

Table 18. Drug-induced deaths among San Diego County Residents, 1995-1998, 1999*

By Region, Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Age Group

Variable	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Deaths	Adjusted Rate	Deaths	Adjusted Rate	Deaths	Adjusted Rate	Deaths	Adjusted Rate	Deaths	Adjusted Rate
San Diego County	242	9.3	246	9.4	281	10.6	226	8.3	266	9.6
Region										
N. Coastal	33	7.7	33	7.6	66	15.8	35	7.8	31	6.8
N. Central	34	5.9	39	7.3	28	4.8	32	5.7	40	6.8
Central	77	19.7	74	18.0	71	16.8	62	14.5	84	19.6
South	32	9.4	29	8.6	31	9.3	27	7.6	27	7.8
East	38	8.8	40	9.0	41	9.2	31	6.9	46	9.9
N. Inland	18	4.1	24	5.5	29	6.4	23	5.0	19	4.1
Gender										
Male	168	12.6	183	13.8	192	14.0	158	11.4	192	13.5
Female	74	5.8	62	4.9	89	7.0	68	5.0	74	5.5
Race/Ethnicity										
White	156	9.0	185	10.8	202	11.6	164	9.2	186	10.4
Black	30	22.9	15	11.2	28	21.9	18	14.5	26	16.0
Hispanic	51	9.4	41	7.0	44	7.7	37	6.3	47	8.3
Asian/Other	5	2.4	5	2.1	6	2.3	7	2.8	5	1.8
Age Groups	Deaths	Age-specific rate	Deaths	Age-specific rate	Deaths	Age-specific rate	Deaths	Age-specific rate	Deaths	Age-specific rate
Under 1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	*
1-4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	*
5-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
15-24	10	2.6	17	4.4	9	2.3	13	3.3	12	2.9
25-34	52	11.3	38	8.5	54	12.3	38	8.6	40	9.1
35-44	101	23.1	107	24.1	113	25.1	84	18.3	87	18.7
45-54	52	18.3	57	19.2	68	21.8	64	19.5	86	25.0
55-64	13	7.0	14	7.4	20	10.2	10	4.9	19	8.9
65-74	9	5.4	9	5.4	9	5.4	7	4.1	13	7.6
75-84	5	4.8	3	*	6	5.5	8	7.2	4	*
85+	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	*	1	*	1	*

All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 Standard U.S. Population.

* No rates calculated for fewer than 5 events.

Note: Rates based on fewer than 20 events should be interpreted with caution.

*Note: The 1999 mortality data is the first release to use ICD-10 to code underlying cause of death and differs from the ICD-9 classification used for the 1995-1998 data. Due to the lack of comparability between the two ICD versions, the differences in deaths and rates between pre-1999 and 1999 may result in major discontinuities in trend data.

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Death Statistical Master Files, 1995-1999; SANDAG, January 1, 1995-1999 population estimates used for calculating rates.