

3-4-50: Chronic Disease Deaths in San Diego County Short Brief 2000-2021

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3 Behaviors

poor diet, tobacco use, and physical inactivity

contribute to

4 Chronic Diseases

cancer, heart disease & stroke, type II diabetes, and lung disease

that result in over

50 Percent

of all deaths worldwide

What is 3-4-50?

Three-four-fifty refers to three behaviors that contribute to four chronic diseases and result in 50% or more deaths worldwide. These chronic diseases are potentially preventable through modifying diet, physical activity, and smoking behaviors. In San Diego County, 43% of all deaths are due to these four chronic diseases.

3-4-50 in San Diego County-San Diego County

- From 2000-2021, the overall percent of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases decreased in the six Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) regions (Figure 1).
- Overall, 3-4-50 chronic disease death rates have decreased in all HHSA regions from 2000-2021 (Figure 2).
- Among the HHSA regions, North Central Region had the highest percent of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in 2021.
- Among the HHSA regions, Central Region had the lowest death rates due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases every year from 2000 to 2015, with the exception of 2002, 2010, 2014, and 2016-2020 when North Central Region had the lowest rate.
- Despite a decrease, 3-4-50 chronic diseases still accounted for 43% of all deaths in San Diego County in 2021.

Figure 1: 3-4-50 Death Percentages

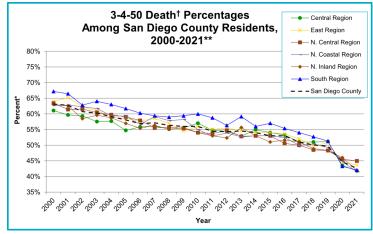
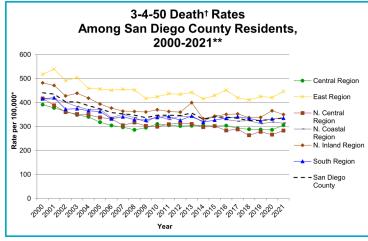


Figure 2: 3-4-50 Death Rates



- †3-4-50 deaths include stroke, coronary heart disease (CHD), diabetes, COPD, asthma, and cancer. Beginning with 2017, COPD includes chronic lower respiratory diseases (COPD/chronic lower respiratory diseases).
- *3-4-50 deaths as a percentage of all cause deaths. Rates per 100,000 population. Population estimates for 2020 and 2021 were derived using the 2010 Census and data should be considered preliminary.
- **The COVID-19 pandemic was associated with increases in all-cause mortality. COVID-19 deaths have affected the patterns of mortality including those of 3-4-50 chronic diseases.



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What does 3-4-50 look like in San Diego County?

In San Diego County, 3-4-50 is actually 3-4-43

3 BEHAVIORS

TOBACCO USE

In 2021, 6.1% of adults in San Diego County reported being current smokers.

LACK OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY~

 In 2020, over 1 in 3 children in San Diego County spent 5 or more hours on sedentary activities on typical weekend days.

POOR NUTRITION

 In 2020, 62.8% of children in San Diego County ate less than 5 servings of fruits/vegetables daily.

TOBACCO USE

• In 2021, North Central Region had the highest percent of adults who were current smokers.

LACK OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY~

 In 2020, North Coastal Region had the highest percent of children who spent 5 or more hours on sedentary activities on typical weekend days.

POOR NUTRITION

 In 2020, North Inland Region had the highest percent of children who ate less than 5 servings of fruits/vegetables daily.

4 CHRONIC DISEASES

CANCER

• In 2021, cancer was the leading cause of death in San Diego County.

HEART DISEASE & STROKE

 In 2021, 6.7% of adults in San Diego County had ever been diagnosed with heart disease.

DIABETES

 In 2021, 8.5% of adults in San Diego County had ever been diagnosed with diabetes.

LUNG DISEASE

 In 2021, 14.2% of residents (ages 1 year and older) in San Diego County had ever been diagnosed with asthma.

CANCER

 In 2021, cancer was the leading cause of death in four HHSA regions: East, North Central, North Inland, and South.

HEART DISEASE & STROKE

 In 2021, North Coastal Region had the highest percent of adults who had ever been diagnosed with heart disease.

DIABETES

 In 2021, East Region had the highest percent of adults who had ever been diagnosed with diabetes.

LUNG DISEASE

 In 2021, East Region had the highest percent of residents (ages 1 year and older) who had ever been diagnosed with asthma.

CAUSE OVER 50% OF DEATHS

In 2021, cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and lung disease caused 43% of all deaths in San Diego County.

In 2021, North Central Region had the highest percent of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases at 45%, while North Coastal Region had the lowest at 41%.