

3 HEALTH STATUS AND DEMOGRAPHICS

3.1 Health Status Indicators

Table 3-1 Indicators of Health status

Indicators	1990	1995	2000	2004
Life Expectancy at Birth:	-	-	71.4	73.6
HALE:	-	-		-
Infant Mortality Rate:	-	-	19.1	-
Probability of dying before 5th birthday/1000:			Not available	
Maternal Mortality Rate:	-	18	12	-
Percent Normal birth weight babies:	-	-	95	95
Prevalence of stunting/wasting:			Not available	

Table 3-2 Indicators of Health status by Gender and by urban rural

Indicators	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Life Expectancy at Birth:	-	-	72.5(2004)	74.7(2004)
HALE:	-	-	-	-
Infant Mortality Rate:	-	-	19.1(2000)	
Probability of dying before 5th birthday/1000:			Not available	
Maternal Mortality Rate:	-	-	-	12(2000)
Percent Normal birth weight babies:	-	-	95 (2000-2004)	
Prevalence of stunting/wasting:			Not available	

Table 3-3 Top 10 causes of Mortality/Morbidity, 2002.

Rank	Mortality*	Morbidity
1	Diseases of circulatory system 27%	-
2	Injury and poisoning 17%	-
3	Perinatal 11.9%	-
4	Neoplasm 5.3%	-
5	Diseases of respiratory system 4. %	-
6	Congenital anomaly 3.4%	-
7	Endocrine and metabolic disorders 3. %	-
8	Infectious diseases 2.5%	-

Rank	Mortality*	Morbidity
9	Diseases of digestive system 2.5%	-
10	-	-

Source: Deaths registered with MOH .

There is decline in the indices of infectious diseases, and there is a program for T.B control that succeeded in increasing case detection rate and decreasing the incidence rate, there is also anti malaria and anti bilharziasis programs controlling these diseases. Non-communicable diseases become of priority concern in the Saudi Arabia, and initiative control programs are in process to be applied nation wide, started with the application of WHO step wise surveillance system.

Deaths recorded in MOH hospitals are coded according to ICD10, and the leading causes of death in the kingdom are cardiovascular diseases.

3.2 Demography

Table 3-4 Demographic indicators

Indicators	1990	1995	2000	2004
Crude Birth Rate:	-	-	27.8	29
Crude Death Rate:	-	-	2.5	3.7
Population Growth Rate:	-	2.9	2.9	2.5
Dependency Ratio:	-	-	-	-
%population <15 years	-	-	40.3	-
Total Fertility Rate:	-	-	4.3	-

Table 3-5 Demographic indicators by Gender and Urban rural

Indicators	Urban	Rural	Male	Female
Crude Birth Rate:				
Crude Death Rate:				
Population Growth Rate:				
Dependency Ratio:				
%population <15 years				
Total Fertility Rate:				

Demographic patterns and trends:

Official figures published by the Saudi government in 2004 indicated a population of 22673538, based on the official figure, the rate of growth was 2.5. 16,529,302 of the population holding Saudi citizenship and 6,144,236 were foreign residents in the Kingdom. A goal of Saudi planners continued to be a reduction in the number of foreign workers and expansion of Saudization of jobs.