

Leading Causes of Infant Death, 2006-2008

San Diego County Residence

Rank	Cause of Death	Number	Rate
1	Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities	167	118.3
2	Sudden infant death syndrome	85	60.2
3	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	77	54.5
4	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified	65	46.0
5	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes	59	41.8
6	Neonatal hemorrhage	24	17.0
7	Diseases of the circulatory system	17	12.0
8	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia	13	9.2
9	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	12	8.5
10	Respiratory distress of newborn	10	7.1
-	All other causes	156	110.5
-	Total	685	485.3

Notes:

- Infant mortality is defined as death prior to one year of age.
- Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.
- Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.
- Leading causes with rank higher than 10 or with fewer than 5 deaths are not listed.
- Infant mortality rates are number of deaths per 100,000 live births.
- Interpret with caution rates calculated on fewer than 20 events since they are considered statistically unreliable.

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Death and Birth Statistical Master Files.

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