

Leading Causes of Infant Death, 2017-2019

San Diego County Residence

Rank	Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Mortality Rate
1	Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities	114	95.6
2	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	82	68.8
3	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified	34	28.5
4	Sudden infant death syndrome	24	20.1
5	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	22	18.4
6	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes	20	16.8
7	Neonatal hemorrhage	13	10.9
8	Respiratory distress of newborn	10	8.4
9	Bacterial sepsis of newborn	9	7.5
9	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia	9	7.5
	All other causes	132	110.7
	Total	469	393.3

Notes:

- Infant mortality is defined as death prior to one year of age.
 - Infant mortality rates are number of deaths per 100,000 live births.
 - Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.
 - Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.
 - Leading causes with rank higher than 10 are not listed.
 - Starting in 2014, deaths (and births) that occurred outside California are excluded.
 - Interpret with caution rates calculated for fewer than 20 events since they are considered statistically unreliable.
- *Numbers are censored and rates are not calculated when the number of events is fewer than 5 (indicated by "<5"). Interpret with caution rates calculated for fewer than 20 events since they are considered statistically unreliable.

Source: State of California, Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics and Informatics, Death Statistical Master Files, California Comprehensive Death Files, Birth Statistical Master Files, California Comprehensive Birth Files.

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