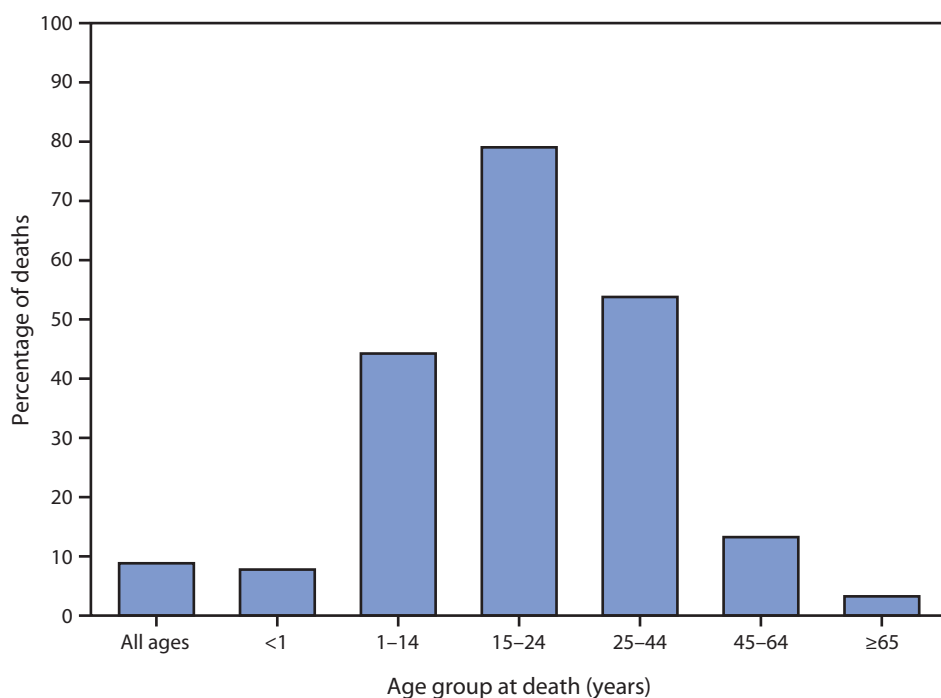


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Percentage of Deaths from External Causes,* by Age Group[†] — United States, 2017



* External causes of death include intentional and unintentional injury, poisoning (including drug overdose), and complication of medical or surgical care and are identified with *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision* codes V01–Y89 and U01–U03.

[†] Deaths for which an age could not be determined are included in “All ages” but are not included among the age groups given.

In 2017, 9% of all deaths were due to external causes. The percentage of deaths due to external causes was highest for those aged 15–24 years (79%) and lowest for those aged <1 year (8%) and aged >65 years (3%) at death. Among those aged 1–14 years, 44% of deaths were due to external causes, compared with 54% for those aged 25–44 years and 13% for those aged 45–65 years.

Source: National Vital Statistics System. Underlying cause of death data, 2017. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10.html>.

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For more information on this topic, CDC recommends the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/>.