

PRESS RELEASE

2023 Causes of Deaths in the Philippines (Provisional as of 31 October 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 August 2023 based on data files received and initially processed by the PSA - Civil Registration Service (CRS) from the PSOs as of 31 October 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 of death in the country causes January to August of 2023 were ischaemic heart diseases, neoplasms, and cerebrovascular diseases. These were also the leading causes of death in the same period in 2022. From January to August of 2023, ischaemic heart diseases were the leading cause of death with 76,901 cases or 19.1 percent of the total deaths in the country. On the other hand, neoplasms, came in second with 42,149 deaths (10.5% share). Cerebrovascular diseases were the third leading cause which accounted for 40,900 recorded cases (10.2% share) from January to August 2023. Deaths due to diabetes mellitus recorded 25,451 cases or 6.3 percent share, making it the fourth leading cause of death, while deaths due to





pneumonia, which ranked fifth, recorded 23,755 cases or 5.9 percent share. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

1-026 Neoplasms 1-069 Cerebrovascular diseases 1-052 Diabetes mellitus 1-074 Pneumonia 1-066 Hypertensive diseases 1-076 Chronic lower respiratory diseases **2023** 1-005 Respiratory tuberculosis 1-068 Other heart diseases 1-086 Remainder of diseases of the genitourinary system 1-103 All other external causes 1-096 Transport accidents 1-080 Diseases of the liver 1-081 Remainder of diseases of the digestive system 1-054 Remainder of endocrine nutritional and metabolic diseases 1-092 Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period 1-061 Remainder of diseases of the nervous system 1-077 Remainder of diseases of the respiratory system 1-093 Congenital malformations deformations and chromosomal abnormalities 1-079 Gastric and duodenal ulcer Other causes of death 10 70 80 90 Thousands

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