The Charts below depict the leading cause of death by age and ethnicity in 2012. The data was published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. You will find some noticeable trends and alarming facts. For example, the leading cause of death for those aged 50-79, regardless of ethnicity, is cancer. Also, the leading cause of death for African Americans aged 15-34 is Homicide. For more information go to http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/leadcaus10_us.html.