

About the Data: Leading Causes of Premature Mortality

Ranking in order the cause of death by frequency and public health relevance provides an overview of the mortality patterns in the population. It also is a popular method of describing the importance of cause specific mortality as it is based solely on death counts.

The leading causes of premature mortality are based on the list developed by Roberto Becker, John Silvi, Doris Ma Fat, Andre L'Hours, Ruy Laurenti. A method for deriving leading causes of death, *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, April 2006, 84 (4), pp 297-304 and Annex 1. The list has been modified by the Leading Cause Group subcommittee of the Core Indicators Working Group, Association of Public Health Epidemiologist of Ontario (APHEO). Minutes of the working group are posted to the APHEO website (<http://www.apheo.ca/index.php?pid=53#Leading>).

The source of these data is: Ontario Mortality Data 2003-2007, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO. The data were extracted in March, 2011.

Please refer to "[Leading Cause Groups for Mortality Tabulation.](#)"