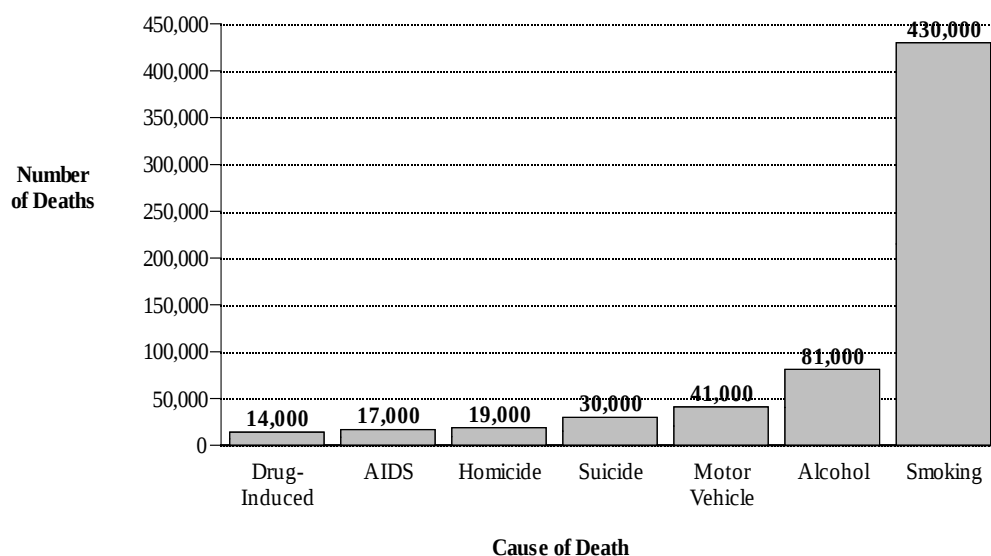


Smoking Is Leading Preventable Cause of Death in U.S.

The Tobacco Information and Prevention Source (TIPS) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. Tobacco use is responsible for more than twice the number of deaths caused by AIDS, alcohol, motor vehicle accidents, homicide, drugs, and suicide combined (see figure below). Of the 430,000 deaths attributable each year to smoking, 36 percent are from cancer, 28 percent from cardiovascular disease, and 17 percent are from chronic lung disease. In addition, an estimated 3,000 nonsmoking Americans die of lung cancer and 300,000 children suffer from lower respiratory tract infections each year because of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. For more information on tobacco use and prevention, visit the CDC's TIPS website at www.cdc.gov/tobacco.

Causes of Death in the U.S., 1993-1998*



*Cause of death data are for years ranging from 1993 to 1998, depending on the source. The original table and data source list are available at www.cdc.gov/tobacco/andths.htm.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tobacco Information and Prevention Source website
[[<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/>]] (accessed 5/31/00).

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