SUMMARY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2003 Age-adjusted Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Total Population San Diego County Residents

		NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATH							AGE-ADJUSTED RATES					
		ASIAN/OTHER NON- HISPANIC		BLACK NON-HISPANIC		HISPANIC (ANY RACE)		WHITE NON-HISPANIC						
COUNTY RANK in		number of		number of		number of		number of		ASIAN/OTHE R NON-	BLACK NON-	HISPANIC	WHITE NON-	SAN DIEGO
2003	CAUSE OF DEATH *	deaths	%	deaths	%	deaths	%	deaths	%	HISPANIC	HISPANIC	(ANY RACE)	HISPANIC	COUNTY
1	Diseases of heart	289	23.5		24.6	523		4,321	28.2	119.9	272.7	176.3	207.3	198.8
2	Cancer (any)	332	27.0		24.6	550		3,599	23.5	121.4			184.6	176.4
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	107	8.7	81	8.7	167	7.1	1,164	7.6	44.2	95.7	55.8	55.0	56.3
4	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	41	3.3	19	2.0	60	2.6	946	6.2	16.4	21.3	21.0	46.1	39.8
5	Alzheimer's disease	30	2.4		2.8	49			5.9		41.9	18.7	40.6	
6	Unintentional injuries	64	5.2		5.2	153			3.5		33.4	24.0	30.7	27.7
7	Influenza & pneumonia	21	1.7	21	2.3	49	2.1	488	3.2	8.5	25.7	15.5	22.9	
8	Diabetes mellitus	67	5.5	36	3.9	97	4.1	299	2.0	27.1	42.4	28.8	15.0	18.6
9	Suicide	21	1.7	10	1.1	41	1.8	253	1.7	5.0	6.0	6.1	14.8	11.2
10	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	8	0.7	8	0.9	63	2.7	216	1.4	2.7	7.0	13.8	11.9	10.8
11	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	20	1.6	10	1 1	16	0.7	181	12	9.4	13.4	6.0	8.4	8.3
12	Parkinson's disease	7	0.6		0.2	9	0.4		1.2			3.2	8.8	
	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome &			1		,								
13	nephrosis	12	1.0	8	0.9	26	1.1	103	0.7	4.9	9.6	7.7	5.0	5.6
14	Homicide	12	1.0	27	2.9	53	2.3	43	0.3	2.9	14.6	5.9	2.7	4.3
15	Atherosclerosis	10	0.8		0.4	11			0.7	4.9	5.9	4.4	4.7	4.7
	All Other Causes	188	15.3	173	18.6	474	20.2	1,986	13.0	68.2	155.4	106.8	102.1	102.8
	TOTAL DEATHS:	1,229	100.0	931	100.0	2,341	100.0	15,326	100.0	474.3	991.0	643.8	760.7	731.2

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 in 2003. * Underlying cause of death.

All rates are per 100,000 population in each race category, 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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^{**} Rate not calculated because number of deaths <5.