

Syrian Arab Republic

2010 total population: 20 410 606

Income group: Lower middle

NCD mortality*

2008 estimates	males	females
Total NCD deaths (000s)	33.7	26.1
NCD deaths under age 60 (percent of all NCD deaths)	39.8	33.1
<i>Age-standardized death rate per 100 000</i>		
All NCDs	730.4	503.5
Cancers	65.7	47.2
Chronic respiratory diseases	46.5	28.8
Cardiovascular diseases and diabetes	471.7	326.1

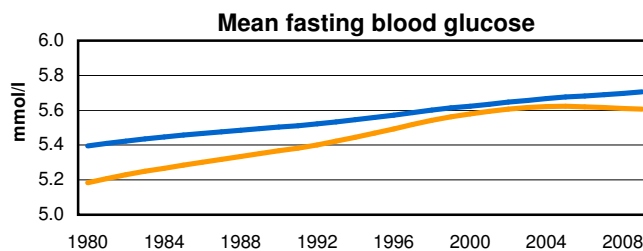
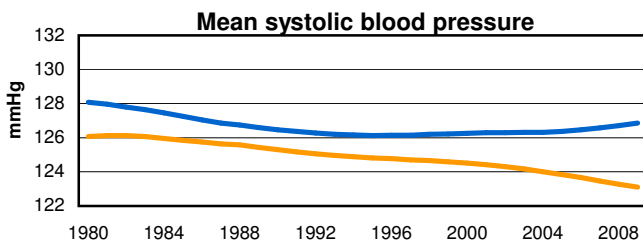
Behavioural risk factors

2008 estimated prevalence (%)	males	females	total
Current daily tobacco smoking	36.8	...	...
Physical inactivity	...	...	...

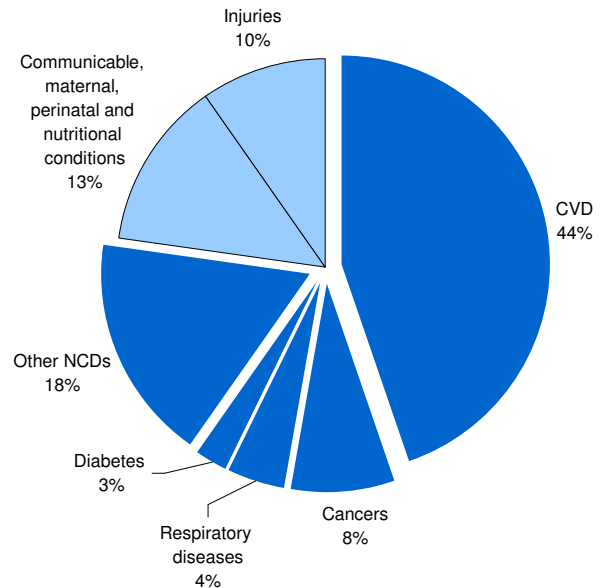
Metabolic risk factors

2008 estimated prevalence (%)	males	females	total
Raised blood pressure	...	...	...
Raised blood glucose	...	...	...
Overweight	58.7	63.6	61.2
Obesity	20.7	33.5	27.1
Raised cholesterol	...	...	...

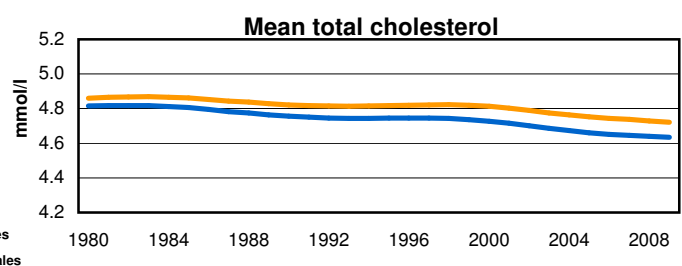
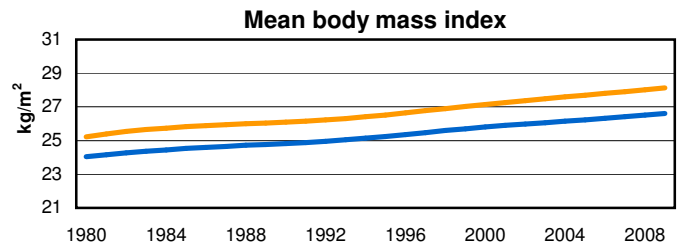
Metabolic risk factor trends



Proportional mortality (% of total deaths, all ages)*



NCDs are estimated to account for 77% of all deaths.



Country capacity to address and respond to NCDs

Has a Unit / Branch / Dept in MOH with responsibility for NCDs	Yes	<i>Has an integrated or topic-specific policy / programme / action plan which is currently operational for:</i>	
<i>There is funding available for:</i>		Cardiovascular diseases	No
NCD treatment and control	Yes	Cancer	No
NCD prevention and health promotion	No	Chronic respiratory diseases	No
NCD surveillance, monitoring and evaluation	No	Diabetes	No
<i>National health reporting system includes:</i>		Alcohol	No
NCD cause-specific mortality	Yes	Unhealthy diet / Overweight / Obesity	No
NCD morbidity	Yes	Physical inactivity	No
NCD risk factors	No	Tobacco	No
Has a national, population-based cancer registry	No	Number of tobacco (m)POWER measures implemented at the highest level of achievement	1/5

* The mortality estimates for this country have a high degree of uncertainty because they are not based on any national NCD mortality data. The estimates are based on a combination of country life tables, cause of death models, regional cause of death patterns, and WHO and UNAIDS program estimates for some major causes of death (not including NCDs).

... = no data available