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The total number of Americans dying from heart disease rose in recent years following decades in decline. Cancer deaths have nearly tripled since 1950 and continue to climb.

Heart disease:

2011: 596,577 deaths

2014: 614,348

Cancer:

2011: 576,691 deaths

2014: 591,699

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*