

Leading Causes of Death ^{1,2} Among San Diego County Residents by Year, 2016-2020															
RANK	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020 YTD Preliminary*		
	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%
1	Malignant Neoplasms	5,096	24.1%	Malignant Neoplasms	5,033	23.3%	Malignant Neoplasms	4,988	23.1%	Malignant Neoplasms	5,018	22.9%	Malignant Neoplasms	2,765	20.3%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,808	22.7%	Diseases Of The Heart	4,764	22.1%	Diseases Of The Heart	4,655	21.6%	Diseases Of The Heart	4,689	21.4%	Diseases Of The Heart	2,676	19.7%
3	Alzheimer's Disease	1,403	6.6%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,450	6.7%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,461	6.8%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,620	7.4%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	923	6.8%
4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,363	6.4%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,376	6.4%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,446	6.7%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,546	7.0%	Alzheimer's Disease	870	6.4%
5	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,071	5.1%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,188	5.5%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,250	5.8%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,273	5.8%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	660	4.9%
6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,027	4.8%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,025	4.8%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,007	4.7%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,007	4.6%	COVID-19	583	4.3%
													Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	554	4.1%
7	Diabetes Mellitus	734	3.5%	Diabetes Mellitus	799	3.7%	Diabetes Mellitus	775	3.6%	Diabetes Mellitus	760	3.5%	Diabetes Mellitus	447	3.3%
8	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	412	1.9%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	469	2.2%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	453	2.1%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	437	2.0%	Parkinson's Disease	217	1.6%
9	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	407	1.9%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	428	2.0%	Influenza And Pneumonia	451	2.1%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	417	1.9%	Influenza And Pneumonia	214	1.6%
10	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	400	1.9%	Influenza And Pneumonia	393	1.8%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	435	2.0%	Parkinson's Disease	381	1.7%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	206	1.5%
11	Influenza And Pneumonia	359	1.7%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	364	1.7%	Parkinson's Disease	367	1.7%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	357	1.6%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	196	1.4%
12	Parkinson's Disease	319	1.5%	Parkinson's Disease	362	1.7%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	321	1.5%	Influenza And Pneumonia	286	1.3%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	182	1.3%
13	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	182	0.9%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	216	1.0%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	163	0.8%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	185	0.8%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	98	0.7%
14	In Situ Neoplasms, Benign Neoplasms And Neoplasms Of Uncertain Or Unknown Behavior	124	0.6%	In Situ Neoplasms, Benign Neoplasms And Neoplasms Of Uncertain Or Unknown Behavior	117	0.5%	In Situ Neoplasms, Benign Neoplasms And Neoplasms Of Uncertain Or Unknown Behavior	103	0.5%	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome And Nephrosis	136	0.6%	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome And Nephrosis	81	0.6%
15	Congenital Malformations, Deformations And Chromosomal Abnormalities	101	0.5%	Septicemia	95	0.4%	Certain Conditions Originating In The Perinatal Period	100	0.5%	Nutritional Deficiencies	112	0.5%	Nutritional Deficiencies	71	0.5%
16	All other causes (not rankable)	3,378	15.9%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,479	16.1%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,625	16.8%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,716	16.9%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,437	25.3%
Total Deaths³		21,184	100.0%		21,558	100.0%		21,600	100.0%		21,940	100.0%		13,597	100.0%

¹ 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 San Diego County residents for their respective years.

² Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.

³ Deaths for specific demographics or geographic area may not equal the total deaths for San Diego County due to missing data.

*Data Subject to Change: Deaths expected to increase as additional deaths are registered up to eight days after the date of death and before disposition of remains.

Additionally, amendment to death certificates can be made outside of these eight days which can affect death totals for any time period.

Lag in Local Death Registration & Reallocated Deaths from Other Jurisdictions. Data was extracted from the Vital Records Business Intelligence System on 8/5/2020

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Office of Health Information and Research, Vital Records Business Intelligence System.

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Leading Causes of Death ^{1,2} Among San Diego County Residents by Year, 2011-2015															
RANK	2011			2012			2013			2014			2015		
	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%	Underlying Cause of Death	n	%
1	Malignant Neoplasms	4,796	24.3%	Malignant Neoplasms	4,929	24.9%	Malignant Neoplasms	5,010	24.6%	Malignant Neoplasms	4,862	24.6%	Malignant Neoplasms	5,028	24.3%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,734	24.0%	Diseases Of The Heart	4,587	23.2%	Diseases Of The Heart	4,778	23.4%	Diseases Of The Heart	4,534	22.9%	Diseases Of The Heart	4,713	22.8%
3	Alzheimer's Disease	1,217	6.2%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,160	5.9%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,279	6.3%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,311	6.6%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,400	6.8%
4	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,040	5.3%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,021	5.2%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,109	5.4%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,138	5.7%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,163	5.6%
5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,025	5.2%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	998	5.0%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,090	5.3%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,074	5.4%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,035	5.0%
6	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,005	5.1%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	962	4.9%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,004	4.9%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	984	5.0%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	995	4.8%
7	Diabetes Mellitus	580	2.9%	Diabetes Mellitus	648	3.3%	Diabetes Mellitus	614	3.0%	Diabetes Mellitus	582	2.9%	Diabetes Mellitus	709	3.4%
8	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	381	1.9%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	405	2.0%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	427	2.1%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	405	2.0%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	409	2.0%
9	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	326	1.7%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	352	1.8%	Influenza And Pneumonia	333	1.6%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	316	1.6%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	387	1.9%
10	Influenza And Pneumonia	310	1.6%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	329	1.7%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	324	1.6%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	312	1.6%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	383	1.8%
11	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	267	1.4%	Influenza And Pneumonia	302	1.5%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	319	1.6%	Influenza And Pneumonia	298	1.5%	Influenza And Pneumonia	343	1.7%
12	Parkinson's Disease	209	1.1%	Parkinson's Disease	262	1.3%	Parkinson's Disease	246	1.2%	Parkinson's Disease	268	1.4%	Parkinson's Disease	269	1.3%
13	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	147	0.7%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	148	0.7%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	129	0.6%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	134	0.7%	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	185	0.9%
14	Septicemia	128	0.6%	Septicemia	129	0.7%	Septicemia	113	0.6%	Viral Hepatitis	117	0.6%	Septicemia	113	0.5%
15	Viral Hepatitis	112	0.6%	In Situ Neoplasms, Benign Neoplasms And Neoplasms Of Uncertain Or Unknown Behavior	124	0.6%	Viral Hepatitis	113	0.6%	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome And Nephrosis	110	0.6%	In Situ Neoplasms, Benign Neoplasms And Neoplasms Of Uncertain Or Unknown Behavior	102	0.5%
16	All other causes (not rankable)	3,471	17.6%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,444	17.4%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,503	17.2%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,347	16.9%	All other causes (not rankable)	3,469	16.8%
Total Deaths³		19,748	100.0%		19,800	100.0%		20,391	100.0%		19,792	100.0%		20,703	100.0%

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