Vital Statistics Summary, Alberta, 1999

Population

The estimated population of Alberta, as of June 30, 1999, was 2,819,423.

Births

There were 38,314 live births in Alberta in 1999. 37,759 were Alberta residents which represents a birth rate of 13.59 Alberta residents per 1,000 population. Of the total live births registered 1,029, or 2.7 percent, were multiple births.

Marriages

During 1999 there were 18,216 marriages performed in Alberta, representing 6.46 marriages for every 1,000 people. Of the grooms, 11,736 had not been married before, and 4,169 had been divorced. Of the brides, 13,460 had not been married before, and 4,275 had been divorced.

Adoptions

In 1999, there were 810 registered adoptions in Alberta.

Change of Name

In 1999, 2163 changes of name were registered in Alberta.

Deaths

There were 17,361 deaths in Alberta in 1999 of which 16,930 were Alberta residents. Of the resident deaths, 8,923 were males and 8,007 were females. The death rate was 6.2 per 1,000 population.

Leading Causes of Death

The seven leading causes of death in Alberta in 1999 for male and female combined, ranked by total numbers of deaths and the rate per 1,000, are shown in the table below.

NOTE: In the Vital Statistics Annual Reviews for the years 1979 through 1983, the category "Diseases of the Heart" has been understated. Deaths which should have been classified in Condition 34 (Other Chronic Ischemic Heart Diseases) were included in Condition 67 (All Other Diseases).

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000
Diseases of the Circulatory System	3,374	3,132	6,507	2.30
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	2,408	2,266	4,674	1.66
Diseases of the Respiratory System	966	869	1,835	.65
External Causes of Injury/Poisoning	1,003	421	1,424	.51
Diseases of the Digestive System	295	283	578	.21
Mental Disorders	194	270	464	.16
Endocrine, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases	232	224	456	.16

Infant Mortality	The number of resident infant deaths in 1999 was 241; 132 males and 109 females. The number of neonatal deaths was 138; 79 males and 59 females.
Stillbirths	In 1999, there were 279 stillbirths registered, a rate of 7.28 per 1,000 live births compared to 200 stillbirths registered in 1998 (rate of 5.24 per 1,000).
Rate of Natural Increase	The rate of natural increase was 7.4 per 1,000 population in 1999. (The 1998 rate was 7.8 per 1,000.)