

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BY YEAR (2000-2002)

Number and Percent of Deaths (County Residents) and Age-adjusted Rates

RANK in 2002	CAUSE OF DEATH *	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS								AGE-ADJUSTED RATES		
		2000		2001		2002		2000-2002		2000	2001	2002
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%			
1	Diseases of Heart	5,494	28.0	5,516	27.8	5,275	27.3	16,285	27.7	223.2	217.7	201.9
2	Malignant neoplasms (cancer, all)	4,724	24.1	4,666	23.5	4,584	23.7	13,974	23.7	189.5	183.3	175.7
3	Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	1,578	8.0	1,616	8.1	1,459	7.5	4,653	7.9	63.9	63.8	55.7
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (COPD)	1,082	5.5	1,194	6.0	1,006	5.2	3,282	5.6	43.5	47.0	38.6
5	Alzheimer's disease	790	4.0	779	3.9	909	4.7	2,478	4.2	32.3	30.8	34.6
6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	729	3.7	717	3.6	790	4.1	2,236	3.8	26.4	25.4	27.6
7	Influenza and pneumonia	756	3.9	701	3.5	585	3.0	2,042	3.5	30.9	27.7	22.3
8	Diabetes mellitus	481	2.5	491	2.5	475	2.5	1,447	2.5	19.2	19.3	18.2
9	Suicide	333	1.7	314	1.6	308	1.6	955	1.6	12.2	11.3	10.8
10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	259	1.3	281	1.4	296	1.5	836	1.4	10.2	10.8	11.2
11	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	207	1.1	231	1.2	220	1.1	658	1.1	8.4	9.1	8.4
12	Parkinson's disease	156	0.8	155	0.8	174	0.9	485	0.8	6.2	6.0	6.6
13	Pneumonitis due to solids & liquids	110	0.6	150	0.8	156	0.8	416	0.7	4.5	5.9	6.0
14	Atherosclerosis	133	0.7	113	0.6	168	0.9	414	0.7	5.5	4.5	6.4
15	HIV/AIDS	123	0.6	131	0.7	131	0.7	385	0.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
	All Other Causes	2,666	13.6	2,816	14.2	2,820	14.6	8,302	14.1	103.7	107.6	104.8
	TOTAL DEATHS:	19,621	100.0	19,871	100.0	19,356	100.0	58,848	100.0	784.0	774.8	733.6

Rank ordered based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories. Top 15 based on rank in San Diego County for entire period 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 estimates were revised in Feb 2004.

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