Health data tables for Inuit Nunangat, with data for four individual time periods, 1994–1998, 1999–2003, 2004–2008 and 2009–2013, are now available. Included in these data tables is information on births, infant and perinatal mortality, mortality and potential years of life lost, and life expectancy.

Inuit Nunangat is the homeland of the Inuit of Canada. It includes the communities located in the four Inuit regions: Nunatsiavut (Northern coastal Labrador), Nunavik (Northern Quebec), the territory of Nunavut and the Inuvialuit region of the Northwest Territories. These regions collectively encompass the area traditionally occupied by Inuit in Canada.

While the population in these geographic areas is primarily Inuit, it should be noted that non-Inuit residing in these areas are included in the data, and conversely, Inuit living outside of these regions are not included in these tables. In addition to the four Inuit regions and Inuit Nunangat, the data for all of Canada (including Inuit Nunangat) are also included in the four tables.

The first table details life expectancy at birth and at 65 years of age. The second table contains birth data, and includes statistics on babies born with a low or high birth weight, babies born large or small for their gestational age and sex and preterm births.

The third table contains data on infant and perinatal mortality. Infant mortality corresponds to the death of an infant less than one year of age. Perinatal deaths include late fetal deaths (stillbirths with a gestational age of 28 weeks or more) and early neonatal deaths (deaths of infants less than one week of age).

The fourth table contains mortality and potential years of life lost (PYLL) by selected causes of death. PYLL is the number of years of potential life not lived when a person dies "prematurely," defined for this indicator as before age 75.


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