

## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS BY SEX, 2004

Number and Percent of Deaths and Age-adjusted Rates

COUNTY- WIDE RANK in 2004 <sup>a</sup>	CAUSE OF DEATH <sup>b</sup>	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS				AGE-ADJUSTED RATES <sup>c</sup>		
		MALE		FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY
		number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%			
1	Diseases of heart	2,698	27.3	2,530	25.8	233.8	150.9	187.2
2	Cancer (any)	2,402	24.3	2,229	22.7	202.5	145.2	168.9
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	560	5.7	863	8.8	48.9	51.2	50.8
4	Alzheimer's Disease	338	3.4	768	7.8	31.1	43.7	39.0
5	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	464	4.7	602	6.1	40.9	37.6	39.0
6	Unintentional injuries	586	5.9	277	2.8	40.3	17.9	28.8
7	Diabetes mellitus	270	2.7	261	2.7	22.7	16.7	19.4
8	Influenza & pneumonia	226	2.3	251	2.6	20.2	14.6	16.9
9	Suicide	226	2.3	85	0.9	16.0	5.6	10.5
10	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	101	1.0	161	1.6	9.0	9.5	9.3
11	Parkinson's disease	160	1.6	98	1.0	14.4	5.9	9.3
12	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	155	1.6	92	0.9	11.8	6.1	8.8
13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	93	0.9	92	0.9	8.1	5.7	6.6
14	Homicide	110	1.1	28	0.3	6.7	1.8	4.3
15	HIV disease	111	1.1	20	0.2	7.7	1.3	4.5
	All Other Causes	1,398	14.1	1,446	14.8			
	<b>TOTAL DEATHS:</b>	<b>9,898</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,803</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>826.4</b>	<b>603.1</b>	<b>703.2</b>

<sup>a</sup> Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.  
The top 15 leading causes of death presented here are based on the county-wide rank among San Diego residents in 2004.

<sup>b</sup> Underlying cause of death.

<sup>c</sup> All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 Standard U.S. Population.

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