

## 3-4-50: Chronic Disease Deaths in San Diego County Short Brief – South Region, 2000-2021

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### 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.<sup>1</sup> 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—South Region

- From 2000-2021, the overall percent of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases decreased in the South Region and its subregional areas (SRAs) (Figure 1).
- Overall, 3-4-50 chronic disease death rates have decreased in South Region and its SRAs from 2000-2021, except in South Bay and Sweetwater SRAs, where the rates increased.
- Among the South Region SRAs, Coronado had the highest percentage of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in 2021.
- Among the South Region SRAs, Chula Vista had the highest death rate due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in 2021.
- Despite a decrease, 3-4-50 chronic diseases still accounted for 42% of all deaths in the South Region in 2021.

Figure 1: 3-4-50 Death Percentages

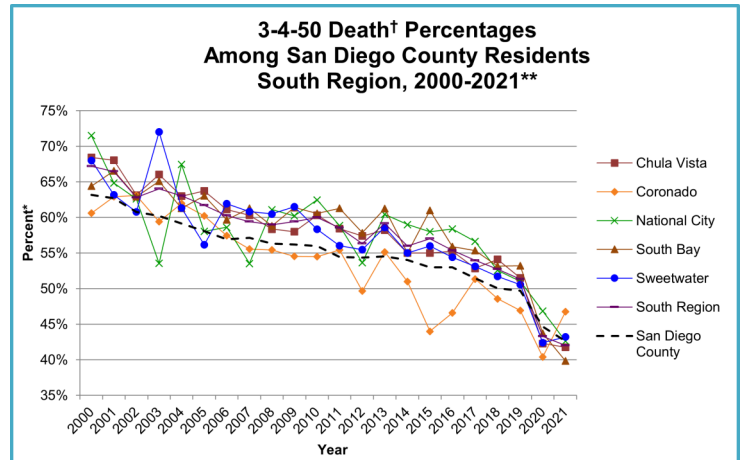
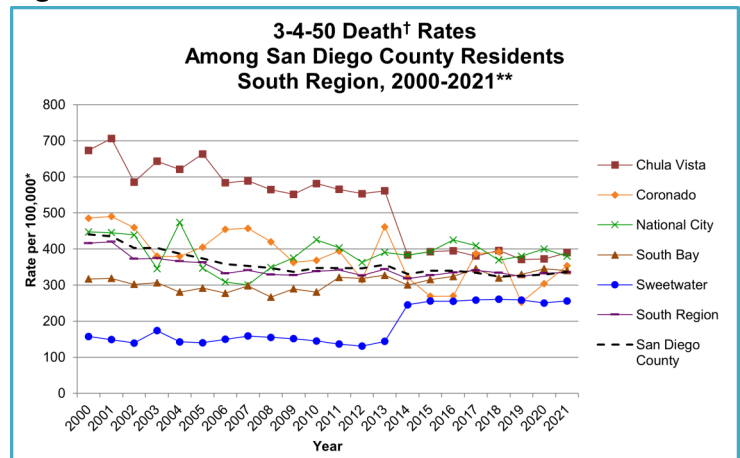


Figure 2: 3-4-50 Death Rates



<sup>†</sup>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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<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization (WHO). "WHO reveals leading causes of death and disability worldwide: 2000-2019", <https://www.who.int/news/item/09-12-2020-who-reveals-leading-causes-of-death-and-disability-worldwide-2000-2019> (Accessed April 10, 2023).



# What does 3-4-50 look like in South Region?

**In South Region,  
3-4-50 is actually 3-4-42**

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

## 3 BEHAVIORS

### TOBACCO USE

- In 2021, 5.7% of adults in South Region reported being current smokers.

### LACK OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY~

- In 2020, 2 in 5 children in South Region spent 5 or more hours on sedentary activities on typical weekend days.

### POOR NUTRITION

- In 2020, 55.2% of children in South Region ate less than 5 servings of fruits/vegetables daily.

### 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.

## 4 CHRONIC DISEASES

### CANCER

- In 2021, cancer was the leading cause of death in South Region.

### HEART DISEASE & STROKE

- In 2021, 7.3% of adults in South Region had ever been diagnosed with heart disease.

### DIABETES

- In 2021, 10.3% of adults in South Region had ever been diagnosed with diabetes.

### LUNG DISEASE

- In 2021, 10.5% of residents (ages 1 year and older) in South Region had ever been diagnosed with asthma.

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### 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.

## CAUSE OVER 50% OF DEATHS

**In 2021, cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and lung disease caused 42% of all deaths in the South Region.**

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