Community Health Assessment Presentation: East Region

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Data Measures





Numbers tell you how many

Example: 25 children under age 15 in San Diego died of cancer in 2012.

Percentages tell you a proportion of the whole

Example: 90% of attendees who ate potato salad at a picnic experienced symptoms of food poisoning.

Rates tell you how many per a given population and allow you to compare year to year or group to group.

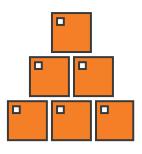
Example: The rate of children injured due to motor vehicle crashes dropped from 321.9 per 100,000 to 295.2 per 100,000 after the implementation of the booster seat program

What are subregional areas (SRAs)?





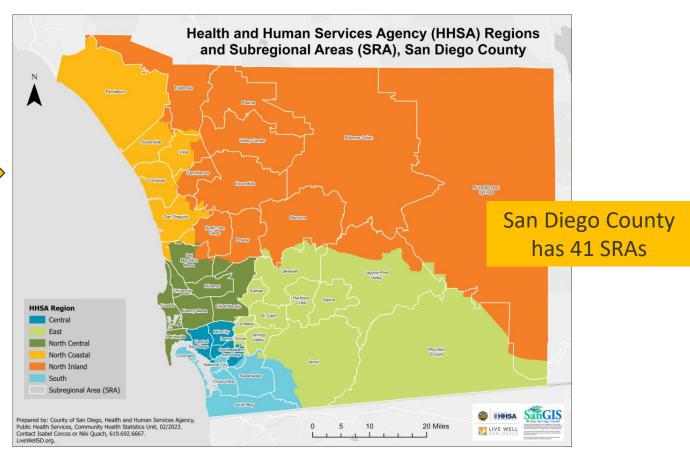
Subregional areas, SRAs, are aggregations of census tracts defined by SANDAG.







While the boundaries of many geographical areas, such as cities, change over time, SRA boundaries have remained essentially the same since their formation which allows for meaningful comparisons of time series information because identical areas are being compared.



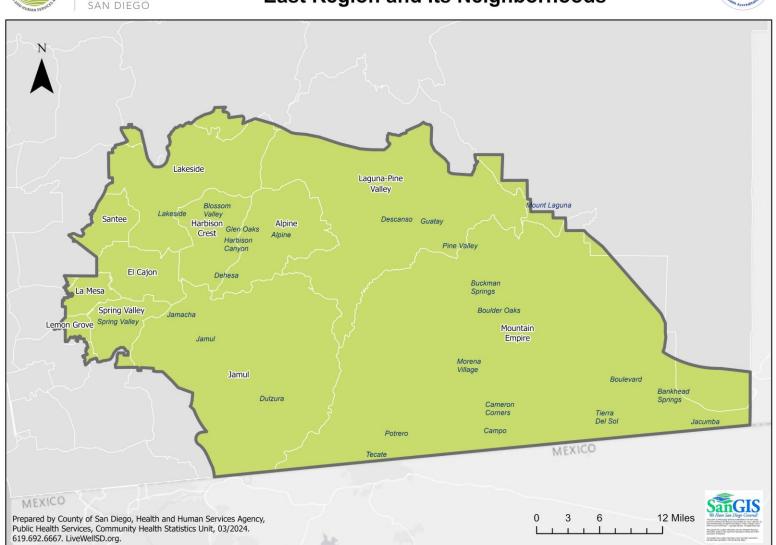
GEOGRAPHY





San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency East Region and Its Neighborhoods







Subregional Areas (SRAs) in East Region:

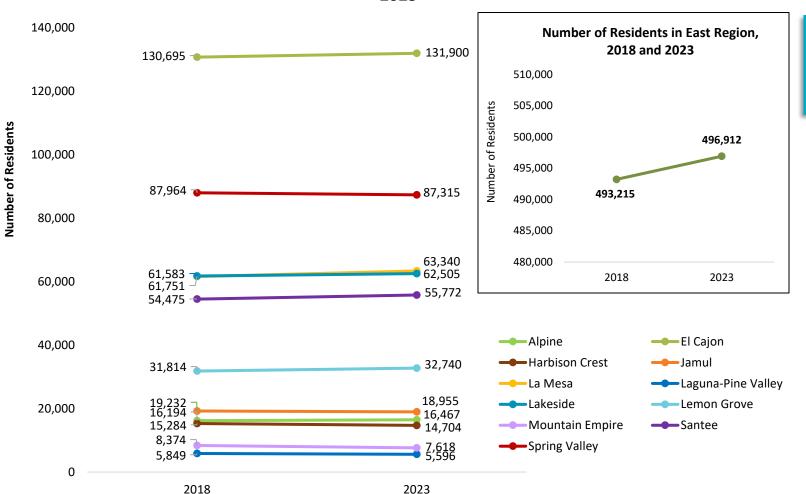
- Alpine
- El Cajon
- Harbison Crest
- Jamul
- La Mesa
- Laguna-Pine Valley
- Lakeside
- Lemon Grove
- Mountain Empire
- Santee
- Spring Valley

POPULATION





Number of Residents in East Region and its Subregional Areas (SRAs), 2018 and 2023



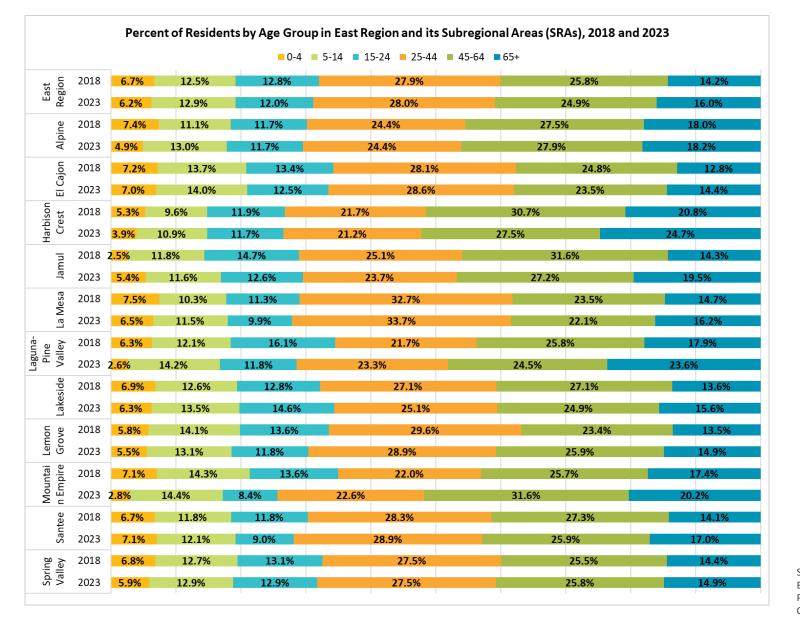
In 2023, East Region was home to 496,912 residents or 15.1% of San Diego County's population.

- Overall, the number of residents in East Region remained stable between 2018 and 2023.
- La Mesa SRA and Lemon Grove SRA experienced the highest percent population increase between 2018 and 2023 (2.9%).
- Mountain Empire SRA experienced a 9.0% population decrease between 2018 and 2023.

POPULATION BY AGE







In 2023, nearly one-third (31.1%) of East Region residents were 0-24 years old.

- Between 2018 and 2023, East Region and most of its communities had increases in the number of residents aged 5-14 years and 65 years and older.
- Among East Region SRAs, Laguna-Pine Valley had the highest increase in the percent of 5-14 year olds, followed by Alpine, from 2018 to 2023.
- Jamul SRA had the highest percent increase in the older adult population aged 65 years and older between 2018-2023.

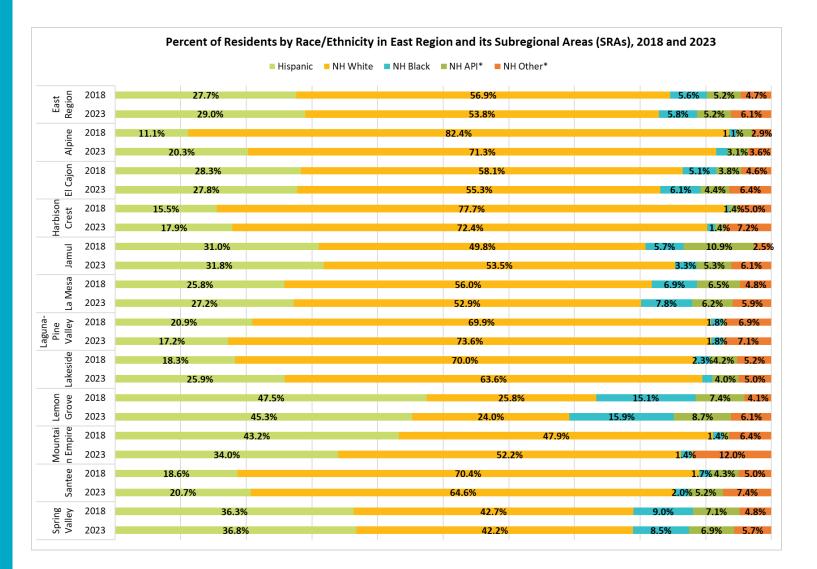
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POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY







In 2023, Hispanic (29.0%) and non-Hispanic White (53.8%) residents made up nearly 83% of East Region's population.

- Compared to other regions in 2023, East Region had the highest proportion of NH White residents at 53.8%.
- Between 2018 and 2023, the percentage of Hispanic, NH Black, NH API and NH Other residents increased in East Region.
- NH Other residents had the greatest increase in the percent of residents in East Region between 2018 and 2023.

NH indicates non-Hispanic.

^{*}Asian Pacific/Islander. Other includes American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN), two or more races, and/or other races.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B03002; 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B03002.

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Economic and Education Development



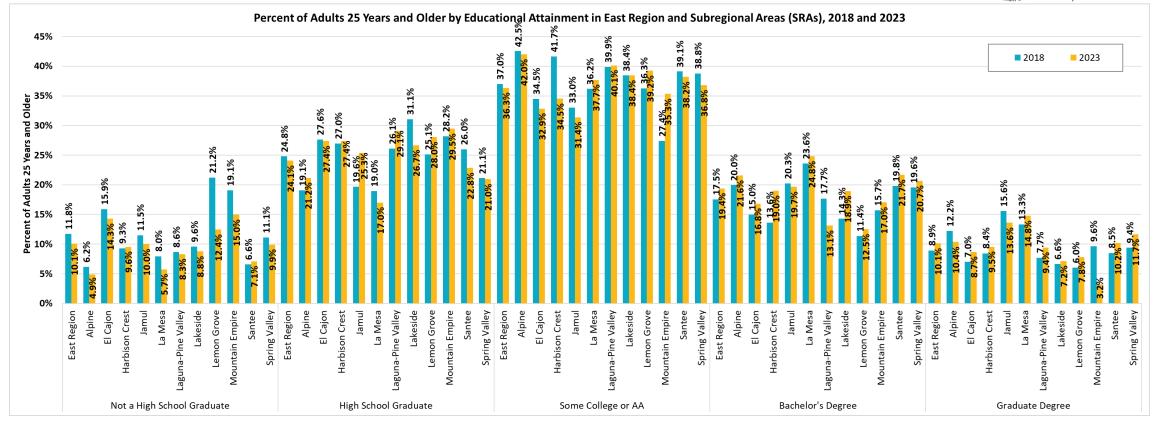




EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT







In 2023, compared to other regions in the county, East Region had the second lowest percent of adults 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or higher.

- Overall, the percent of adults 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or higher increased in East Region and its SRAs from 2018 to 2023, except in Jamul, Laguna-Pine Valley, and Mountain Empire. The percentage of adults 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or higher remained relatively the same in Alpine SRA.
- Among East Region communities, the proportion of adults 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or higher was highest in La Mesa SRA (39.6%) in 2023.

LABOR FORCE BY OCCUPATIONS

18.6%

23.8%

24.0%

21.7%

23.9%

19.0%

10.9%

10.0%

16.8%

8.8%

11.0%

7.1%

11.4%

13.4%

11.3%

10.6%

10.5%

9.6%

18.7%

18.8%

19.1%

15.0%

16.6%

17.4%





Geography	employed population 16 years and over	business, science, and arts occupations	Service occupations	Sales and office occupations	Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	transportation, and material moving occupations
East Region	225,283	35.5%	20.1%	23.7%	10.0%	10.8%
Alpine	7,849	38.6%	17.1%	22.3%	12.5%	9.6%
El Cajon	57,066	29.1%	23.9%	24.9%	10.3%	11.7%
Harbison-Crest	7,240	34.6%	17.7%	23.8%	14.2%	9.7%
Jamul	6,818	57.1%	11.4%	20.0%	5.2%	6.4%
La Mesa	30,200	44.4%	17.0%	22.6%	7.8%	8.3%
Laguna-Pine Valley	2,592	31.3%	18.1%	26.6%	14.4%	9.7%
Lakeside	29,819	34.0%	18.7%	23.0%	12.1%	12.2%
Lemon Grove	14,399	30.5%	22.4%	22.7%	11.4%	13.1%
Mountain Empire	2,661	29.2%	20.5%	21.8%	17.4%	11.2%
Santee	26,293	38.9%	17.2%	24.7%	8.3%	10.9%
Spring Valley	40,346	34.9%	21.6%	23.8%	8.8%	10.8%
San Diego County	1,564,930	41.7%	19.5%	21.7%	7.6%	9.5%
			2023			
Geography	Civilian employed population 16 years and over	Management, business, science, and arts occupations	Service occupations	Sales and office occupations	Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	Production, transportation, and material moving occupations
East Region	226,030	39.0%	18.1%	22.1%	9.3%	11.5%
Alpine	7,490	40.1%	20.1%	21.3%	8.4%	10.0%
El Cajon	58,186	32.8%	20.7%	24.2%	8.4%	13.9%
Harbison-Crest	6,360	44.1%	12.6%	22.2%	11.3%	9.7%
Jamul	7,183	47.6%	15.6%	22.7%	7.5%	6.6%
La Mesa	31,531	47.0%	17.7%	19.2%	6.9%	9.2%
Laguna-Pine Valley	2,241	35.5%	15.8%	16.4%	12.0%	20.3%

Lakeside

Santee

Lemon Grove

Spring Valley

San Diego County

Mountain Empire

28,153

15,088

3,312

26,576

39,910

1,576,445

40.4%

34.0%

28.9%

43.9%

37.9%

46.9%

2018

- In 2023, the occupations with the highest percent of employed persons 16 years and older in East Region and its communities were in management, business, science, and arts.
- In East Region, the proportion of employed persons 16 years and older in management, business, science, and arts and the production, transportation, and material moving occupations increased between 2018 and 2023.

LABOR FORCE BY INDUSTRY





Top 5 Industry Types, 2018

Rank	Industry	East Region %
1	Educational services, and health care and social assistance	21.1%
2	Retail trade	12.6%
3	Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	12.4%
4	Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	11.6%
5	Construction	8 2%

Top 5 Industry Types, 2023

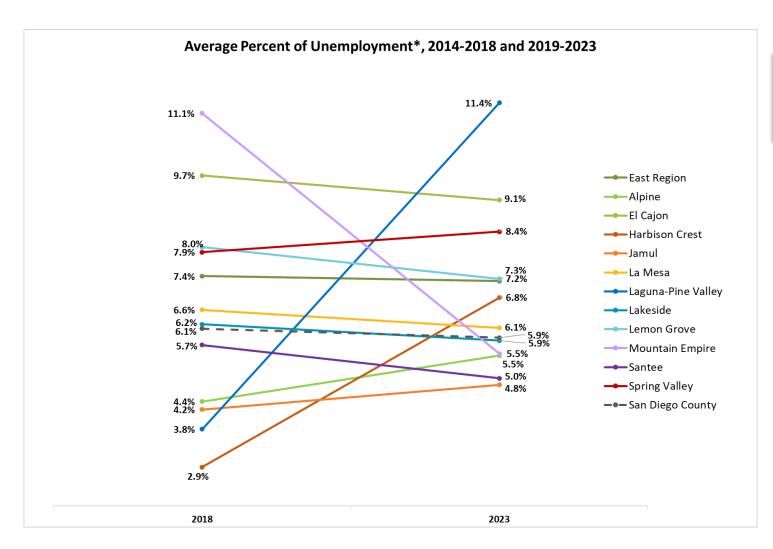
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- The percent of workers in the arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services industry decreased in East Region between 2018 and 2023, from 11.6% in 2018 to 9.7% in 2023.
- The top 5 industry types in East Region did not change from 2018 to 2023.

UNEMPLOYMENT







In East Region, the 5-year average percent of unemployed residents 16 years and older remained stable from 2018 to 2023.

- East Region had the second highest 5-year average percent of unemployment from 2018 to 2023, compared to other regions in San Diego County.
- Among East Region SRAs, Alpine, Harbison Crest, Jamul, Laguna-Pine Valley, and Spring Valley had increases in the 5-year average percent of unemployment between 2018 and 2023.
- Between 2018 and 2023, Laguna-Pine Valley had the highest increase in the 5-year average percent of unemployment.

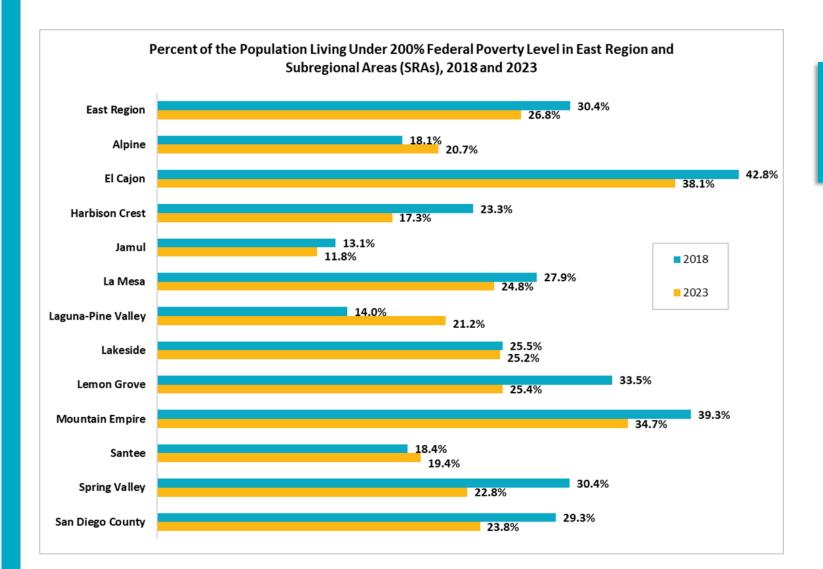
^{*}Percent unemployed was derived from the number of unemployed persons out of the 16 year and older eligible labor force. Eligible labor force includes employed civilians, unemployed, and persons in the armed forces. Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03; 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03.

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POVERTY







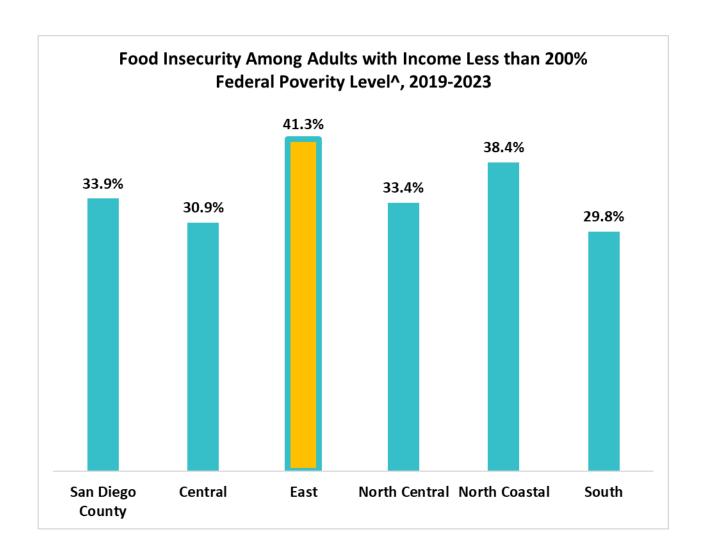
Between 2018 and 2023, the proportion of population living below 200% FPL in East Region decreased from 30.4% to 26.8%.

- The proportion of population living below 200% FPL decreased in East Region and its SRAs, except in Alpine, Laguna-Pine Valley, and Santee, from 2018 to 2023.
- Compared to other SRAs in East Region, El Cajon and Mountain Empire had the highest proportion of population living below 200% FPL in 2023.
- Jamul SRA has the lowest proportion of population living below 200% FPL in 2023.

FOOD INSECURITY







- Over 40% of adults with income less than 200% FPL reported having an inability to afford enough food in East Region between 2019-2023.
- East Region had the highest proportion of adults with income less than 200% FPL reporting food insecurity compared to all other HHSA Regions in San Diego County between 2019-2023.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Select household type

> Use the dropdown filters to choose geography

- This interactive tool helps to visualize the minimum wage required for self-sufficiency based on the average amount spent on necessities in each Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) region, subregional area (SRA), and San Diego County overall.
- Select household type to explore the differences in the income required to be economically self-sufficient.









Self-Sufficiency Standard* for San Diego County, 2023^



This interactive tool helps to visualize the minimum wage required for self-sufficiency* based on the average amount spent on basic

necessities in each Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Region, subregional area (SRA), and San Diego County overall Select a household type to explore the differences in the income required to be economically self-sufficient:

Single-Adult Household

Household with 2 Adults

Single-Parent Household with 2 Children (1 Preschool-Age, 1 School-Age) Household with 2 Adults, 2 Children (1 Preschool-Age, 1 School-Age)

Select San Diego County/HHSA Region and subregional area (SRA) to explore the differences by geography:

San Diego County and HHSA Regions San Diego County

Subregional Area (SRA)

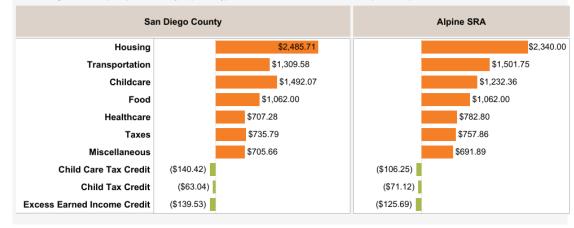
Self-Sufficiency* Income for a Household with 2 Adults, 2 Children (1 Preschool-Age, 1 School-Age), 2023

The average minimum income required to be economically self-sufficient without public or private assistance (based on each adult working 40 hours per week)

San Diego County		Alpine SRA	Annual Self-Sufficiency* Income for a Household with 2 Adults, 2 Children (1 Preschool-Age, 1 School-Age), Alpine SRA, 2023		
Hourly (per adult)	\$23.52	\$23.27			
Monthly	\$8,155.12	\$8,065.59			
Annual	\$97,861.45	\$96,787.13	Ansierde.		
Monthly Contribution t	o Emergency Savings	Fund	Alpine		
San Diego	County	Alpine SRA	\$96,787.13		
\$157	.90	\$155.05	© Mapbox © OSM		

Monthly Expenses for a Household with 2 Adults, 2 Children (1 Preschool-Age, 1 School-Age), 2023

The average amount spent per month by expense type to meet basic necessities without public or private assistance



Housing for All



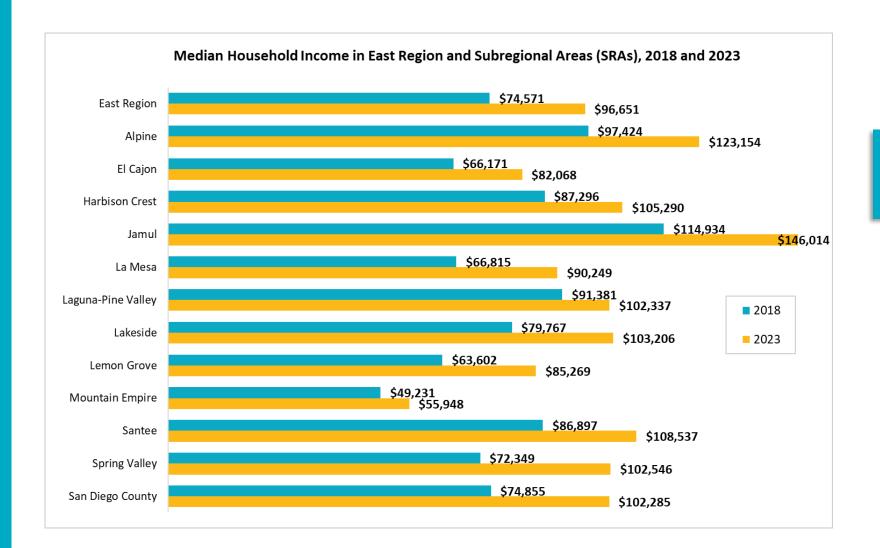




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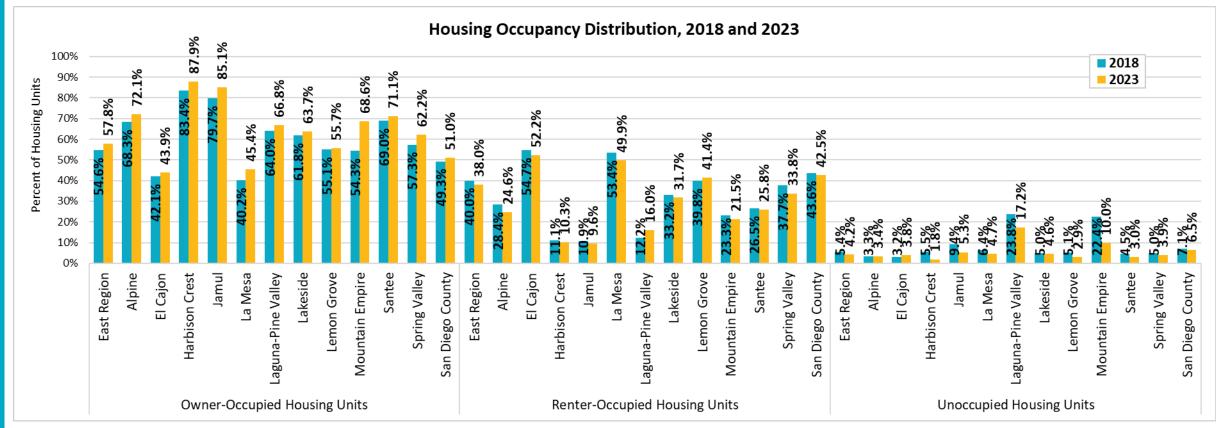
The median household income in East Region increased from \$74,571 in 2018 to \$96,651 in 2023.

- The median household income increased in East Region and its SRAs from 2018 to 2023.
- In 2023, Jamul SRA had the highest median household income in East Region, followed by Alpine SRA.

HOUSING OCCUPANCY







From 2018 to 2023, the proportion of owner-occupied housing units increased in East Region and its SRAs.

- The proportion of renter-occupied housing decreased in East Region and its SRAs, except in Laguna-Pine Valley and Lemon Grove, from 2018 to 2023.
- The proportion of unoccupied housing decreased in East Region and its SRAs, except in Alpine and El Cajon, from 2018 to 2023.

MEDIAN GROSS RENT & MEDIAN HOUSE VALUE





Geography	Gr	Median Gross Rent (2018)		Median Gross Rent (2023)	
East Region	\$	1,563	\$	2,086	
Alpine	\$	1,788	\$	2,073	
El Cajon	\$	1,478	\$	1,897	
Harbison Crest	\$	1,644	\$	2,288	
Jamul	\$	2,100	\$	2,854	
La Mesa	\$	1,476	\$	1,999	
Laguna-Pine Valley	\$	1,346	\$	3,163	
Lakeside	\$	1,664	\$	2,026	
Lemon Grove	\$	1,355	\$	1,933	
Mountain Empire	\$	1,018	\$	1,919	
Santee	\$	1,798	\$	2,329	
Spring Valley	\$	1,545	\$	2,140	
San Diego County	\$	1,569	\$	2,154	

- In East Region, the median gross rent increased from \$1,563 in 2018 to \$2,086 in 2023.
- From 2018 to 2023, the median house value in East Region increased from \$445,603 to \$662,516.

Geography		Median ouse Value (2018)	Но	Median ouse Value (2023)
East Region	\$	445,603	\$	662,516
Alpine	\$	548,900	\$	785,900
El Cajon	\$	425,013	\$	644,116
Harbison Crest	\$	459,867	\$	610,825
Jamul	\$	625,767	\$	909,225
La Mesa	\$	495,677	\$	728,493
Laguna-Pine Valley	\$	403,300	\$	527,700
Lakeside	\$	430,320	\$	644,258
Lemon Grove	\$	391,786	\$	610,314
Mountain Empire	\$	264,900	\$	370,500
Santee	\$	418,367	\$	632,321
Spring Valley	\$	449,589	\$	672,572
San Diego County	\$	526,300	\$	791,600

Homelessness





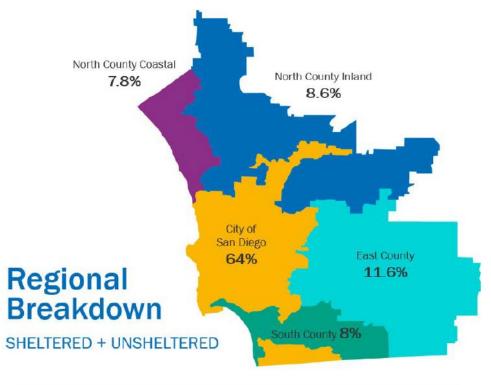


2024 Point-In-Time Data





2023-24



	% of the Region	Total Homeless Persons
City of San Diego	64%	6,783
North County Inland	8.6%	876
North County Coastal	7.8%	865
South County	8%	849
East County	11.6%	1,232

_			2024 Sh	eltered		2024 Unsheltered	2023 Unsheltered	Unsheltered Change
Region	City	ES	тн	SH	Total	Total Unsheltered	Total Unsheltered	% Change
Central Region	San Diego City	2,650	588	56	3,294	3,489	3,285	6.2%
	Carlsbad	38**	0	0	38	112	60	86.6%
	Oceanside	90	71	0	161	361	290	24.5%
North Coastal Region	Encinitas (San Dieguito, Solana Beach & Del Mar)	14	17	0	31	123	73	68.5%
	Coronado	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
	National City	0	5	0	5	174	159	9.4%
South Region	Chula Vista (Sweetwater)	72	75	0	147	503	318	58.2%
	Imperial Beach	0	0	0	0	20	19	5.3%
	El Cajon	160	357	0	517	283	203	39.4%
	La Mesa	8	6	0	14	53	36	47.2%
	Lemon Grove	0	0	0	0	111	60	85.0%
East	Santee	0	0	0	0	73	76	-3.9%
Region	Alpine (Crest-Dehesa)*	0	0	0	0	0	4	-100.0%
	Lakeside*	0	0	0	0	52	78	-33.3%
	Spring Valley (Casa de Oro)*	0	0	0	0	129	71	81.7%
	Escondido (NC Metro & Hidden Meadows)	121**	62	4	187	401	304	31.9%
North Inland	Vista (Bonsall)	24	77	0	101	170	88	93.2%
Region	Poway	0	0	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
	Fallbrook*	0	0	0	0	7	19	-63.2%
	San Marcos	0	0	0	0	35	2	1,650.0%
	Ramona*	0	0	0	0	13	23	-43.5%
	TOTAL	3,177	1,258	60	4,495	6,110	5,171	18.2%

^{*}Regions with an asterisk represent unincorporated regions. ** Correction made 6/6/2024, updated information from ICS Source: San Diego Regional Task Force on Homelessness. WeAllCount (PIT): 2024 Regional Breakdown; 2024 Regional & Cities Breakdown.

2024 Point-In-Time Data: East Region





East Region						
Emergency Shelter Safe Haven Transitional Housing Unsheltered						
168 0 363 701*						
Total: 1,232						

^{*} Includes Caltrans Count of 126

Homeless Profile	% of Unsheltered Persons*	# of Homeless Persons	% Sheltered Persons*	# Sheltered Persons
Veteran	8%	53	5%	28
Female	27%	97	49%	261
Families	2%	11	66%	349
Youth	6%	43	47%	252
Chronically Homeless	44%	305	4%	22

^{*}Percentages rounded to nearest whole number

Housing Inventory	Beds	Utilization
Emergency Shelter	230	73%
Safe Haven	-	-
Transitional Housing	486	75%
Permanent Supportive Housing	15	73%
Rapid Re-Housing	601	100%
Other Permanent Housing	-	-

2023-2024 Year Comparisons

	2023 Total	2024 Total	2023-2024 Overall Change
Region	Total	Total	% of Total
East	1703	1232	-28%

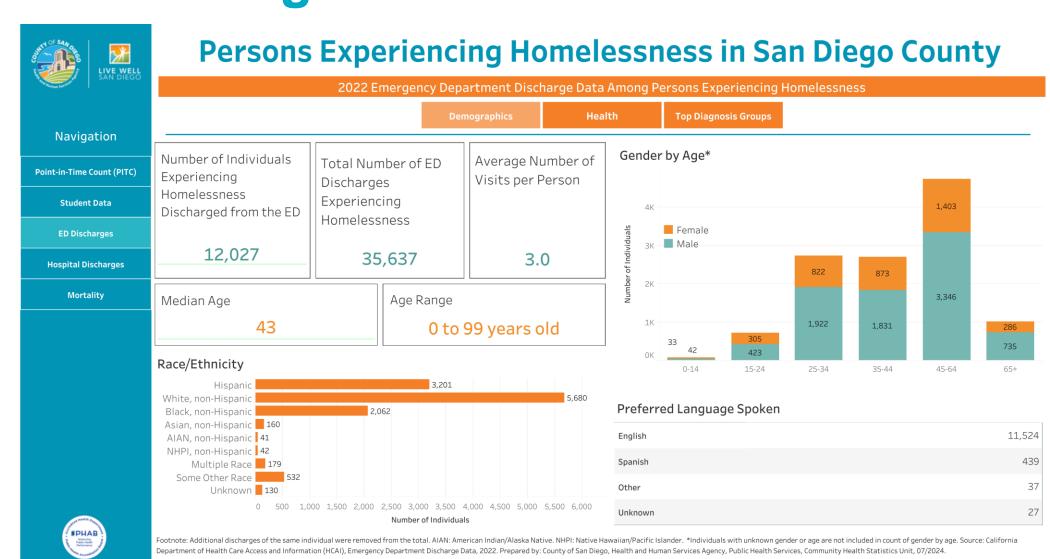
	2023 Unsheltered	2024 Unsheltered	2023-2024 Unsheltered Change
Region	Count	Count	% of Total
East	528	701	33%

	2023 Sheltered			S	2024 iheltered	2023-2024 Sheltered Change	
Region	ES	TH	SH	Total		Total	% of Total
East	881	294	0	1175		531	-55%
2024 Sheltered Count breakdown by Project Type							
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168			363			0	

Persons Experiencing Homelessness – ED Discharges







Youth



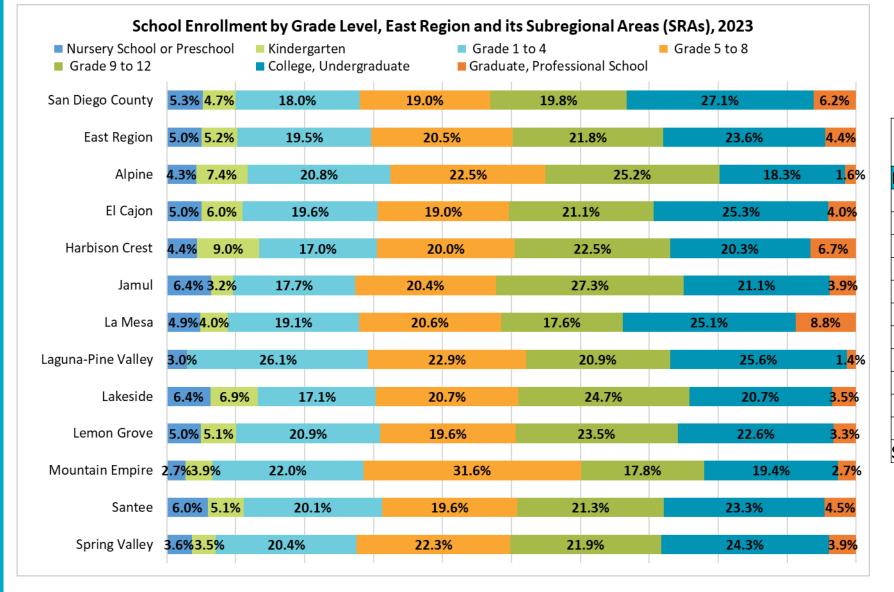




SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL







Number of Residents Aged 3+ Years Enrolled in School, East Region and Subregional Areas, 2023

Geography	Number			
East Region	125,014			
Alpine	3,589			
El Cajon	35,836			
Harbison Crest	3,136			
Jamul	4,681			
La Mesa	14,876			
Laguna-Pine Valley	1,171			
Lakeside	16,914			
Lemon Grove	8,367			
Mountain Empire	1,683			
Santee	12,873			
Spring Valley	21,888			
San Diego County	819,980			

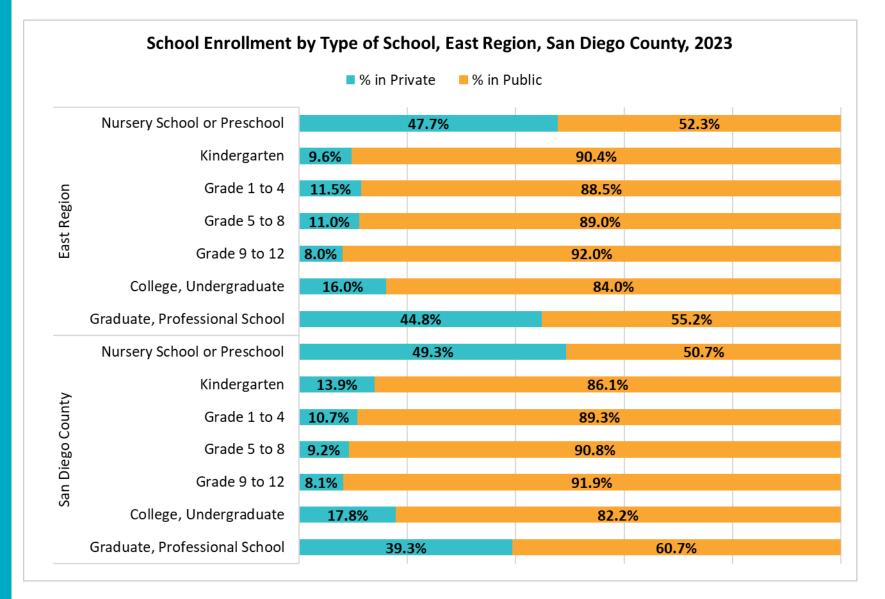
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY TYPE





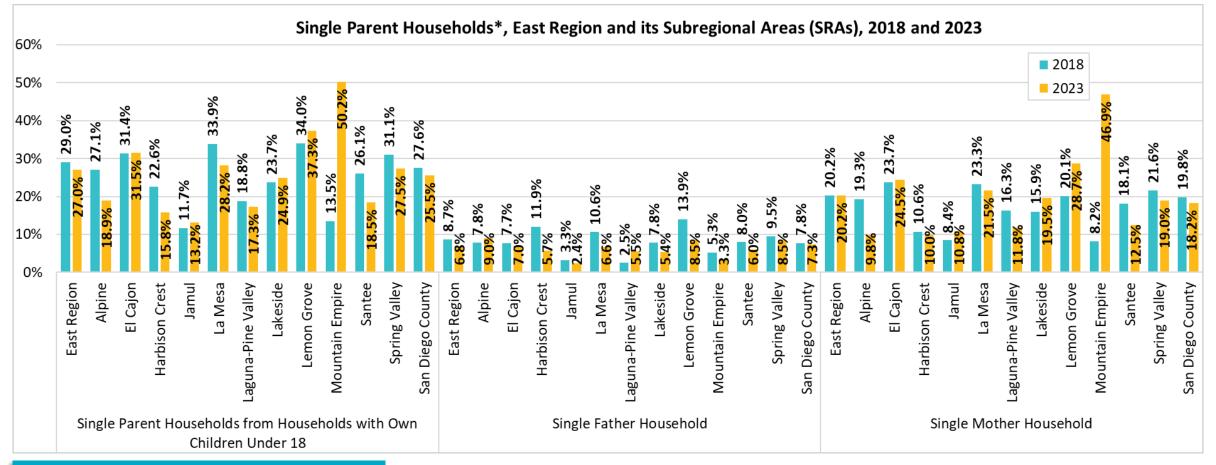


In 2023, most East Region students were enrolled in public school in all grade levels.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE







Among East Region SRAs, Mountain Empire had the highest proportion of single parent households in 2023.

- In 2023, Alpine SRA had the highest proportion of single father households.
- Mountain Empire SRA had the highest proportion of single mother households in 2023.

^{*}The percentages are of households with children under 18 years of age, not out of all housing units.

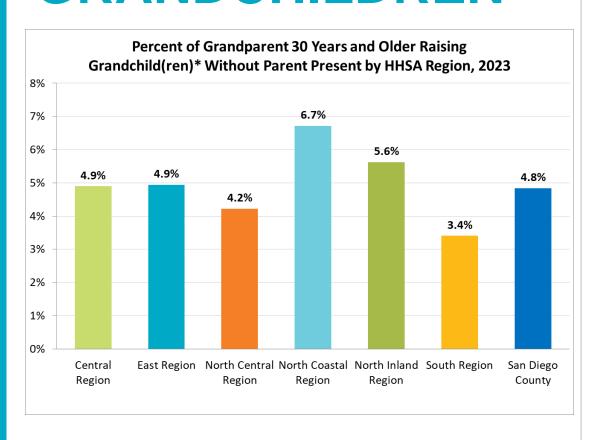
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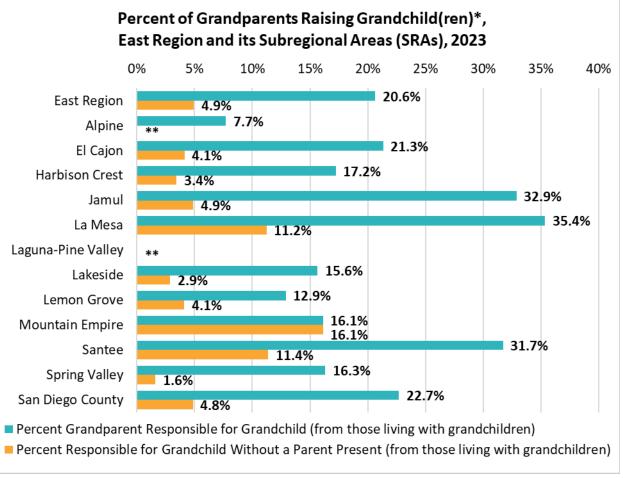
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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN









• Among East Region SRAs, La Mesa had the highest percent of grandparents raising grandchildren with or without a parent present while Mountain Empire had the highest percent of grandparents raising grandchildren without a parent present in 2023.

^{*}Grandparent raising own grandchildren under 18 years in households out of households with grandparents living with grandchildren.

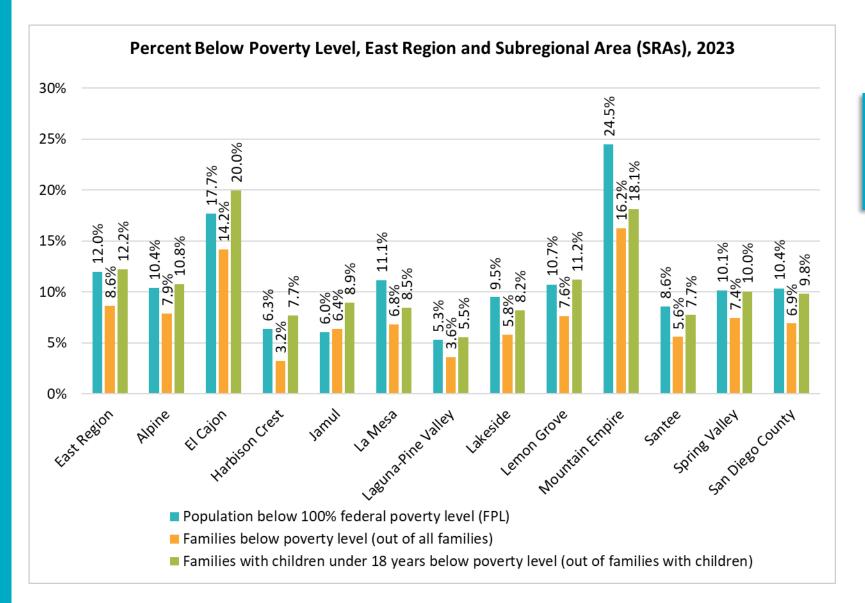
^{**}Data unavailable for subregional area.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B10051.

FAMILY POVERTY







In East Region, 12.2% of families with children under 18 were living below Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in 2023.

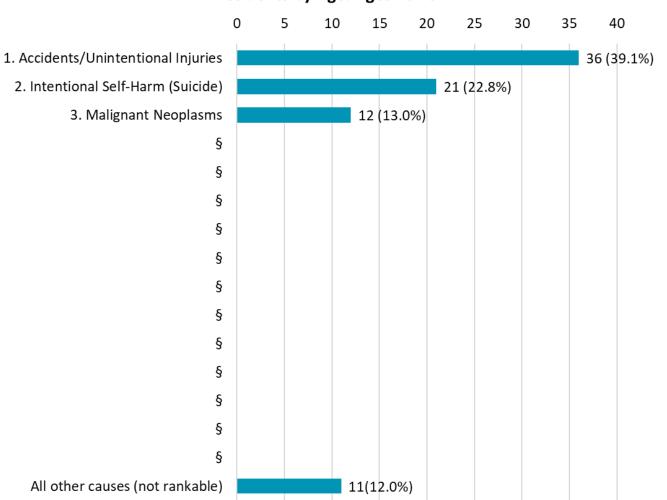
- Among East Region SRAs, El Cajon had the highest proportion of families with children under 18 living below FPL in 2023.
- In 2023, Mountain Empire SRA had the highest proportion of population living below FPL and proportion of families living below FPL.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH - YOUTH





2023 Leading Causes of Death^{1,2} Among San Diego County Residents by Age: Ages 10-19



In 2023, there were **92 deaths** among San Diego County residents aged 10-19.

- In 2023, the leading causes of death among San Diego County residents aged 10-19 were:
 - Accidents/Unintentional Injury
 - Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)
 - Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)

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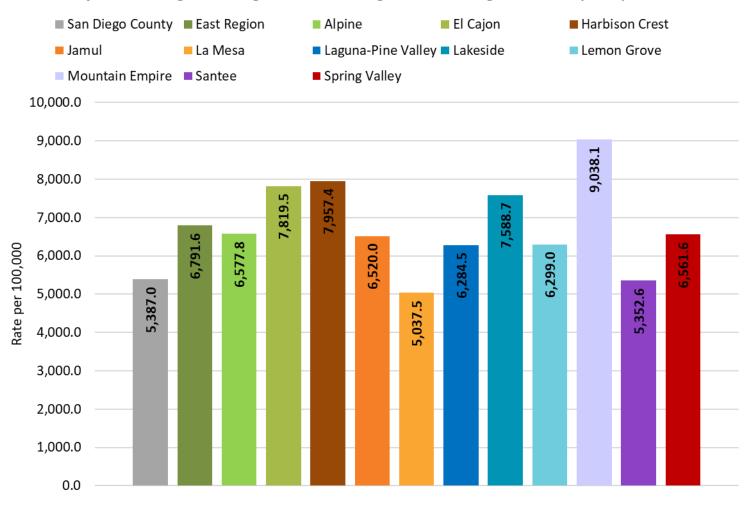
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MEDICAL ENCOUNTERS - YOUTH





Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Accidents/Unintentional Injuries Among Youths Aged 0-17, East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), 2023



Accidents/Unintentional Injuries

East Region had a **higher** ED discharge rate due to **accidents/unintentional injuries** among youths aged 0-17 compared to the county overall in 2023.

Among East Region SRAs:

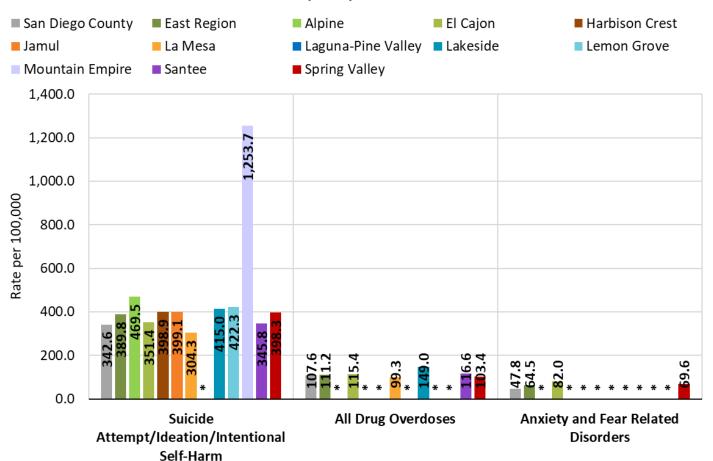
 Mountain Empire had the highest ED discharge rate due to accidents/unintentional injuries among youths aged 0-17 in 2023.

MEDICAL ENCOUNTERS - YOUTH





Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates* due to Behavioral Health Conditions Among Youths Aged 0-17, East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), 2023



Behavioral Health Conditions

East Region had higher ED discharge rates due to suicide attempt/ideation/intentional self-harm, all drug overdoses, and anxiety and fear related disorders among youths aged 0-17 compared to the county overall in 2023.

Among East Region SRAs:

- Mountain Empire had the highest ED discharge rate due to suicide attempt/ideation/intentional self-harm among youths aged 0-17 in 2023.
- Lakeside had the highest ED discharge rate due to all drug overdoses among youths aged 0-17.
- **El Cajon** had the highest ED discharge rate due to **anxiety and fear related disorders** among youths aged 0-17.

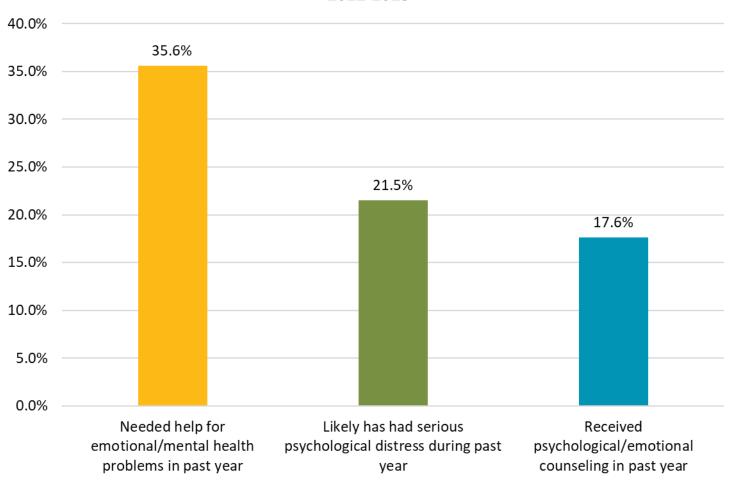
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MENTAL HEALTH - TEENS





Mental Health Survey Responses, Teens ages 12-17, San Diego County, 2022-2023



In 2022-2023, over **1 in 3 teens (35.6%)** in San Diego County reported needing help for emotional or mental health problems.

Over **1** in **5** teens **(21.5%)** in San Diego County reported likely having serious psychological distress during the past year in 2022-2023.

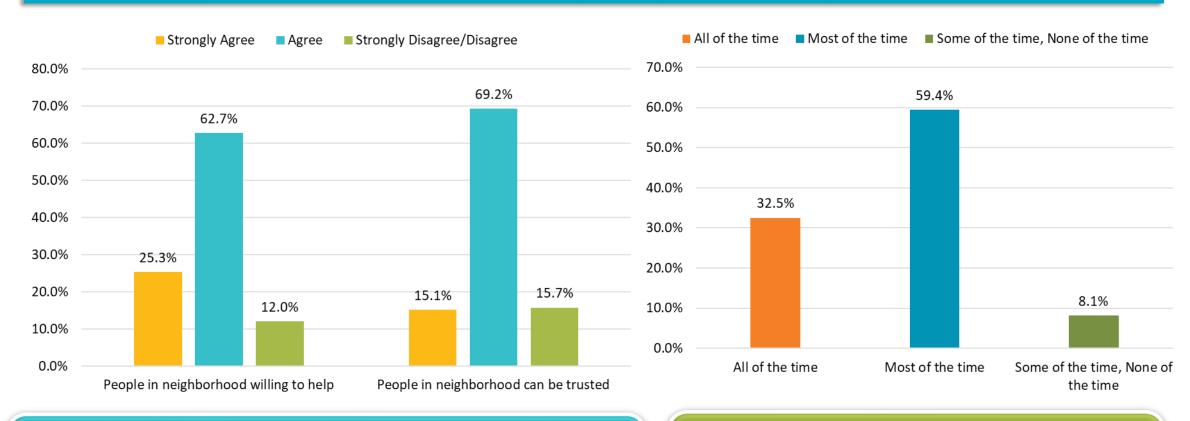
In 2022-2023, **17.6%** of teens in San Diego County reported receiving psychological or emotional counseling in the past year.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY - TEENS





Neighborhood Safety Survey Responses among Teens aged 12-17, San Diego County, 2021-2023



Among teens in San Diego County from 2021-2023, **88%** reported that they **agreed or strongly agreed** that people in their neighborhood were willing to help them and **84%** reported that people in their neighborhood could be trusted.

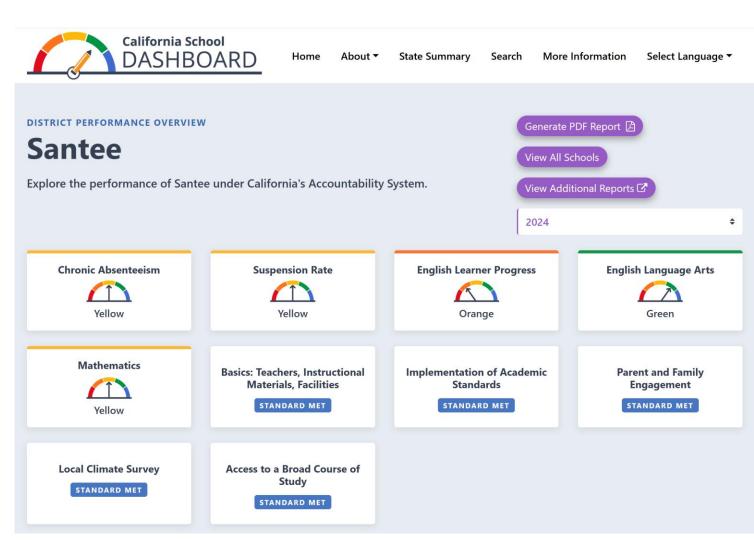
In 2021-2023, **92**% of teens in San Diego County reported that they felt safe in their neighborhood **most or all the time**.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DASHBOARDS





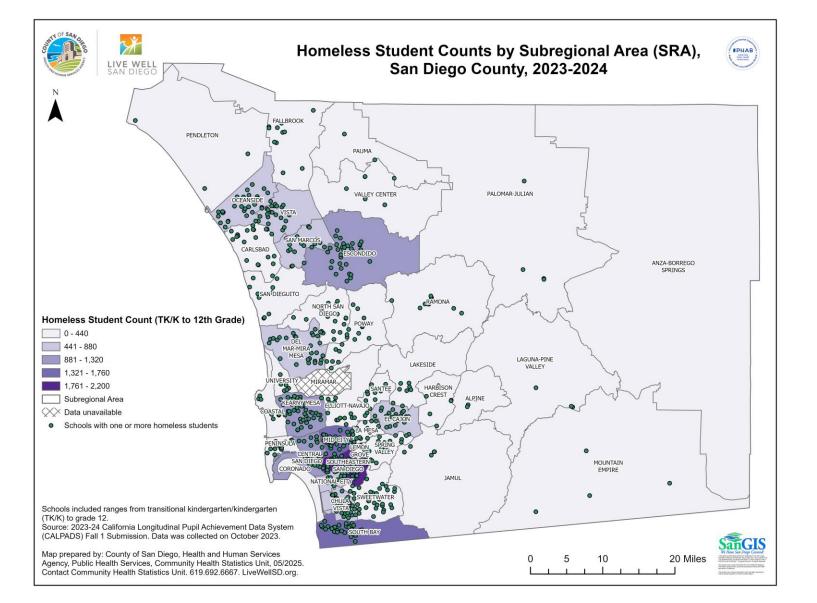
- Compares school districts or individual school performance to state measures
- Available for school districts in East Region (Santee School District, Lakeside Union School District, Lemon Grove School District, and more) as a whole, or individual schools
- Tracks metrics such as graduation rate, chronic absenteeism, suspension rate, and academic performance
- https://www.caschooldashboard. org/



YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS







During the 2023-2024 school year, there were **2,054 homeless students** reported by schools in **East Region**.

Among all East Region SRAs, all schools (for which there were data) reported having at least one homeless student.

28% of homeless students in East Region were reported in **El Cajon SRA**.

Health and Well-Being



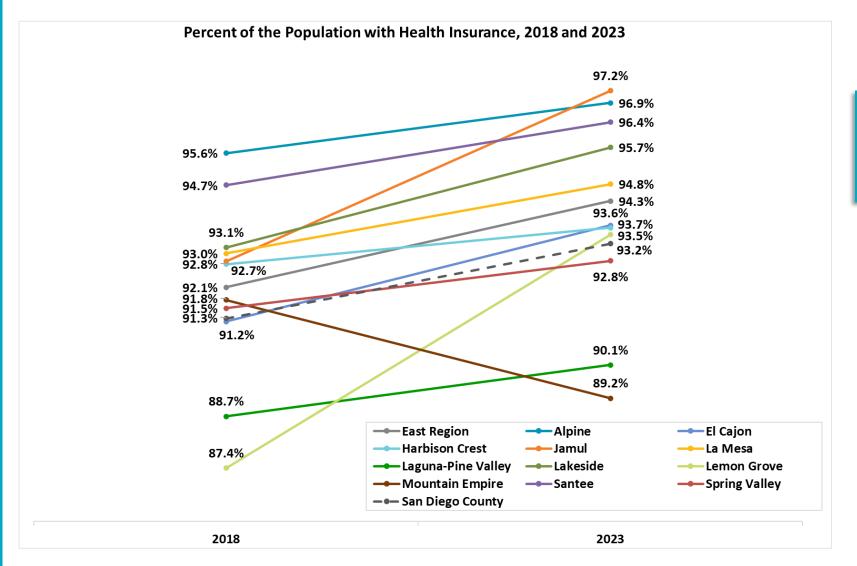




HEALTH INSURANCE







East Region had a higher proportion of residents with health insurance than San Diego County overall in 2018 and 2023.

- The proportion of residents with health insurance increased between 2018 and 2023 for East Region and its SRAs, except Mountain Empire.
- Among East Region SRAs, Lemon Grove had the highest increase in the proportion of residents with health insurance from 2018 to 2023.

HEALTH STATUS AND USUAL SOURCE OF CARE





Health Status (Self-Reported) in East Region, 2019-2023 ■ Excellent Good/Very Good Fair/Poor 70.2% 62.0% 59.1% 56.2% 54.5% 34.2% 29.6% 28.4% 27.6% 20.4% 15.9% 12.4% 10.4% 9.6% 9.3% 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Percent of Residents with Usual Place to Go When Sick or in Need of Health Advice, East Region, 2019-2023

Year	Percent
2019	91.9%
2020	86.3%
2021	89.0%
2022	89.6%
2023	84.6%

Health Status

- Nearly 1 in 6 East Region residents (15.9%) self-reported their health status as fair or poor in 2023.
- The percentage of East Region residents reporting good or very good health **decreased** from 62.0% in 2019 to 54.5% in 2023.

Usual Place of Care

• In 2023, **84.6% of residents** in East Region reported having a usual place to go when sick or in need of health advice.

DISABILITY





Number and Percent of Residents with any type of disability, East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), 2018 and 2023

Geography	Any disability, 2018		Any disability, 2023	
	#	%	#	%
East Region	58,786	12.2%	65,340	13.5%
Alpine	2,026	12.6%	1,916	11.6%
El Cajon	16,086	12.5%	18,077	13.9%
Harbison Crest	2,051	13.5%	2,658	18.1%
Jamul	1,974	12.6%	2,092	12.4%
La Mesa	6,696	11.1%	7,633	12.5%
Laguna-Pine Valley	662	12.1%	565	10.6%
Lakeside	7,510	12.3%	9,151	14.9%
Lemon Grove	3,807	12.1%	4,230	13.2%
Mountain Empire	1,407	17.4%	1,423	19.1%
Santee	5,494	10.5%	7,048	13.0%
Spring Valley	11,073	12.7%	10,547	12.3%
San Diego County	314,897	9.8%	339,293	10.7%

East Region had the highest proportion of residents reporting a disability compared to other HHSA regions in 2023.

- The percent of residents with any disability in East Region increased by 10.2% from 2018 to 2023.
- Among East Region SRAs, Mountain Empire (19.1%) had the highest percent of residents with any disability in 2023, followed by Harbison Crest (18.1%).

Mental and Behavioral Health





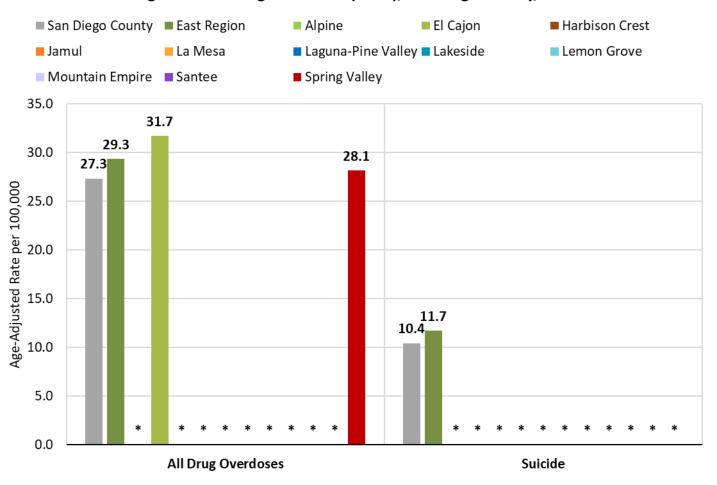


Behavioral Health





Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to All Drug Overdoses and Suicide in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



In 2023, East Region had higher age-adjusted death rates due to all drug overdoses and suicide than the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, **El Cajon** had the highest age-adjusted death rate due to **all drug overdoses**.

Data Sources: California Department of Public Health, 2023 California Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS). SANDAG Population Estimates, 2023 (v1/2025). 2023 estimates were derived from the 2020 decennial census. Starting in data year 2023, San Diego County resident deaths that occurred out of state are now included.

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Mortality Measures



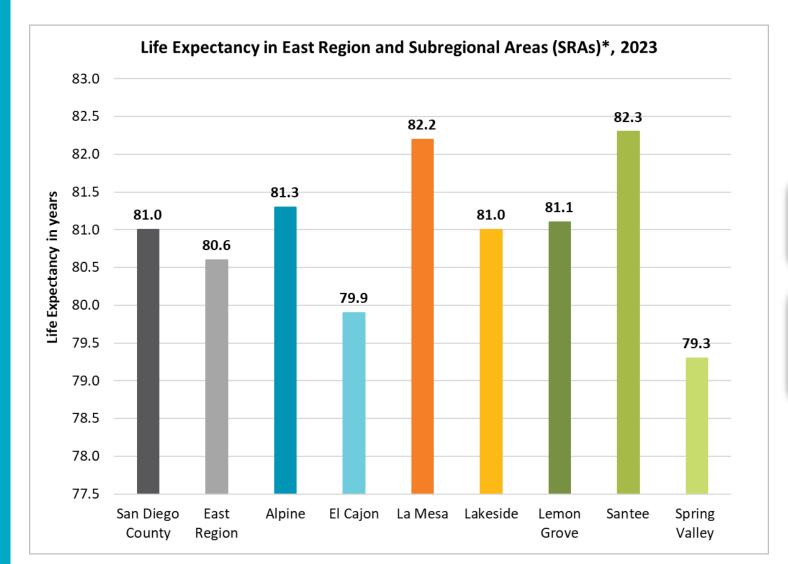




LIFE EXPECTANCY







Among East Region SRAs, **Santee** and **La Mesa** had the highest life expectancy in 2023.

Among East Region SRAs, Alpine, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Santee had **higher** life expectancies than East Region and the overall county in 2023.

Data Sources: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS). California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. Report P-3: Population Projections, California, 2020-2070 (Baseline 2023 Population Projections; Vintage 2024 Release). Sacramento: California. September 2024. 2023 Esri Updated Demographics Complete Database. Starting with 2023, life expectancy utilizes California Department of Finance and Esri population estimates. 2023 vintage should not be trended back to previous years.

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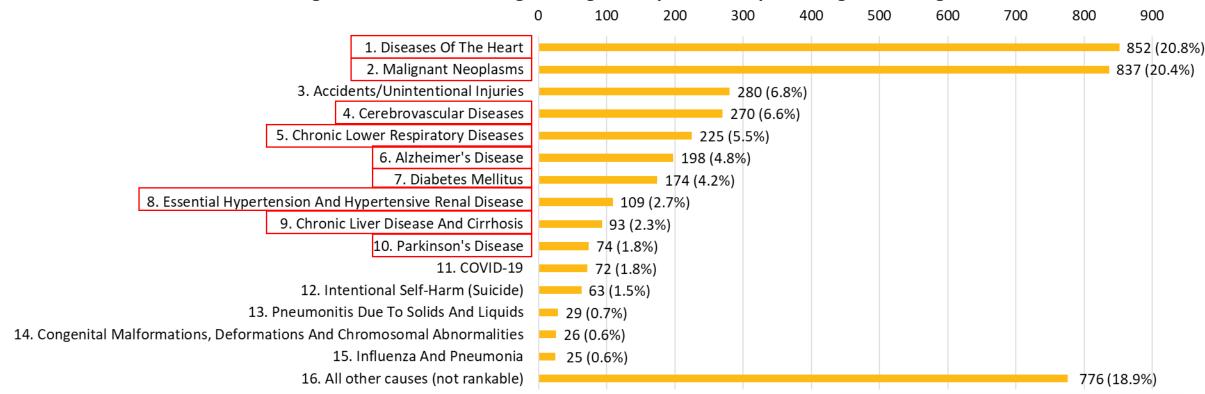
^{*}Only SRAs with life expectancies are displayed on graph.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH





2023 Leading Causes of Death^{1,2} Among San Diego County Residents by HHSA Region: East Region



In 2023, there were **4,103 deaths** among East Region residents.

In 2023, **diseases of the heart** were the number one leading cause of death in East Region.

In East Region, 9 out of the top 10 leading causes of death were due to chronic diseases in 2023.

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3-4-50: Chronic Diseases Deaths







The proportion of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in San Diego County decreased from 63% in 2000 to 44% in 2022.

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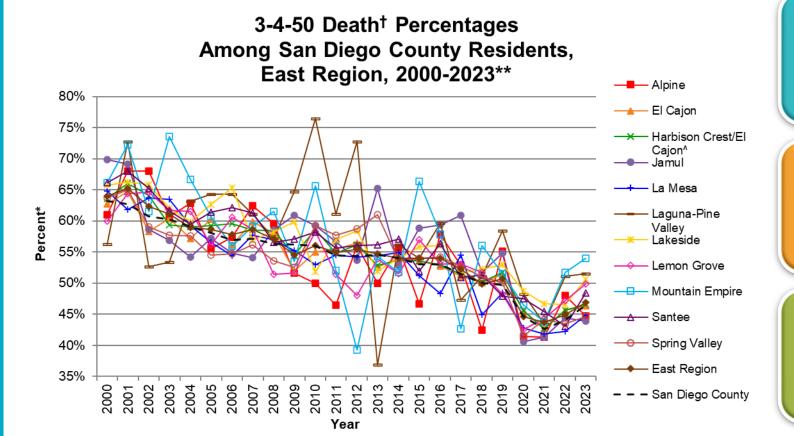


3-4-50: CHRONIC DISEASE DEATHS





PERCENTAGES, TREND 2000-2023



The proportion of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in East Region **decreased** from 64% in 2000 to 47% in 2023.

Among East Region SRAs, **Mountain Empire** had the highest percent of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in 2023 (54%).

Despite a decrease, 3-4-50 chronic diseases accounted for **47%** of all deaths in East Region in 2023.

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^{*3-4-50} deaths as a percentage of all cause deaths.

^{†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).

[^]Harbison Crest/El Cajon is an aggregation of the Harbison Crest and El Cajon SRAs. Due to geographic limitations, the Harbison Crest SRA is not shown alone. See the Data Guide for more information.

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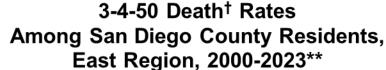
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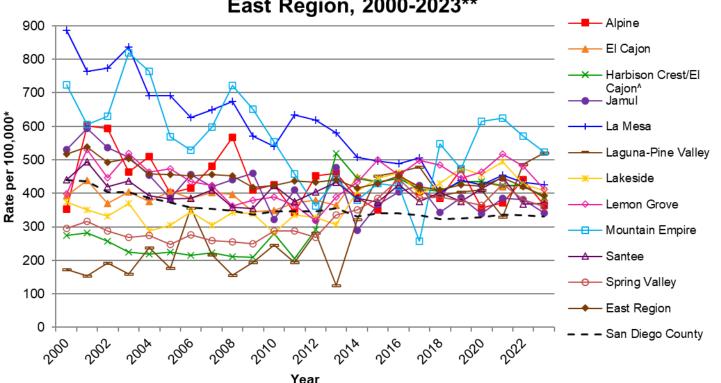
3-4-50: CHRONIC DISEASE DEATHS





RATES, TREND 2000-2023





The 3-4-50 chronic disease death rate in East Region **decreased** from 517.7 per 100,000 in 2000 to 392.7 per 100,000 in 2023.

Among East Region SRAs, **Mountain Empire** had the highest death rate due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in 2023.

Overall, 3-4-50 chronic disease death rates have decreased in East Region, El Cajon SRA, Jamul SRA, La Mesa SRA, Mountain Empire SRA and Santee SRA, from 2000 to 2023.

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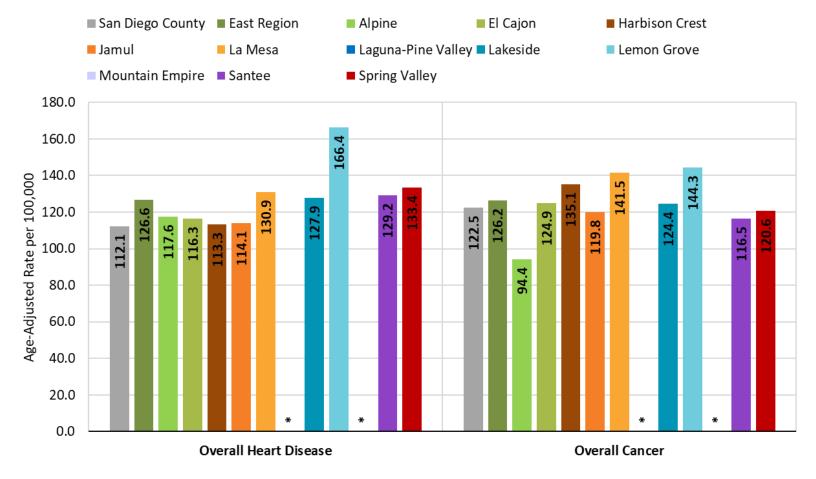
Leading Causes of Death

- Overall Heart Disease
- Overall Cancer

In 2023, the age-adjusted death rates due to **overall heart disease** and **overall cancer** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, **Lemon Grove** had the highest age-adjusted death rate due to **overall heart disease** and **overall cancer** in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Leading Non-Communicable (Chronic) Diseases in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



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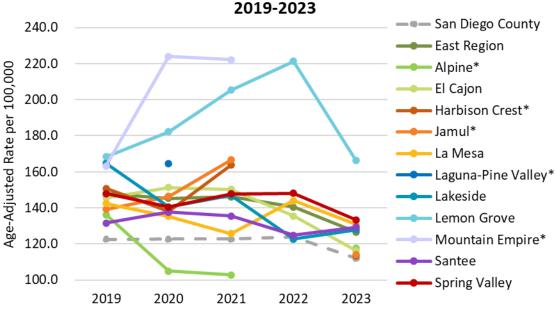
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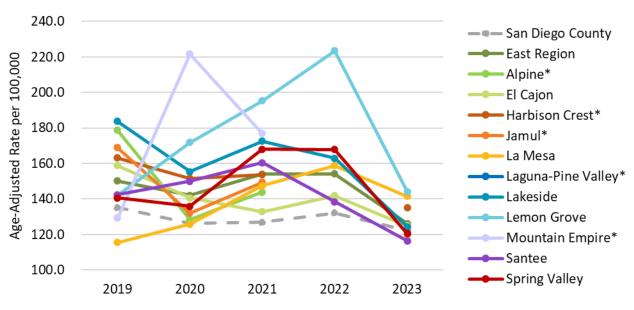
Death Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to Overall Heart Disease in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County,



From 2019-2023, the age-adjusted death rates due to **overall** heart disease decreased in East Region and its SRAs. Among East Region SRAs, Harbison Crest had the highest decrease in the age-adjusted death rate due to overall heart disease from 2019-2022 (-25%).

Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to Overall Cancer in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted death rates due to **overall cancer decreased in East Region and its SRAs**, except La Mesa and Lemon Grove, from 2019-2023. Among East Region SRAs, **La Mesa** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted death rate due to overall cancer from 2019-2023 (+23%).

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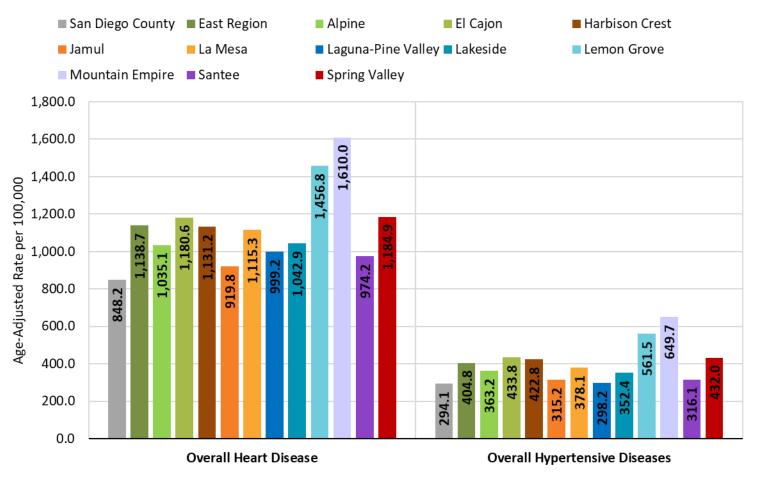
Leading Causes of Hospitalization

- Overall Heart Disease
- Overall Hypertensive Diseases

In 2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to **overall heart disease** and **overall hypertensive diseases** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, Mountain Empire had the highest age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to overall heart disease and overall hypertensive diseases in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates for Leading Non-Communicable (Chronic) Diseases in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023

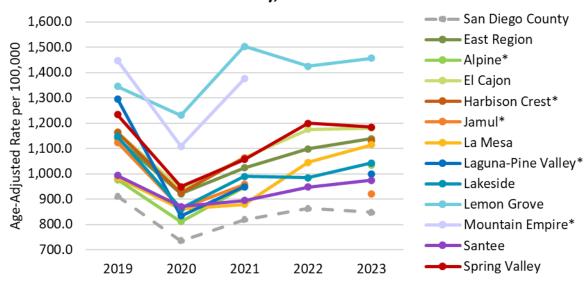






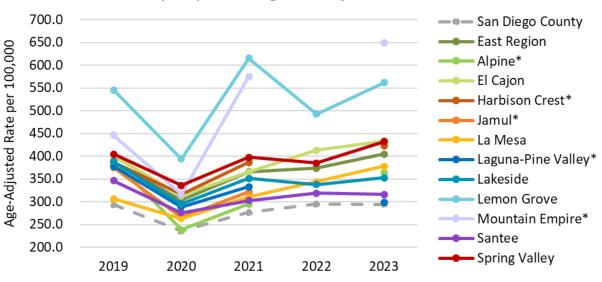
Hospitalization Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to Overall Heart
Disease in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego
County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to **overall heart disease decreased in East Region and its SRAs**, except Alpine, El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Mountain Empire, from 2019-2023. The age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to overall heart disease were **higher** in East Region and its SRAs than in the county overall from 2019-2023.

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to Overall Hypertensive Diseases in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



From 2019-2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to **overall hypertensive diseases increased in East Region**. Among East Region SRAs, **Mountain Empire** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to overall hypertensive diseases from 2019-2023 (+46%).

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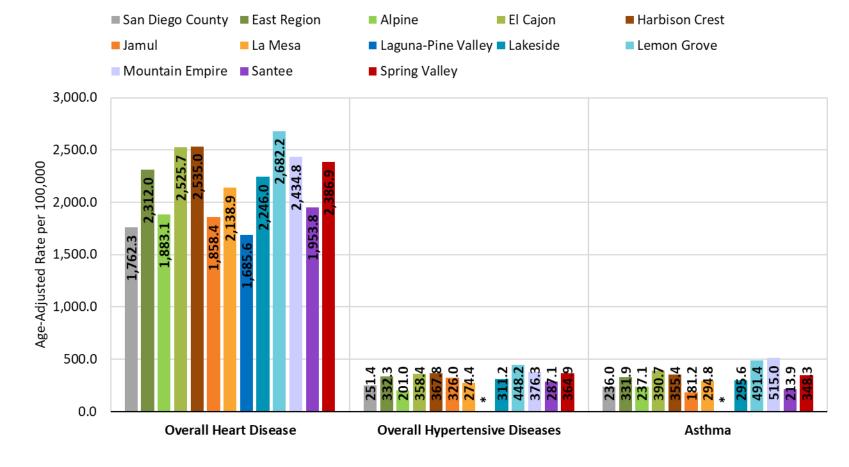
Leading Causes of ED Discharge

- Overall Heart Disease
- Overall Hypertensive Diseases
- Asthma

In 2023, the age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **overall heart disease**, **overall hypertensive diseases**, **and asthma** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, Lemon Grove had the highest age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to overall heart diseases and overall hypertensive diseases, while Mountain Empire had the highest age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to asthma in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates for Leading Non-Communicable (Chronic) Diseases in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



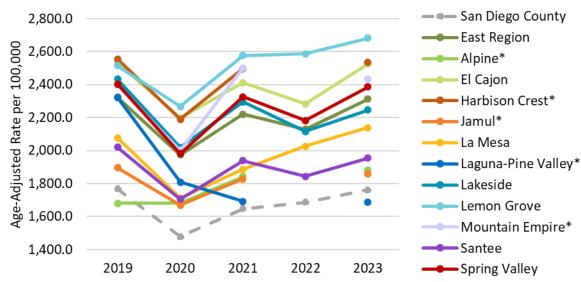
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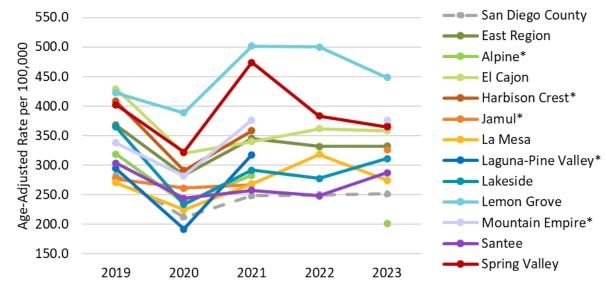
ED Discharge Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Overall Heart Disease in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to **overall heart disease** was **higher** in East Region than in the county overall every year from 2019-2023. Among East Region SRAs, **Alpine** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to overall heart disease from 2019-2023 (+12%).

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Overall Hypertensive Diseases in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **overall hypertensive diseases decreased** in **East Region and its SRAs**, except Jamul, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Mountain Empire, from 2019-2023. Among East Region SRAs, **Jamul** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to overall hypertensive diseases from 2019-2023 (+18%).

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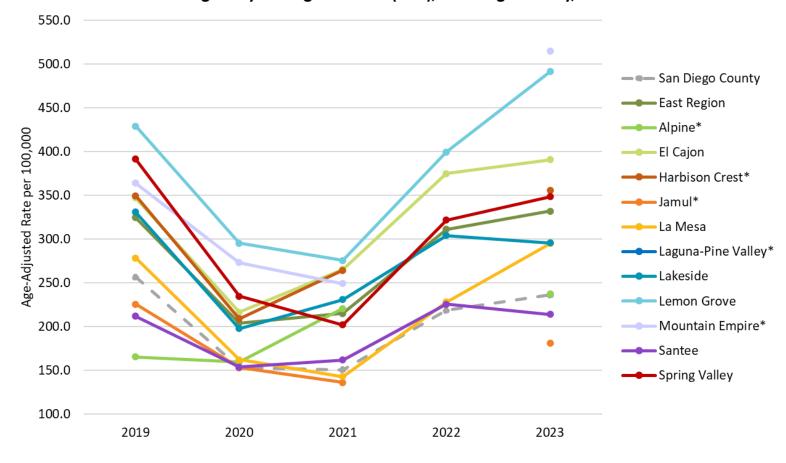


Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Asthma in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023

ED Discharge Rates, 2019-2023

The age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to **asthma** was **higher** in East Region than in the county overall every year from 2019-2023.

Overall, the age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to asthma increased in East Region and its SRAs, except Jamul, Lakeside, and Spring Valley, from 2019-2023.



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Alzheimer's Disease and Non-Alzheimer's Dementia





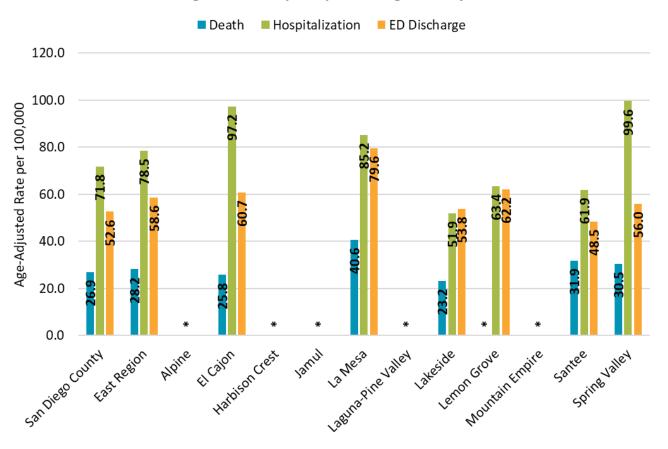


Alzheimer's Disease: Mortality and Morbidity





Age-Adjusted Death, Hospitalization, and Emergency Department (ED)
Discharge Rates due to Alzheimer's Disease in East Region and
Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



In 2023, East Region had higher age-adjusted death and ED discharge rates due to Alzheimer's Disease than the county overall.

 Within East Region, La Mesa SRA had the highest age-adjusted death and ED discharge rates due to Alzheimer's Disease.

The **age-adjusted hospitalization rate** due to Alzheimer's disease was **higher** in East Region than in San Diego County overall in 2023.

 Among East Region SRAs, Spring Valley had the highest age-adjusted death rate due to Alzheimer's Disease.

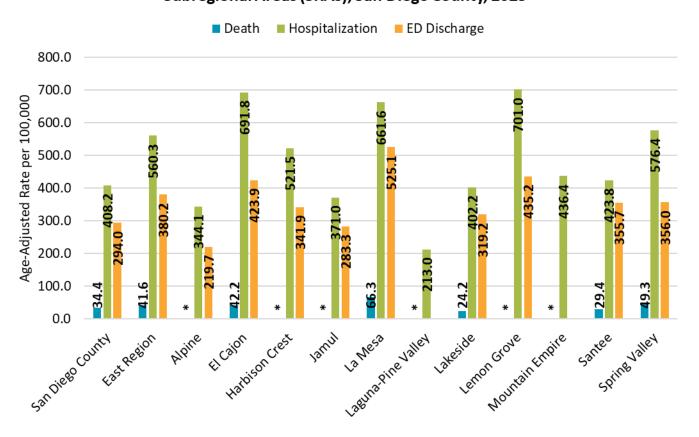
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Non-Alzheimer's Dementia: Mortality and Morbidity





Age-Adjusted Death, Hospitalization, and Emergency Department (ED)
Discharge Rates due to Non-Alzheimer's Dementia in East Region and
Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



In 2023, East Region had higher age-adjusted death and ED discharge rates due to Non-Alzheimer's Dementia than the county overall.

 Within East Region, La Mesa SRA had the highest age-adjusted death and ED discharge rates due to Non-Alzheimer's Dementia.

The **age-adjusted hospitalization rate** due to Non-Alzheimer's Dementia was **higher** in East Region than in San Diego County overall in 2023.

 Among East Region SRAs, Lemon Grove had the highest age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to Non-Alzheimer's Dementia.

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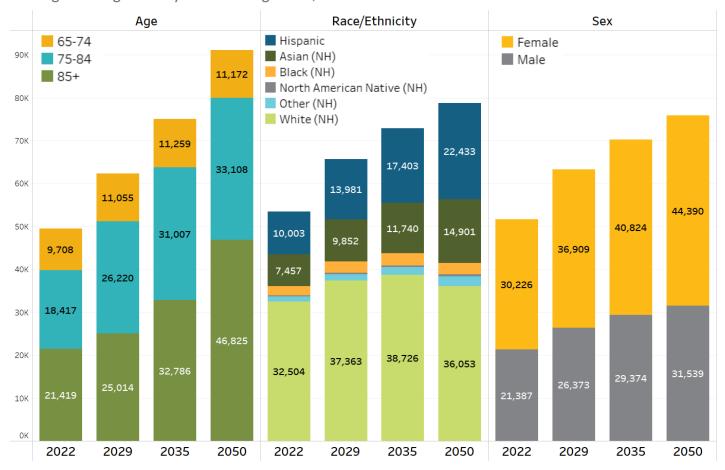
Alzheimer's Disease and Non-Alzheimer's Dementia Prevalence





Forecasted Prevalence of Alzheimer's Disease and Non-Alzheimer's Dementia

Among San Diego County Residents Ages 65+, 2022-2050



NH: Non-Hispanic

- An estimated 49,500 to 53,500
 individuals aged 65 and older were living
 with Alzheimer's disease or non-Alzheimer's
 dementia in San Diego County in 2022.
- Alzheimer's disease and non-Alzheimer's dementia are more prevalent as individuals age and are most common among non-Hispanic White and female residents.
- By 2050, there could be 76,000 to
 91,000 individuals in the county living with
 Alzheimer's disease or non-Alzheimer's
 dementia.

Unpaid Caregivers





In 2022, there were an estimated

94,500 to 102,000

unpaid caregivers

of people with Alzheimer's disease or non-Alzheimer's dementia in San Diego County.

Unpaid caregivers play a critical role in supporting people with Alzheimer's disease and non-Alzheimer's dementia. Often being family members or friends, caregivers juggle caregiving with careers and other responsibilities, leading to stress, burnout, and financial strain.

Providing caregivers with resources and support services helps their well-being and strengthens their ability to provide quality care.

128.3 to 138.6 million hours of unpaid care

Valued at \$3.0 to \$3.3 billion

Dementia Resources





Community members

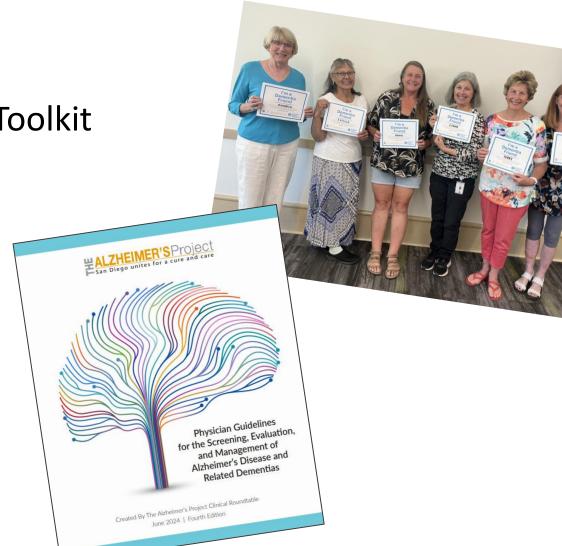
- Dementia Friends sessions
- Dementia Friendly Activities Toolkit
- Caregiver Handbook

Healthcare providers

- Physician Guidelines
- On-Demand CME Webinars

Service providers

Sector guides and trainings



Get Connected





Dementia & Brain Health Team

- 3rd Tuesday of every other month, 10:30am 12:00pm
- 2025 meetings: 5/20, 7/15, 9/16, 11/18
- Lead: Rachel.Lehnert@sdcounty.ca.gov

Helpful links:

https://championsforhealth.org/alzheimers

https://www.livewellsd.org/dementia

https://www.sdalzheimersproject.org

https://www.sandiegoimperialgwep.com











Leading Causes of Death

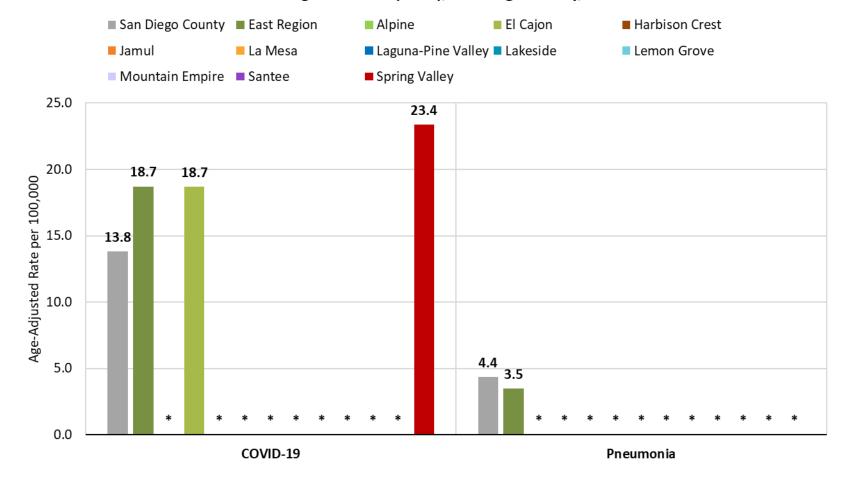
- COVID-19
- Pneumonia

In 2023, the age-adjusted death rate due to **COVID-19** in East Region was **higher** compared to the county overall.

 Among East Region SRAs, Spring Valley had the highest ageadjusted death rate due to COVID-19 in 2023.

In 2023, the age-adjusted death rate due to **pneumonia** in East Region was **lower** compared to the county overall.

Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Leading Communicable (Infectious) Diseases in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



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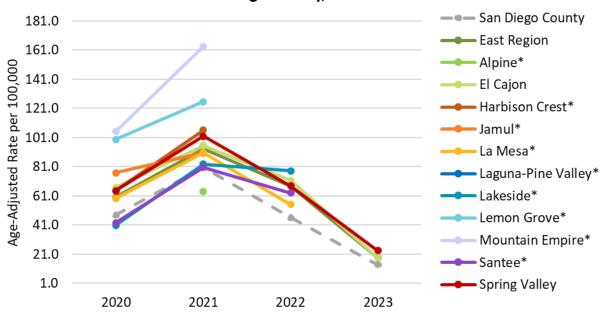
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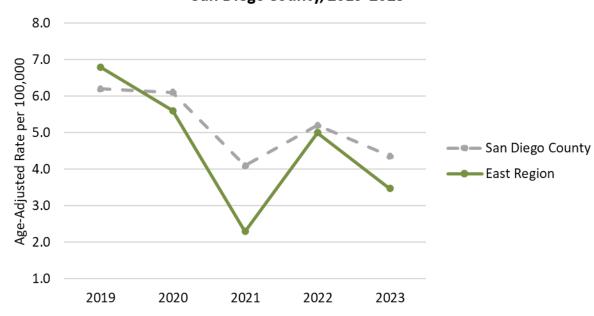
Death Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to COVID-19 in East Region, San Diego County, 2020-2023



The age-adjusted death rates due to **COVID-19 decreased in East Region and its SRAs** from 2020-2023. The age-adjusted death rates due to COVID-19 were **higher** in East Region than in the overall county from 2020-2023.

Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to Pneumonia in East Region, San Diego County, 2019-2023



From 2019-2023, the age-adjusted death rate due to **pneumonia** in East Region **decreased by 49%.** East Region had **lower** death rates due to pneumonia compared to the overall county from 2020-2023.

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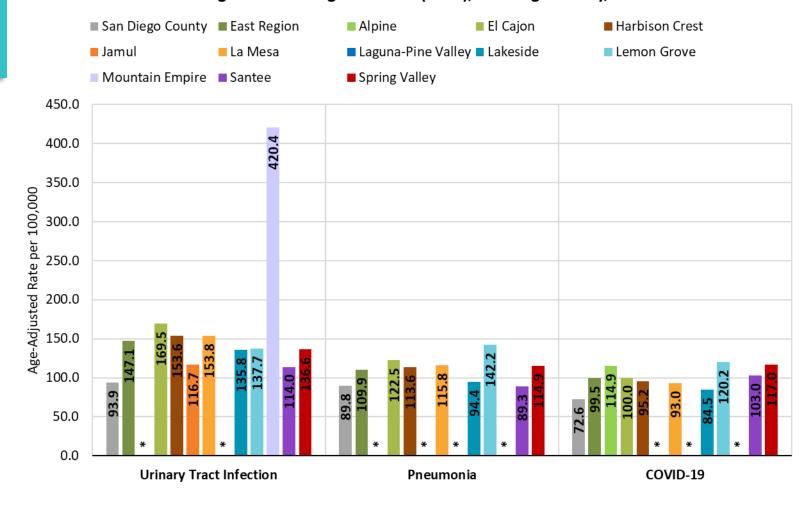
Leading Causes of Hospitalization

- Urinary Tract Infection
- Pneumonia
- COVID-19

In 2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to **urinary tract infection**, **pneumonia**, and **COVID-19** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, Mountain Empire had the highest age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to urinary tract infection, while Lemon Grove had the highest age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to pneumonia and COVID-19 in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates for Leading Communicable (Infectious) Diseases in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



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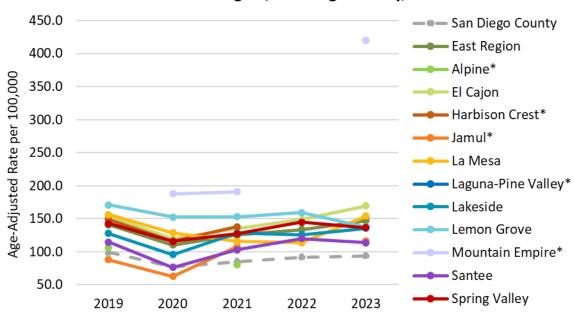
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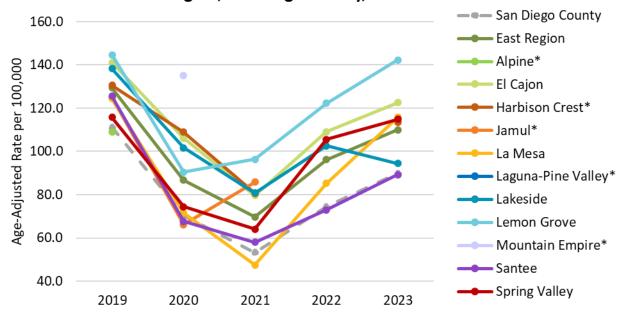
Hospitalization Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to Urinary Tract Infection in East Region, San Diego County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to **urinary tract infection** were **higher** in East Region than in the overall county from 2019-2023. Among East Region SRAs, **Jamul** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to urinary tract infection from 2019-2023 (+32%).

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to Pneumonia in East Region, San Diego County, 2019-2023



From 2019-2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to **pneumonia decreased** in **East Region and its SRAs.** East Region had **higher** hospitalization rates due to pneumonia compared to the overall county from 2019-2023.

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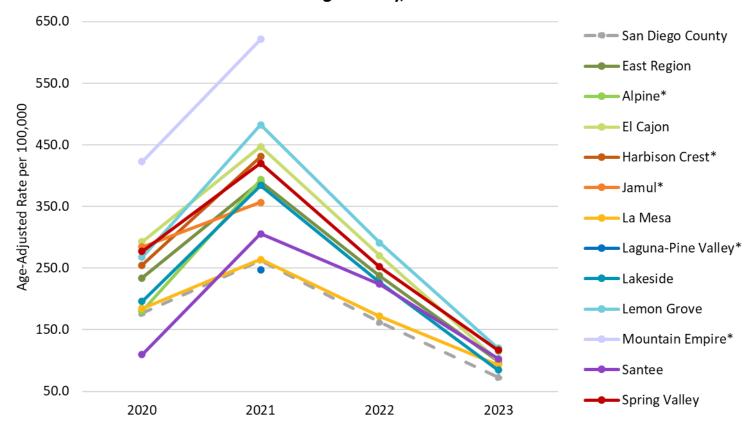
Hospitalization Rates, 2020-2023

The age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to **COVID-19** was **higher** in East Region than in the county overall every year from 2020-2023.

Overall, the age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to COVID-19 decreased in East Region and its SRAs, from 2020-2023.

Among East Region SRAs, **El Cajon SRA** had the highest decrease in the ageadjusted hospitalization rate due to COVID-19 from 2020-2023 (-66%).

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to COVID-19 in East Region, San Diego County, 2020-2023



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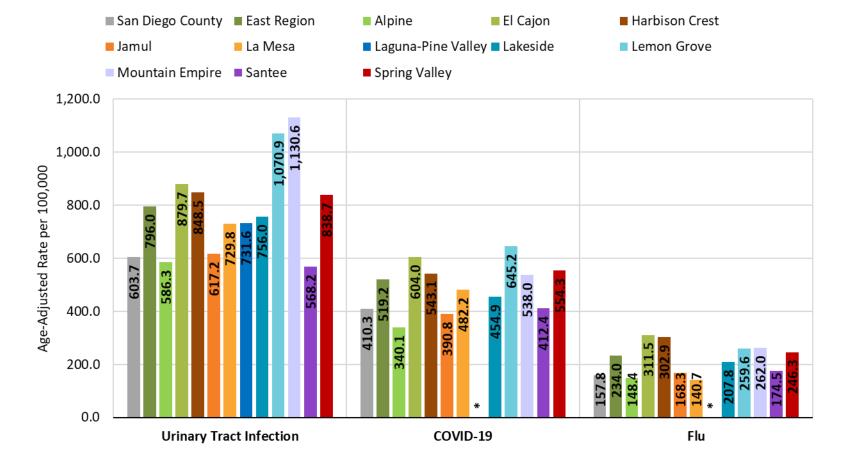
Leading Causes of ED Discharge

- Urinary Tract Infection
- COVID-19
- Flu

In 2023, the age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **urinary tract infection**, **COVID-19**, and **flu** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, Mountain Empire had the highest age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to urinary tract infection and flu, while Lemon Grove had the highest age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to COVID-19 in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates for Leading Communicable (Infectious) Diseases in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



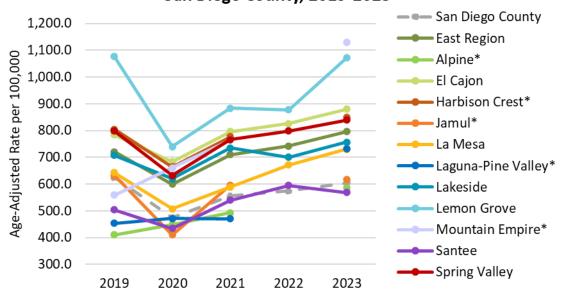
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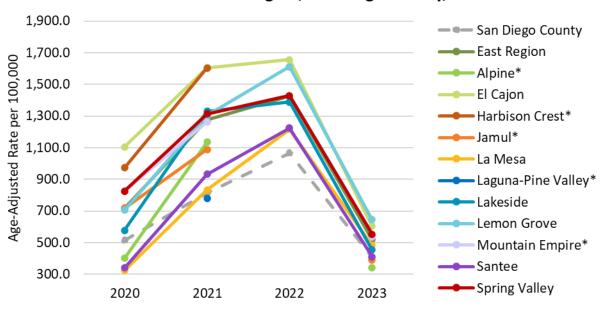
ED Discharge Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Urinary Tract Infection in East Region, San Diego County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **urinary tract infection increased in East Region and its SRAs**, except Jamul and Lemon Grove, from 2019-2023. Among East Region SRAs, **Mountain Empire** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to urinary tract infection from 2019-2023 (+102%).

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to COVID-19 in East Region, San Diego County, 2020-2023



From 2020-2023, the age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **COVID-19 decreased in East Region and its SRAs**, except La Mesa and Santee. East Region had **higher** ED discharge rates due to COVID-19 compared to the overall county from 2020-2023.

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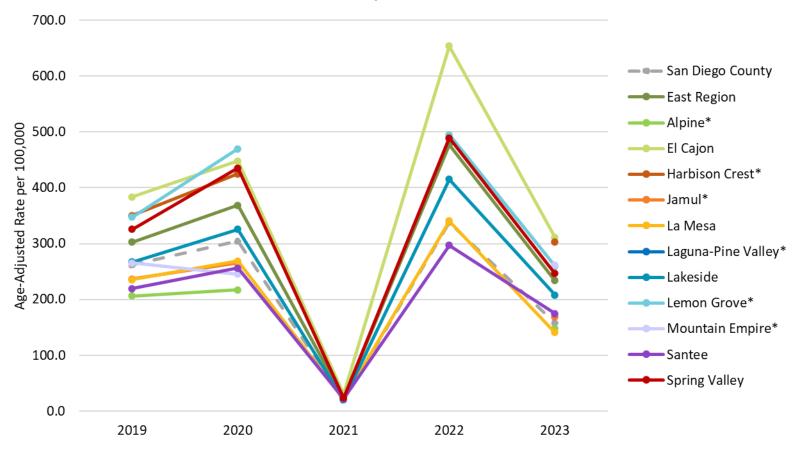


ED Discharge Rates, 2019-2023

The age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **flu** were **higher** in East Region than in the county overall every year from 2019-2023.

Overall, the age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to flu **decreased** in **East Region and its SRAs**, from 2019-2023.

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Flu in East Region, San Diego County, 2019-2023



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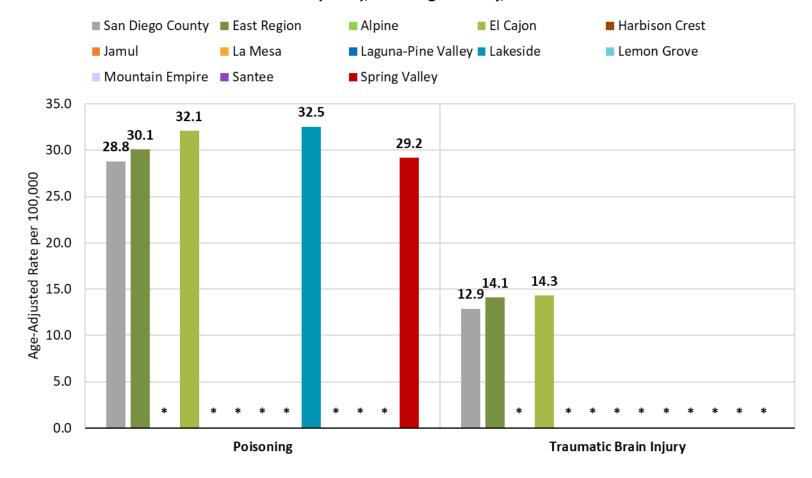
Leading Causes of Death

- Poisoning
- Traumatic Brain Injury

In 2023, the age-adjusted death rates due to **poisoning** and **traumatic brain injury** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, Lakeside
had the highest age-adjusted death
rate due to poisoning, while El
Cajon had the highest age-adjusted
death rate due to traumatic brain
injury in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Leading Injury Indicators in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



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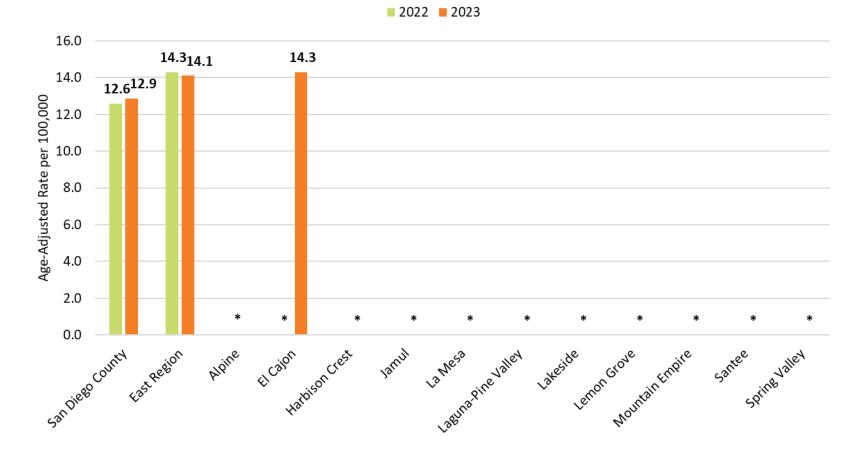


Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to Traumatic Brain Injury in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2022-2023

Death Rates, 2022-2023

The age-adjusted death rates due to traumatic brain injury were higher in East Region than in the county overall from 2022-2023.

Overall, the age-adjusted death rate due to traumatic brain injury remained stable in East Region from 2022-2023.



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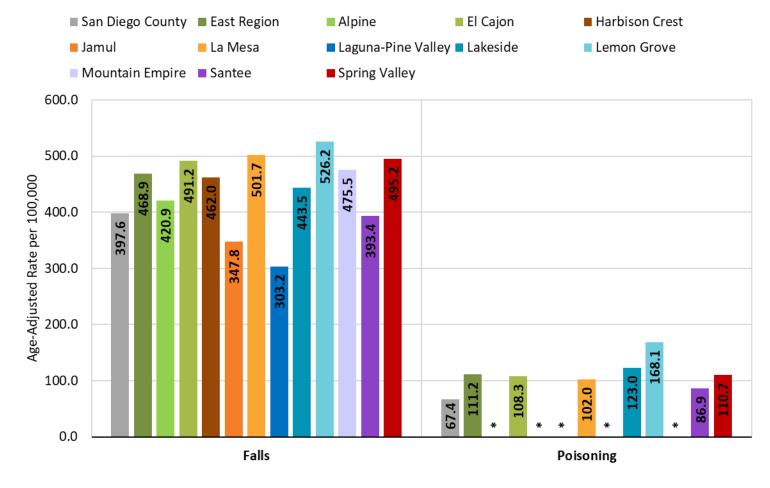
Leading Causes of Hospitalization

- Falls
- Poisoning

In 2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to **falls** and **poisoning** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Region SRAs, **Lemon Grove** had the highest age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to **falls** and **poisoning** in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates for Leading Injury Indicators in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023



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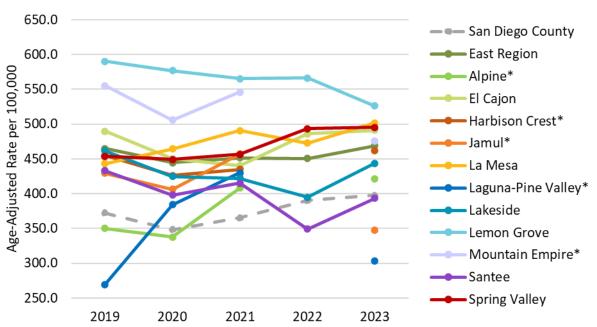
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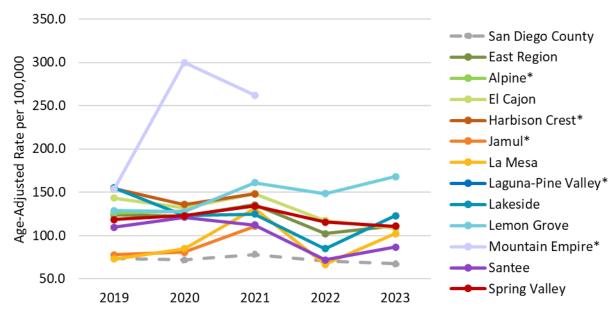
Hospitalization Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to Falls in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



East Region had **higher** hospitalization rates due to **falls** compared to the overall county from 2019-2023. Although **Lemon Grove SRA** had the highest age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to falls from 2019-2023, the age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to falls **decreased by 11%**.

Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to Poisoning in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



From 2019-2023, East Region had **higher** hospitalization rates due to **poisoning** compared to the overall county. Among East Region SRAs, **La Mesa** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to poisoning from 2019-2023 (+40%).

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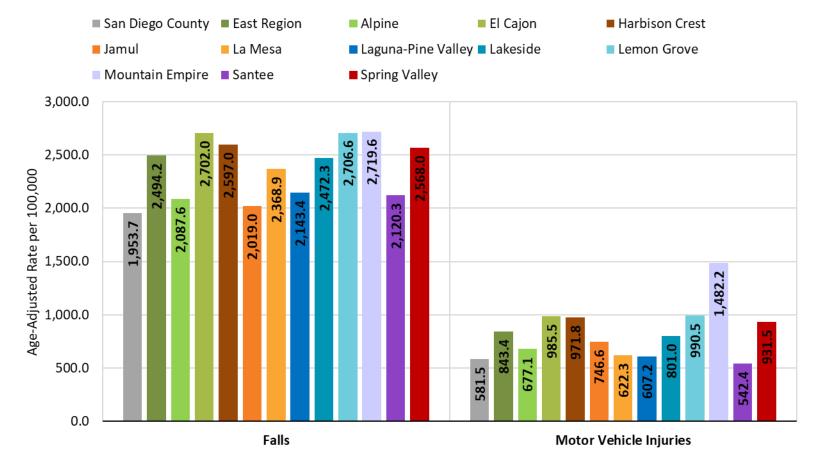
Leading Causes of ED Discharge

- Falls
- Motor Vehicle Injuries

In 2023, the age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **falls and motor vehicle injuries** in East Region were higher compared to the county overall.

Among East Regions SRAs, Mountain Empire had the highest age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to falls and motor vehicle injuries in 2023.

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates for Leading Injury Indicators in East Region and Subregional Areas (SRAs), San Diego County, 2023

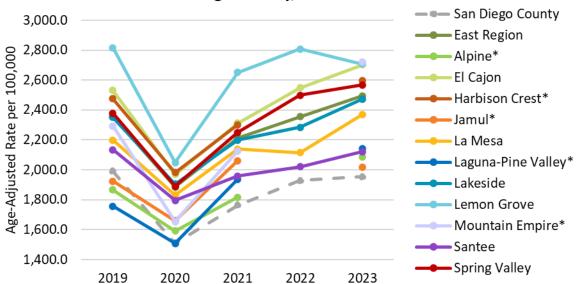






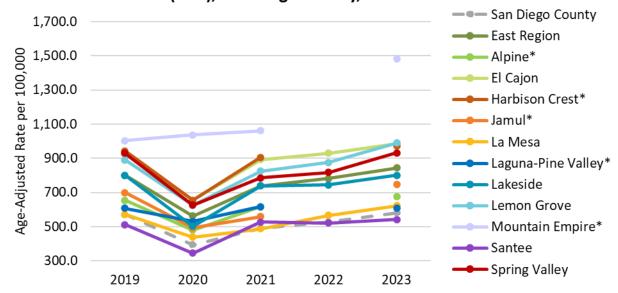
ED Discharge Rates, 2019-2023

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Falls in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **falls increased in East Region and its SRAs**, except Lemon Grove and Santee, from 2019-2023. Among East Region SRAs, **Laguna-Pine Valley** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to falls from 2019-2023 (+22%).

Age-Adjusted Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Rates due to Motor Vehicle Injuries in East Region by Subregional Area (SRA), San Diego County, 2019-2023



The age-adjusted ED discharge rates due to **motor vehicle injuries increased** in **East Region and its SRAs**, except Laguna-Pine Valley, from 2019-2023. Among East Region SRAs, **Mountain Empire** had the highest increase in the age-adjusted ED discharge rate due to motor vehicle injuries from 2019-2023 (+48%).

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Summary







Key Takeaways





In East Region...



Higher educational attainment (bachelors degree and higher) among East Region residents ages 25+ has increased from 2018 to 2023.



The percent of East Region residents who were living **below 200% FPL decreased** from 30.4% in 2018 to 26.8% in 2023.



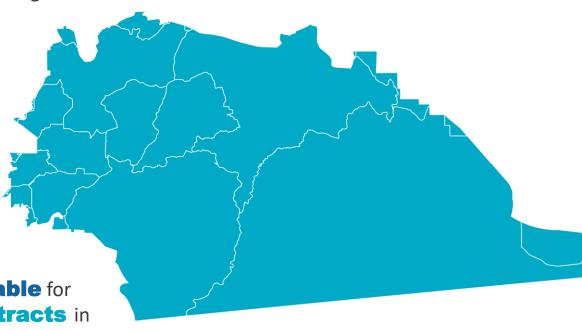
The 5-year average percent of **unemployment** in East Region **remained stable** from 2018 to 2023.



In 2021, less than **11%** of **homes were affordable** for low-income families in **nearly 68% of census tracts** in East Region.



In East Region, City of El Cajon had the highest count of unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness in 2024 and El Cajon SRA had the highest count of homeless students in the 2023-2024 school year.



Key Takeaways





In East Region...



The **life expectancy** in East Region was **80.6 years** in 2023, which was **lower** than the life expectancy in San Diego County overall.



In 2023, **diseases of the heart** was the number one **leading cause of death** in East Region.



Lemon Grove SRA faced disproportionate mortality and morbidity age-adjusted rates of chronic diseases compared to other East Region SRAs from 2019 to 2023.



Lemon Grove SRA and Mountain Empire SRA faced disproportionate morbidity age-adjusted rates due to injuries compared to other East Region SRAs from 2019 to 2023.



La Mesa SRA had the highest age-adjusted death and ED discharge rates due to Alzheimer's Disease and Non-Alzheimer's Dementia compared to other East Region SRAs in 2023.

CHSU Products





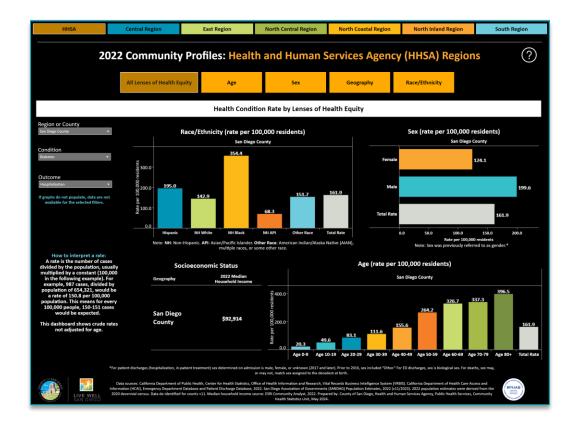


Health Dashboards

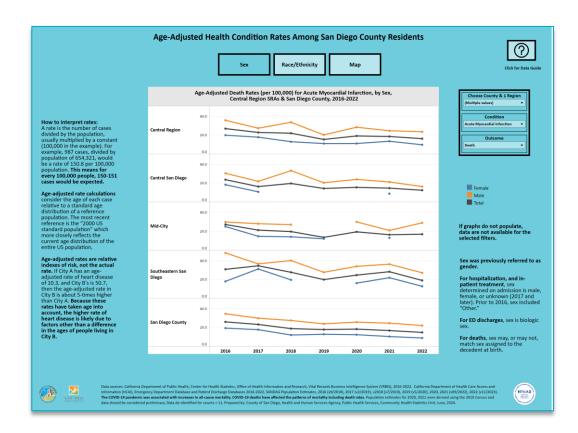




Community Profiles
(by Region or Municipality)



Community Profile Age-Adjusted Trends (by Region or Municipality)

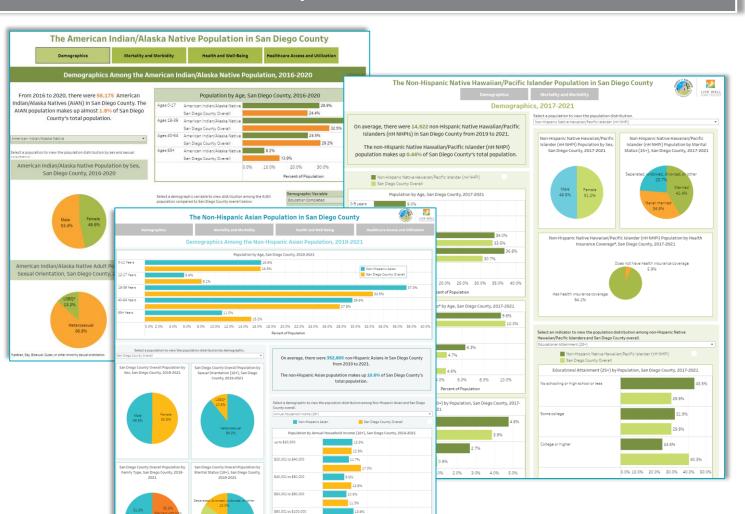


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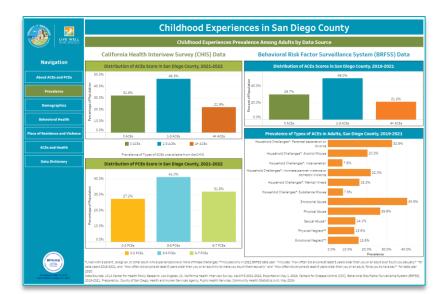




Small Populations Dashboards



Childhood Experiences Dashboard

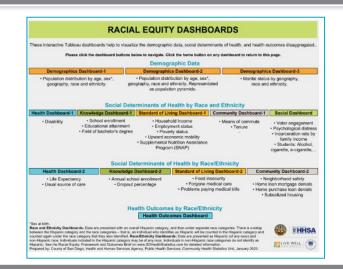


Health Equity Dashboards





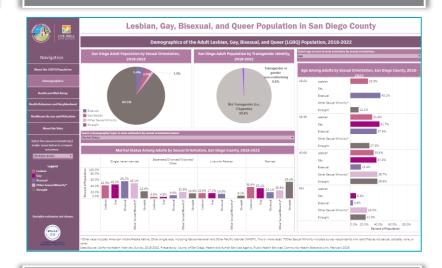
Racial Equity Dashboard



Self-Sufficiency Dashboard



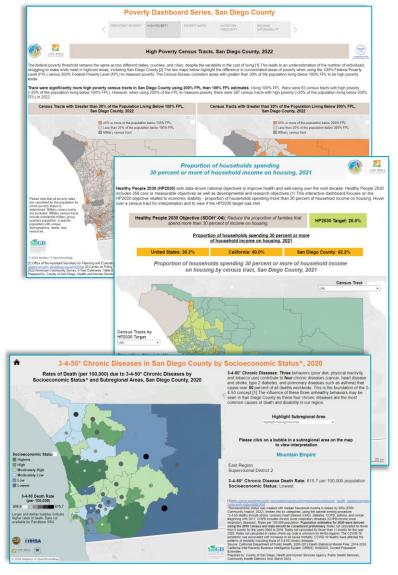
LGBQ Adult Dashboard



Socioeconomic Disparities Dashboard



Poverty Dashboard Series

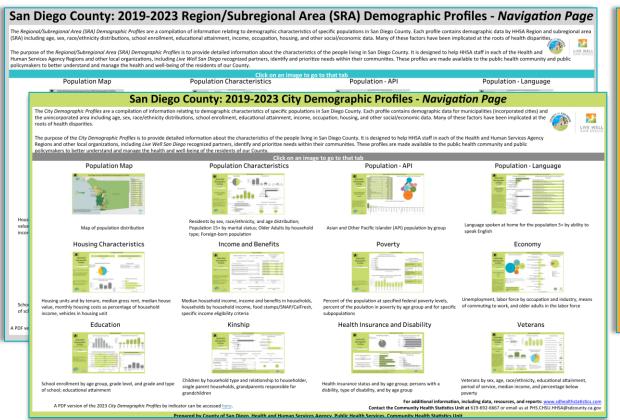


Demographic Profiles



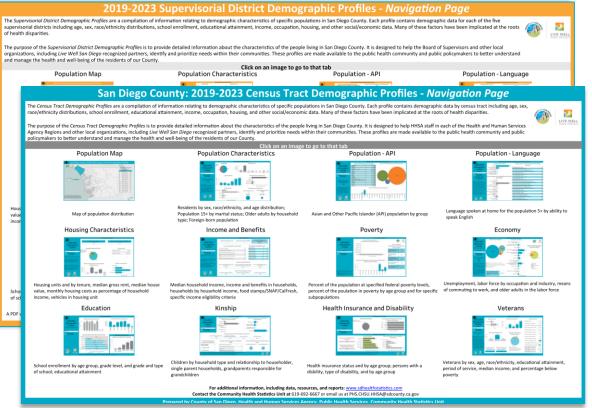


Demographic Profiles



Interactive Tableau Dashboards available for:

- Census Tracts
- Regions and Subregional Areas
- Supervisorial Districts
- Cities and the Unincorporated Area



Demographic profiles in PDF format available for:

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2023 MENA Profile







2023 San Diego County Middle Eastern and North African Population by Ancestry and Place of Birth



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March 2025

The MENA Profile explores the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) population by ancestry and place of birth in lieu of a direct method to estimate this population.

Data is available by region, subregional area, municipality, and supervisorial district.

Scan the QR code to access the latest version of the MENA Profile!



Regional and Population Data









- Community Health Assessment Presentations
- Health Briefs
- Health Status Reports



Maps and Spatial Data

- Disease and Injury Atlases
- Maps:
 - Healthy Places Index
 - Economic Hardship Index
 - Walkability Index

Population and Health



- Population Health and the Environment
 - Brief and Dashboard
- Water Quality

ormation

Disease Information

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- Disease Information Packets
 - Fact Sheet, Descriptive Summary, Slide Set, and Critical Pathway





For more information, including data, resources and reports, from Public Health Services:

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