The national death rate is 8.6 deaths per 1000 population. Megalopolis is only slightly above the national average, between the higher death rate state of West Virginia and the low death rate state of Utah.

The death rate varies from a low of 3.8 in Prince William VA to a high of 14 in Lackawanna, PA. Four general trends can be noted. First higher dearth rates are found in the less economically dynamic counties such as Lackawanna, Luzerne and Carbon, all in Pennsylvania, and all with an economy based on traditional declining industries. The younger population leaves such places leaving behind an ageing population with a proportionately higher death rate. Second, the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington DC also have higher rates, respectively 13.6, 12.6 and 11.6; a result of having more at risk population due to poverty and high violent crime rates. Third, retirement areas such as Barnstable County MA and Ocean County NJ also have proportionately older people and a corresponding higher death rate. Fourth, lower death rates are found in the expanding suburban counties around Washington DC such as Prince William VA and Stafford VA with rates of 3.8 and 4.4. This area attracts young families.