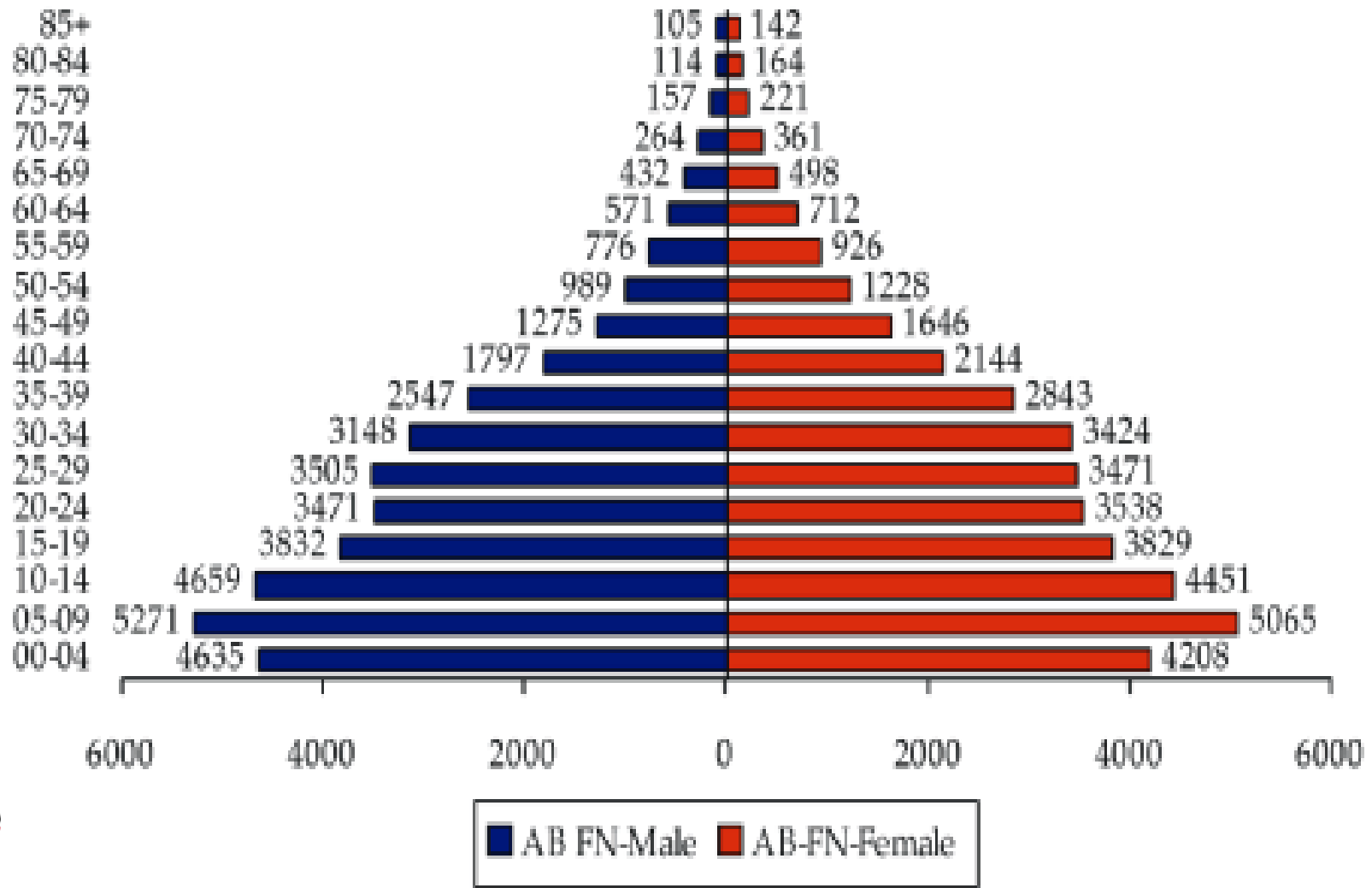


First Nations Injuries In Alberta

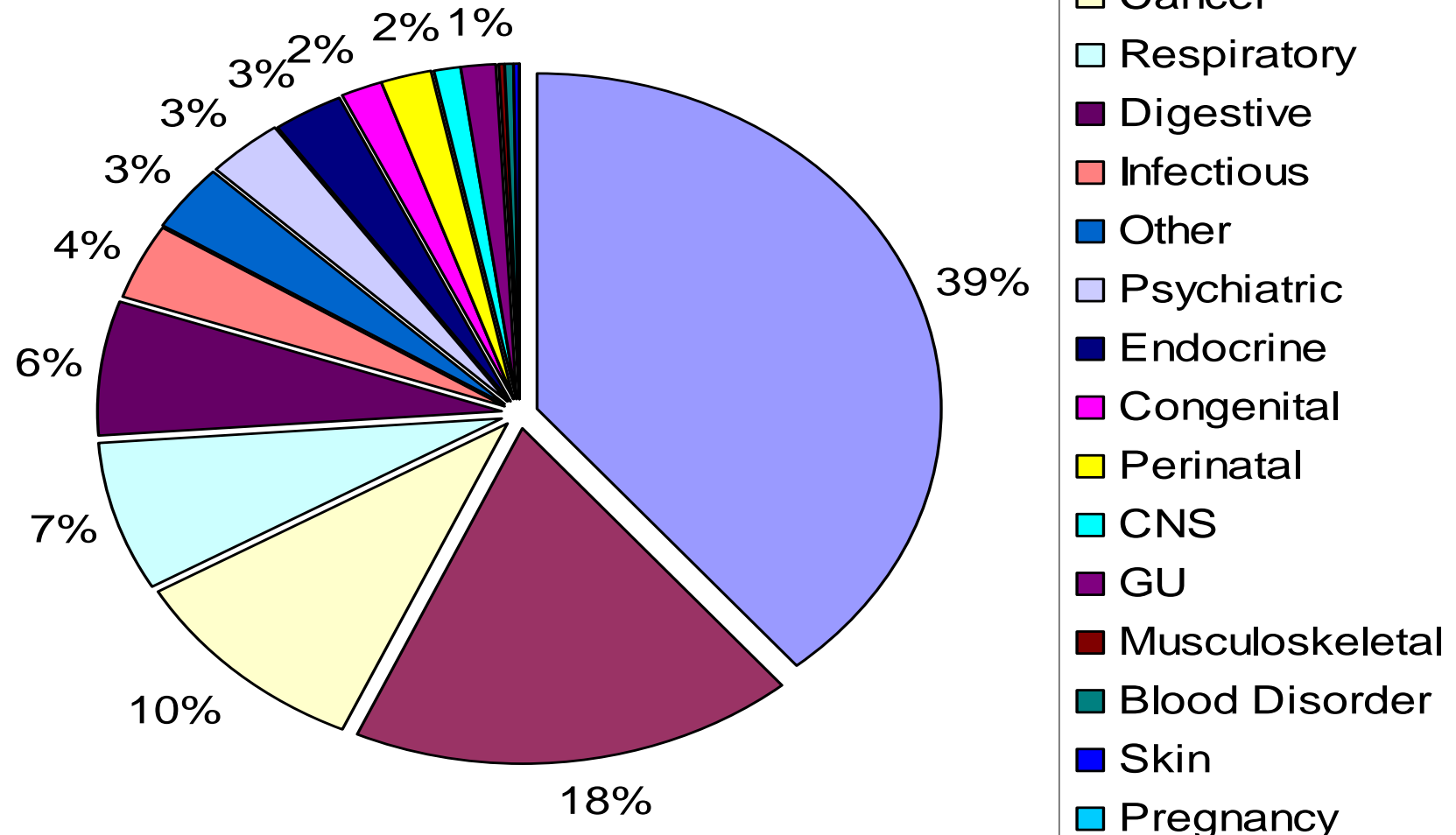
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Alberta First Nations Population, 1996



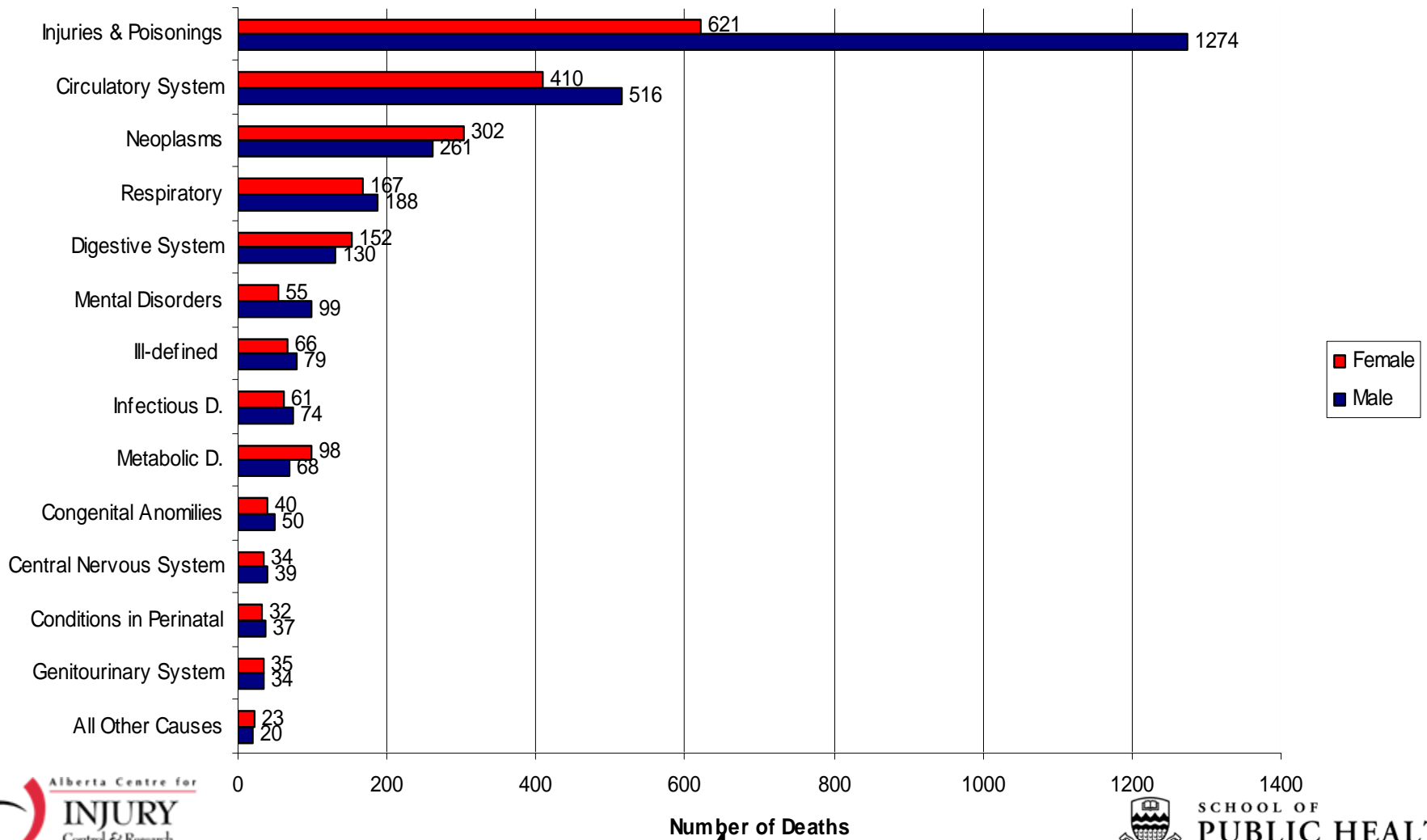
Alberta FN Deaths By Cause

(1983-1996)



Alberta FN All Causes of Deaths 1986 - 2000

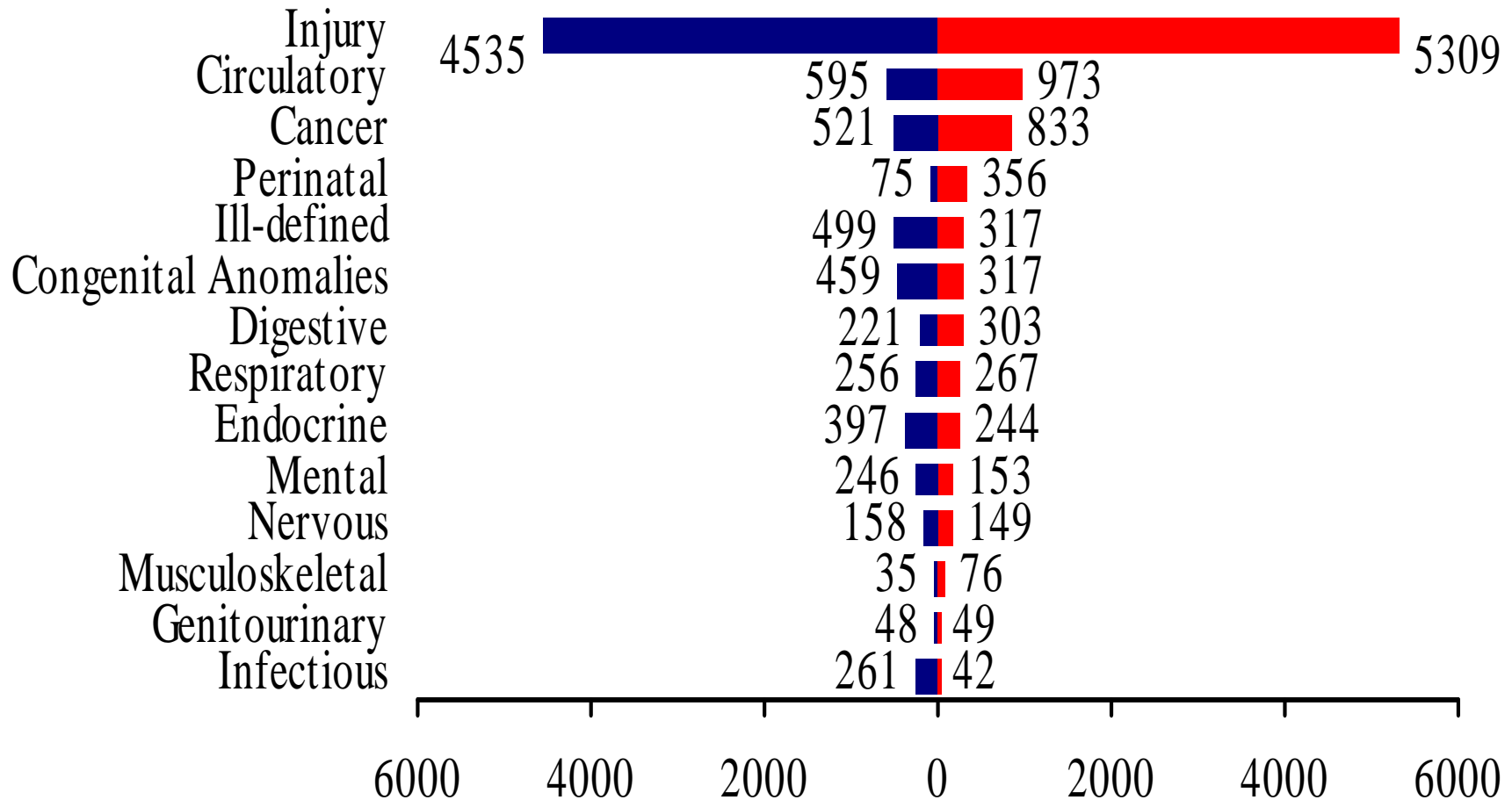
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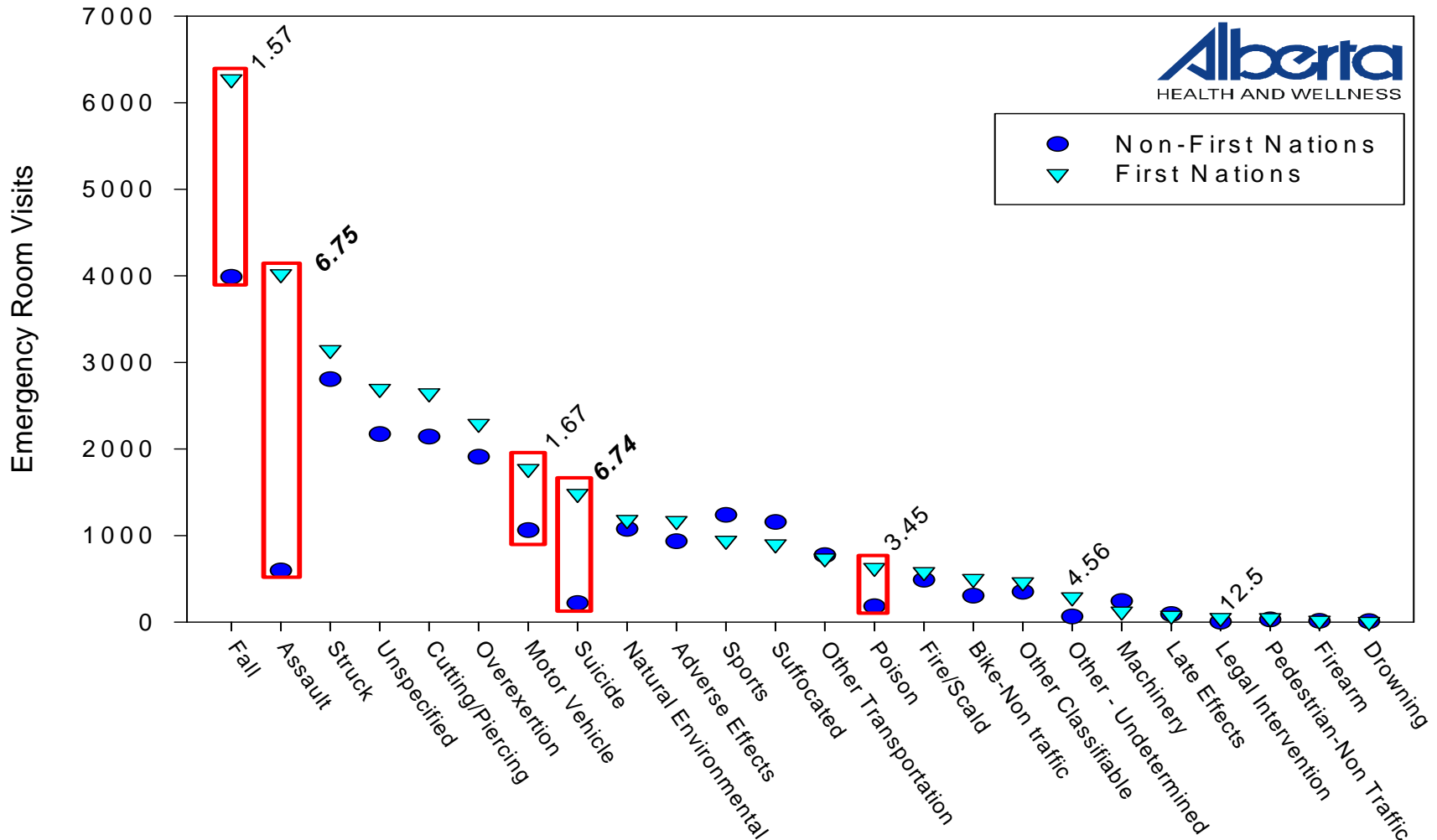
PYLL By Cause of Death

Alberta FN 2000 and Canada FN 1999



■ Alberta FN ■ Canada FN

Injury Cause: Number of ER Visits by FN and Matched Controls, Alberta 2000



IMPACT OF INJURIES

Social:

- Loss of culture
- Loss of future leaders
- Grief leading to cycle of hopelessness

Economic:

- Loss of personal and family income
- Community economic contribution
- Increased Costs to Health Care/Services

INJURY PREVENTION

Basic Premises:

- Both unintentional & intentional
- Injuries are not “accidents”
- Based on proven scientific approach
- Injuries are predictable and preventable
- Variable causes and interventions

What Is Being Done?

- Governments & others recognize that investing in prevention makes sense in reducing injury deaths and costs to families, communities, and society
- Multi sectoral/jurisdictional partnerships
- Mobilization of community resources
- Access to existing resources
- Strategic Plans – Canada/AB/FNIHB

Injury Is a Public Health Issue of Concern to First Nations in Alberta

- ‘If we say there is no solution then we don’t look for one’ – Elder Alexander Nanooch

Garden River

- ‘Injury Prevention is not for a day or a week but for a lifetime’ – Elder Celestan Nanooch

John D’Or

Public Health Approach and Injury Prevention

Similar steps:

- Define the problem (data)
- Identify risk factors (causes)
- Identify protective factors (interventions)
- Develop, implement & evaluate prevention strategies
- Adopt & promote widely

ACICR VISION & MISSION

- An injury free Alberta in which to live, work and play
- To reduce the societal & economic burden of injuries in Alberta by building partnerships, promoting effective strategies & sharing knowledge & tools

ACICR COMMITMENT

- To advance injury control in Alberta by promoting stakeholder collaboration, capacity building and evidence based practice in the field of injury control and research.

SCOPE

- ACICR will achieve its vision/mission by providing leadership, initiative, influence, coordination and support for injury-related policies, education, information services, and research across the province in order that stakeholders can fulfill their mandates of injury control.

GOALS

- Increase availability & distribution of current high quality data on injury
- Increase the capacity of IP practitioners to put knowledge into action to address injuries in their communities
- Identify, examine and strategically respond to injury issues at all levels

GOALS continued...

- Increase access to promising and best practices through evaluation, research and knowledge translation
- Increase the profile of the injury issue, causes, and solutions through focused advocacy efforts

Aboriginal Specific Projects

- Aboriginal Injury Prevention Model (for urban Aboriginal and Métis Settlements) completed in March 2007
- A 5 Year Action Plan (pending approval of funding) to begin Nov. 2007 to March 2008

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