

Summary of Primary Medical Conditions* Leading to Death
Shasta County Resident Deaths, January 1 – December 31, 2020*

Cause of Death	Medical Condition*	Number	Percent[@]	Rank^{%%}
Chronic Diseases	Heart disease	529	21.7%	1
	All Cancers	444	18.2%	2
	Lung Cancer	(107)	(4.4%)	
	Pancreatic Cancer	(35)	(1.4%)	
	Colorectal Cancer	(24)	(1.0%)	
	Liver Cancer	(21)	(0.9%)	
	Breast Cancer	(25)	(1.0%)	
	Prostate Cancer	(33)	(1.4%)	
	Brain Cancer	(17)	(0.7%)	
	Esophageal Cancer	(14)	(0.6%)	
	Malignant Melanoma	(8)	(0.3%)	
	Cervical Cancer	(3)	(0.1%)	
	Other cancer&&	(157)	(6.5%)	
	Alzheimer's disease	169	6.9%	3
	Organic dementia	45	1.8%	
	Parkinson's disease	36	1.5%	
	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (CLRD)**	146	6.0%	4
	Stroke	105	4.3%	7
	Diabetes	65	2.7%	8
	Alcoholic liver disease	31	1.3%	
	Renal failure	31	1.3%	
Chronic kidney disease	(23)	(0.9%)		
Acute kidney failure	(8)	(0.3%)		
Hypertensive Kidney Disease	12	0.5%		
Other chronic diseases#	683	28.1%		
TOTAL CHRONIC DISEASES		1,972	81.1%	
Communicable Diseases	Pneumonia & Influenza	53	2.2%	9
	Pneumonia	(50)	(2.1%)	
	Influenza	(3)	(0.1%)	
	COVID-19#	123	5.1%	6
	Septicemia	24	1.0%	
	Chronic Hepatitis C	9	0.4%	
	Enterocolitis due to Clostridium difficile	8	0.3%	
	Other Communicable Diseases&	11	0.5%	
TOTAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASES		228	9.4%	
Unintended Injuries	All Drug Poisonings~	45	1.8%	
	Poisoning, opioids alone	(8)	(0.3%)	
	Poisoning, polysubstance with opioids	(17)	(0.7%)	
	Poisoning, polysubstance without opioids	(2)	(0.1%)	
	Poisoning, single substance non-opioid	(18)	(0.7%)	
	Mental and behavioral disorders due to use of alcohol	31	1.3%	
	Motor Vehicle Collision	34	1.4%	
	Fall	23	0.9%	
	Other Unintended Injuries\$	38	1.6%	
TOTAL UNINTENDED INJURIES		140	5.8%	5
Intended Injuries	Suicide	35	1.4%	
	Firearm	(16)	(0.7%)	
	Drug Poisoning~	(5)	(0.2%)	
	All other suicides	(14)	(0.6%)	
	Homicide	14	0.6%	
TOTAL INTENDED INJURIES		49	2.0%	10
Other^		13	0.5%	
TOTAL[@]		2,433	100.0%	

*based on 2,433 final

@ May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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** Such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, pneumonitis and asthma.

¥ Reported deaths include Shasta County residence only based on home address. Congregate settings (i.e., skilled nursing facilities) are not considered an individual's home address. For this reason, these numbers may vary slightly from other reported COVID-19 death totals.

Such as urinary tract infection, epilepsy, obesity, congenital malformations of heart, etc.

& Such as chronic viral hepatitis, diarrhea and gastroenteritis of infectious origin, HIV disease resulting in other specified diseases, etc.

~ Drug Poisoning counts are preliminary and include alcohol and other drugs with abuse potential.

\$ Such as drowning, suffocation, non-transport and other accidents, fire/smoke, accidental poisoning, etc.

^ Includes Injury (Undetermined Intent), Iatrogenic, Pending Causes of Death, and firearms of undetermined intent.

%% Top 10 causes of death ranked 1-10.

NOTE: Deaths that may have been preventable are more common among Rural Americans, according to the CDC. Deaths that may have been preventable are not the "fault" of any individual decedent or loved one. Rather, this means the death was caused by a condition resulting from alcohol, tobacco, or other drug use, being sedentary, or other behavioral factors. These factors are often rooted in social issues such as child abuse and neglect, discrimination, poverty, etc. More investment in preventing these root causes and identifying and building hope and resilience in our community is needed to decrease many of these preventable deaths.