

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BY REGION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY 2003
Number and Percent of Deaths Among Residents of San Diego County HHS Regions

COUNTY RANK IN 2003	CAUSE OF DEATH	REGION											
		N. Coastal		N. Central		Central		South		East		N. Inland	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
1	Diseases of heart	907	29.0	901	26.1	758	25.7	714	28.6	1,090	29.1	929	24.7
2	Cancer (any)	742	23.8	908	26.3	661	22.4	605	24.3	873	23.3	880	23.4
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	228	7.3	256	7.4	222	7.5	190	7.6	288	7.7	317	8.4
4	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	202	6.5	179	5.2	119	4.0	121	4.9	206	5.5	231	6.1
5	Alzheimer's disease	188	6.0	190	5.5	119	4.0	73	2.9	174	4.6	253	6.7
6	Unintentional injuries	113	3.6	106	3.1	143	4.8	92	3.7	140	3.7	141	3.7
7	Influenza & pneumonia	77	2.5	118	3.4	78	2.6	58	2.3	102	2.7	142	3.8
8	Diabetes mellitus	73	2.3	62	1.8	96	3.3	87	3.5	88	2.4	88	2.3
9	Suicide	44	1.4	73	2.1	52	1.8	37	1.5	68	1.8	31	0.8
10	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	35	1.1	51	1.5	55	1.9	36	1.4	61	1.6	43	1.1
11	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	31	1.0	41	1.2	26	0.9	31	1.2	42	1.1	53	1.4
12	Parkinson's disease	46	1.5	49	1.4	12	0.4	17	0.7	26	0.7	56	1.5
13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	13	0.4	30	0.9	25	0.8	22	0.9	38	1.0	20	0.5
14	Homicide	12	0.4	11	0.3	47	1.6	23	0.9	22	0.6	13	0.3
15	Atherosclerosis	20	0.6	18	0.5	18	0.6	7	0.3	27	0.7	35	0.9
	All Other Causes	95	3.0	138	4.0	191	6.5	127	5.1	140	3.7	159	4.2
	TOTAL DEATHS:	3,124	100.0	3,450	100.0	2,949	100.0	2,493	100.0	3,744	100.0	3,764	100.0

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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