

REGIONAL SUMMARY, LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BY YEAR 2002
Age-adjusted Rates for Regions and San Diego County Residents

COUNTY RANK in 2002	CAUSE OF DEATH *	AGE-ADJUSTED RATES						SAN DIEGO COUNTY
		REGION						
		N. Coastal	N. Central	Central	South	East	N. Inland	
1	Diseases of Heart	179.8	170.4	244.7	234.6	245.7	166.7	201.9
2	Malignant neoplasms (cancer, all)	166.8	170.1	199.7	163.8	191.7	165.9	175.7
3	Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	53.4	48.7	64.3	55.6	58.6	55.5	55.7
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (COPD)	39.9	34.1	35.9	32.8	49.0	38.2	38.6
5	Alzheimer's disease	42.8	28.6	32.1	23.5	37.7	37.9	34.6
6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	24.8	20.4	35.1	29.2	26.2	27.9	27.6
7	Influenza and pneumonia	16.0	23.7	22.1	19.2	25.1	25.7	22.3
8	Diabetes mellitus	17.1	8.6	28.0	21.3	22.4	14.5	18.2
9	Suicide	9.8	10.8	12.5	8.5	12.4	10.7	10.8
10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	7.5	5.9	15.8	12.4	11.5	8.9	11.2
11	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	6.4	5.9	12.8	9.2	8.4	9.0	8.4
12	Parkinson's disease	9.2	7.0	3.5	5.4	6.5	6.5	6.6
13	Pneumonitis due to solids & liquids	4.1	5.0	9.6	5.3	6.1	6.5	6.0
14	Atherosclerosis	4.6	5.9	6.8	4.1	10.0	6.7	6.4
15	HIV/AIDS	2.1	2.8	15.1	3.4	2.9	2.6	4.6
	All Other Causes	84.8	90.5	129.7	113.0	116.0	99.5	104.8
	TOTAL DEATHS:	669.2	643.4	867.7	742.1	830.2	682.6	733.6

Rank ordered based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories. Leading causes is based on the number of deaths in San Diego County for entire period from 2000-2002

* Underlying cause of death.

All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 Standard U.S. Population

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1, population estimates

Note: Rates may be different from previously published rates as population

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