



# Burden of disease changes throughout life

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The various life stages between childhood and death are accompanied by different health challenges. This table shows the leading causes of fatal, non-fatal and total burden of disease.

Males	Under 5	5–14	15–24	25–44	45–64	65–74	75–84	85+
Leading cause of fatal burden	Pre-term/low birthweight complications	Road traffic injuries/accidents	Suicide	Suicide	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease
Leading cause of non-fatal burden	Asthma	Asthma	Alcohol use disorders	Back pain	Other musculo-skeletal conditions	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Coronary heart disease	Dementia
Leading cause of total burden	Pre-term/low birthweight complications	Asthma	Suicide/intentional self-harm	Suicide/intentional self-harm	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease

Females	Under 5	5–14	15–24	25–44	45–64	65–74	75–84	85+
Leading cause of fatal burden	Birth trauma/asphyxia	Brain/central nervous system cancer	Suicide	Suicide	Breast cancer	Lung cancer	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease
Leading cause of non-fatal burden	Other mental disorders	Anxiety disorders	Anxiety disorders	Anxiety disorders	Other musculo-skeletal conditions	Other musculo-skeletal conditions	Dementia	Dementia
Leading cause of total burden	Birth trauma/asphyxia	Anxiety disorders	Anxiety disorders	Anxiety disorders	Other musculo-skeletal conditions	Coronary heart disease	Coronary heart disease	Dementia

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