Leading Causes of Death in Delaware

The 10 leading causes of death in 2003-2007 were the same as those in 2002-2006, though the ranking of the bottom 4 causes shifted. Of the 10 leading causes of death, only 3 demonstrated an increase in mortality rates, Dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis (kidney disease).

Five-year Age-adjusted Mortality Rates for the 10 Leading Causes of Death
Delaware, 2003-2007

Diseases of the heart
Malignant neoplasms
Cerebrovascular diseases
Chronic lower respiratory diseases
Accidents (unintentional injuries)
Diabetes mellitus
Dementia
Alzheimer's disease
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis
Influenza and pneumonia

Deaths per 100,000

Note:
Rates per 100,000, adjusted to U.S. 2000 population.
Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center