

## *Additional information*

- Road traffic crashes cause over 1.27 million deaths a year.
- Road traffic fatalities are predicted to rise to the fifth leading cause of death by 2030, resulting in an estimated 2.4 million fatalities per year. This projected increase in ranking would be due to a combination of an increase in road traffic deaths and reductions in deaths due to some other health conditions.

### *Leading causes of death, 2004 and 2030 compared*

TOTAL 2004			TOTAL 2030		
RANK	LEADING CAUSE	%	RANK	LEADING CAUSE	%
1	Ischaemic heart disease	12.2	1	Ischaemic heart disease	12.2
2	Cerebrovascular disease	9.7	2	Cerebrovascular disease	9.7
3	Lower respiratory infections	7.0	3	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	7.0
4	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	5.1	4	Lower respiratory infections	5.1
5	Diarrhoeal diseases	3.6	5	Road traffic injuries	3.6
6	HIV/AIDS	3.5	6	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	3.5
7	Tuberculosis	2.5	7	Diabetes mellitus	2.5
8	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	2.3	8	Hypertensive heart disease	2.3
9	Road traffic injuries	2.2	9	Stomach cancer	2.2
10	Prematurity and low birth weight	2.0	10	HIV/AIDS	2.0
11	Neonatal infections and other	1.9	11	Nephritis and nephrosis	1.9
12	Diabetes mellitus	1.9	12	Self-inflicted injuries	1.9
13	Malaria	1.7	13	Liver cancer	1.7
14	Hypertensive heart disease	1.7	14	Colon and rectum cancer	1.7
15	Birth asphyxia and birth trauma	1.5	15	Oesophagus cancer	1.5
16	Self-inflicted injuries	1.4	16	Violence	1.4
17	Stomach cancer	1.4	17	Alzheimer and other dementias	1.4
18	Cirrhosis of the liver	1.3	18	Cirrhosis of the liver	1.3
19	Nephritis and nephrosis	1.3	19	Breast cancer	1.3
20	Colon and rectum cancers	1.1	20	Tuberculosis	1.1

Source: World health statistics 2008 (<http://www.who.int/whostat/whostat/2008/en/index.html>)

- Road traffic injuries are one of the top three causes of death for people aged between 5 and 44 years.

*Leading causes of death by age, world, 2004*

RANK	0-4 YRS	5-14 YRS	15-29 YRS	30-44 YRS	45-49 YRS	70+ YRS	TOTAL
1	Perinatal causes	Lower respiratory infections	Road traffic injuries	HIV/AIDS	Ischaemic heart disease	Ischaemic heart disease	Ischaemic heart disease
2	Lower respiratory infections	Road traffic injuries	HIV/AIDS	Tuberculosis	Cerebrovascular disease	Cerebrovascular disease	Cerebrovascular disease
3	Diarrhoeal diseases	Malaria	Tuberculosis	Road traffic injuries	HIV/AIDS	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Lower respiratory infections
4	Malaria	Drownings	Violence	Ischaemic heart disease	Tuberculosis	Lower respiratory infections	Perinatal causes
5	Measles	Meningitis	Self-inflicted injuries	Self-inflicted injuries	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
6	Congenital anomalies	Diarrhoeal diseases	Lower respiratory infections	Violence	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	Diabetes mellitus	Diarrhoeal diseases
7	HIV/AIDS	HIV/AIDS	Drownings	Lower respiratory infections	Cirrhosis of the liver	Hypertensive heart disease	HIV/AIDS
8	Whooping cough	Tuberculosis	Fires	Cerebrovascular disease	Road traffic injuries	Stomach cancer	Tuberculosis
9	Meningitis	Protein-energy malnutrition	War and conflict	Cirrhosis of the liver	Lower respiratory infections	Colon and rectum cancers	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers
10	Tetanus	Fires	Maternal haemorrhage	Poisonings	Diabetes mellitus	Nephritis and nephrosis	Road traffic injuries
11	Protein-energy malnutrition	Measles	Ischaemic heart disease	Maternal haemorrhage	Self-inflicted injuries	Alzheimer and other dementias	Diabetes mellitus
12	Syphilis	Leukaemia	Poisonings	Fires	Stomach cancer	Tuberculosis	Malaria
13	Drownings	Congenital anomalies	Abortion	Nephritis and nephrosis	Liver cancer	Liver cancer	Hypertensive heart disease
14	Road traffic injuries	Trypanosomiasis	Leukaemia	Drownings	Breast cancer	Oesophagus cancer	Self-inflicted injuries
15	Fires	Falls	Cerebrovascular disease	Breast cancer	Hypertensive heart disease	Cirrhosis of the liver	Stomach cancer
16	Tuberculosis	Epilepsy	Diarrhoeal diseases	War and conflict	Nephritis and nephrosis	Inflammatory heart diseases	Cirrhosis of the liver
17	Endocrine disorders	Leishmaniasis	Falls	Falls	Oesophagus cancer	Breast cancer	Nephritis and nephrosis
18	Upper respiratory infections	Violence	Meningitis	Diarrhoeal diseases	Colon and rectum cancers	Prostate cancer	Colon and rectum cancers
19	Iron deficiency anaemia	War and conflict	Nephritis and nephrosis	Liver cancer	Poisonings	Falls	Liver cancer
20	Epilepsy	Poisonings	Malaria	Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers	Mouth and oropharynx cancers	Road traffic injuries	Violence

Source: WHO (2008), Global Burden of Disease: 2004 update.