

## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS, 2010-2012

Rank, Number and Percent of Deaths, and Age-adjusted Rates

RANK in 2012 <sup>a</sup>	RANK in 2011 <sup>a</sup>	CAUSE OF DEATH <sup>b</sup>	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS						AGE-ADJUSTED RATES <sup>c</sup>				
			2010		2011		2012		2010-2012		2010	2011	2012
			n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%			
1	1	Malignant neoplasms	4,848	25.1	4,812	24.2	4,958	24.8	14,618	24.7	161.3	155.2	158.3
2	2	Diseases of heart	4,561	23.6	4,758	24.0	4,626	23.1	13,945	23.6	146.6	146.8	140.6
3	3	Alzheimer's disease	1,195	6.2	1,221	6.2	1,163	5.8	3,579	6.0	37.2	36.5	33.9
4	4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,063	5.5	1,045	5.3	1,029	5.1	3,137	5.3	35.7	33.7	32.7
5	5	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,037	5.4	1,031	5.2	1,003	5.0	3,071	5.2	33.7	32.2	30.3
6	6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	923	4.8	1,017	5.1	989	4.9	2,929	4.9	29.2	31.4	30.5
7	7	Diabetes mellitus	579	3.0	581	2.9	652	3.3	1,812	3.1	19.1	18.8	20.4
8	8	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	352	1.8	383	1.9	408	2.0	1,143	1.9	11.0	11.9	12.8
9	9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	312	1.6	331	1.7	354	1.8	997	1.7	9.9	10.3	11.0
10	11	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	280	1.4	269	1.4	332	1.7	881	1.5	9.0	8.0	9.8
11	10	Influenza and pneumonia	289	1.5	311	1.6	303	1.5	903	1.5	9.2	9.6	8.9
12	12	Parkinson's disease	215	1.1	211	1.1	264	1.3	690	1.2	7.2	6.9	8.4
13	13	Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids	104	0.5	147	0.7	147	0.7	398	0.7	3.3	4.6	4.3
14	14	Septicemia	130	0.7	128	0.6	129	0.6	387	0.7	4.4	4.0	4.0
15	16	Neoplasms - in situ, benign or unk behavior	109	0.6	111	0.6	124	0.6	344	0.6	3.6	3.5	3.9
		other cause (not rankable)	3,315	17.2	3,496	17.6	3,537	17.7	10,348	17.5			
		<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b>	<b>19,312</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19,852</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20,018</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>59,182</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>627.6</b>	<b>622.3</b>	<b>618.1</b>

<sup>a</sup> 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 county-wide rank among San Diego County residents in 2012.

<sup>b</sup> Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.

<sup>c</sup> All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Standard Population. Rates may vary slightly from previously published data due to updated population estimates.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Office of Health Information and Research, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1 population estimates (2001-2013 estimate released January 2014)

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