



Leading causes of death

2019-2024 Data

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Cancer (279)	Heart disease (289)	Cancer (315)	Cancer (275)	Cancer (294)	Cancer (282)
2	Heart disease (255)	Cancer (281)	Heart disease (270)	Heart disease (218)	Heart disease (269)	Heart disease (254)
3	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (100)	Stroke (98)	COVID-19 (228)	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (106)	Unintentional injuries (97)	Unintentional injuries (114)
4	Stroke (71)	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (96)	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (99)	Stroke (104)	Stroke (92)	Stroke (110)
5	Diabetes (66)	Unintentional injuries (60)	Stroke (92)	Unintentional injuries (88)	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (68)	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (72)
6	Alzheimer's disease (62)	Diabetes (60)	Unintentional injuries (65)	COVID-19 (74)	Diabetes (43)	Diabetes (61)
7	Unintentional injuries (58)	Alzheimer's disease (42)	Diabetes (60)	Diabetes (42)	Alzheimer's disease (40)	Alzheimer's disease (41)
8	Suicide (23)	COVID-19 (24)	Alzheimer's disease (46)	Alzheimer's disease (35)	Chronic liver disease (31)	Chronic liver disease (29)
9	Parkinson's disease (21)	Chronic liver disease (24)	Chronic liver disease (27)	Chronic liver disease (27)	Suicide (27)	Suicide (25)
10	Chronic liver disease (21)	Suicide (21)	Suicide (26)	Suicide (26)	COVID-19 (22)	Influenza and pneumonia (23)

Drug overdose deaths are of interest in the community, but are not identified in the categories above. Below are the number of drug overdose deaths among Cowlitz County residents for 2019-2024:

20	29	31	38	50	54
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Note: Descriptions of select leading causes of death are available on [page 19 of a previously-published report on leading causes of death](#). Note that these figures are based on final death counts, and differ from some previously-published figures based on preliminary data. Data sources: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, [Death Certificates Data, 2019-2024](#), [Community Health Assessment Tool \(CHAT\)](#), October 2025. Accessed 11/13/25. [Washington State Opioid and Drug Use Data Dashboard](#). Accessed 11/13/25.