

Errata for the Report on the Health Status of the Residents of Ontario.

A number of errors were inadvertently made with the creation of the Report of the Health Status of the Residents of Ontario. As well, some authors have expressed their opinions on how the data could have been presented in a better way. This file contains information that has come to our attention. We thank those who have given us this feedback and hope that these errors have not caused undue difficulties.

Population Pyramids for Seven Regions, 1996 – Error on page 27.

An error was made in transcribing the labels to the male x-axes to figure 3-3. The correct percentages for the male population should read 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.

Ischemic Heart Disease Rate – Error on pages 41 & 43.

An error was made in transcribing the percentage of ischemic heart disease. The text should read 22% of all deaths.

All Cause Mortality by Age, Ontario, 1995 – Error on page 43.

An error was made in transcribing the labels to x-axis (rate per 100,000 population) to figure 5-2. The correct rates should read 1, 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000.

Leading Causes of Death in Ontario, 1995 – Error on page 44.

An error was made in transcribing the figure number for the pie chart titled Leading Causes of Death In Ontario, 1995. The correct figure number should read figure 5-3.

Distribution of Time Since Last Pap Smear, Ontario Women Age 18 and Over, 1996/97 – Error on page 66.

An error was made in transcribing the labels to figure 6-8. The correct table is provided below.

| | Total |
|--|--------------------|
| Last time PAP smear test was done | All Ontario |
| < 6 MONTHS AGO | 25% |
| 6 MTHS-<1 YR AGO | 30% |
| 1 - <3YEARS AGO | 19% |
| 3 - <5 YEARS AGO | 5% |

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| 5 OR + YEARS AGO | 10% |
| Never Had Pap | 12% |
| Ever had a Pap | 88% |

- please note some minor discrepancy have resulted due to rounding.

Body Mass Index – Error on page 113.

An error was made in transcribing the population description for the percentage of the population with BMIs of less than 20 or greater than 27. The text should read “In 1996, 9% of the non-pregnant population aged 20 to 64 years had a BMI of less than 20 while 28% had a BMI of greater than 27”.

Distribution of BMI in Ontario, 1996/97 – Error on page 113.

An error was made in transcribing the label on the x-axis to figure 9-6. The x-axis label should read BMI. In addition, the x-axis categories should read <20, 20-25, 25.1-27, >27.

Total Fertility Rate, Ontario, 1981-1995 – Error on page 122.

An error was made in transcribing the label on the y-axis to figure 10-5. The rate should be estimated births per woman not per 1,000 women.

Perinatal Mortality Rate – Error on page 127.

An error was made in transcribing the numbers. The values of 123 for Toronto and 46 for the North refer to the number of early neonatal deaths that occurred in the first 7 days of life and not the rate. The correct table is shown below.

| | 1995 | 1995 | 1995 | 1995 |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Region | Live Births* | Stillbirths | Deaths < 7 days | Perinatal mortality rate |
| Ontario | | | | 9.8 |
| CE | 21492 | 119 | 56 | 8.1 |
| CS | 13502 | 113 | 47 | 11.8 |
| CW | 26633 | 165 | 86 | 9.4 |
| E | 18862 | 116 | 62 | 9.4 |
| N | 10780 | 64 | 46 | 10.1 |
| SW | 19079 | 105 | 63 | 8.8 |
| TO | 34730 | 275 | 123 | 11.4 |

Distribution of Persons Who Had Not Consulted a Dentist, by Age and Region, Ontario, 1996/97. - Error on page 185.

An error was made in transcribing the title of figure 13-9. The title should read “Distribution of persons who had NOT consulted a dentist, by age and region, Ontario 1996/97”.

Suggested other methods of analysis.

Below are a series of comments that Ian Johnson has received from different persons. It is presented here simply for the information and use of epidemiologists when making their own health status report.

1. The data on prevalence of low-income families (Table 4-2 on page 34) uses the total number of census families as the denominator. This is not consistent with the PHIWG group, which recommended the denominator be restricted to low income families with children. The presented data are correct but epidemiologists may wish to use the PHIWG measure if they prefer.
2. The staff at Cancer Care Ontario have expressed concern that Tables 6-1 and 6-2 on page 63, present data both males and female cancer in one table. They strongly recommend that cancer mortality and incidence be presented in sex-specific tables. The rationale is that since some cancers are sex specific, they prefer to report them as such. They recommend epidemiologists follow this approach in order to present a consistent message about the rank ordering of cancer incidence and mortality.
3. The staff at Cancer Care Ontario also recommended that epidemiologists refer to the publication entitled “Cancer in Canada”. The staff recommend that epidemiological interpretations be consistent with this approach and urge epidemiologists to review these interpretations of current trends when they are making their own reports.