

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS, 2008-2010

Rank, Number and Percent of Deaths, and Age-adjusted Rates

RANK in 2010 ^a	RANK in 2009 ^a	CAUSE OF DEATH ^b	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS						2008-2010		AGE-ADJUSTED RATES ^c		
			2008		2009		2010		n	%	2008	2009	2010
			n	%	n	%	n	%					
1	1	Malignant neoplasms	4,715	24.3	4,734	24.8	4,848	25.1	14,297	24.7	160.9	159.4	161.3
2	2	Diseases of heart	4,752	24.5	4,697	24.6	4,561	23.6	14,010	24.2	152.1	152.3	146.6
3	3	Alzheimer's disease	1,142	5.9	1,115	5.8	1,195	6.2	3,452	6.0	35.1	35.2	37.2
4	5	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,044	5.4	952	5.0	1,063	5.5	3,059	5.3	35.1	32.1	35.7
5	4	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,121	5.8	1,080	5.7	1,037	5.4	3,238	5.6	36.1	35.5	33.7
6	6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	932	4.8	949	5.0	923	4.8	2,804	4.9	29.9	30.4	29.2
7	7	Diabetes mellitus	571	2.9	555	2.9	579	3.0	1,705	3.0	19.1	18.6	19.1
8	8	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	359	1.8	365	1.9	352	1.8	1,076	1.9	11.7	11.6	11.0
9	10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	334	1.7	307	1.6	312	1.6	953	1.6	11.2	9.8	9.9
10	9	Influenza and pneumonia	338	1.7	322	1.7	289	1.5	949	1.6	10.6	10.4	9.2
11	11	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	276	1.4	285	1.5	280	1.4	841	1.5	8.6	9.1	9.0
12	12	Parkinson's disease	221	1.1	186	1.0	215	1.1	622	1.1	7.3	6.3	7.2
13	13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	182	0.9	156	0.8	138	0.7	476	0.8	6.0	5.0	4.5
14	14	Septicemia	103	0.5	139	0.7	130	0.7	372	0.6	3.4	4.6	4.4
15	15	Viral hepatitis	120	0.6	122	0.6	123	0.6	365	0.6	4.0	3.9	3.8
		All Other Causes	3,198	16.5	3,111	16.3	3,267	16.9	9,576	16.6			
		TOTAL DEATHS	19,408	100.0	19,075	100.0	19,312	100.0	57,795	100.0	635.0	626.2	627.6

^a Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories. The top 15 leading causes of death presented here are based on the county-wide rank among San Diego County residents in 2010.

^b Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.

^c All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Standard Population. Rates may vary slightly from previously published data due to updated population estimates.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Office of Health Information and Research, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1 population estimates (2001-2010 estimates released July 2012)

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