



Leading Causes of Death Among Monterey County Residents, 2014-2016, by Region

Region	Rank ^a	Cause of Death ^b	Number of Deaths	% of Total Deaths	Age-Adjusted Rates ^c	
Monterey Peninsula & Big Sur			Total	3,320	44.2%	533.7
	1	Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	812	24.5%	136.2	
	2	Heart Disease	680	20.5%	100.7	
	3	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	195	5.9%	29.6	
	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases (Stroke)	192	5.8%	28.6	
	5	Alzheimer's Disease	148	4.5%	20.3	
North County			Total	379	5.1%	261.8
	1	Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	92	24.3%	57.9	
	2	Heart Disease	85	22.4%	62.2	
	3	Alzheimer's Disease	46	12.1%	37.4	
	4	Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	19	5.0%	11.2	
	5	Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	19	5.0%	10.8	
Salinas			Total	2,988	39.8%	779.6
	1	Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	633	21.2%	165.1	
	2	Heart Disease	524	17.5%	142.9	
	3	Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	183	6.1%	39.9	
	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases (Stroke)	179	6.0%	49.1	
	5	Alzheimer's Disease	142	4.8%	40.6	
South County			Total	786	10.5%	579.1
	1	Heart Disease	174	22.1%	145.8	
	2	Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	148	18.8%	104.9	
	3	Accidents (Unintentional Injuries)	63	8.0%	34.1	
	4	Cerebrovascular Diseases (Stroke)	48	6.1%	40.4	
	5	Diabetes Mellitus	30	3.8%	25.0	
	5	Assault (Homicide)	30	3.8%	12.6	

^a Rank is based on total number of deaths in each category. The top 5 leading causes of death are based on the county-wide rank among Monterey County residents for combined data years 2014-2016.

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

^c All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Standard Population. United States Census Bureau: United States Census 2000.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Health Information and Research Section, VRBIS Death Statistical Master Files.