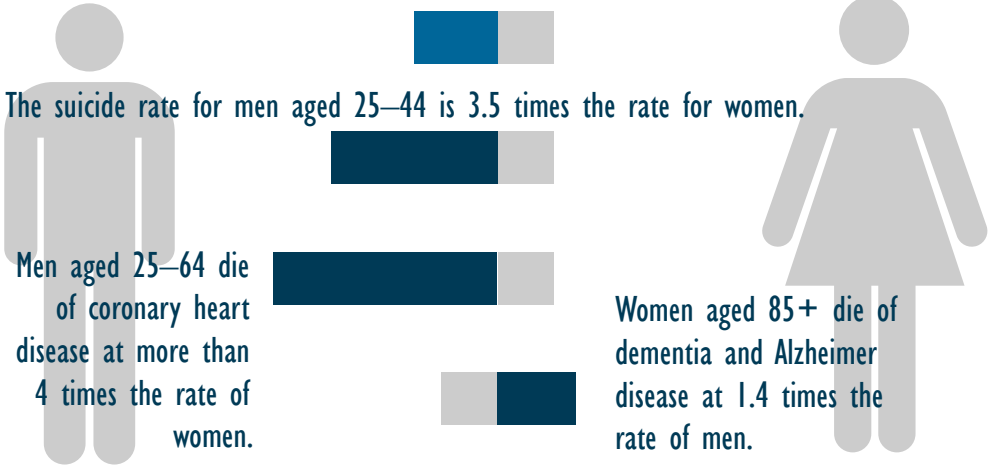


Mortality inequalities in Australia

Despite relatively high standards of health and health care in Australia, not all Australians fare equally well in their health and longevity. Substantial mortality inequalities exist in the Australian population, for overall mortality, and for most leading causes of death, and these inequalities are long-standing.

Sex

The death rate for males is 1.5 times as high as the rate for females.



Remoteness

Death rates are higher among people living in more remote areas.



Socioeconomic disadvantage

Death rates are higher among people living in lower socioeconomic status areas.



Country of birth

Overseas-born Australian residents have lower death rates than those who were born in Australia.



Indigenous Australians

The death rate among Indigenous Australians is nearly twice that of non-Indigenous Australians.

