Mortality 2018-2023 Key Findings

**Mortality Overview**

* In 2023, the total number deaths in Wisconsin to residents ages 1 and older was 57,114.
* The statewide crude mortality rate continued its decline and has dropped from 1068.6 deaths per 100,000 people in 2020 to 976.1 deaths per 100,000 in 2023.
* In 2023, the counties with the lowest age-adjusted mortality rate were Calumet, Pepin, and Ozaukee. The counties with the highest age-adjusted mortality rate were Menominee, Green Lake, and Lincoln.
* The region with the highest age-adjusted mortality rate was the Southeastern region (781.1 deaths per 100,000 people) while the lowest was the Southern region (732.2) in 2023. [DHS regions by county](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aboutdhs/regions.htm).

**Leading Causes of Death**

* Heart disease, cancer, and unintentional injuries have been the three leading causes of death statewide and within each Wisconsin region since 2021.
* Unintentional injuries were the top causes of death for those less than 25 years old for all years between 2018 and 2023 except for 2020.
* For the last three years, heart disease has been the leading cause of death for males and females.