

3.7 Prevalence of health problems, by age group and sex, 1978-79¹

Problem	Under 15 years		15-64 years		65+ years		All ages	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Mental disorders	3.9	1.4	24.9	44.9	7.5	17.4	36.3	63.7
Diabetes	2.2	2.2	27.0	35.5	11.8	23.8	39.2	60.8
Thyroid disorders	—	—	8.1	69.3	5.0	17.0	13.7	86.3
Anemia	—	3.9	5.6	67.9	2.7	15.8	12.4	87.6
Headache	1.7	1.9	22.9	66.4	1.9	5.1	26.5	73.5
Sight disorders	3.7	4.3	25.4	40.1	8.4	18.1	37.5	62.5
Hearing disorders	6.4	6.0	31.8	21.6	20.8	13.4	59.0	41.0
Hypertension	—	—	26.5	36.1	11.4	26.0	37.9	62.1
Heart disease	—	0.8	28.0	23.5	21.5	25.0	50.6	49.4
Acute respiratory	21.0	20.0	22.6	32.1	1.8	2.4	45.4	54.6
Influenza	14.7	15.3	27.8	37.1	1.1	4.0	43.6	56.4
Bronchitis and emphysema	7.5	4.9	28.1	36.7	14.0	8.8	49.6	50.4
Asthma	17.7	8.1	27.1	32.7	8.3	6.2	53.1	46.9
Hay fever	10.3	7.8	33.8	42.7	1.7	3.7	45.8	54.2
Dental problems	6.2	8.3	32.5	42.1	4.9	5.9	43.6	56.4
Gastric and duodenal ulcers	—	—	48.2	34.5	9.6	6.8	58.6	41.4
Digestive disorders	3.7	2.8	25.9	37.2	12.0	18.4	41.7	58.3
Skin disorders	9.8	10.9	24.1	48.4	2.8	4.2	36.6	63.4
Arthritis and rheumatism	0.2	—	22.5	41.8	11.8	23.3	34.6	65.4
Limb and joint disorders	1.7	1.3	40.8	37.8	8.2	10.3	50.6	49.4
Trauma	7.5	4.3	45.6	30.8	3.5	8.2	56.6	43.4
Other	5.0	4.5	22.7	45.6	7.8	14.3	35.5	64.5

¹"Prevalence" refers to existing conditions reported at the time of the interview and therefore includes both acute and chronic conditions. Source: *The Health of Canadians, Report of the Canada Health Survey*, Health and Welfare Canada, Statistics Canada, 1981.

3.8 Rates of selected notifiable diseases, specific years, per 100,000 population

Disease	1951	1961	1971	1976	1979	1980	1981	1982
Tuberculosis	74.3	32.7	18.2	11.4	11.8	11.4	10.0	9.7
Infectious hepatitis	4.6	67.5	40.5	18.3	7.1	5.7	4.6	5.0
Meningococcal infections	2.1	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8
Venereal diseases	135.4	102.9	170.2	247.4	231.5	235.1	243.2	224.8
Gonococcal infections	102.5	90.2	158.7	229.5	219.0	222.6	231.4	215.5
Syphilis	32.7	13.0	11.5	17.4	12.5	12.5	11.8	9.3
Other	0.2	—	—	0.6	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea of newborn, epidemic	11.1	1.4	0.4	0.1
Salmonella infections	..	8.9	19.3	12.9	31.4	35.8	33.8	34.9
Measles	438.4	..	34.4	40.4	95.0	57.9	9.5	4.3
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	110.4	71.6	50.0	81.3

3.9 Cancer incidence, mortality and hospital separations, 1977-80

Province or territory of residence	Number of cases			Rate per 100,000 population		
	New primary sites ¹	Deaths from cancer	Hospital separations with cancer ^{2,3}	New primary sites ¹	Deaths from cancer	Hospital separations with cancer ^{2,3}
1977						
Newfoundland	1,430	635	2,871	254.2	112.9	510.4
Prince Edward Island	428	208	924	355.8	172.9	768.1
Nova Scotia	2,427	1,539	7,578	290.5	184.2	907.1
New Brunswick	2,408	1,012	4,939	350.8	147.4	719.6
Quebec	19,154	9,741	31,777	304.9	155.0	505.8
Ontario	..	13,235	62,973	..	158.1	752.1
Manitoba	4,400	1,820	7,468	426.6	176.5	724.1
Saskatchewan	4,062	1,470	7,345	433.7	157.0	784.3
Alberta	5,491	2,288	11,759	289.0	120.4	619.0
British Columbia	9,887	4,058	19,640	395.9	162.5	786.4
Yukon	13	18	..	60.5	83.7	..
Northwest Territories	93	26	..	214.8	60.0	..
Canada	49,793	36,050	157,274	333.8	154.8	677.1