

TABLE 11

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND DEATH RATES ⁽¹⁾
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK STATE, UPSTATE NEW YORK ⁽²⁾
NEW YORK CITY AND THE UNITED STATES: 1998**

CAUSE OF DEATH [ICD-9] ⁽³⁾	Westchester County Ten Leading Causes	New York State			United States (D)
		Total (A)	New York City (B)	Upstate New York (C)	
TOTAL - ALL CAUSES [001-E999]					
Number	7,515	155,651	59,859	95,792	2,337,256
Rate ⁽⁴⁾	832.0	835.1	786.7	868.6	864.5
DISEASES OF THE HEART [390-398, 402, 404-429]					
Number	2,785	59,241	25,172	34,069	724,859
Rate	308.3	317.9	330.8	308.9	268.2
Rank	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]
MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS [140-208]					
Number	1,862	36,844	13,529	23,315	541,532
Rate	206.1	197.7	177.8	211.4	200.3
Rank	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]
CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE [430-438]					
Number	435	7,747	2,062	5,685	158,448
Rate	48.2	41.6	27.1	51.5	58.6
Rank	[3]	[3]	[4]	[3]	[3]
PNEUMONIA [480-486]					
Number	328	6,800	2,694	4,106	90,147
Rate	36.3	36.5	35.4	37.2	33.4
Rank	[4]	[4]	[3]	[4]	[5]
ACCIDENTS AND ADVERSE EFFECTS [E800-E949]					
Number	204	3,978	1,200	2,778	97,835
Rate	22.6	21.3	15.8	25.2	36.2
Rank	[5]	[5]	[7]	[5]	[4]
DIABETES MELLITUS [250]					
Number	154	3,515	1,527	1,988	64,751
Rate	17.0	18.9	20.1	18.0	24.0
Rank	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]
NEPHRITIS, NEPHROSIS AND NEPHROTIC SYNDROME [580-589]					
Number	82	1,576	444	1,132	26,182
Rate	9.1	8.5	5.8	10.3	9.7
Rank	[7]	[8]	[12]	[7]	[8]
CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE INCLUDING CIRRHOSIS [571]					
Number	78	1,525	673	852	25,192
Rate	8.6	8.2	8.8	7.7	9.3
Rank	[8]	[9]	[8]	[9]	[9]
ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME [042-044]					
Number	60	2,269	1,918	351	13,426
Rate	6.6	12.2	25.2	3.2	5.0
Rank	[9]	[7]	[5]	[15]	[15]
GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS, COLITIS AND DIVERTICULITIS [535, 555-558, 562]					
Number	58	805	216	589	NA
Rate	6.4	4.3	2.8	5.3	-
Rank	[10]	[14]	[14]	[11]	-

A Suicide [E950-E959] was ranked 10th in N.Y. State with 1,380 deaths and a death rate of 7.4 per 100,000;

B Homicide and Legal Intervention [E960-E978] was ranked 9th in N.Y. City with 642 deaths and a rate of 8.5 per 100,000 and Suicide [950-959] was 10th with 499 deaths and a rate of 6.6.

C Suicide [950-959] was ranked 8th Upstate with 881 deaths and a death rate of 8.0 per 100,000 and Emphysema [492] was ranked 10th with 694 deaths and a rate of 6.3.

D Suicide [E950-E959] was ranked 7th in the U.S. with 30,575 deaths and a death rate of 11.3 per 100,000 and Alzheimer's Disease [331] was ranked 10th with 22,725 deaths and a rate of 8.4.

(1) The causes of death ranked as top ten for Westchester County on this table were extracted from the list of selected causes given in Table 10 (excluding 'other disease' categories).

(2) New York State excluding New York City.

(3) Cause of death codes are those of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification, Third Edition, World Health Organization, 1989.

(4) Rates expressed per 100,000 population as of July 1, 1998 (see Technical Notes for details). The population of Westchester County (903,286) is presented in Table 1. The population figures used for N.Y. State (18,637,800), N.Y. City (7,809,200) and Upstate N.Y. (11,028,600) are estimates prepared by the N.Y. State Department of Health, Bureau of Biometrics. The estimated population of the U.S. (270,298,524) is from the *National Vital Statistics Report*, Volume 48, Number 11.

Sources: Population data as stated above. Westchester vital event data from WCDH analysis of N.Y. State Department of Health vital certificate computer files. N.Y. State data extracted from tables 33a, 33b and 33c of *Vital Statistics of New York State, 1998*. U.S. data are from the National Center for Health Statistics *National Vital Statistics Report*, Volume 48, Number 11.