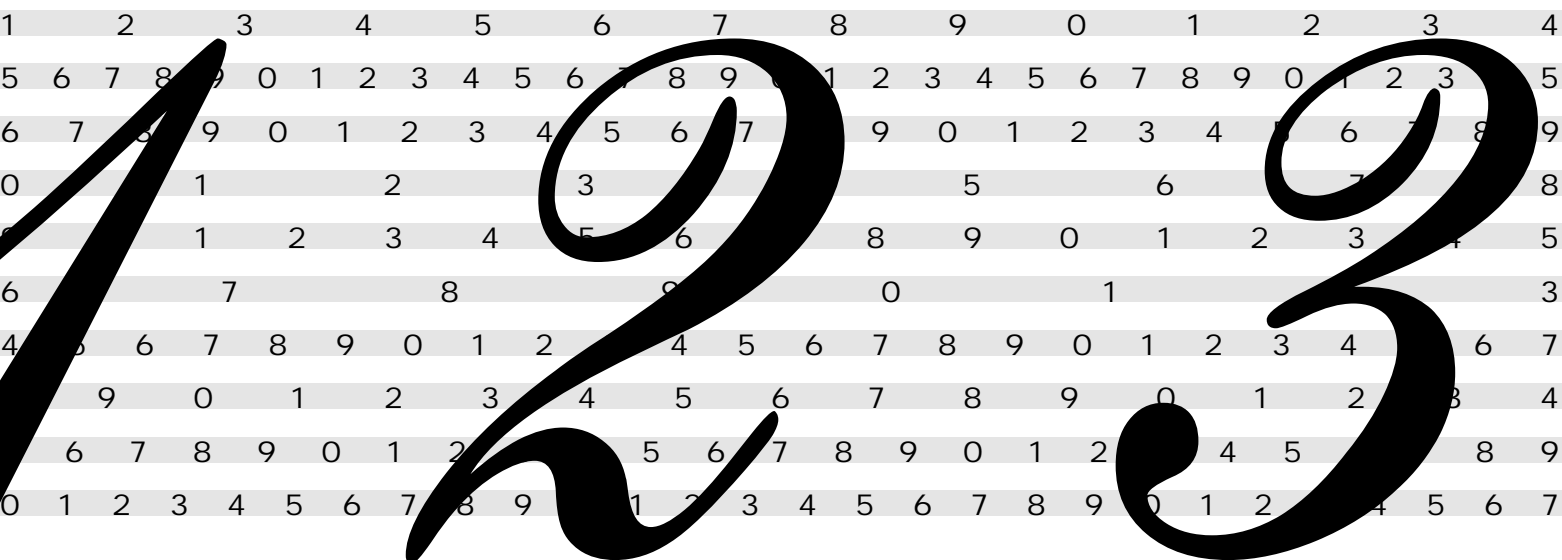


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## *Foreword*

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The 1995 Vital Statistics Annual Report provides selected vital statistics and population health status indicators produced by the Division of Vital Statistics, Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors. This report updates and expands the provisional statistics which are released throughout the year in the Division's Quarterly Digest. The Annual Report, Quarterly Digest, and the Division's feature reports are produced to provide timely and detailed vital statistics-related information to health care planners and managers, especially at regional levels, and the general public.

This publication contains over 80 tables, figures, and maps which summarize selected information about the health of British Columbians. The report also includes a detailed glossary defining the terms and statistical methods used in the body of the publication, and a list of the Division's recent publications. An index of key words to assist locating topics of interest is presented on the inside back cover. This report also includes a set of Information Boxes which supplement existing tables, highlight the results of recent research projects, or provide frequently requested information not presented elsewhere in the report. Of particular interest are the Information Boxes on the major causes of death in the B.C. Status Indian population, teen pregnancy rates, and diabetes.

This report presents tables and summary statistics for three geographical groupings: 20 Health Regions (HR), 79 Local Health Areas (LHA) and 146 incorporated communities. In 1994, the Ministry began a process of delegating the governance, administration, and provision of health care services to Health Regions (HR) headed by Regional Health Boards (RHB). In order to provide consistent time series data in the transition period, the Ministry has specified that data should continue to be presented by LHA and should be aggregated into 20 HRs from the existing LHA boundaries. These 20 HRs are labelled with the RHB titles to distinguish them from the previous 21 Health Units.

Vital Statistics would like to acknowledge the assistance of the many health professionals and institutions who are responsible for ensuring the accurate recording of vital events. This publication is the culmination of efforts from many groups and individuals who contribute to the continual improvement in the quality of the data and this publication.

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