

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS BY SEX, 2012

Number and Percent of Deaths and Age-adjusted Rates

COUNTY-WIDE RANK in 2012 ^a	CAUSE OF DEATH ^b	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS				AGE-ADJUSTED RATES ^c		
		MALE		FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY
		number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%			
1	Malignant neoplasms	2,574	25.2	2,384	24.3	186.4	137.5	158.3
2	Diseases of heart	2,506	24.5	2,120	21.6	182.8	107.1	140.6
3	Alzheimer's disease	403	3.9	760	7.8	30.7	35.8	33.9
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	477	4.7	552	5.6	36.2	30.2	32.7
5	Cerebrovascular diseases	399	3.9	604	6.2	29.4	30.5	30.3
6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	640	6.3	349	3.6	41.4	20.0	30.5
7	Diabetes mellitus	354	3.5	298	3.0	25.4	16.4	20.4
8	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	305	3.0	103	1.1	19.6	6.4	12.8
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	227	2.2	127	1.3	14.7	7.6	11.0
10	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	123	1.2	209	2.1	8.9	10.2	9.8
11	Influenza and pneumonia	142	1.4	161	1.6	10.5	7.9	8.9
12	Parkinson's disease	163	1.6	101	1.0	13.0	5.3	8.4
13	Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids	66	0.6	81	0.8	4.9	4.0	4.3
14	Septicemia	73	0.7	56	0.6	5.3	3.1	4.0
15	Neoplasms - in situ, benign or unk behavior	61	0.6	63	0.6	4.5	3.3	3.9
	All Other Causes	1,704	16.7	1,833	18.7			
	TOTAL DEATHS:	10,217	100.0	9,801	100.0	734.2	521.8	618.1

^a 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 County residents in 2012.

^b Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.

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

* Rate not calculated for fewer than 20 deaths in this category.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Office of Health Information and Research, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1 population estimates (2001-2013 estimate released January 2014)

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LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG MALES AND FEMALES, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, 2012
Number and Percent of Deaths, Crude Rates and Age-adjusted Rates

Table 1. Males

Rank ^a	Cause of Death ^b	Number of Deaths	%	Crude Rate ^c	Age-adjusted Rate ^c
1	Malignant neoplasms	2,574	25.2	164.1	186.4
2	Diseases of heart	2,506	24.5	159.8	182.8
3	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	640	6.3	40.8	41.4
4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	477	4.7	30.4	36.2
5	Alzheimer's disease	403	3.9	25.7	30.7
6	Cerebrovascular diseases	399	3.9	25.4	29.4
7	Diabetes mellitus	354	3.5	22.6	25.4
8	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	305	3.0	19.4	19.6
9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	227	2.2	14.5	14.7
10	Parkinson's disease	163	1.6	10.4	13.0
	All other causes	2,169	21.2		
	TOTAL DEATHS	10,217	100.0	651.4	734.2

Table 2. Females

Rank ^a	Cause of Death ^b	Number of Deaths	%	Crude Rate ^c	Age-adjusted Rate ^c
1	Malignant neoplasms	2,384	24.3	152.8	137.5
2	Diseases of heart	2,120	21.6	135.9	107.1
3	Alzheimer's disease	760	7.8	48.7	35.8
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	604	6.2	38.7	30.5
5	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	552	5.6	35.4	30.2
6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	349	3.6	22.4	20.0
7	Diabetes mellitus	298	3.0	19.1	16.4
8	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive	209	2.1	13.4	10.2
9	Influenza and pneumonia	161	1.6	10.3	7.9
10	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	127	1.3	8.1	7.6
	All other causes	2,237	22.8		
	TOTAL DEATHS	9,801	100.0	628.2	521.8

^a Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.

^b Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.

^c All rates are per 100,000 population; age-adjusted rates are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Standard Population.

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