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Name	Date of death	Official cause of death	Fame	Age
Robert Johnson	Aug 16, 1938	Unknown, but typically attributed to strychnine poisoning	Blues singer and musician who recorded a very famous and influential set of 29 songs	27 yrs., 100 days
Brian Jones	July 3, 1969	Drowned ^[9] (coroner's report states "death by misadventure")	Rolling Stones founder, guitarist and multi-instrumentalist	27 yrs., 125 days
Jimi Hendrix	Sept 18, 1970	Asphyxiation	Pioneering electric guitarist, singer and songwriter for The Jimi Hendrix Experience and Band of Gypsys	27 yrs., 295 days
Janis Joplin	Oct 4, 1970	Probable heroin overdose	Lead vocalist and songwriter for Big Brother and the Holding Company, The Kozmic Blues Band and Full Tilt Boogie Band	27 yrs., 258 days
Jim Morrison	July 3, 1971	Heart failure (although no autopsy was performed)	Lead singer, lyricist and video director for The Doors, and poet	27 yrs., 207 days
Ron "Pigpen" McKernan	Mar 8, 1973	Gastrointestinal hemorrhage associated with alcoholism	Founding member, keyboardist and singer of the Grateful Dead	27 yrs., 181 days
Kurt Cobain	c. Apr 5, 1994	Suicide	Founding member, lead singer, guitarist and songwriter for Nirvana	c. 27 yrs., 44 days
Amy Winehouse	July 23, 2011	Cause of death unexplained	English singer-songwriter; first British female to win five Grammy Awards in single ceremony	27 yrs., 312 days

Cobain and Hendrix biographer Charles R. Cross writes *"The number of musicians who died at 27 is truly remarkable by any standard. [Although] humans die regularly at all ages, there is a statistical spike for musicians who die at 27."*

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1. Alexandre Levy	Jan 17, 1892	Unknown	Composer, pianist and conductor	27 yrs., 98 days
2. Louis Chauvin	Mar 26, 1908	Neurosyphilitic sclerosis	Ragtime musician	27 yrs., 13 days
3. Nat Jaffe	Aug 5,	Complications from high blood	Swing jazz pianist	27 yrs., 216 days

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	1945	pressure		
4. Jesse Belvin	Feb 6, '60	Car accident	R&B singer, pianist and songwriter	27 yrs., 53 days
5. Rudy Lewis	May 20, '64	Drug overdose	Vocalist of The Drifters	27 yrs., 271 days
6. Malcolm Hale	Oct 31, '68	Carbon monoxide poisoning	Original member and lead guitarist of Spanky and Our Gang	27 yrs., 166 days
7. Dickie Pride	Mar 26, '69	Overdose of sleeping pills	Rock and roll singer	27 yrs., 156 days
8. Alexandra	July 31, '69	Car accident	Singer	27 yrs., 73 days
9. Alan "Blind Owl" Wilson	Sept 3, 1970	Barbiturate overdose, possible suicide	Leader, singer and primary composer of Canned Heat	27 yrs., 61 days
10. Arlester "Dyke" Christian	Mar 13, '71	Murdered	Frontman, vocalist and bassist of Dyke & the Blazers	27 yrs., 273 days
11. Linda Jones	Mar 14, '72	Complications from diabetes	Soul singer	27 yrs., 91 days
12. Leslie Harvey	May 3, '72	Electrocution	Guitarist for Stone the Crows and brother of Alex Harvey	27 yrs., 233 days
13. Roger Lee Durham	July 27, 1973	Fell off a horse and died from the injuries	Singer and percussionist of Bloodstone	27 yrs., 163 days
14. Wallace Yohn	Aug 12, 1974	Plane crash	Organ player of Chase	27 yrs., 212 days
15. Dave Alexander	Feb 10, 1975	Pulmonary edema	Bassist for the Stooges	27 yrs., 252 days
16. Pete Ham	Apr 24, 1975	Suicide	Keyboardist and guitarist, leader of Badfinger	27 yrs., 362 days
17. Gary Thain	Dec 8, 1975	Drug overdose	Former bassist of Uriah Heep and The Keef Hartley Band	27 yrs., 207 days
18. Cecilia	Aug 2, 1976	Car accident	Spanish singer	27 yrs., 296 days
19. Helmut Köllen	May 3, 1977	Carbon monoxide poisoning	Bassist with 1970s German prog rock band Triumvirat	27 yrs., 62 days
20. Chris Bell	Dec 27, 1978	Car accident	Singer-songwriter and guitarist of power pop band Big Star and solo	27 yrs., 349 days
21. Jacob Miller	Mar 23, 1980	Car accident	Jamaican reggae artist and lead singer for Inner Circle	27 yrs., 324 days
22. D. Boon	Dec 22, 1985	Car accident	Guitarist, lead singer of punk band the Minutemen	27 yrs., 266 days
23. Alexander Bashlachev	Feb 17,	Suicide	Russian poet, rock musician	27 yrs., 266 days

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	1988		and songwriter	
24. Jean-Michel Basquiat	Aug 12, 1988	Speedball overdose	Painter and graffiti artist; formed the band Gray	27 yrs., 234 days
25. Pete de Freitas	June 14, 1989	Motorcycle accident	Drummer for Echo & the Bunnymen	27 yrs., 346 days
26. Mia Zapata	July 7, 1993	Murdered	Lead singer of The Gits	27 yrs., 316 days
27. Kristen Pfaff	June 16, 1994	Heroin overdose	Bass guitarist for Hole and Janitor Joe	27 yrs., 51 days
28. Richey Edwards	Feb 1, 1995	Disappeared; officially presumed dead Nov 23, 2008	Lyricist and guitarist for Manic Street Preachers	27 yrs., 41 days
29. Stretch	Nov 30, 1995	Murdered	Rapper	27 yrs., 101 days
30. Fat Pat	Feb 3, 1998	Murdered	Rapper and member of Screwed Up Click	27 yrs., 61 days
31. Freaky Tah	Mar 28, 1999	Murdered	Rapper and member of the hip hop group Lost Boyz	27 yrs., 318 days
32. Sean Patrick McCabe	Aug 28, 2000	Asphyxiation	Lead singer of Ink & Dagger	27 yrs., 289 days
33. Rodrigo Bueno	June 24, 2000	Car accident	Argentine Cuarteto singer	27 yrs., 31 days
34. Maria Serrano Serrano	Nov 24, '01	Plane crash	Background singer for Passion Fruit	27 yrs., 363 days
35. Jeremy Michael Ward	May 25, '03	Heroin overdose	The Mars Volta and De Facto sound manipulator	27 yrs., 20 days
36. Bryan Ottoson	Apr 19, '05	Prescription drug overdose	Guitarist for American Head Charge	27 yrs., 32 days
37. Valentín Elizalde	Nov 26, '06	Murdered	Mexican banda singer	27 yrs., 297 days
38. Damien Morris	Dec 19, '07	Tour bus crash	Vocalist and member of The Red Shore	27 yrs., 211 days
39. Orish Grinstead	Apr 20, '08	Kidney failure	Founding member of '90s R&B group 702	27 yrs., 323 days
40. Lily Tembo	Sept 14, '09	Severe gastritis	Zambian musician	27 yrs., 298 days
41. John Garrighan	Jan 30, '11	Heroin overdose	Guitarist and vocalist for The Berlin Project	27 yrs., 304 days
42. Richard Turner	Aug 11, '11	Cardiac arrest	Trumpet player, collaborator with Friendly Fires	27 yrs., 12 days

