

Ten Leading Causes of Death among New Jersey Residents, 2000-2018

Rank	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	Heart Disease 23,740	Heart Disease 22,719	Heart Disease 22,520	Heart Disease 22,064	Heart Disease 20,580	Heart Disease 20,662	Heart Disease 19,550	Heart Disease 18,848	Heart Disease 19,059	Heart Disease 18,480	Heart Disease 18,739	Heart Disease 18,340	Heart Disease 18,343	Heart Disease 18,462	Heart Disease 18,323	Heart Disease 18,649	Heart Disease 18,598	Heart Disease 18,842	Heart Disease 19,048
2	Cancer 18,079	Cancer 18,170	Cancer 17,831	Cancer 17,964	Cancer 17,223	Cancer 17,178	Cancer 17,187	Cancer 17,103	Cancer 16,879	Cancer 16,567	Cancer 16,824	Cancer 16,716	Cancer 16,485	Cancer 16,319	Cancer 16,593	Cancer 16,270	Cancer 16,377	Cancer 16,262	Cancer 16,012
3	Stroke 4,319	Stroke 4,009	Stroke 4,017	Stroke 3,969	Stroke 3,784	Stroke 3,614	Stroke 3,470	Stroke 3,494	CLRD 3,281	Stroke 3,275	Stroke 3,404	Stroke 3,422	Stroke 3,439	Stroke 3,456	Stroke 3,419	Stroke 3,413	Unintentional Injury 3,840	Unintentional Injury 4,484	Unintentional Injury 4,676
4	CLRD 3,008	CLRD 2,912	CLRD 2,887	CLRD 2,911	CLRD 3,037	CLRD 3,149	CLRD 2,862	CLRD 2,992	Stroke 3,266	CLRD 3,154	CLRD 3,108	CLRD 3,159	CLRD 3,273	CLRD 3,245	CLRD 3,048	Unintentional Injury 3,219	Stroke 3,401	Stroke 3,475	Stroke 3,444
5	Diabetes 2,484	Diabetes 2,557	Unintentional Injury 2,604	Diabetes 2,485	Diabetes 2,599	Unintentional Injury 2,567	Unintentional Injury 2,596	Unintentional Injury 2,427	Unintentional Injury 2,437	Unintentional Injury 2,421	Unintentional Injury 2,491	Unintentional Injury 2,688	Unintentional Injury 2,991	Unintentional Injury 3,029	Unintentional Injury 2,970	CLRD 3,202	CLRD 3,065	CLRD 3,228	CLRD 3,213
6	Unintentional Injury 2,291	Unintentional Injury 2,411	Diabetes 2,532	Unintentional Injury 2,377	Unintentional Injury 2,331	Diabetes 2,540	Diabetes 2,454	Diabetes 2,330	Diabetes 2,242	Diabetes 1,980	Diabetes 2,098	Diabetes 2,222	Diabetes 1,989	Diabetes 2,043	Diabetes 2,062	Alzheimer's 2,260	Alzheimer's 2,435	Alzheimer's 2,830	Alzheimer's 2,710
7	Influenza & Pneumonia 2,045	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,894	Septicemia 1,988	Septicemia 1,904	Septicemia 1,904	Septicemia 1,932	Septicemia 1,871	Alzheimer's 1,823	Alzheimer's 1,857	Alzheimer's 1,874	Alzheimer's 1,881	Alzheimer's 1,962	Alzheimer's 1,883	Alzheimer's 1,812	Alzheimer's 1,962	Septicemia 1,957	Diabetes 1,949	Diabetes 1,908	Septicemia 1,948
8	Septicemia 1,745	Septicemia 1,831	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,974	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,824	Alzheimer's 1,713	Alzheimer's 1,815	Alzheimer's 1,649	Septicemia 1,733	Septicemia 1,794	Septicemia 1,747	Septicemia 1,660	Septicemia 1,727	Septicemia 1,672	Septicemia 1,785	Septicemia 1,764	Diabetes 1,933	Septicemia 1,925	Septicemia 1,897	Diabetes 1,881
9	Kidney Disease 1,496	Kidney Disease 1,496	Kidney Disease 1,663	Kidney Disease 1,699	Kidney Disease 1,626	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,637	Kidney Disease 1,645	Kidney Disease 1,690	Kidney Disease 1,715	Kidney Disease 1,711	Kidney Disease 1,582	Kidney Disease 1,492	Kidney Disease 1,431	Kidney Disease 1,400	Kidney Disease 1,502	Kidney Disease 1,582	Kidney Disease 1,535	Kidney Disease 1,591	Kidney Disease 1,672
10	Alzheimer's 1,267	Alzheimer's 1,376	Alzheimer's 1,522	Alzheimer's 1,637	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,587	Kidney Disease 1,598	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,317	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,343	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,414	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,332	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,129	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,258	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,131	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,356	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,234	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,402	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,208	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,337	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,465

The increase in deaths due to **unintentional injury** is due to the increase in unintentional poisoning deaths, which include unintentional drug overdoses.

The increase in deaths due to **Alzheimer's disease** is thought to be a combination of "diagnosis shift" and the aging of the population. [Source: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2017/p0525-alzheimer-deaths.html](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2017/p0525-alzheimer-deaths.html)

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