



County of San Diego Department of the Medical Examiner

2024 Annual Statistical Report

Manner Type	Manner of Death						Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Pending	
Agricultural	5						5
Aircraft	1						1
Alcohol Related			166				166
Anaphylactic Reaction	1		1				2
Animal Related	6						6
Asphyxia	42	3		121			166
Assault		5					5
Autoimmune/Systemic			2				2
Bicycle	9						9
Blunt Force	9	6			11		26
Boating	1						1
Cancer			30				30
Carbon Monoxide	1			5			6
Cardiovascular			842				842
Central Nervous System			40				40
Chemical/Poison	3			8			11
Chronic Drug Abuse			18				18
Cutting/Stabbing	2	22		17			41
Dementia			2				2
Diabetes Related			43				43
Drowning	40			5	5		50
Drug - Medication - Alcohol	923			50	1		974
Alcohol	42			1			43
Drugs & Alcohol	83			1			84
Drugs & Meds	73			3			76
Drugs of Abuse	664			1			665
Drugs, Meds, Alcohol	12			2			14
Medication	42			35			77
Meds & Alcohol	7			7			14
Other					1		1
Electrocution	2						2
Endocrine			1				1
Explosion	1						1
Exposure	25						25
Hyperthermia	17						17
Hypothermia	8						8
Fall	510						510
Abdominal Injuries	8						8
Blunt Head Trauma	168						168
Fracture, other	47						47
Hip/Femur Fracture	135						135
Multiple Injuries	46						46
Other	26						26
Spinal Fracture	42						42
Subdural Hematoma	38						38

Note: Counts included in this report are considered preliminary due to a small number of cases that are pending and in the process of finalization/closure for 2024; as such, manner and type of death counts are subject to update, although those updates are anticipated to be minimal. Four cases in 2024 represent administrative placeholders without cause or manner of death determinations, and they are not included in the totals here. Also visit the San Diego County Open Data Portal for more information: https://data.sandiegocounty.gov/Safety/Medical-Examiner-Cases/jkvb-n4p7/about_data.

Manner Type continued...

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	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Pending	
Family Paid Autopsy			22				22
Fire	18	3		3			24
Firearm		62		138			200
Gastrointestinal			23				23
Hematologic			4				4
Homicidal Violence, NOS		1					1
Infant/Perinatal (not SIDS)			1				1
Infectious			49				49
Inhalation	2						2
Intrauterine/Stillborn			4				4
Jumping				35			35
Liver Disease			7				7
Medical - Therapeutic	5						5
Motor Vehicle	348	3		6			357
Auto Rollover (solo)	30						30
Auto vs Auto	74						74
Auto vs Bicycle	14						14
Auto vs Fixed Object	37						37
Auto vs Motorcycle	29						29
Auto vs Pedestrian	115	2		5			122
Motorcycle	35			1			36
Off Road	2						2
Other	6	1					7
Unknown	6						6
Obesity Related			10				10
Other	3		12	2			17
Pending						20	20
Psychiatric Related			1				1
Pulmonary			37				37
Renal			8				8
Restraint Related		3					3
Scuba	2						2
Seizures/Epilepsy			7				7
Skeletal Remains					4		4
Train	8			23			31
Undetermined			3		33		36
Totals	1,968	108	1,332	413	47	20	3,888
	51%	3%	34%	11%	1%	1%	100%

Examinations	Manner of Death						Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Pending	
Autopsy	742	105	522	120	39	19	1,547
Autopsy (Partial/Limited)	31		69	29			129
External Exam	805	2	708	264	8	1	1,788
Medical Review	390	1	33				424
Subtotal	1,968	108	1,332	413	47	20	3,888
Jurisdiction Waived by ME							5,248
Totals	1,968	108	1,332	413	47	20	9,136

Gender	Manner of Death						Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Pending	
Female	596	19	413	109	14	4	1,155
Male	1,371	89	919	304	32	16	2,731
Nonbinary	1						1
Unknown					1		1
Totals	1,968	108	1,332	413	47	20	3,888

Age	Manner of Death						Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Pending	
0 to 12 months	7	1	7		6	2	23
1 to 5	5		2		1	2	10
6 to 12	5	1	3	2			11
13 to 16	8	3	1	8			20
17 to 19	19	5	1	12			37
20 to 29	188	22	34	80	4	4	332
30 to 39	285	28	70	59	10	3	455
40 to 49	258	18	130	62	6	2	476
50 to 59	305	10	250	67	4	4	640
60 to 69	361	9	354	57	4	3	788
70 to 79	194	9	299	44	3		549
80 to 89	180	1	132	16			329
90+	150	1	48	4	1		204
Unknown	3		1	2	8		14
Totals	1,968	108	1,332	413	47	20	3,888

Race/Ethnicity	Manner of Death						Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Pending	
American Indian/Alaska	20	1	6	3			30
Asian	103	1	90	33	2		229
Black/African American	177	22	136	15	5	2	357
Hispanic/Latino	530	46	268	70	11	8	933
Native Hawaiian/Pacific	7	1	7	1			16
White	1,085	33	804	286	20	7	2,235
Two or more	27	1	12	4		1	45
Other	15	3	8		1	1	28
Unknown	4		1	1	8	1	15
Totals	1,968	108	1,332	413	47	20	3,888

Death City	Manner of Death						Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Pending	
Alpine	9	1	5				15
Bonita	4	1	4	5			14
Bonsall	2			1			3
Borrego Springs	7		7	1			15
Boulevard	5	1	3				9
Camp Pendleton	2			1			3
Campo	1		5	2			8
Cardiff by the Sea	4			3			7
Carlsbad	34	1	23	20			78
Chula Vista	110	3	105	18	6	2	244
Coronado	6	1	7	2			16
Del Mar	5		1	5			11
Descanso			2	3			5
Dulzura	9		1		2	1	13
El Cajon	61	5	47	19	2	1	135
Encinitas	36		19	9	1		65
Escondido	179	10	88	16	1	1	295
Fallbrook	20	1	12	3			36
Guatay				3			3
Imperial Beach	10	1	4	3			18
Jacumba					1		1
Jamul	5	1	5	1	1		13
Julian	4		3		1		8
La Jolla	123	6	50	25	1		205
La Mesa	107	5	79	19	1	2	213
Lakeside	20	1	12	5			38
Lemon Grove	17	1	17	2		1	38
Mount Laguna			1	1			2
National City	37	5	31	2			75
Oceanside	115	4	94	20	1	2	236
Ocotillo	1						1
Pala	4						4
Palomar Mountain				1			1
Pauma Valley			3				3
Pine Valley	1		2	1			4
Potrero	3						3
Poway	22		24	7	1		54
Ramona	20		13	6	1		40
Rancho Santa Fe	1		1	1			3
Riverside			1				1
San Diego	840	54	510	169	22	9	1,604
San Marcos	27		31	7			65
San Ysidro	18		12		1		31
Santa Ysabel	3		3				6
Santee	22	3	39	12	1		77
Solana Beach	3						3
Spring Valley	27	2	26	4			59
Tecate			1				1
Valley Center	7		7	3			17
Vista	35	1	31	12	3	1	83
Warner Springs	2		3	1			6
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