

**SUMMARY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BY SEX, YEAR 2002**  
**Age-adjusted Rates by Sex and Total Population San Diego County Residents**

COUNTY RANK in 2002	CAUSE OF DEATH *	AGE-ADJUSTED RATES		
		SEX		SAN DIEGO COUNTY (TOTAL POPULATION)
		MALE	FEMALE	
1	Diseases of Heart	246.7	166.2	201.9
2	Malignant neoplasms (cancer, all)	207.1	154.3	175.7
3	Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	55.7	54.8	55.7
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases (COPD)	39.9	37.9	38.6
5	Alzheimer's disease	29.7	37.6	34.6
6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	39.7	16.1	27.6
7	Influenza and pneumonia	25.7	20.2	22.3
8	Diabetes mellitus	22.4	15.2	18.2
9	Suicide	16.7	5.4	10.8
10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	14.5	8.0	11.2
11	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	8.2	8.4	8.4
12	Parkinson's disease	10.2	4.1	6.6
13	Pneumonitis due to solids & liquids	8.3	4.5	6.0
14	Atherosclerosis	6.6	6.2	6.4
15	HIV/AIDS	7.9	1.4	4.6
	All Other Causes	119.5	92.3	104.8
	<b>TOTAL DEATHS:</b>	<b>859.0</b>	<b>632.4</b>	<b>733.6</b>

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

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