

Leading Causes of Infant Death, 2011-2013

San Diego County Residence

Rank	Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Mortality Rate
1	Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities	132	100.3
2	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	70	53.2
3	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes	58	44.1
3	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified	58	44.1
5	Sudden infant death syndrome	51	38.7
6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	15	11.4
7	Hydrops fetalis not due to hemolytic disease	13	9.9
8	Neonatal hemorrhage	11	8.4
9	Atelectasis	9	6.8
10	Diseases of the circulatory system	8	6.1
10	Assault (homicide)	8	6.1
-	All other causes	127	96.5
-	Total	560	425.4

Notes:

- Infant mortality is defined as death prior to one year of age.
- Infant mortality rates are number of deaths per 100,000 live births.
- Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.
- Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.
- Leading causes with rank higher than 10 or with fewer than 5 deaths are not listed.
- Interpret with caution rates calculated for fewer than 20 events since they are considered statistically unreliable.

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