

3-4-50: Chronic Disease Deaths in San Diego County Short Brief — South Region, 2000-2022

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Figure 1: 3-4-50 Death Percentages

3 Behaviors poor diet, tobacco use, and physical inactivity ↓ contribute to 4 Chronic Diseases cancer, heart disease & stroke, type II diabetes, and lung disease

that result in over

50 Percent of all deaths worldwide

What is 3-4-50?

Three-four-fifty refers to three behaviors that contribute to four chronic diseases and result in 50% or more deaths worldwide.¹ These chronic diseases are potentially preventable through modifying diet, physical activity, and smoking behaviors. In San Diego County, 44% of all deaths are due to these four chronic diseases.

3-4-50 in San Diego County-South Region

- From 2000-2022, the overall percent of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases decreased in the South Region and its subregional areas (SRAs) (Figure 1).
- Overall, 3-4-50 chronic disease death rates have decreased in South Region and its SRAs from 2000-2022, except in South Bay and Sweetwater SRAs, where the rates increased.
- Among the South Region SRAs, South Bay and Sweetwater had the highest percentage of deaths due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in 2022.
- Among the South Region SRAs, National City had the highest death rate due to 3-4-50 chronic diseases in 2022.
- Despite a decrease, 3-4-50 chronic diseases still accounted for 45% of all deaths in the South Region in 2022.

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¹World Health Organization (WHO). "WHO reveals leading causes of death and disability worldwide: 2000-2019", https://www.who.int/news/item/09-12-2020-who-reveals-leading-causes

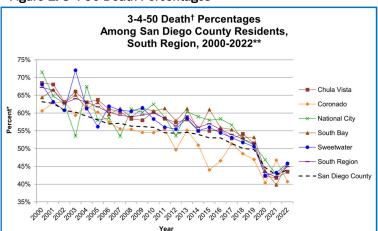
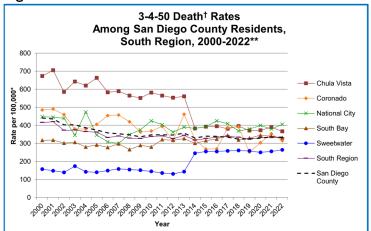


Figure 2: 3-4-50 Death Rates



*3-4-50 deaths as a percentage of all cause deaths. Rates per 100,000 population. †3-4-50 deaths include stroke, coronary heart disease (CHD), diabetes, COPD, asthma, and cancer. Beginning with 2017, COPD includes chronic lower respiratory diseases (COPD/chronic lower respiratory diseases).

§Percents and rates not calculated for fewer than 5 events for the years 2000 to 2019. Percents and rates not calculated for fewer than 11 events for the years 2020-2022. Percents and rates not calculated in cases where zip code is unknown.

**The COVID-19 pandemic was associated with increases in all-cause mortality. COVID-19 deaths have affected the patterns of mortality including those of 3-4-50 chronic diseases. Source: California Department of Public Health, 2000-2013 Death Statistical Master Files, 2014-2022 California Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS). SANDAG, Current Population Estimates. 2020-2021 population estimates were derived using the 2010 decennial census and data should be considered preliminary. 2022 population estimates were derived from the 2020 decennial census.

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What does 3-4-50 look like in South Region?

In South Region, 3-4-50 is actually *3-4-45*

TOBACCO USE* In 2022, 2.2% of adults in South Region

LACK OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY~

POOR NUTRITION

In 2020, 55.2% of children in South Region ate

less than 5 servings of fruits/vegetables daily.

5 or more hours on sedentary activities on

In 2020, 2 in 5 children in South Region spent

reported being current smokers.

typical weekend days.

In San Diego County, 3-4-50 is actually 3-4-44

3 BEHAVIORS

TOBACCO USE

 In 2022, 4.6% of adults in San Diego County reported being current smokers.

LACK OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY~

In 2020, over 1 in 3 children in San Diego
County spent 5 or more hours on sedentary
activities on typical weekend days.

POOR NUTRITION

In 2020, 62.8% of children in San Diego County ate less than 5 servings of fruits/vegetables daily.

4 CHRONIC DISEASES

CANCER

• In 2022, cancer was the leading cause of death in South Region.

HEART DISEASE & STROKE

• In 2022, 4.5% of adults in South Region had ever been diagnosed with heart disease.

DIABETES

• In 2022, 11.4% of adults in South Region had ever been diagnosed with diabetes.

LUNG DISEASE

 In 2022, 14.8% of residents (ages 1 year and older) in South Region had ever been diagnosed with asthma.

CANCER

• In 2022, cancer was the leading cause of death in San Diego County.

HEART DISEASE & STROKE

In 2022, 7.2% of adults in San Diego County had ever been diagnosed with heart disease.

DIABETES

 In 2022, 7.9% of adults in San Diego County had ever been diagnosed with diabetes.

LUNG DISEASE

 In 2022, 15.2% of residents (ages 1 year and older) in San Diego County had ever been diagnosed with asthma.

CAUSE OVER 50% OF DEATHS

In 2022, cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and lung disease caused 45% of all deaths in the South Region. In 2022, cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and lung disease caused 44% of all deaths in San Diego County.



*Indicates a statistically unstable estimate. Proceed with caution. Estimate is included for trending purposes.

~Includes "5 to less than 8 hours" and "8 or more hours" spent on sedentary activities on typical weekend days.

Data Sources: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, Los Angeles, CA. AskCHIS. Available at http://ask.chis.ucla.edu. Most recent data available presented. County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Community Health Statistics Unit, Leading Causes of Death Tables by HHSA Region, 2011-2022. Available at https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_health_statistics/CHSU_Mortality.html#leading.