

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH PER 10,000 POPULATIONS IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (1999-2001)

| Cause of Death | Canada Age-Sex Adjusted | NWT 5 Yr. Avg. | 2001 | 2000 |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| All Causes Total | 31.70 | 37.17 | 39.54 | 38.19 |
| Infectious & Parasitic Diseases | 0.53 | 1.07 | 0.49 | 1.71 |
| Neoplasms | 9.62 | 9.47 | 8.97 | 10.53 |
| Endocrine, Nutritional & Metabolic Diseases & Immunity Disorders | 1.21 | 1.07 | 1.94 | 0.49 |
| Diseases of Blood and Blood Forming Organs | 0.12 | 0.10 | - | 0.24 |
| Mental Disorders | 0.75 | 0.97 | 1.21 | 1.47 |
| Diseases of Nervous System & Sense Organs | 1.29 | 0.97 | 1.21 | 0.98 |
| Diseases of the Circulatory System | 9.25 | 7.91 | 7.76 | 6.61 |
| Diseases of the Respiratory System | 2.14 | 3.50 | 3.88 | 3.92 |
| Diseases of the Digestive System | 1.19 | 1.56 | 2.91 | 1.71 |
| Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System | 0.51 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.49 |
| Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth & the Puerperium | 0.01 | - | - | - |
| Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue | 0.04 | - | - | - |
| Diseases of the Musculo-Skeletal System & Connective Tissue | 0.19 | 0.10 | 0.24 | 0.24 |
| Congenital Anomalies | 0.34 | 0.44 | - | - |
| Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period | 0.44 | 0.78 | 0.49 | 1.22 |
| Symptoms, Signs & Ill-Defined Conditions | 0.63 | 1.70 | 2.43 | 0.98 |
| Accidents (Including Suicides) | 3.45 | 7.10 | 7.52 | 7.59 |
| Suicides | 1.13 | 2.09 | 1.94 | 1.71 |

Notes:

1. For comparability, Canadian death rates by cause were applied to the NWT population on July 1, 2001 to calculate adjusted Canadian rates.
2. The data provided in this table use the ICD-9 classification of cause of death. As of 2000, Statistics Canada began using ICD-10; therefore, to display ICD-10 data in the ICD-9 categories, Diseases of the Nervous System, Diseases of the Eye and Diseases of the Ear were aggregated into Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs. For other differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10, please contact the NWT Bureau of Statistics.

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