

Leading Causes of Death <sup>1,2</sup> Among San Diego County Residents by Race/Ethnicity, 2024																			
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1	Malignant Neoplasms	5,046	22.0%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	3,179	22.0%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	1,013	21.7%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	283	23.3%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	494	24.5%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,706	20.5%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	3,084	21.3%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	783	16.8%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	234	19.3%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	423	21.0%
3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,589	6.9%	3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	972	6.7%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	447	9.6%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	119	9.8%	3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	190	9.4%
4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,521	6.6%	4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	819	5.7%	4	Diabetes Mellitus	319	6.8%	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	84	6.9%	4	Diabetes Mellitus	121	6.0%
5	Alzheimer's Disease	1,150	5.0%	5	Alzheimer's Disease	788	5.4%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	311	6.7%	5	Diabetes Mellitus	69	5.7%	5	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	91	4.5%
6	Diabetes Mellitus	948	4.1%	6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	646	4.5%	6	Alzheimer's Disease	211	4.5%	6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	40	3.3%	6	Alzheimer's Disease	90	4.5%
7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	845	3.7%	7	Diabetes Mellitus	406	2.8%	7	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	157	3.4%	7	Alzheimer's Disease	35	2.9%	7	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	60	3.0%
8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	506	2.2%	8	Parkinson's Disease	319	2.2%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	107	2.3%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	26	2.1%	8	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	50	2.5%
9	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	424	1.8%	9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	305	2.1%	9	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	88	1.9%	9	Assault (Homicide)	22	1.8%	9	COVID-19	29	1.4%
10	Parkinson's Disease	413	1.8%	10	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	255	1.8%	10	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	73	1.6%	10	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	15	1.2%	10	Influenza And Pneumonia	26	1.3%
11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	377	1.6%	11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	217	1.5%	11	Influenza And Pneumonia	66	1.4%	11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	14	1.2%	11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	25	1.2%
12	Influenza And Pneumonia	257	1.1%	12	COVID-19	158	1.1%	12	COVID-19	55	1.2%	12	Nutritional Deficiencies	14	1.2%	12	Parkinson's Disease	25	1.2%
13	COVID-19	255	1.1%	13	Influenza And Pneumonia	150	1.0%	13	Parkinson's Disease	55	1.2%	13	Parkinson's Disease	12	1.0%	13	Nutritional Deficiencies	21	1.0%
14	Nutritional Deficiencies	190	0.8%	14	Nutritional Deficiencies	116	0.8%	14	Assault (Homicide)	40	0.9%	14	COVID-19	11	0.9%	14	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	19	0.9%
15	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	172	0.7%	15	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	107	0.7%	15	Certain Conditions Originating In The Perinatal Period	39	0.8%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	15	0.7%
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,561	19.9%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	2,940	20.3%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	895	19.2%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	217	17.9%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	340	16.8%
<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>22,960</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>14,461</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>4,659</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>2,019</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	506	2.2%	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
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11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	377	1.6%	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
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14	Nutritional Deficiencies	190	0.8%	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
15	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	172	0.7%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
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<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>22,960</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>109</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>279</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>248</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,785	20.4%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	3,213	21.5%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	753	16.7%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	256	20.8%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	429	20.9%
3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,756	7.5%	3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	996	6.7%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	505	11.2%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	141	11.5%	3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	169	8.2%
4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,552	6.6%	4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	952	6.4%	4	Diabetes Mellitus	281	6.2%	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	85	6.9%	4	Diabetes Mellitus	130	6.3%
5	Alzheimer's Disease	1,177	5.0%	5	Alzheimer's Disease	815	5.4%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	265	5.9%	5	Diabetes Mellitus	71	5.8%	5	Alzheimer's Disease	100	4.9%
6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	923	3.9%	6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	730	4.9%	6	Alzheimer's Disease	192	4.2%	6	Alzheimer's Disease	48	3.9%	6	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	82	4.0%
7	Diabetes Mellitus	911	3.9%	7	Diabetes Mellitus	392	2.6%	7	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	143	3.2%	7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	44	3.6%	7	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	61	3.0%
8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	538	2.3%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	333	2.2%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	97	2.1%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	37	3.0%	8	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	45	2.2%
9	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	452	1.9%	9	Parkinson's Disease	294	2.0%	9	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	85	1.9%	9	Assault (Homicide)	17	1.4%	9	Parkinson's Disease	45	2.2%
10	Parkinson's Disease	401	1.7%	10	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	257	1.7%	10	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	85	1.9%	10	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	15	1.2%	10	COVID-19	38	1.9%
11	COVID-19	376	1.6%	11	COVID-19	247	1.7%	11	COVID-19	70	1.5%	11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	14	1.1%	11	Influenza And Pneumonia	25	1.2%
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	363	1.6%	12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	231	1.5%	12	Parkinson's Disease	47	1.0%	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	12	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	23	1.1%
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<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>23,409</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>14,966</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>4,518</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>1,228</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>2,054</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,796	7.2%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,012	6.4%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	500	10.0%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	117	9.4%	3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	167	7.9%
4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,561	6.3%	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,005	6.3%	4	COVID-19	429	8.6%	4	Diabetes Mellitus	68	5.5%	4	COVID-19	125	5.9%
5	COVID-19	1,325	5.3%	5	Alzheimer's Disease	945	6.0%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	287	5.7%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	62	5.0%	5	Alzheimer's Disease	120	5.7%
6	Alzheimer's Disease	1,320	5.3%	6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	714	4.5%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	285	5.7%	6	COVID-19	49	3.9%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	112	5.3%
7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	913	3.7%	7	COVID-19	668	4.2%	7	Alzheimer's Disease	195	3.9%	7	Alzheimer's Disease	37	3.0%	7	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	97	4.6%
8	Diabetes Mellitus	907	3.6%	8	Diabetes Mellitus	404	2.5%	8	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	173	3.5%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	36	2.9%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	57	2.7%
9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	576	2.3%	9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	332	2.1%	9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	138	2.8%	9	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	34	2.7%	9	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	51	2.4%
10	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	458	1.8%	10	Parkinson's Disease	309	1.9%	10	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	87	1.7%	10	Assault (Homicide)	21	1.7%	10	Parkinson's Disease	36	1.7%
11	Parkinson's Disease	413	1.7%	11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	249	1.6%	11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	68	1.4%	11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	14	1.1%	11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	26	1.2%
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	359	1.4%	12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	238	1.5%	12	Assault (Homicide)	52	1.0%	12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	12	1.0%	12	Influenza And Pneumonia	25	1.2%
13	Influenza And Pneumonia	237	1.0%	13	Influenza And Pneumonia	143	0.9%	13	Influenza And Pneumonia	51	1.0%	13	Influenza And Pneumonia	11	0.9%	13	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	18	0.9%
14	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	197	0.8%	14	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	142	0.9%	14	Parkinson's Disease	51	1.0%	14	Parkinson's Disease	11	0.9%	14	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome And Nephrosis	13	0.6%
15	Nutritional Deficiencies	131	0.5%	15	Nutritional Deficiencies	91	0.6%	15	Certain Conditions Originating In The Perinatal Period	40	0.8%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	13	0.6%
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,630	18.6%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	2,931	18.5%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	923	18.4%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	233	18.7%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	337	16.0%
<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>24,930</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>15,862</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>5,008</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>1,244</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>2,111</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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Leading Causes of Death <sup>1,2</sup> Among San Diego County Residents by Race/Ethnicity, 2022															
San Diego County				Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				American Indian/Alaska Native <sup>6</sup>				Multiple			
Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%
1	Malignant Neoplasms	5,179	20.8%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	32	23.4%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	45	15.5%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	54	18.5%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,928	19.8%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	31	22.6%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	41	14.1%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	52	17.8%
3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,796	7.2%	3	Diabetes Mellitus	13	9.5%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	37	12.7%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	47	16.1%
4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,561	6.3%	4	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	4	COVID-19	19	6.5%	4	COVID-19	17	5.8%
5	COVID-19	1,325	5.3%	5	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	5	Diabetes Mellitus	19	6.5%	5	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	11	3.8%
6	Alzheimer's Disease	1,320	5.3%	6	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	6	Cerebrovascular Diseases	14	4.8%	6	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	913	3.7%	7	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	11	3.8%	7	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
8	Diabetes Mellitus	907	3.6%	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	576	2.3%	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
10	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	458	1.8%	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
11	Parkinson's Disease	413	1.7%	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	359	1.4%	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
13	Influenza And Pneumonia	237	1.0%	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
14	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	197	0.8%	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
15	Nutritional Deficiencies	131	0.5%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,630	18.6%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	15	10.9%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	60	20.6%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	42	13.7%
<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>24,930</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>137</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>291</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>307</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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Leading Causes of Death <sup>1,2</sup> Among San Diego County Residents by Race/Ethnicity, 2021																			
San Diego County				White				Hispanic				Black				Asian			
Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%
1	Malignant Neoplasms	5,050	19.3%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	3,296	20.6%	1	COVID-19	1,242	21.7%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	277	20.2%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	455	20.4%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,961	19.0%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	3,228	20.2%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	978	17.1%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	242	17.6%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	427	19.2%
3	COVID-19	2,825	10.8%	3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,079	6.7%	3	Diseases Of The Heart	797	13.9%	3	COVID-19	131	9.5%	3	COVID-19	305	13.7%
4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,795	6.9%	4	COVID-19	1,037	6.5%	4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	501	8.8%	4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	126	9.2%	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	183	8.2%
5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,710	6.5%	5	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,005	6.3%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	312	5.5%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	86	6.3%	5	Diabetes Mellitus	134	6.0%
6	Alzheimer's Disease	1,391	5.3%	6	Alzheimer's Disease	999	6.2%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	237	4.1%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	70	5.1%	6	Alzheimer's Disease	126	5.7%
7	Diabetes Mellitus	895	3.4%	7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	717	4.5%	7	Alzheimer's Disease	211	3.7%	7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	40	2.9%	7	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	85	3.8%
8	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	887	3.4%	8	Diabetes Mellitus	415	2.6%	8	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	168	2.9%	8	Alzheimer's Disease	37	2.7%	8	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	62	2.8%
9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	501	1.9%	9	Parkinson's Disease	307	1.9%	9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	90	1.6%	9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	32	2.3%	9	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	37	1.7%
10	Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	472	1.8%	10	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	298	1.9%	10	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	73	1.3%	10	Assault (Homicide)	29	2.1%	10	Parkinson's Disease	31	1.4%
11	Parkinson's Disease	399	1.5%	11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	253	1.6%	11	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	61	1.1%	11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	20	1.5%	11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	19	0.9%
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	344	1.3%	12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	232	1.4%	12	Assault (Homicide)	51	0.9%	12	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, and Nephrosis	12	0.9%	12	Influenza and Pneumonia	18	0.8%
13	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	179	0.7%	13	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	114	0.7%	13	Parkinson's Disease	47	0.8%	13	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	11	0.8%	13	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	15	0.7%
14	Influenza and Pneumonia	164	0.6%	14	Nutritional Deficiencies	95	0.6%	14	Influenza and Pneumonia	41	0.7%	14	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Disease	11	0.8%	14	In Situ Neoplasms, Benign Neoplasms And Neoplasms Of Uncertain Or Unknown Behavior	15	0.7%
15	Nutritional Deficiencies	132	0.5%	15	Influenza and Pneumonia	92	0.6%	15	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	36	0.6%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Septicemia	14	0.6%
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,463	17.1%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	2,844	17.8%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	875	15.3%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	240	17.5%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	303	13.6%
<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>26,168</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>16,011</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>5,720</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>1,373</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>2,229</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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San Diego County				Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				American Indian/Alaska Native <sup>6</sup>				Multiple			
Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%
1	Malignant Neoplasms	5,050	19.3%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	38	24.7%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	62	16.4%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	56	18.2%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,961	19.0%	2	COVID-19	31	20.1%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	58	15.3%	2	Diseases of the Heart	52	16.9%
3	COVID-19	2,825	10.8%	3	Malignant Neoplasms	31	20.1%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	50	13.2%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	46	15.0%
4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,795	6.9%	4	Diabetes Mellitus	13	8.4%	4	COVID-19	47	12.4%	4	COVID-19	24	7.8%
5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,710	6.5%	5	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	22	5.8%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	16	5.2%
6	Alzheimer's Disease	1,391	5.3%	6	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	16	4.2%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	14	4.6%
7	Diabetes Mellitus	895	3.4%	7	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	7	Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	15	4.0%	7	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
8	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	887	3.4%	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	8	Diabetes Mellitus	13	3.4%	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	501	1.9%	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	9	Alzheimer's Disease	11	2.9%	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
10	Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	472	1.8%	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
11	Parkinson's Disease	399	1.5%	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	344	1.3%	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
13	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	179	0.7%	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
14	Influenza and Pneumonia	164	0.6%	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
15	Nutritional Deficiencies	132	0.5%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,463	17.1%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	§	§	16	All other causes (not rankable)	56	14.8%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	42	13.7%
<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>26,168</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>154</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>379</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>307</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%
1	Malignant Neoplasms	4,939	20.1%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	3,286	21.2%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	879	17.7%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	285	22.7%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	472	22.4%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,853	19.8%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	3,227	20.8%	2	COVID-19	781	15.7%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	229	18.3%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	400	18.9%
3	COVID-19	1,728	7.0%	3	Alzheimer's Disease	1,119	7.2%	3	Diseases Of The Heart	736	14.8%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	97	7.7%	3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	195	9.2%
4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,722	7.0%	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,107	7.1%	4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	399	8.0%	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	78	6.2%	4	COVID-19	178	8.4%
5	Alzheimer's Disease	1,521	6.2%	5	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	861	5.6%	5	Cerebrovascular Diseases	306	6.1%	5	COVID-19	66	5.3%	5	Alzheimer's Disease	111	5.3%
6	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,513	6.2%	6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	714	4.6%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	247	5.0%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	60	4.8%	6	Diabetes Mellitus	104	4.9%
7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	930	3.8%	7	COVID-19	653	4.2%	7	Alzheimer's Disease	212	4.3%	7	Alzheimer's Disease	53	4.2%	7	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	79	3.7%
8	Diabetes Mellitus	852	3.5%	8	Diabetes Mellitus	407	2.6%	8	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	127	2.6%	8	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	47	3.8%	8	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	50	2.4%
9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	453	1.8%	9	Parkinson's Disease	324	2.1%	9	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	94	1.9%	9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	36	2.9%	9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	47	2.2%
10	Parkinson's Disease	429	1.7%	10	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	261	1.7%	10	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	93	1.9%	10	Assault (Homicide)	19	1.5%	10	Parkinson's Disease	32	1.5%
11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	411	1.7%	11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	257	1.7%	11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	74	1.5%	11	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	18	1.4%	11	Influenza And Pneumonia	31	1.5%
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	391	1.6%	12	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	240	1.5%	12	Influenza And Pneumonia	66	1.3%	12	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	16	1.3%	12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	29	1.4%
13	Influenza And Pneumonia	297	1.2%	13	Influenza And Pneumonia	173	1.1%	13	Parkinson's Disease	57	1.1%	13	Influenza And Pneumonia	16	1.3%	13	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome And Nephrosis	25	1.2%
14	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	163	0.7%	14	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	115	0.7%	14	Assault (Homicide)	50	1.0%	14	Certain Conditions Originating In The Perinatal Period	13	1.0%	14	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	14	0.7%
15	Nutritional Deficiencies	138	0.6%	15	Nutritional Deficiencies	100	0.6%	15	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome And Nephrosis	35	0.7%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Aortic Aneurysm And Dissection	13	0.6%
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,209	17.1%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	2,647	17.1%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	823	16.5%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	210	16.8%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	331	15.7%
<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>24,549</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>15,491</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>4,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>1,253</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>2,111</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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Leading Causes of Death <sup>1,2</sup> Among San Diego County Residents by Race/Ethnicity, 2020															
San Diego County				Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				American Indian/Alaska Native <sup>6</sup>				Multiple			
Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%	Rank	Underlying Cause of Death	Count	%
1	Malignant Neoplasms	4,939	20.1%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	34	23.1%	1	Malignant Neoplasms	69	20.8%	1	Diseases Of The Heart	54	19.4%
2	Diseases Of The Heart	4,853	19.8%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	25	17.0%	2	Diseases Of The Heart	64	19.3%	2	Malignant Neoplasms	54	19.4%
3	COVID-19	1,728	7.0%	3	COVID-19	13	8.8%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	36	10.8%	3	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	42	15.1%
4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	1,722	7.0%	4	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	13	8.8%	4	Diabetes Mellitus	23	6.9%	4	COVID-19	12	4.3%
5	Alzheimer's Disease	1,521	6.2%	5	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	5	COVID-19	18	5.4%	5	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	12	4.3%
6	Accidents/Unintentional Injuries	1,513	6.2%	6	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	6	Cerebrovascular Diseases	18	5.4%	6	Cerebrovascular Diseases	11	3.9%
7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	930	3.8%	7	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	16	4.8%	7	Alzheimer's Disease	11	3.9%
8	Diabetes Mellitus	852	3.5%	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	8	Alzheimer's Disease	12	3.6%	8	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
9	Essential Hypertension And Hypertensive Renal Disease	453	1.8%	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	9	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
10	Parkinson's Disease	429	1.7%	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	10	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
11	Chronic Liver Disease And Cirrhosis	411	1.7%	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	11	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
12	Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	391	1.6%	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	12	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
13	Influenza And Pneumonia	297	1.2%	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	13	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
14	Pneumonitis Due To Solids And Liquids	163	0.7%	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	14	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
15	Nutritional Deficiencies	138	0.6%	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA	15	Censored <sup>4</sup>	<11	NA
16	All other causes (not rankable)	4,209	17.1%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	19	12.9%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	43	13.0%	16	All other causes (not rankable)	40	14.3%
<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>24,549</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>147</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>332</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total Deaths<sup>3,5</sup></b>		<b>279</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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