

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG RESIDENTS BY YEAR (2001-2003)

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

RANK in 2003	RANK in 2002	CAUSE OF DEATH *	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS						AGE-ADJUSTED RATES				
			2001		2002		2003		2001-2003		2001	2002	2003
			n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%			
1	1	Diseases of heart	5,516	27.8	5,275	27.3	5,367	27.0	16,158	27.3	217.7	201.9	198.8
2	2	Cancer (any)	4,666	23.5	4,584	23.7	4,715	23.7	13,965	23.6	183.3	175.7	176.4
3	3	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,616	8.1	1,459	7.5	1,521	7.7	4,596	7.8	63.8	55.7	56.3
4	4	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,194	6.0	1,006	5.2	1,067	5.4	3,267	5.5	47.0	38.6	39.8
5	5	Alzheimer's disease	779	3.9	909	4.7	1,004	5.1	2,692	4.6	30.8	34.6	36.9
6	6	Unintentional injuries	717	3.6	790	4.1	807	4.1	2,314	3.9	25.4	27.6	27.7
7	7	Influenza & pneumonia	701	3.5	585	3.0	579	2.9	1,865	3.2	27.7	22.3	21.3
8	8	Diabetes mellitus	491	2.5	475	2.5	499	2.5	1,465	2.5	19.3	18.2	18.6
9	9	Suicide	314	1.6	308	1.6	326	1.6	948	1.6	11.3	10.8	11.2
10	10	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	281	1.4	296	1.5	296	1.5	873	1.5	10.8	11.2	10.8
11	11	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	231	1.2	220	1.1	227	1.1	678	1.1	9.1	8.4	8.3
12	12	Parkinson's disease	155	0.8	174	0.9	206	1.0	535	0.9	6.0	6.6	7.6
13	not in top 15	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	157	0.8	124	0.6	149	0.8	430	0.7	6.2	4.7	5.6
14	not in top 15	Homicide	97	0.5	96	0.5	136	0.7	329	0.6	3.3	3.2	4.3
15	14	Atherosclerosis	113	0.6	168	0.9	127	0.6	408	0.7	4.5	6.4	4.7
		All Other Causes	2,843	14.3	2,887	14.9	2,838	14.3	8,568	14.5	107.6	104.8	102.8
		TOTAL DEATHS:	19,871	100.0	19,356	100.0	19,864	100.0	59,091	100.0	774.8	733.6	731.2

Rank ordered based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.

* 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

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