

3.7 Standardized¹ death rates², by selected causes and sex, 1975 and 1985

Cause of death	Males			Females			Both sexes		
	1975	1985	% change	1975	1985	% change	1975	1985	% change
All malignant neoplasms	165.3	173.8	+ 5.1	124.6	130.2	+ 4.5	143.9	149.9	+ 4.2
Lung cancer	47.1	56.0	+ 18.9	10.4	20.3	+ 95.2	28.4	37.3	+ 31.3
Breast cancer	—	—	—	26.2	27.1	+ 3.4	—	—	—
Diseases of the heart	296.9	223.1	-24.9	186.2	144.5	-22.4	239.7	181.3	-24.4
Cerebrovascular disease	67.5	40.2	-40.4	71.4	44.3	-38.0	69.1	42.2	-38.9
Respiratory disease	65.8	58.2	-11.6	33.2	31.0	-6.6	48.5	43.0	-11.3
All accidents	76.2	48.1	-36.9	31.6	21.2	-32.9	53.9	34.5	-36.0
Motor vehicle accidents	36.6	22.5	-38.5	14.0	9.6	-31.4	25.3	16.0	-36.8
Total, all causes	849.3	693.5	-18.3	577.6	480.8	-16.8	708.5	579.8	-18.2

¹ Age-standardized to the 1971 Canadian population.

² Per 100,000 population.

3.8 Prevalence of health problems¹, by age group and sex, latest available year²

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.

² 1978-79.

Source: *The Health of Canadians, Report of the Canada Health Survey*, Health and Welfare Canada, Statistics Canada, 1981.

3.9 Rates of selected notifiable diseases, selected years, per 100,000 population

Disease	1971	1976	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Tuberculosis	21.2	13.7	11.5	10.4	10.0	9.5	9.4	8.5
Hepatitis	40.7	18.1	10.6	9.0	10.2	13.4	17.8	19.2
Gonococcal infections	159.5	227.3	221.6	231.4	215.5	181.9	174.6	160.6
Syphilis	11.5	17.2	12.4	11.8	9.3	9.7	12.2	10.3
Salmonella infections	19.4	12.7	35.7	33.8	34.9	35.6	44.5	31.5
Measles	34.6	39.8	57.7	9.5	4.3	3.8	16.2	11.1
Rubella	58.3	18.1	13.1	7.1	12.1	29.8	7.2	9.8
Pertussis	13.9	13.1	12.0	10.8	9.4	9.0	5.4	9.4