



County of San Diego
Department of the Medical Examiner

2023 Annual Statistical Report

Manner Type	Manner of Death					Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	
Agricultural	4					4
Aircraft	1					1
Alcohol Related			165			165
Anaphylactic Reaction	1					1
Asphyxia	48	4		115		167
Assault		1				1
Autoimmune/Systemic			1			1
Bicycle	4					4
Blunt Force	13	10		1	12	36
Burns - Thermal, Chemical				1		1
Cancer			31			31
Cardiovascular			804			804
Central Nervous System			51			51
Chemical/Poison	1			7		8
Child Abuse		1				1
Chronic Drug Abuse			5			5
Cutting/Stabbing		27		15		42
Dementia			1			1
Diabetes Related			40			40
Drowning	53			8	1	62
Drug - Medication - Alcohol	1204			48	7	1259
<i>Alcohol</i>	34					34
<i>Drugs & Alcohol</i>	144			5	1	150
<i>Drugs & Meds</i>	92			3	3	98
<i>Drugs of Abuse</i>	872			3		875
<i>Drugs, Meds, Alcohol</i>	20					20
<i>Medication</i>	28			30	3	61
<i>Meds & Alcohol</i>	12			7		19
<i>Other</i>	2					2
Elder Abuse		1				1
Electrocution	2					2
Endocrine			3			3
Environmental Exposure	15					15
<i>Hyperthermia</i>	9					9
<i>Hypothermia</i>	6					6
Fall	560					560
<i>Abdominal Injuries</i>	7					7
<i>Blunt head trauma</i>	202					202
<i>Fracture, other</i>	42					42
<i>Hip/Femur Fracture</i>	148					148
<i>Multiple injuries</i>	74					74
<i>Other</i>	20					20
<i>Spinal fracture</i>	44					44
<i>Subdural hematoma</i>	23					23

Note: Counts included in this report are considered preliminary due to a small number of cases that are in the process of finalization and closure for 2023; as such, manner and type of death counts are subject to update, although those updates are anticipated to be minimal.

Manner Type continued...

Manner Type	Manner of Death					Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	
Family Paid Autopsy			25			25
Fire	14	1				15
Firearm		64		171		235
Gastrointestinal			25			25
Hematologic			4			4
Infant/Perinatal (not SIDS)			1		1	2
Infectious			56			56
Inhalation	2			1		3
Intrauterine/Stillborn	1					1
Jumping				25		25
Liver Disease			5			5
Medical - Therapeutic	5					5
Motor Vehicle	339	3		2		344
<i>Auto Rollover (solo)</i>	32					32
<i>Auto vs Auto</i>	68					68
<i>Auto vs Bicycle</i>	5					5
<i>Auto vs Fixed Object</i>	46	1				47
<i>Auto vs Motorcycle</i>	14					14
<i>Auto vs Pedestrian</i>	98	2		2		102
<i>Motorcycle</i>	46					46
<i>Off Road</i>	6					6
<i>Other</i>	17					17
<i>Unknown</i>	7					7
Obesity Related			13			13
Other	6	1	6	1		14
Psychiatric Related			1			1
Pulmonary			36			36
Renal			6			6
Scuba	3					3
Seizures/Epilepsy			8			8
Skeletal Remains					11	11
Train	9			10		19
Undetermined			3		33	36
Totals	2,285	113	1,290	405	65	4,158
	55%	3%	31%	10%	2%	100%

Examinations	Manner of Death					Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	
Autopsy	648	112	475	106	48	1389
Autopsy (Partial/Limited)	41		57	41		139
External Exam	1143	1	720	258	17	2139
Medical Review	453		38			491
Subtotal	2,285	113	1,290	405	65	4,158
Jurisdiction Waived by ME						5583
Totals	2,285	113	1,290	405	65	9,741

Gender	Manner of Death					Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	
Female	670	20	373	91	22	1176
Male	1614	93	917	314	41	2979
Nonbinary	1					1
Unknown					2	2
Totals	2,285	113	1,290	405	65	4,158

Age	Manner of Death					Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	
0 to 12 months	8	2	2		14	26
1 to 5	6	2	6		1	15
6 to 12	10			1		11
13 to 16	6	1	3	6		16
17 to 19	26	4	3	10	2	45
20 to 29	225	23	33	70	5	356
30 to 39	335	29	76	60	7	507
40 to 49	304	17	143	54	9	527
50 to 59	400	11	213	72	7	703
60 to 69	374	14	370	59	5	822
70 to 79	203	5	279	41	5	533
80 to 89	232	3	120	24	3	382
90+	150	1	40	8		199
Unknown	6	1	2		7	16
Totals	2,285	113	1,290	405	65	4,158

Race/Ethnicity	Manner of Death					Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	
American Indian/Alaska	13		5	3		21
Asian	114	8	83	21	1	227
Black/African American	215	20	118	17	4	374
Hispanic/Latino	599	47	246	84	21	997
Native Hawaiian/Pacific	10		5	1		16
White	1272	34	805	267	23	2401
Two or more	47	4	15	7	7	80
Other	13		9	4	1	27
Unknown	2		4	1	8	15
Totals	2,285	113	1,290	405	65	4,158

Death City	Manner of Death					Total
	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	
Alpine	7		16	1	1	25
Bonita	9		5	2	1	17
Bonsall			2			2
Borrego Springs	6	1	8		1	16
Boulevard	3		1		1	5
Camp Pendleton	1					1
Campo	3	1	8	2		14
Cardiff by the Sea	2		1	1		4
Carlsbad	48	1	29	5		83
Chula Vista	134	1	96	23	1	255
Coronado	5		9	3		17
Del Mar	2		3	2		7
Descanso	4		1	1		6
Dulzura	5	1	1	1	4	12
El Cajon	66	6	64	18	1	155
Encinitas	36		19	6	1	62
Escondido	195	13	82	26	4	320
Fallbrook	28	1	16	10	3	58
Imperial Beach	6		8	3	1	18
Jacumba	2		2			4
Jamul	9	2	6			17
Julian	5		3	2	1	11
La Jolla	145	7	38	15	2	207
La Mesa	112	3	75	13	5	208
Lakeside	18		13	3		34
Lemon Grove	16	1	10	2		29
National City	45	1	25	4		75
Oceanside	128	3	87	20	2	240
Pala	5		1			6
Pauma Valley	3		2	1		6
Pine Valley	6		1	2		9
Potrero	2		1			3
Poway	31		20	1		52
Ramona	20	1	7	3	1	32
Ranchita	1		1			2
Rancho Santa Fe	3			1		4
San Clemente				1		1
San Diego	1046	64	502	195	28	1835
San Marcos	18		23	8		49
San Ysidro	20	2	4	2	2	30
Santa Barbara			1			1
Santa Ysabel			2			2
Santee	11		30	8	1	50
Solana Beach	3		4			7
Spring Valley	17	1	22	5	2	47
Tecate	1		1		2	4
Valley Center	7		4	2		13
Vista	48	3	36	12		99
Warner Springs	3			1		4
Totals	2,285	113	1,290	405	65	4,158