



PRESS RELEASE

2023 Causes of Deaths in the Philippines (Provisional as of 31 August 2023)

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Explanatory Note

Data on causes of death presented in this press release were obtained from the deaths registered, either timely or belatedly, at the appropriate Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrar throughout the country and subsequently submitted for encoding to the Office of the Civil Registrar General through the Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The information presented includes deaths that occurred from January to June 2023 based on data files received and initially processed by the PSA - Civil Registration Service (CRS) from the PSOs as of 31 August 2023. Thus, the figures presented herein are still provisional and may differ from the final count. Deaths of Filipinos abroad are not yet included in this release, but Filipinos whose usual residence is abroad and foreign nationals with deaths occurring in the country during the reference period were included in this report.

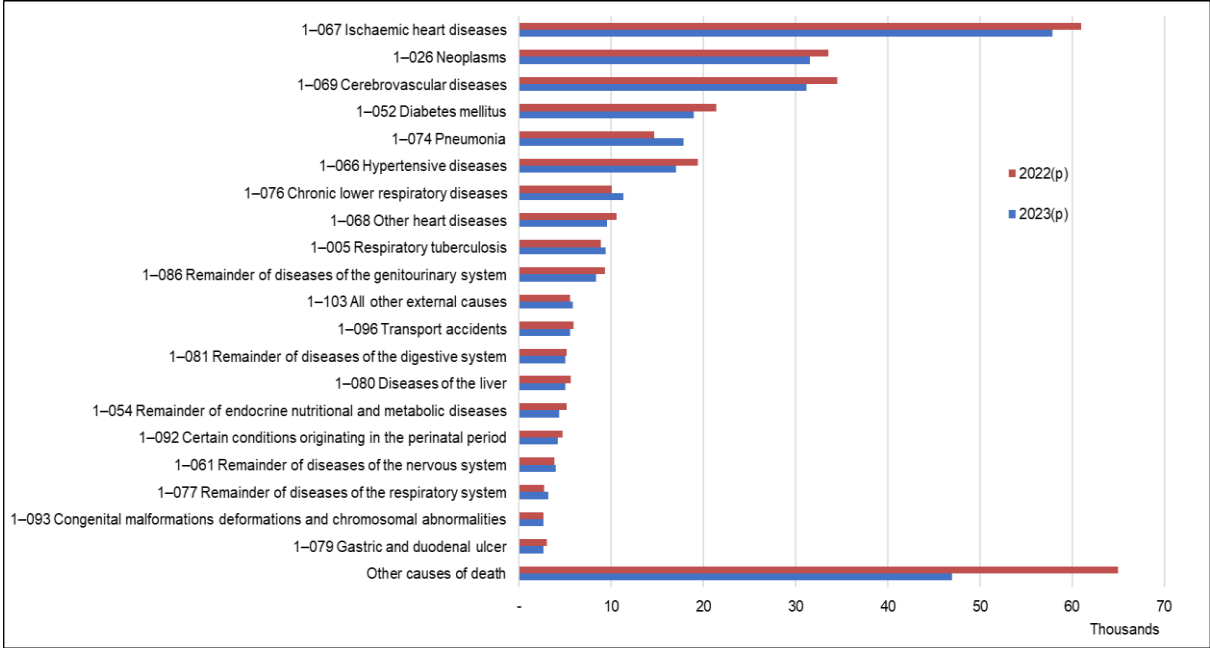
Ischaemic heart diseases, neoplasms, and cerebrovascular diseases lead the causes of death in the Philippines

The top three causes of death in the country from January to June of 2023 were ischaemic heart diseases, neoplasms, and cerebrovascular diseases. In the same period in 2022, the leading causes of death were ischaemic heart diseases, cerebrovascular diseases and neoplasms. From January to June of 2023, Ischaemic heart diseases were the leading cause of death with 57,835 cases or 19.1 percent of the total deaths in the country. On the other hand, Neoplasms came in second with 31,581 deaths (10.4% share). Cerebrovascular diseases were the third leading cause which accounted for 31,205 recorded cases (10.3% share) from January to June 2023. Deaths due to diabetes mellitus recorded 18,969 cases or 6.3 percent share, making it the fourth



leading cause of death, while deaths due to Pneumonia, which ranked fifth, recorded 17,881 cases or 5.9 percent share. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. All Causes of Mortality (Top 20), Philippines:
January to June, 2022 and 2023
(as of 31 August 2023)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Note: Symptoms, signs, and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00-R99) are not included in the analysis due to the unspecified nature of these causes.

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- Attachment:
1. Table 1. Number of Registered Deaths, Percent Shares, and Ranks by Cause of Death (Top 50), Philippines: January to June, 2022 and 2023 (provisional as of 31 August 2023)