

STATISTICS ON CAUSES OF DEATH, MALAYSIA, 2017

DEATHS

Percentage of medically certified deaths increased in 2016

A total of 162,201 deaths were recorded in 2016, an increase of 4.1 per cent as compared to 2015 (155,786). The number of medically certified deaths in 2016 was 85,637 (52.8%), an increase of 1.0 percentage points as compared to 80,691 in 2015 (51.8%).

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Ischaemic heart diseases was the principal cause of death in 2016

Ischaemic heart diseases was the principal cause of death in 2016 of 13.2 per cent, followed by pneumonia (12.5%), cerebrovascular diseases (6.9%), transport accidents (5.4%) and malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus & lung (2.2%).

Male deaths due to transport accidents increased 0.4 percentage points

In 2016, deaths due to ischaemic heart diseases recorded the highest percentage for males of 15.3 per cent, followed by pneumonia (11.5%), transport accidents (7.5%), cerebrovascular diseases (6.4%) and malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus & lung (2.4%).

Out of these five principal causes of death, only the deaths due to transport accidents showed an increase i.e. 0.4 percentage points as compared to 2015 (7.1%).

Female deaths due to malignant neoplasm of breast increased 0.4 percentage points

Deaths due to pneumonia recorded the highest percentage for females in 2016 of 14.0 per cent, followed by ischaemic heart diseases (9.9%), cerebrovascular diseases (7.6%), malignant neoplasm of breast (3.8%) and transport accidents (2.2%).

Out of these five principal causes of death, only the deaths due to malignant neoplasm of breast showed an increase i.e. 0.4 percentage points as compared to 2015 (3.4%).

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS

77 percent of infant deaths were contributed by five principal causes of death

In 2016, 77.0 per cent of infant deaths were due to five principal causes of death which include certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (41.9%); congenital malformations, deformations & chromosomal abnormalities (30.5%); pneumonia (3.0%); chronic lower respiratory disease (0.9%); and meningitis (0.7%).

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF UNDER FIVE DEATHS

Deaths due to certain conditions originating in the perinatal period recorded the highest percentage for infants and toddlers aged below five years

In 2016, deaths due to certain conditions originating in the perinatal period recorded the highest percentage for infants and toddlers aged below five years at 35.0 per cent, followed by congenital malformations, deformations & chromosomal abnormalities (27.2%), pneumonia (3.8%), transport accidents (1.8%) and accidental drowning & submersion (1.1%).

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF MATERNAL DEATHS

Deaths due to obstetric embolism recorded the highest percentage for maternal deaths in 2016

In 2016, deaths due to obstetric embolism recorded the highest percentage for maternal deaths (23.0%), followed by other maternal diseases classifiable elsewhere but complicating pregnancy, childbirth & the puerperium (18.2%), postpartum haemorrhage (11.5%), ectopic pregnancy (6.8%) and eclampsia (6.1%).

However, the percentage of deaths due to obstetric embolism in 2016 recorded a decline as compared to 2015 from 27.4 to 23.0 per cent.



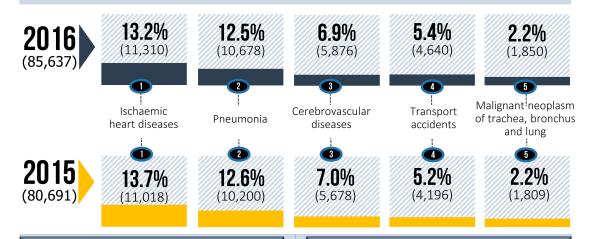




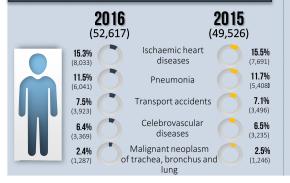
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Ischaemic heart diseases was the principal cause of death in **2016** (13.2%) with a decline of **0.5 percentage points** compared to **2015** (13.7%)



Ischaemic heart diseases was the principal cause of death for males



Pneumonia

was the principal cause of death for **females**

	2016 (33,020		2015 (31,165)	
	14.0% (4,637)	Pneumonia	14.1% (4,396)	
	9.9% (3,277)	Ischaemic heart diseases	10.7% (3,327)	
	7.6% (2,507)	Celebrovascular diseases	7.8 % (2,443)	
	3.8% (1,249)	Malignant neoplasm of breast	3.4% (1,067)	
11	2.2% (717)	Transport accidents	2.2% (700)	



Obstectric embolism was the principal cause of death of maternal deaths in 2016 (23.0%), declined by 4.4 percentage points as compared to 2015 (27.4%)

Note: Figures refer to 2015 and 2016 (final)



Transport
accidents
recorded the third
highest percentage
for premature
deaths (7.4%) in

2016



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(Age < 7 days)

22.2% Disorders related to short

gestation and low birth weight, (323) not elsewhere classified

6.5% Edwards' syndrome and Patau's (95) syndrome

5.9% Bacterial sepsis of newborn (86)

(1,455)Total deaths

2016

19.6% Disorders related to short gestation (296) and low birth weight, not elsewhere

7.5% Cardiovascular disorders originating in the perinatal period (113)

7.4% Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome

(112) syndrome (1,513)



(Age < 28 days)

18.4% Disorders related to short gestation (350) and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified

10.0% Bacterial sepsis of newborn (190)

6.6% Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome

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16.2% Disorders related to short (319) gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified

7.8% Bacterial sepsis of newborn (154)

7.0% Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome

Total deaths

(Age < 1 year)

(1,905)

(1,969)

(137)



44.0% Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (1,255)

28.7% Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal (817) abnormalities

3.9% Pneumonia

(111) Total deaths

41.9% Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (1,247)

30.5% Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities

3.0%

Pneumonia (89)

(2,973)



(Age 1-4 years)

12.4% Pneumonia

(67)

Congenital malformations, 11.6% Congenital infalloring deformations and chromosomal

(63) abnormalities

5.9% Transport accidents (32)

Total deaths

(542)

(2,851)

Congenital malformations, 10.6% deformations and chromosomal (62) abnormalities

7.8% Pneumonia (46)

7.7% Transport accidents

(587)



37.0% Certain conditions originating in (1,255) the perinatal period

(880) abnormalities

5.2% Pneumonia (178)

Total deaths

25.9% Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal

(3,393)

35.0% Certain conditions originating in (1,247) the perinatal period

27.2% Congenital malformations, (970) deformations and chromosomal abnormalities

3.8%

(135) Pneumonia

(3,560)

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