

Leading Causes of Death ^{1,2} Among San Diego County Residents by Age, 2021																																				
RANK	All		Ages 1-9			Ages 10-19			Ages 20-29			Ages 30-39			Ages 40-49			Ages 50-59			Ages 60-69			Ages 70-79			Ages 80+									
	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	%	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	5,250	19.3%		5	5%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	51	48.1%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	262	56.1%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	314	42.1%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	232	22.6%	Malignant Neoplasms	506	23.1%	Malignant Neoplasms	1,121	26.7%	Malignant Neoplasms	1,419	26.3%	Diseases Of The Heart	2,733	23.0%						
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,261	19.0%		5	5%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	21	19.8%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	55	11.8%	Malignant Neoplasms	61	8.2%	Malignant Neoplasms	164	16.0%	Diseases Of The Heart	344	15.7%	Diseases Of The Heart	764	18.2%	Diseases Of The Heart	969	17.9%	Malignant Neoplasms	1,738	14.6%						
3	COVID-19	2,825	10.8%		5	5%	Malignant Neoplasms	12	11.3%	Assault (Homicide)	28	6.0%	COVID-19	57	7.6%	COVID-19	124	12.1%	COVID-19	311	14.3%	COVID-19	644	15.4%	COVID-19	649	12.0%	Alzheimer's Disease	1,172	9.8%						
4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,795	6.9%		5	5%		5	5%	Malignant Neoplasms	23	4.9%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	57	7.6%	Diseases Of The Heart	108	10.5%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	270	12.3%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	239	5.7%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	308	5.7%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,142	9.6%						
5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,710	6.5%		5	5%		5	5%	COVID-19	15	3.2%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	37	5.0%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	67	6.5%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	119	5.4%	Diabetes Mellitus	210	5.0%	Diabetes Mellitus	255	4.7%	COVID-19	1022	8.6%						
6	Alzheimer's Disease	1,391	5.3%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%	Diseases Of The Heart	31	4.2%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	54	5.3%	Diabetes Mellitus	91	4.1%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	163	3.9%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	248	4.6%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	470	3.9%						
7	Diabetes Mellitus	895	3.4%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%	Assault (Homicide)	28	3.8%	Diabetes Mellitus	23	2.2%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	64	2.9%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	143	3.4%	Alzheimer's Disease	187	3.5%	Diabetes Mellitus	301	2.5%						
8	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	887	3.4%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%	Diabetes Mellitus	11	1.5%	Cerebrovascular Diseases	24	2.0%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	47	2.1%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	133	3.2%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	154	2.9%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	285	2.4%						
9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	501	1.9%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%	Assault (Homicide)	18	1.8%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	38	1.7%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	62	1.5%	Parkinson's Disease	110	2.0%	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	264	2.2%						
10	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	472	1.8%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	12	1.2%	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	26	1.2%	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	46	1.1%	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	101	1.9%	Parkinson's Disease	263	2.2%						
11	Parkinson's Disease	399	1.5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%	Assault (Homicide)	16	0.7%	Alzheimer's Disease	29	0.7%	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	68	1.3%	Pneumonia Due To Solids And Liquids	104	0.9%						
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	344	1.3%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%	Viral Hepatitis	15	0.7%	Pneumonia Due To Solids And Liquids	25	0.6%	Pneumonia Due To Solids And Liquids	41	0.8%	Nutritional Deficiencies	101	0.8%
13	Pneumonia Due To Solids And Liquids	179	0.7%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%
14	Influenza and Pneumonia	164	0.6%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%
15	Nutritional Deficiencies	132	0.5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%		5	5%
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,463	17.1%	All other causes (not rankable)	5	5%	All other causes (not rankable)	12	11.3%	All other causes (not rankable)	47	10.1%	All other causes (not rankable)	116	15.5%	All other causes (not rankable)	170	16.6%	All other causes (not rankable)	311	14.2%	All other causes (not rankable)	546	13.0%	All other causes (not rankable)	787	14.6%	All other causes (not rankable)	2,089	17.6%						
Total Deaths^{3,4}		26,168	100.0%		31	100.0%		106	100.0%		467	100.0%		746	100.0%		1,027	100.0%		2,195	100.0%		4,194	100.0%		5,400	100.0%		11,900	100.0%						

¹ Ranks are 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 2021.
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 areas may not equal the total deaths for San Diego County due to missing data.
⁴ Not shown for fewer than 10 deaths.
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