

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS, 2007-2009

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

RANK in 2009 ^a	RANK in 2008 ^a	CAUSE OF DEATH ^b	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS						AGE-ADJUSTED RATES ^c				
			2007		2008		2009		2007-2009		2007	2008	2009
			n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%			
1	2	Malignant neoplasms	4,812	25.1	4,715	24.3	4,734	24.8	14,261	24.7	161.8	154.1	150.1
2	1	Diseases of heart	4,743	24.8	4,752	24.5	4,697	24.6	14,192	24.6	152.3	146.5	139.7
3	3	Alzheimer's disease	1,019	5.3	1,142	5.9	1,115	5.8	3,276	5.7	31.6	33.9	31.5
4	4	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,122	5.9	1,121	5.8	1,080	5.7	3,323	5.8	36.2	34.8	32.6
5	5	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,023	5.3	1,044	5.4	952	5.0	3,019	5.2	34.0	33.6	29.6
6	6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	995	5.2	932	4.8	949	5.0	2,876	5.0	31.4	28.8	28.9
7	7	Diabetes mellitus	520	2.7	571	2.9	555	2.9	1,646	2.9	17.4	18.3	17.5
8	8	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	358	1.9	359	1.8	365	1.9	1,082	1.9	11.5	11.3	11.2
9	9	Influenza and pneumonia	292	1.5	338	1.7	322	1.7	952	1.7	9.1	10.2	9.6
10	10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	315	1.6	334	1.7	307	1.6	956	1.7	10.3	10.8	9.5
11	11	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	233	1.2	276	1.4	285	1.5	794	1.4	7.4	8.3	8.3
12	12	Parkinson's disease	203	1.1	221	1.1	186	1.0	610	1.1	6.5	7.0	5.7
13	13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	189	1.0	182	0.9	156	0.8	527	0.9	6.3	5.7	4.6
14	17	Septicemia	101	0.5	103	0.5	139	0.7	343	0.6	3.3	3.2	4.3
15	15	Viral hepatitis	103	0.5	120	0.6	122	0.6	345	0.6	3.3	3.8	3.8
		All Other Causes	3,129	16.3	3,198	16.5	3,111	16.3	9,438	16.4			
		TOTAL DEATHS	19,157	100.0	19,408	100.0	19,075	100.0	57,640	100.0	623.2	610.1	580.7

^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 2009.

^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 (2001-09 estimates released 2010)

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