0.1%	-24%
	Other infectious diseases	0.36	-45%	0.2%	-36%
	Malaria	0.36	-39%	0.4%	-24%
	Unintentional injuries	0.14	-33%	0.3%	-40%
	Nutritional deficiencies	0.10	-44%	0.2%	-39%
	Sexually transmitted infections excluding HIV	0.08	-3%	0.0%	N/A
	Tuberculosis	0.05	-48%	16.9%	-34%
5-14	Enteric infections	0.12	-24%	0.0%	-32%
	Unintentional injuries	0.09	-29%	0.1%	-38%
	Other infectious diseases	0.06	-37%	0.1%	-33%
	Transport injuries	0.06	-25%	0.6%	-12%
	Total cancers	0.05	-6%	32.8%	-7%
	Other non-communicable diseases	0.04	-9%	0.0%	-15%
	Respiratory infections excluding tuberculosis	0.04	-24%	0.0%	-29%
	Malaria	0.04	-31%	0.1%	-24%
	HIV/AIDS	0.03	-38%	0.0%	N/A
	Self-harm and interpersonal violence	0.03	-21%	0.5%	-6%
15-59	Total cancers	2.6	+10%	36.2%	-5%
	Ischemic heart disease (IHD)	1.6	+10%	26.4%	-9%
	Stroke	1.0	+2%	23.3%	-14%
	Self-harm and interpersonal violence	0.9	-6%	2.7%	+1%
	Digestive diseases	0.9	+1%	0.3%	-14%
	Transport injuries	0.9	-10%	1.1%	-17%
	HIV/AIDS	0.7	-40%	40.3%	-32%
	Diabetes and kidney diseases	0.7	+21%	3.0%	-8%
	Unintentional injuries	0.7	-8%	0.2%	-20%
	Tuberculosis	0.6	-18%	9.5%	-14%
60+	Ischemic heart disease (IHD)	8.1	+25%	49.6%	-4%
	Total cancers	7.1	+29%	45.5%	-6%
	Stroke	6.1	+16%	72.7%	-13%
	Chronic respiratory diseases	4.1	+15%	12.5%	-18%
	Cardiovascular diseases excluding IHD and stroke	2.1	+33%	18.5%	-2%
	Diabetes and kidney diseases	2.1	+39%	12.4%	-2%
	Alzheimer's disease and other dementias	2.1	+47%	23.8%	+3%
	Digestive diseases	2.1	+22%	1.4%	-12%
	Respiratory infections excluding tuberculosis	1.1	+31%	0.1%	-5%
	Unintentional injuries	1.1	+33%	1.1%	-11%

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