# The Economic Burden of Injury in Atlantic Canada

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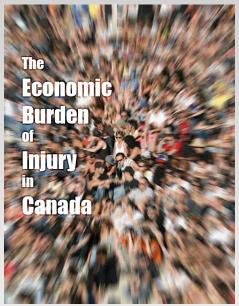
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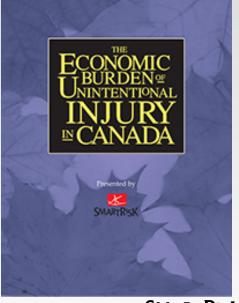
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### A New Report

- The Economic Burden of Injury in Canada, builds on and expands our original 1998 economic burden study, The Economic Burden of Unintentional Injury in Canada.
- Provincial partners
- Added provincial data, intentional injuries, ICD-10 coded data
- Due for release in July 2009







### Methodology

- Human Capital approach from a societal perspective
- Focus is on injuries, not events
- Incidence Costing
- Costs were analyzed using the ERAT, which combined existing data with variables from literature

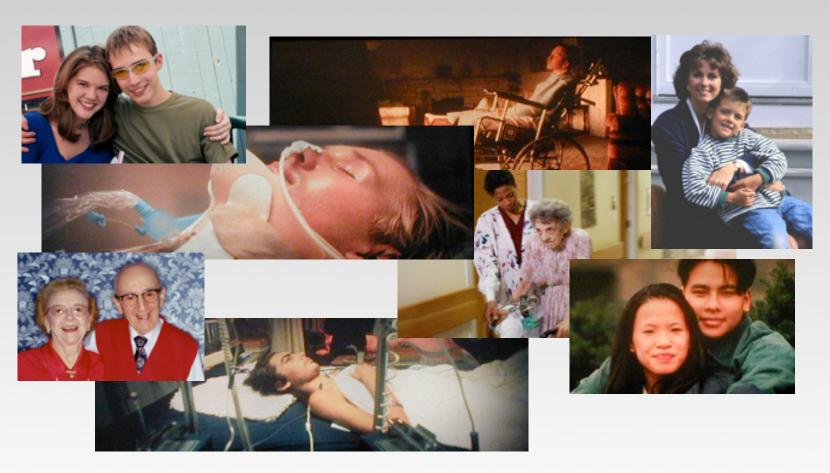


# Methodology, cont.

- Direct Costs: value of resources used to treat individual
  - Goods and services used for any treatment
  - Indirect Costs: value lost to society as result of injury
    - Costs to societal productivity (ex. value of time lost from work and homemaking)



# The Human Cost of Injury





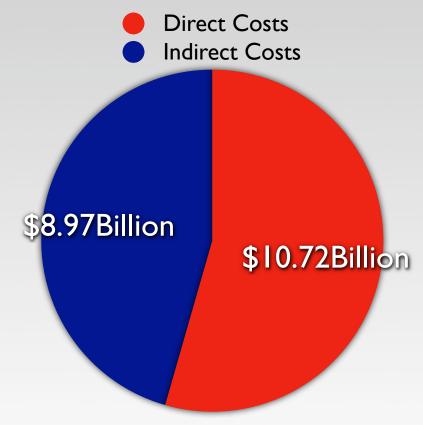
# Total Burden of Injury, Canada, 2004

Injury deaths	Hospitalized injuries	Non- hospitalized injuries	Injuries resulting in permanent partial disability	Injuries resulting in total permanent disability	Total annual cost
12,763	211,768	3,134,025	62,563	5,023	\$19.7 billion



#### Direct and Indirect Costs

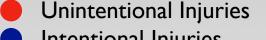
- The direct costs (health care costs arising from injuries) of injury in 2004 were 54% of total injury costs.
- The indirect costs (costs related to reduced productivity from hospitalization, disability and premature death) were 46% of total costs arising from injury.



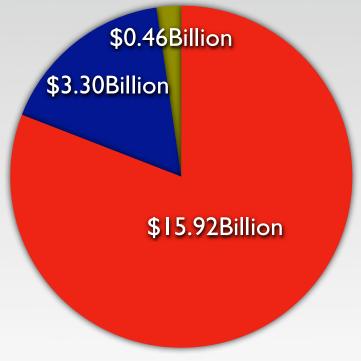


# Economic Burden by Intent

- Unintentional injuries
   (transportation, falls,
   drowning, fire/burns,
   unintentional poisoning,
   sport, and other unintentional
   causes) accounted for 81% of
   injury costs.
- Intentional injuries accounted for a further 17% of total costs.
- Injuries of undetermined intent for the remaining 2%



- Intentional Injuries
- Injuries of Undetermined Intent



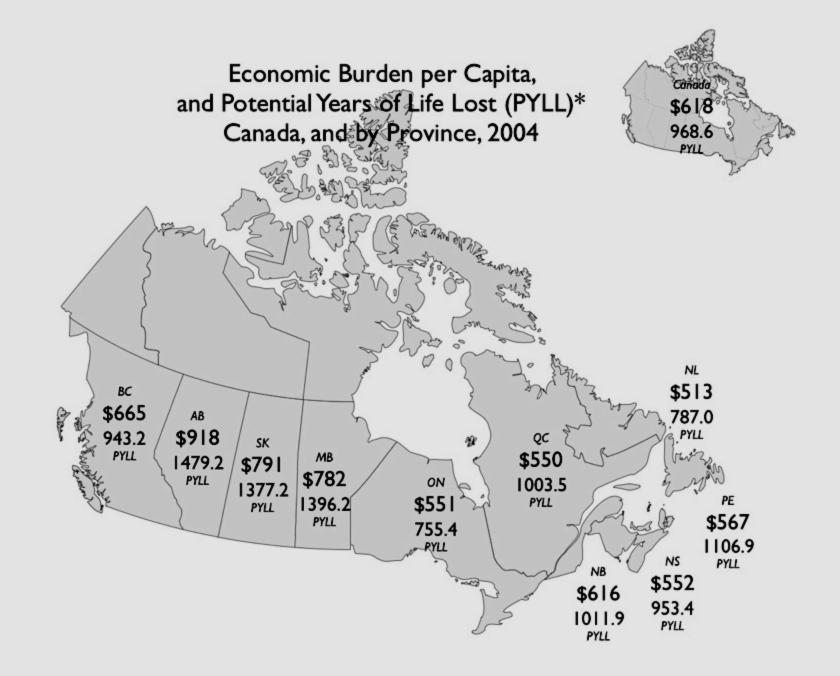


# Total Burden of Injury, by Top Causes, 2004

Cause	Injury deaths	Hospitalized injuries	Non- hospitalized injuries	Injuries resulting in permanent partial disability	Injuries resulting in total permanent disability	Total annual cost (\$Millions)
Transport	3,067	30,932	286,086	7,738	760	\$3,699
Falls	2,225	105,565	883,676	29,576	2,500	\$6,155
Suicide / Self Harm	3,616	18,210	41,930	3,879	199	\$2,442
Violence	507	8,050	90,463	1,899	201	\$871







# Total Burden of Injury, Atlantic Canada, 2004

Province	Injury deaths	Hospitalized injuries	Non- hospitalized injuries	Injuries resulting in permanent partial disability	Injuries resulting in total permanent disability	Total annual cost
New Brunswick	358	6,060	72,152	1,688	135	\$463 million
Newfoundland and Labrador	135	3,268	49,562	974	76	\$265 million
Nova Scotia	434	5,518	89,979	1,688	134	\$518 million
Prince Edward Island	83	1,039	13,366	294	24	\$78 million

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# Economic burden, health care costs & potential years of life lost, Canada & by province, 2004

Jurisdiction	Economic burden (per capita)	Health care costs (per capita)	Potential years of life lost (per 100,000 population)
New Brunswick	\$616	\$379	1,011.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$513	\$334	787.0
Nova Scotia	\$552	\$343	953.4
Prince Edward Island	\$567	\$328	1,106.9
CANADA	\$618	\$337	968.6



# Age/sex standardized mortality rates by cause of injury, Canada and by province, 2004

Jurisdiction	Age/sex standardized mortality rates per 100,000 population				
	Transport	Falls	Suicide	Violence	
New Brunswick	12.4	9.2	11.6	1.1	
Newfoundland and Labrador	8	3.4	10	0.2	
Nova Scotia	10.6	12.6	9.5	1.6	
Prince Edward Island	17.5	9.4	6	0	
CANADA	9.6	7	11.4	1.6	
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Cause	Age/sex standardized injury mortality rates (per 100,000 pop.) by cause,  Canada, highest and lowest province, 2004			
	Lowest provincial rate	National rate	Highest provincial rate	
Transport incidents	<b>7.6</b> Ontario	9.6	17.5 Prince Edward island	
Falls	3.4 Newfoundland and Labrador	7	12.6 Nova Scotia	
Suicide	6.0 Prince Edward Island	11.4	I 5.7 Quebec	
Violence	0.0 Prince Edward Island	1.6	4.3 Manitoba	



#### New Brunswick



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- Over half of the total costs of injury in New Brunswick in 2004 were attributable to falls (32%) and transport incidents (21%).
- Falls were also the leading cause of health care or direct costs due to injury, accounting for 40% of all direct injury costs in 2004, followed by other (unspecified) unintentional injuries at 27%, and transport incidents at 16%.



# Newfoundland and Labrador

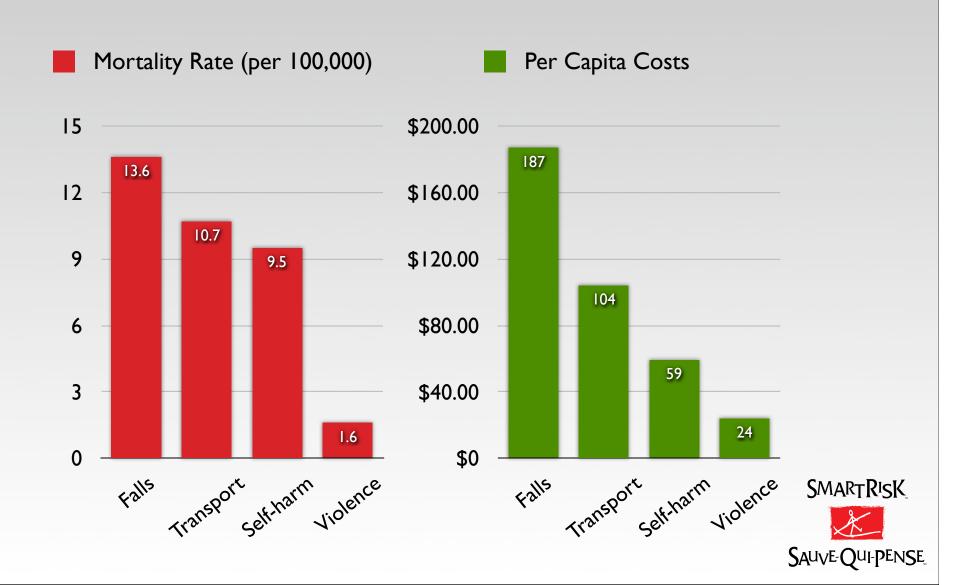


# Newfoundland and Labrador

- Over half of the total costs of injury in Newfoundland and Labrador in 2004 were attributable to falls (37%) and transport incidents (18%).
- Falls were also the leading cause of health care or direct costs due to injury, accounting for 45% of all direct injury costs in 2004, followed by other (unspecified) unintentional injuries at 25% and transport incidents at 15%.



#### Nova Scotia



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- Over half of the total costs of injury in Nova Scotia in 2004 were attributable to falls (34%) and transport incidents (19%).
- Falls were also the leading cause of health care or direct costs due to injury, accounting for 43% of all direct injury costs in 2004, followed by other (unspecified) unintentional injuries at 26%, and transport incidents at 14%.



#### Prince Edward Island



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- Over half of the total costs of injury in Prince Edward Island in 2004 were attributable to falls (35%) and transport incidents (22%).
- Falls were also the leading cause of health care or direct costs due to injury, accounting for 45% of all direct injury costs in 2004, followed by other (unspecified) unintentional injuries at 25%, and transport incidents at 14%.



#### Conclusion

- Need a comprehensive national injury prevention strategy and complementary strategies at the provincial level.
- We have the capacity to develop, implement and demonstrate the positive impact such strategies would have. We need leadership
- Injury can be prevented, lives saved and a significant drain on our public resources stopped
- We can make a difference!



### Next Steps

- Report is with the translator
- Layout of English text is underway
- Preliminary release plans developed
- Expected release date, mid July



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