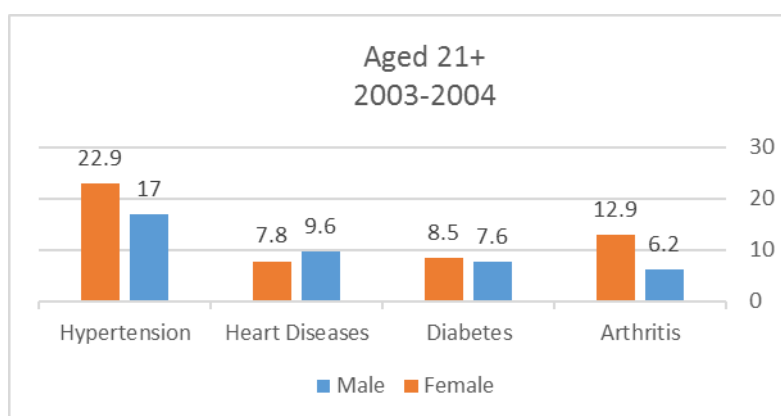


Supplement 1. Blood pressure data from a survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and the Central Bureau of Statistics in Israel during 2003-2004.

Morbidity

Chronically ill
By illness, age, gender
And population group
Rate per 100 persons



	Hypertension	Heart Diseases	Diabetes	Arthritis
Total	20	8.7	8.1	9.7
21-44	6.8	1.8	2.4	4.1
45-64	27.4	10.7	11.2	12.3
65+	51.1	28.2	21.7	23.7
Gender				
Males	17	9.6	7.6	6.2
21-44	5.6	2	1.7	3.3
45-64	26.1	13.4	11.8	8
65+	42.5	31.6	22.1	13.7
Females	22.9	7.8	8.5	12.9
21-44	8.1	1.6	3.1	4.9
45-64	28.6	8.3	10.6	16.2
65+	57.7	25.6	21.4	31.4
Population group				
Jews and others	20.7	9	8.1	9.2
21-44	6.8	1.9	2.5	3.6
45-64	26.6	10	10.3	10.9
65+	52	28.6	21.4	22.9
Arabs	15.2	6.3	7.7	12.9
21-44	7	(1.3)	(2)	6.4
45-64	34.8	17.8	19.6	25.5
65+	34.9	(20.2)	27.6	39

Source: Health Survey 2003-2004, Ministry of Health and CBS
Based on reported ever having been diagnosed with the chronic illness.

() Estimate for which the relative sampling error is 25%-40%, or estimates based on 11-20 respondents.