

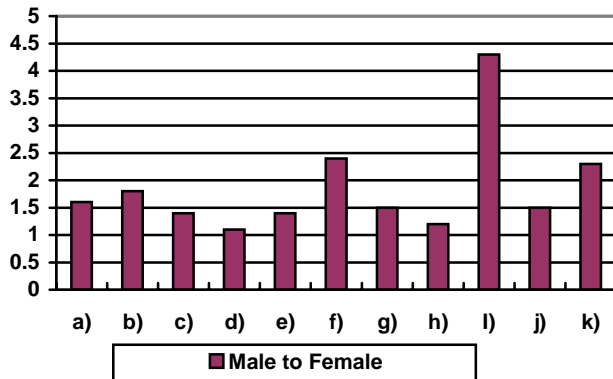
Top Ten Causes of Death

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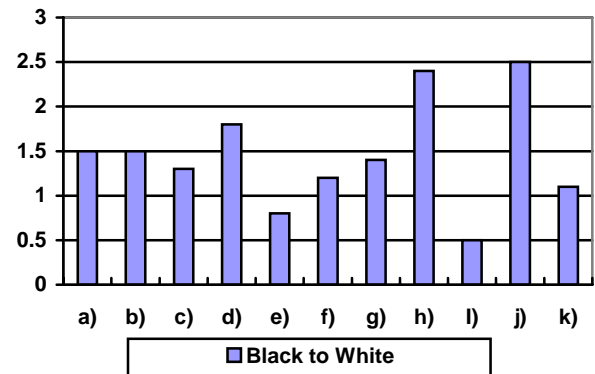
Source: National Vital Statistics Report Volume 48, Number 11 (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvs48_11.pdf)

We illustrate the age-adjusted death rates for the top 10 causes of death by sex and race. In 1998, the age-adjusted death rate for males of all races was 1.6 times that for females. The age-adjusted death rate for the black population was 1.5 times that for the white population.

Excess Mortality in Males



Excess Mortality in African-Americans



***Rank**

	Male to Female	Black to White
a) All causes	1.6	1.5
b) Diseases of heart	1.8	1.5
c) Cancer ¹	1.4	1.3
d) Stroke and Cerebrovascular diseases	1.1	1.8
e) COPD ²	1.4	0.8
f) Accidents and adverse effects	2.4	1.2
g) Pneumonia and Influenza	1.5	1.4
h) Diabetes	1.2	2.4
i) Suicide	4.3	0.5
j) Kidney disease ³	1.5	2.5
k) Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	2.3	1.1

**Age adjusted death rate per 100,000 U.S. standard populations*

1) Malignant neoplasmas, including neoplasmas of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues

2) Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases

3) Nephritis, nephritic syndrome, and nephrosis

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