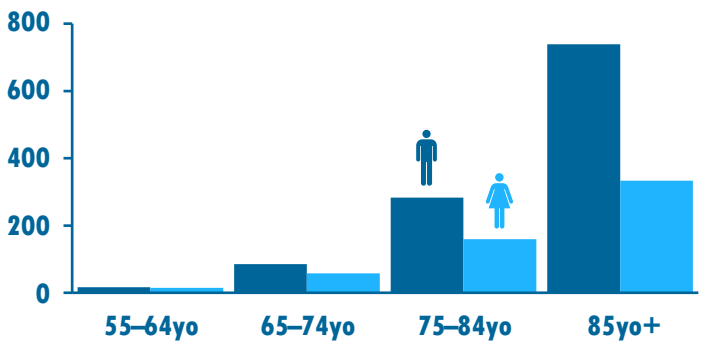


chronic obstructive pulmonary disease COPD

5,767 people aged 55 and over died from COPD in 2011.

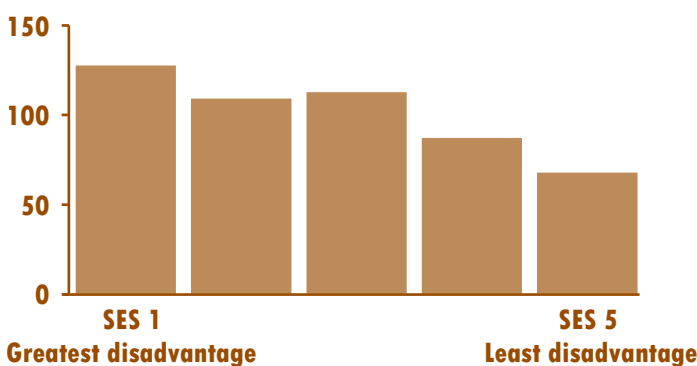
Men's COPD death rate is up to 2 times women's.

Death rate per 100,000 population (2007–11)



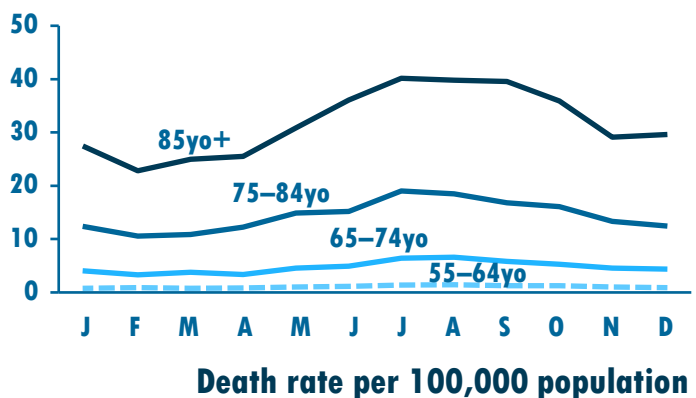
Deaths due to COPD are higher among people living in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas.

Death rate per 100,000 population aged 55+ (2009–11)

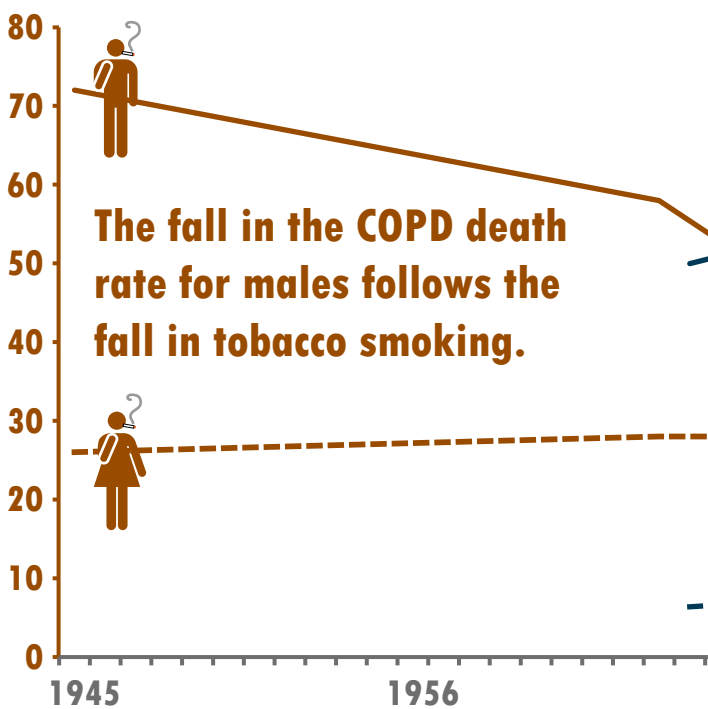


COPD deaths peak in late winter.

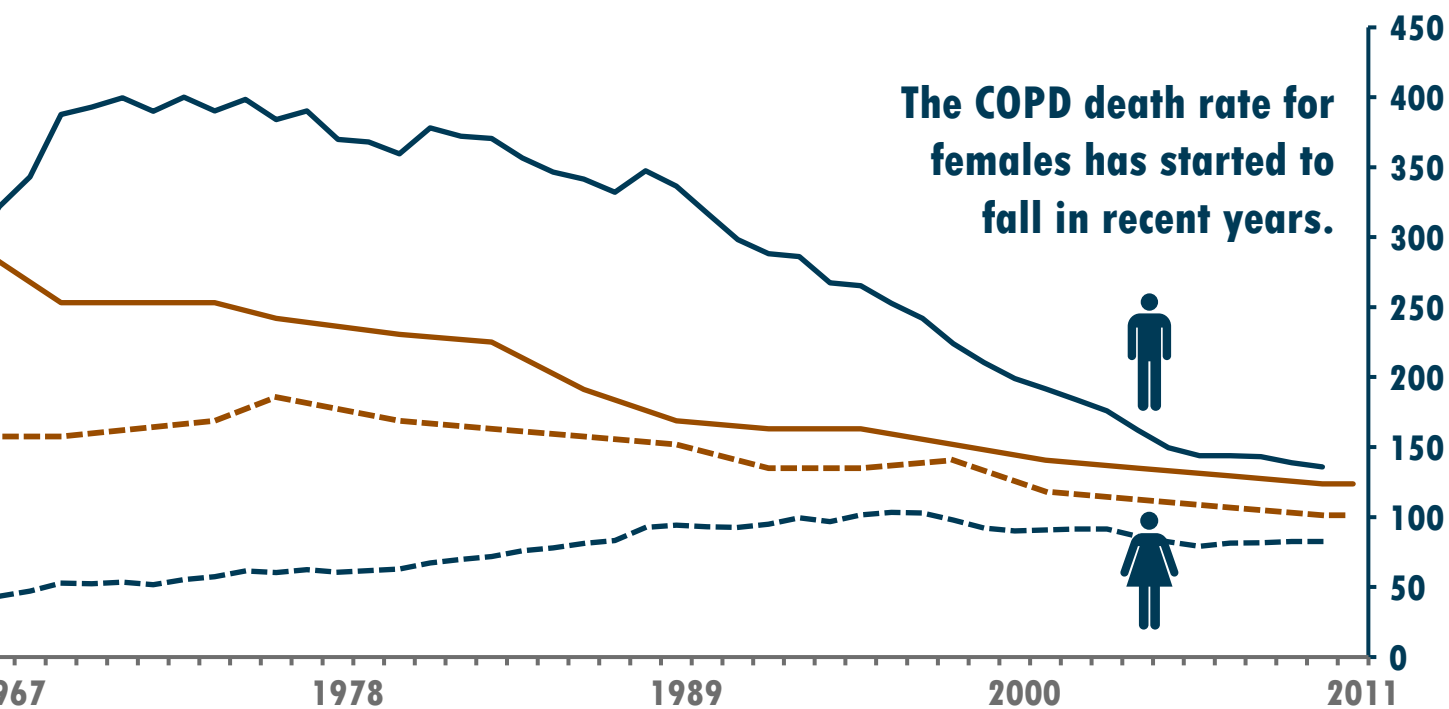
Death rate per 100,000 population (2007–11)



Per cent who smoke



The fall in the COPD death rate for males follows the fall in tobacco smoking.



The COPD death rate for females has started to fall in recent years.

Source: AIHW 2014. Mortality from asthma and COPD in Australia. www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129548233