



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Epidemiological Support for LGA Public Health Planning

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Local Public Health Plans

Must:

- (a) Identify the public health needs of the local government district; and
- (b) Include an examination of data relating to health status and health determinants in the local government district

WA Department of Health Epidemiology Branch

Our aim:

To monitor, assess and report on health status and service utilisation of the WA population.

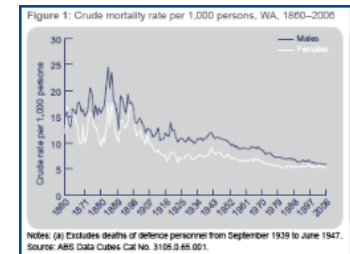
We provide information to:

- Guide policy development
- Identify emerging issues
- Prioritise service delivery
- Evaluation health system performance

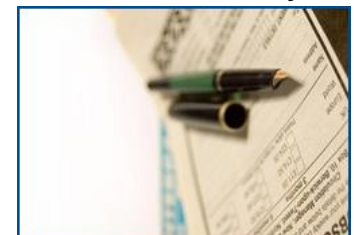
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Epidemiological
Analysis

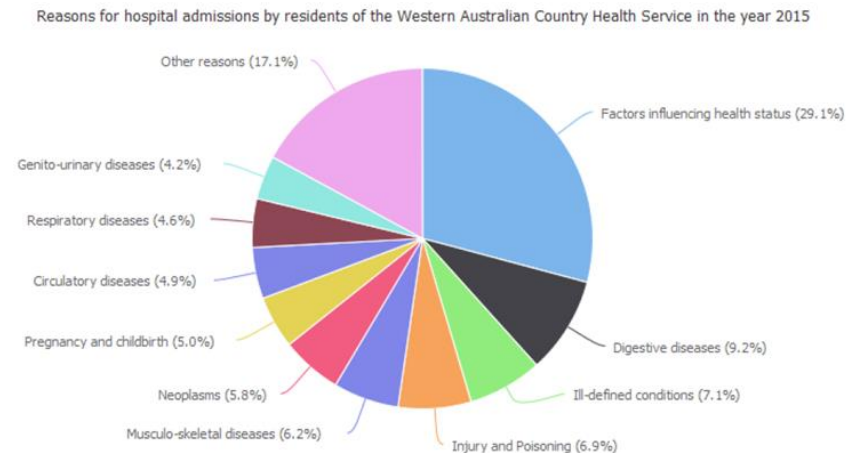


Health Surveys



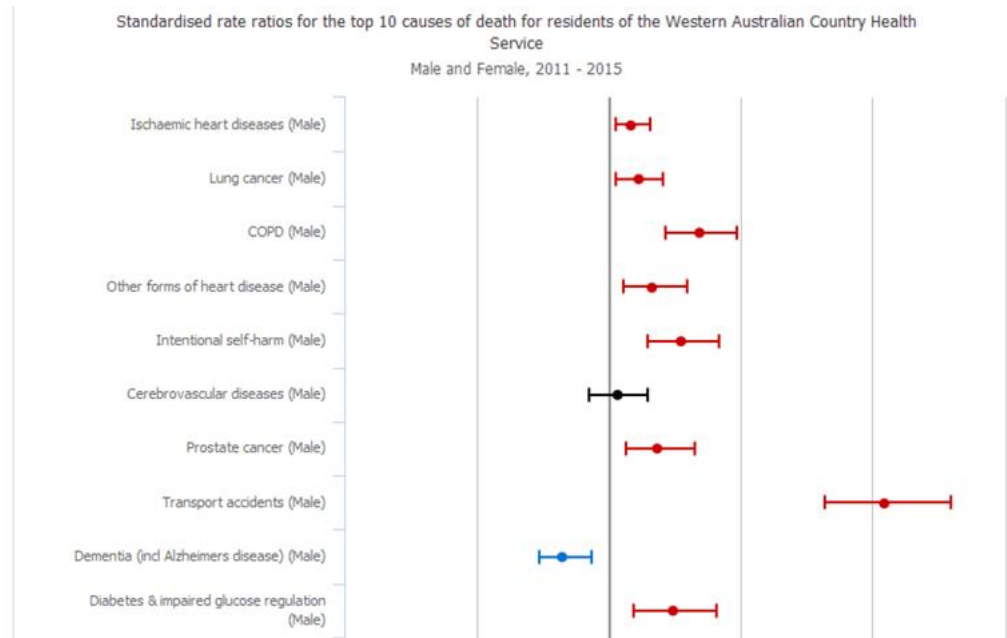
Information provided by Epidemiology Branch for LGA public health planning

- Map of area
- Demographic and socioeconomic data based on 2011 census
- Lifestyle and other risk factors
- Health conditions
- Public health indicators
- Leading causes of death
- Mental health
- Alcohol and other drugs
- *Other information as requested and subject to availability*



Considerations related to Epi data

- Inability to provide data for some LGAs
- Key things to look for in the data
- Frequency of updates



Requesting data

- An LGA can request data in two ways:
 - Through your health service
 - Contact the Epidemiology Branch Directly at EPI@health.wa.gov.au
- There is no charge for LGAs, however, private consultancy firms and universities would normally be charged
- Expect a two week minimum turn-around
- Feedback to the Epidemiology Branch

Other sources for information

- Current and projected populations
- Australian Early Development Census
- Demographic and socioeconomic data based on 2016 census
- Local surveys or community consultations
- WA Cancer Registry
- Breast Screen WA
- Landgate
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare