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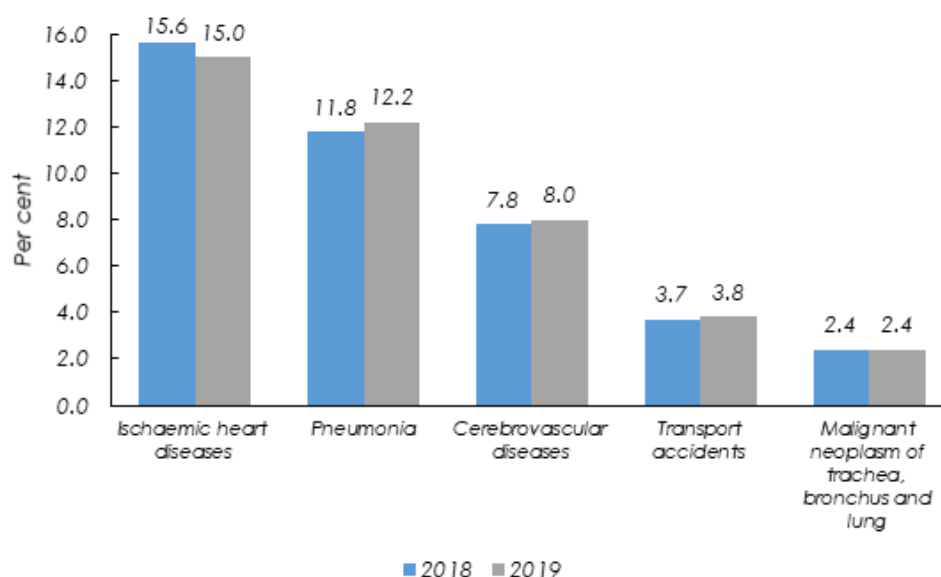
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STATISTICS ON CAUSES OF DEATH, MALAYSIA, 2020

i. Five principal causes of death

- Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death

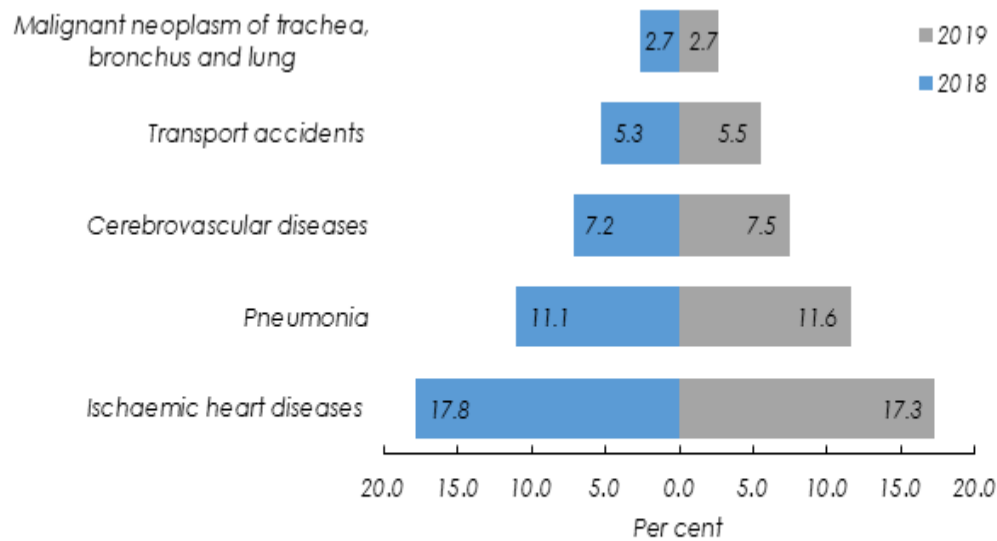
Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death, 15.0 per cent of the 109,164 medically certified deaths in 2019. This was followed by Pneumonia (12.2%), Cerebrovascular diseases (8.0%), Transport accidents (3.8%) and Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung (2.4%).



ii. Five principal causes of death by sex

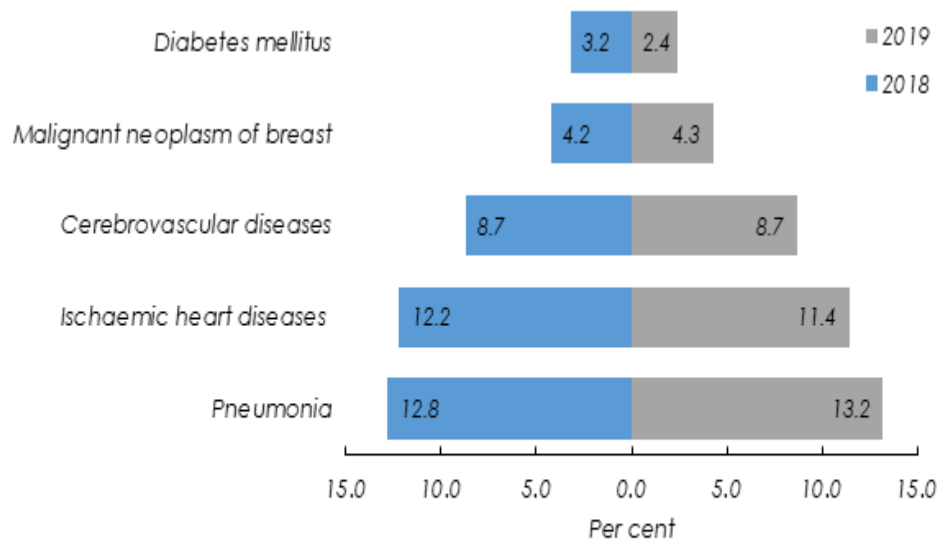
• Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for males

Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for males (17.3% in 2019). This is followed by Pneumonia (11.6%), Cerebrovascular diseases (7.5%), Transport accidents (5.5%) and Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung (2.7%).



• Pneumonia remained as the principal causes of death for females

Pneumonia remained as the principal causes of death for females at 13.2 per cent, followed by Ischaemic heart diseases (11.4%), Cerebrovascular diseases (8.7%), Malignant neoplasm of breast (4.3%) and Diabetes mellitus (2.4%).

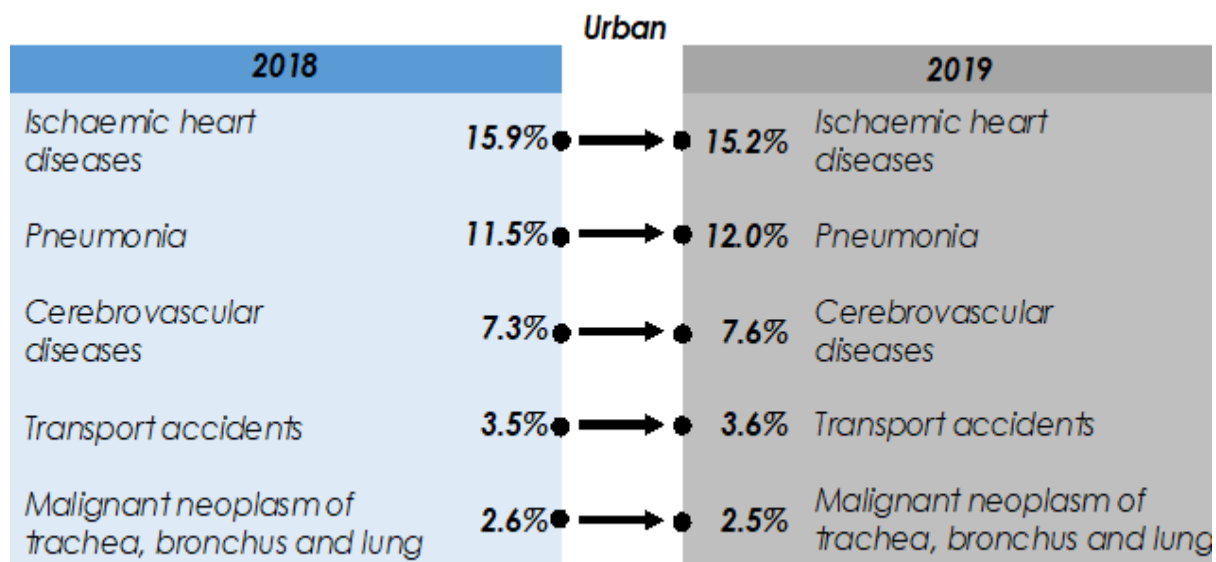


iii. Five principal causes of death by stratum

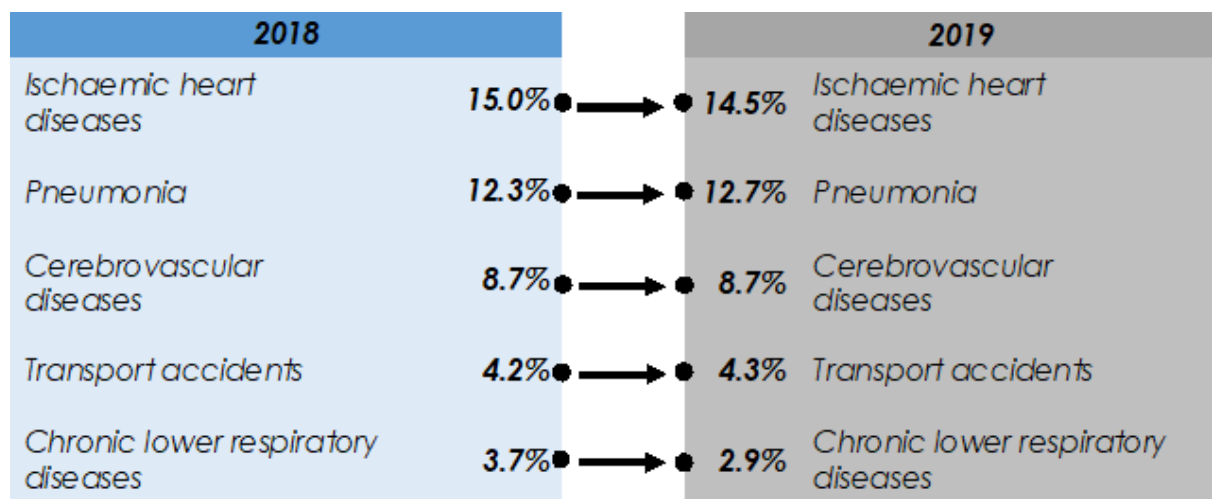
The principal causes of death in urban and rural areas in 2019 was Ischaemic heart diseases, recorded 15.2 per cent and 14.5 per cent, respectively.



Urban



Rural



iv. Five principal causes of death by major ethnic group

- **Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for Bumiputera**

Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for Bumiputera at 14.5 per cent, followed by Pneumonia (12.4%), Cerebrovascular diseases (8.4%), Transport accidents (4.3%) and Chronic lower respiratory diseases (2.4%).

- **Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for Chinese**

Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for Chinese at 14.0 per cent, followed by Pneumonia (12.2%), Cerebrovascular diseases (7.5%), Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung (3.7%) and Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum and anus (2.8%).

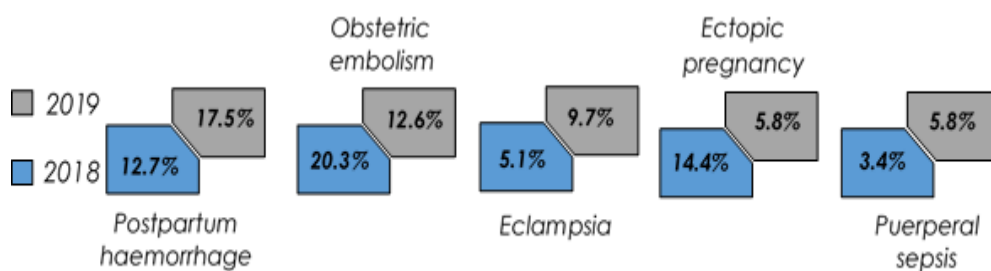
- **Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for Indians**

Ischaemic heart diseases remained as the principal causes of death for Indians at 20.4 per cent followed by Pneumonia (10.9%), Cerebrovascular diseases (6.1%), Transport accidents (5.1%) and Diseases of the liver (2.7%).

v. Five principal causes of death for maternal

- **Postpartum haemorrhage recorded as the principal causes of death for maternal**

Postpartum haemorrhage was recorded as the principal causes of death for maternal in 2019 at 17.5 per cent followed by Obstetric embolism (12.6%), Eclampsia (9.7%), Ectopic pregnancy (5.8%) and Puerperal sepsis (5.8%).



vi. Five principal causes of death for infant

- Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period remained as the principal causes of death for infant

Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period remained as the principal causes of death for infant in 2019 at 42.0% followed by Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (31.1%), Pneumonia (2.0%), Meningitis (0.6%) and Chronic lower respiratory diseases (0.6%).

2019	42.0%	31.1%	2.0%	0.6%	0.6%
	1	2	3	4	5
2018	41.8%	30.9%	3.1%	0.8%	0.7%

1 Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period

2 Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities

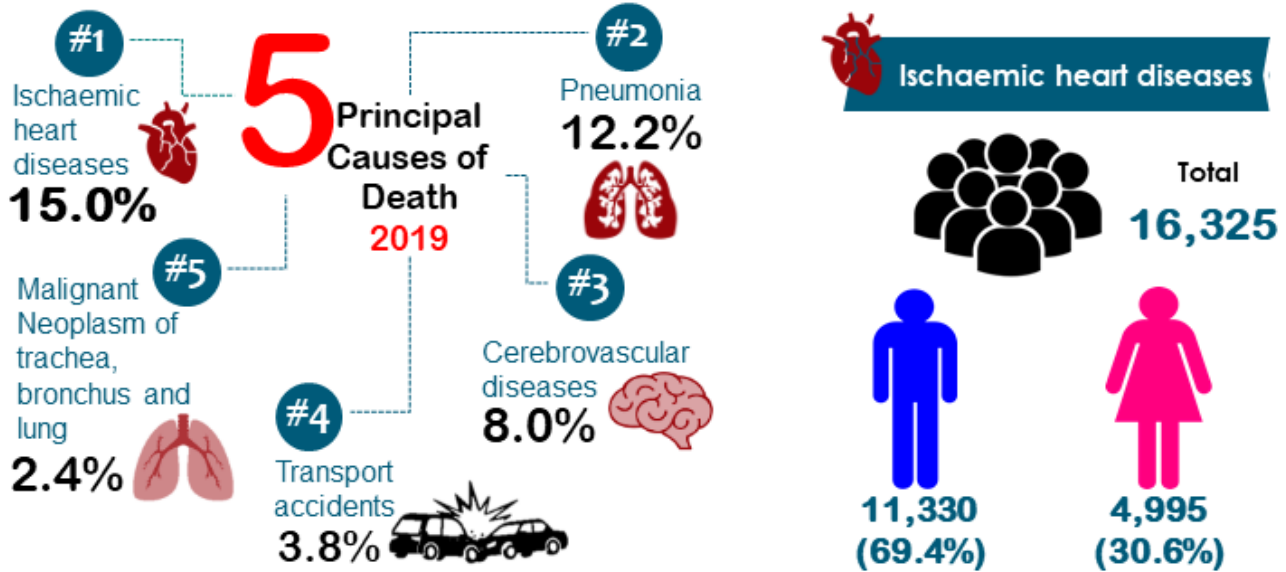
3 Pneumonia

4 Meningitis

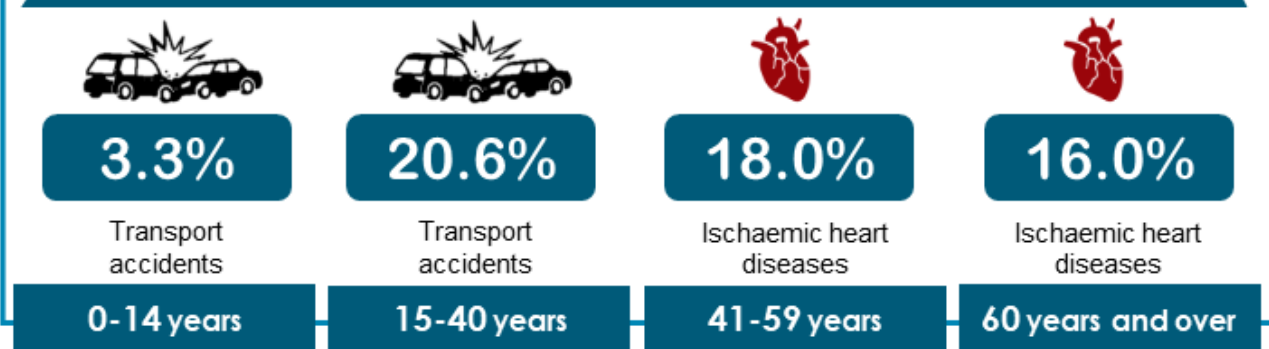
5 Chronic lower respiratory diseases



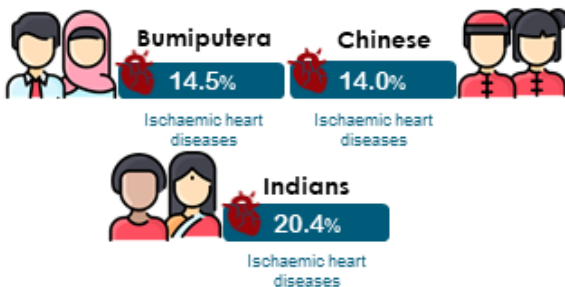
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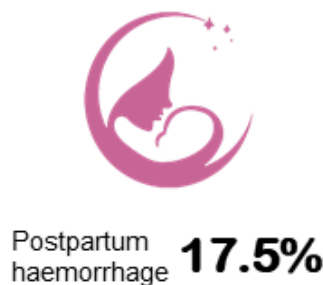
The principal causes of death by age group



The principal causes of death by ethnic groups



The principal causes of maternal death



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Note: The analysis is based on medically certified causes of death



Top three administrative districts that recorded causes of death due to Ischaemic heart diseases



JOHOR

2,384

Johor Bahru	: 659
Batu Pahat	: 625
Muar	: 233



KEDAH

1,486

Kuala Muda	: 388
Kota Setar	: 231
Kulim	: 206



KELANTAN

1,270

Kota Bharu	: 404
Tumpat	: 189
Pasir Mas	: 139



MELAKA

659

Melaka Tengah	: 360
Alor Gajah	: 153
Jasin	: 146



NEGERI SEMBILAN

710

Seremban	: 363
Jempol	: 84
Port Dickson	: 83



PAHANG

710

Kuantan	: 118
Temerloh	: 108
Maran	: 78



PERAK

2,156

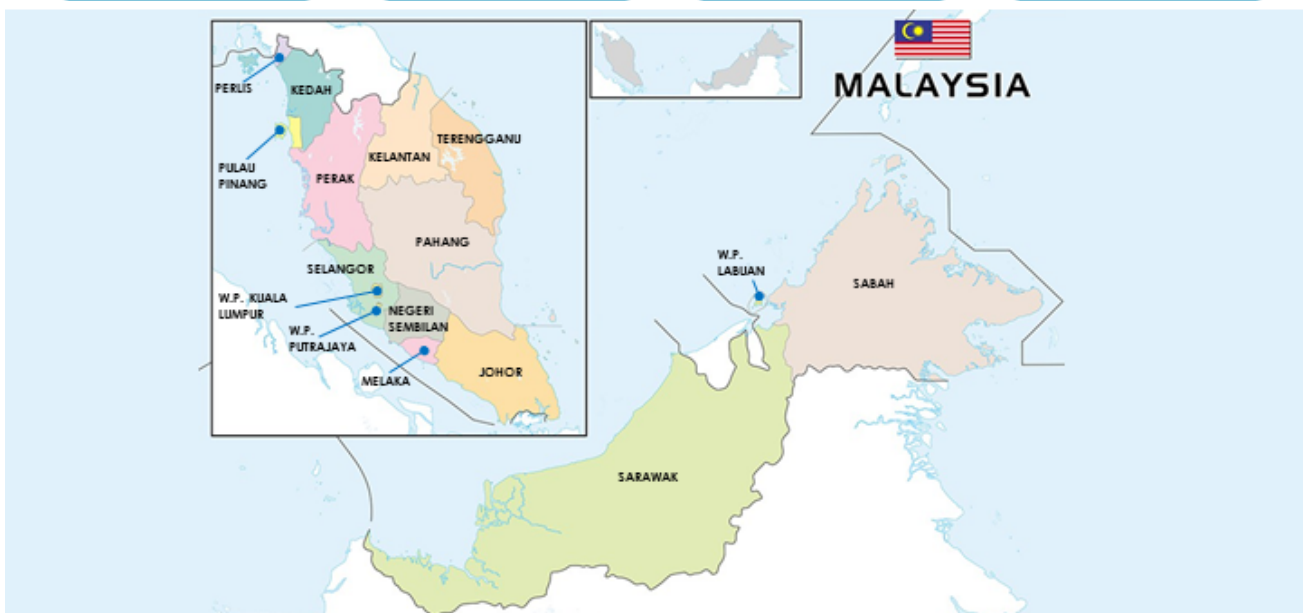
Kinta	: 612
Larut & Matang	: 370
Manjung	: 224



PULAU PINANG

1,214

Timur Laut	: 658
S.P. Tengah	: 232
S.P. Utara	: 226



SABAH

455

Kota Kinabalu	: 57
Sandakan	: 57
Tawau	: 49



SARAWAK

699

Kuching	: 167
Miri	: 82
Bintulu	: 59



SELANGOR

2,909

Petaling	: 835
Ulu Langat	: 640
Klang	: 483



TERENGGANU

619

Besut	: 137
K. Terengganu	: 113
Dungun	: 98



PERLIS

180



W.P. KUALA LUMPUR

828



W.P. LABUAN

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W.P. PUTRAJAYA

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Notes:
S.P.: Seberang Perai
K.: Kuala
W.P.: Wilayah Persekutuan

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