

**Selected Canadian Mortality Statistics 1999 –
Causes of Death, Number of Deaths, Percent of Total Deaths, Frequency of Occurrence**

What is killing Canadians?				What is killing Canadian men?				What is killing Canadian women?			
Number of deaths	Percent of total	Cause of death	Frequency (1 death every)	Number of deaths	Percent of total	Cause of death	Frequency (1 death every)	Number of deaths	Percent of total	Cause of death	Frequency (1 death every)
78,942	35.96%	Circulatory system diseases	7 minutes	39,808	35.02%	Circulatory system diseases	13 minutes	39,134	36.97%	Circulatory system diseases	13 minutes
61,650	28.08%	Malignant neoplasms (cancers)	9 minutes	33,026	29.05%	Malignant neoplasms (cancers)	16 minutes	28,624	27.04%	Malignant neoplasms (cancers)	18 minutes
22,026	10.03%	Respiratory system diseases	24 minutes	11,517	10.13%	Respiratory system diseases	46 minutes	10,509	9.93%	Respiratory system diseases	50 minutes
7,896	3.60%	Digestive system diseases	1 hour	3,934	3.46%	Digestive system diseases	2 hours	† 4,762	4.50%	Breast cancer	2 hours
6,672	3.04%	Mental disorders	1 hour	3,224	2.84%	Suicide, all causes	3 hours	4,200	3.97%	Mental disorders	2 hours
4,074	1.86%	Suicide, all causes	2 hours	2,472	2.17%	Mental disorders	4 hours	3,962	3.74%	Digestive system diseases	2 hours
*3,272	1.49%	Suicide, non-firearm	3 hours	*2,459	2.16%	Suicide, non-firearm	4 hours	1,612	1.52%	Accidental falls	5 hours
3,055	1.39%	Motor vehicle accidents	3 hours	2,082	1.83%	Motor vehicle accidents	4 hours	973	0.92%	Motor vehicle accidents	9 hours
2,866	1.31%	Accidental falls	3 hours	1,254	1.10%	Accidental falls	7 hours	850	0.80%	Suicide, all causes	10 hours
986	0.45%	Accidental poisoning	9 hours	*765	0.67%	Suicide, by firearms	11 hours	* 813	0.77%	Suicide, non-firearm	11 hours
*802	0.37%	Suicide, by firearms	11 hours	709	0.62%	Accidental poisoning	12 hours	277	0.26%	Accidental poisoning	1 day
462	0.21%	Homicides, all causes	19 hours	365	0.32%	HIV	1 day	143	0.14%	Homicides, all causes	3 days
431	0.20%	HIV	20 hours	319	0.28%	Homicides, all causes	1 day	** 104	0.10%	Homicide, non-firearm	4 days
**311	0.14%	Homicide, non-firearm	28 hours	**207	0.18%	Homicide, non-firearm	2 days	66	0.06%	HIV	6 days
**151	0.07%	Homicide, by firearm	2 days	**112	0.10%	Homicide, by firearm	3 days	** 39	0.04%	Homicide, by firearm	9 days
***110	0.05%	Homicide, by cutting and piercing instrument	3 days	***75	0.07%	Homicide, by cutting and piercing instrument	5 days	* 37	0.03%	Suicide, by firearms	10 days
51	0.02%	Surgical/medical misadventure	7 days	35	0.03%	Fatal gun accidents	10 days	***35	0.03%	Homicide, by cutting and piercing instrument	10 days
37	0.02%	Fatal gun accidents	10 days	21	0.02%	Surgical/medical misadventure	17 days	30	0.03%	Surgical/medical misadventure	12 days
								2	0.00%	Fatal gun accidents	183 days

Source: Statistics Canada, Health Statistics Division, *Causes of Death, 1999* (Catalogue no. 84F0208XPB), Ottawa, May 2002.

* included in **suicide, all causes**

** included in **homicide, all causes**

*** included in **homicide, non-firearm**

† included in **malignant neoplasms (cancers)**