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Mortality insights among people receiving specialist health and welfare supports

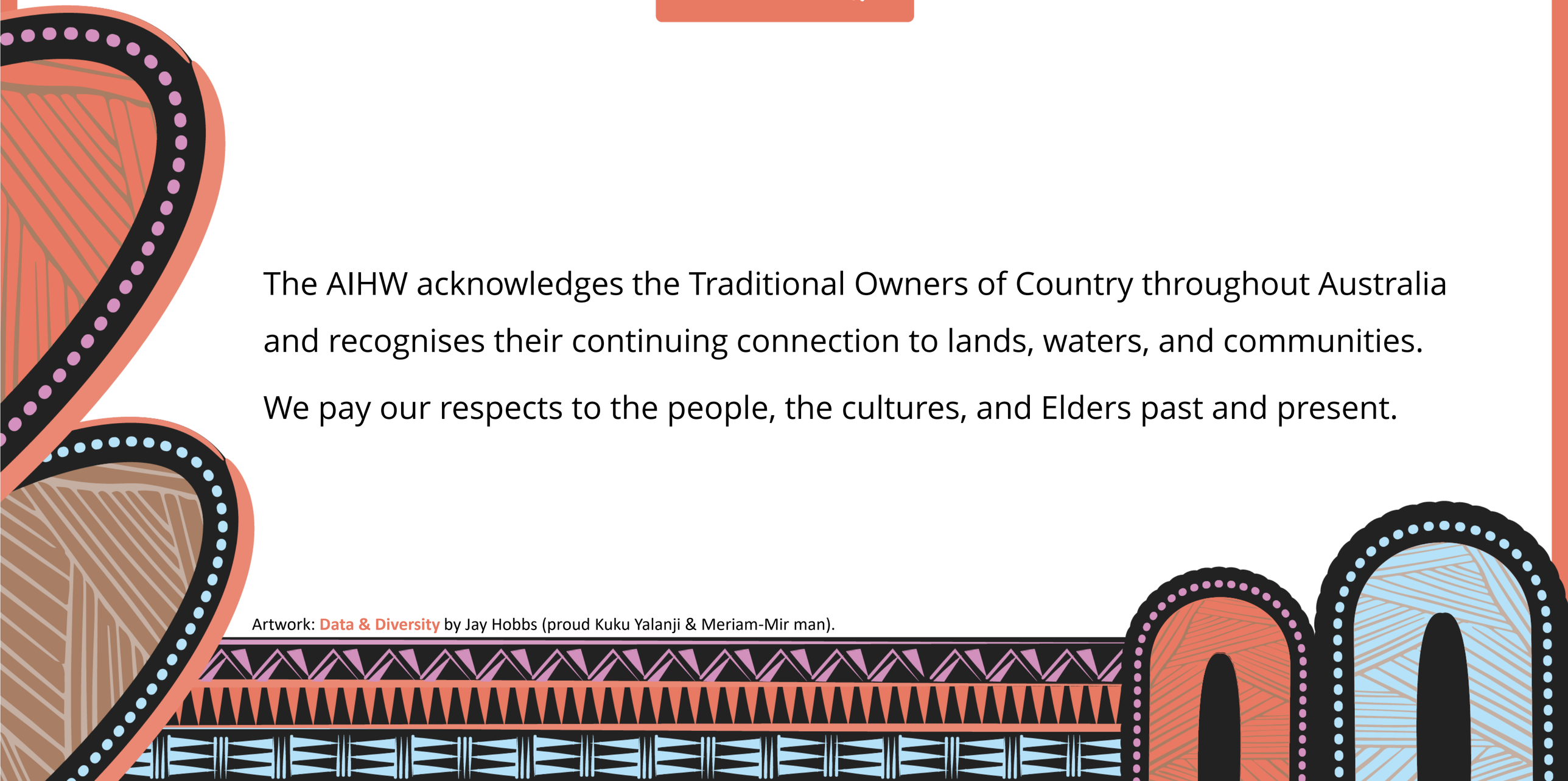
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The AIHW acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to lands, waters, and communities.

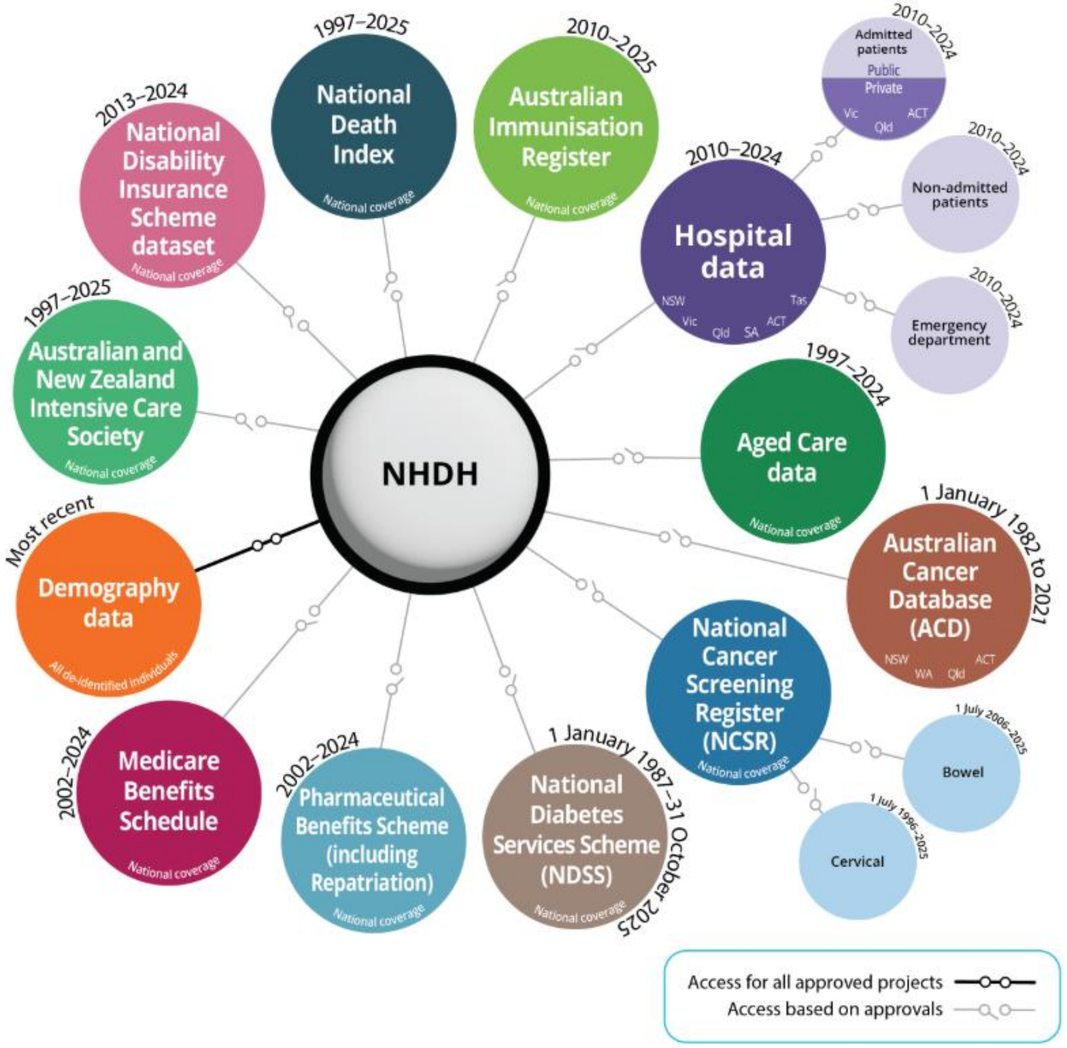
We pay our respects to the people, the cultures, and Elders past and present.



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AIHW linkage environment

National Health Data Hub - national de-identified linked data system that draws together core government administrative health, welfare, disability and aged care datasets.

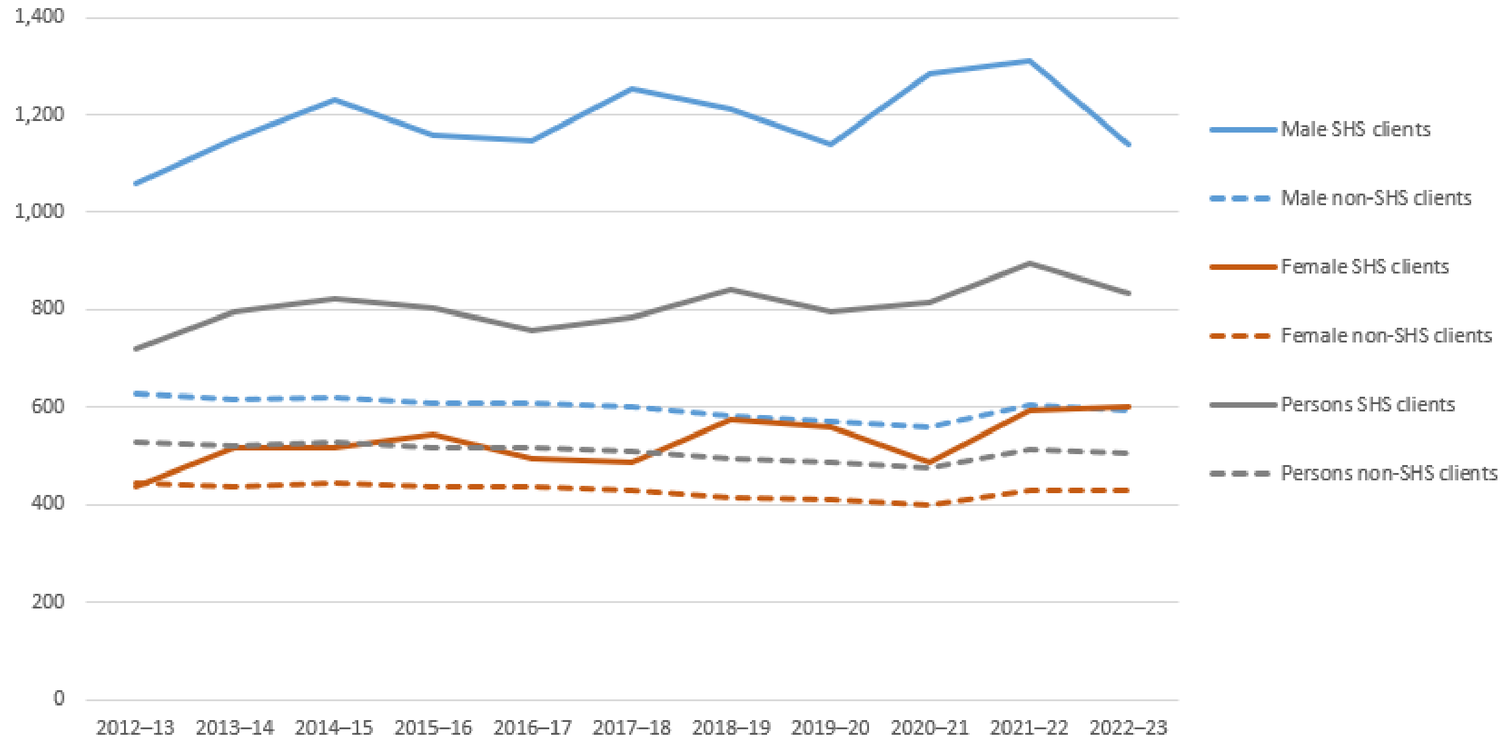


People receiving SHS support in the last year of life

14,000 people received SHS support in their last year of life from 2012–23

- 8,700 males
- 5,300 females

Age standardised mortality rate, SHS and non-SHS clients, by sex, 2012–23

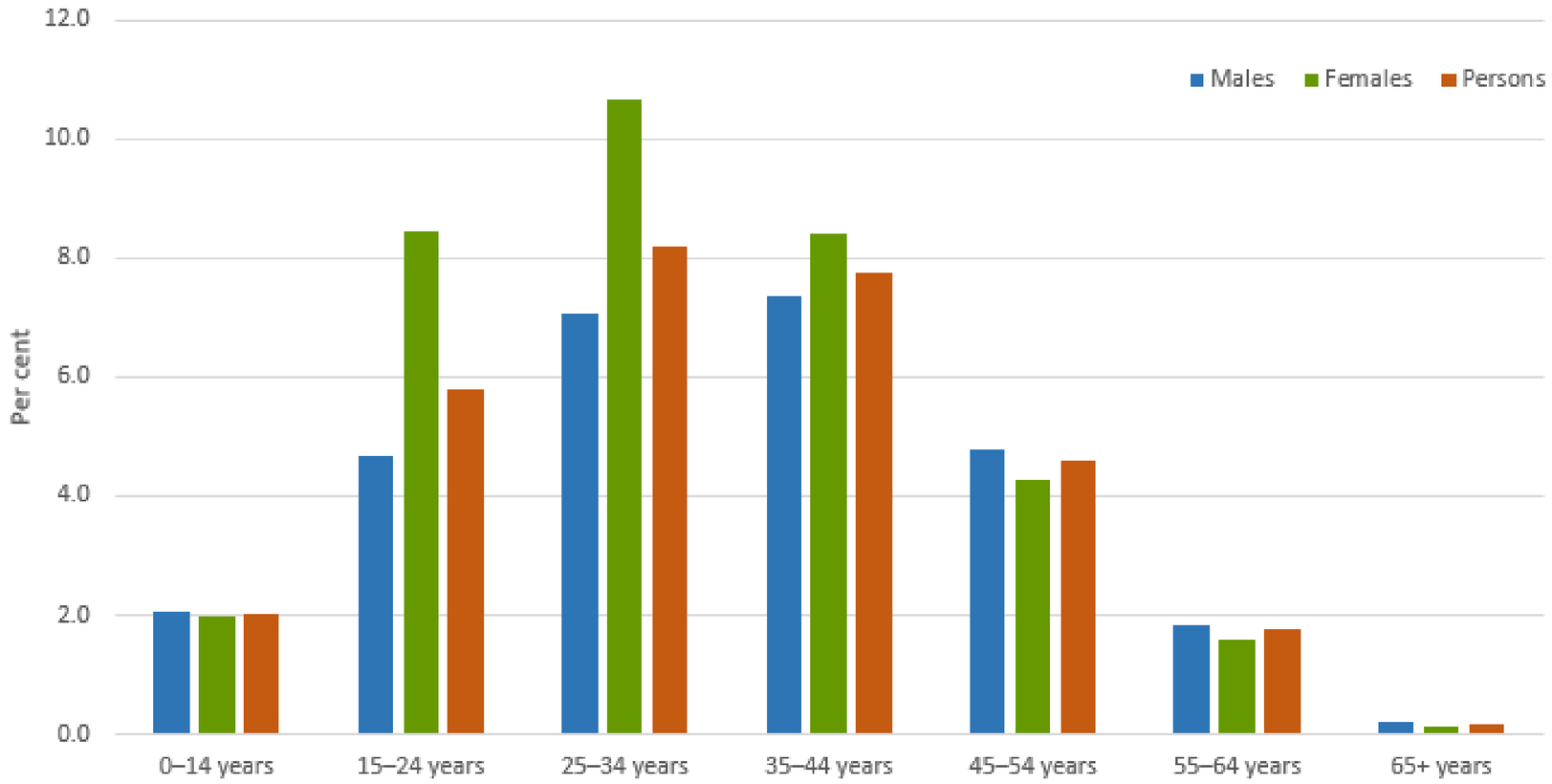


Source: NACS linked dataset, AIHW.

Age at death

Around 10% of 25–34 females who died in Australia received SHS support in their last year of life.

Proportion of all deaths who received SHS support in the last year of life, by age and sex, 2012–23



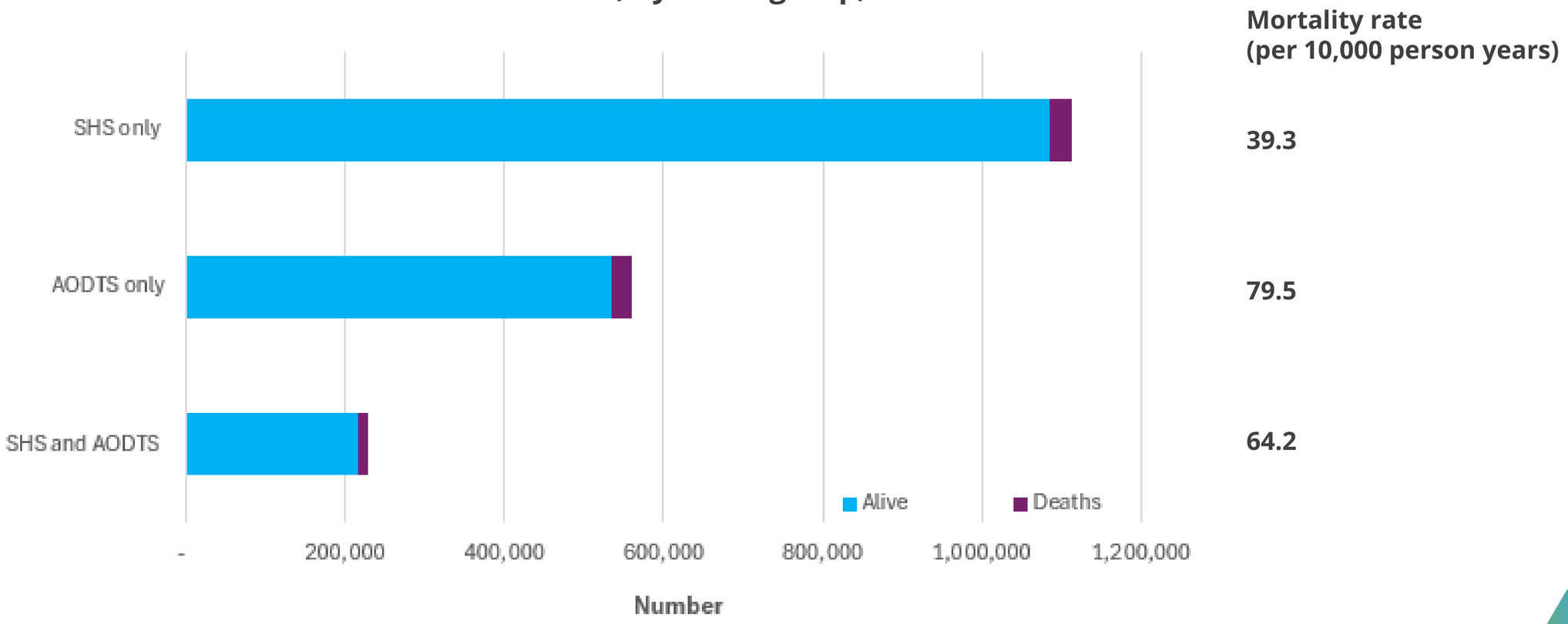
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Mortality – health and welfare support systems

Around 1.9 million people aged 10 years or older who have received SHS and/or Specialist alcohol and other drug treatment services (AODTS)

Around **65,000 deaths** over the total period throughout July 2012 to June 2023

Number of clients and number of deaths, by client group, 2012–23

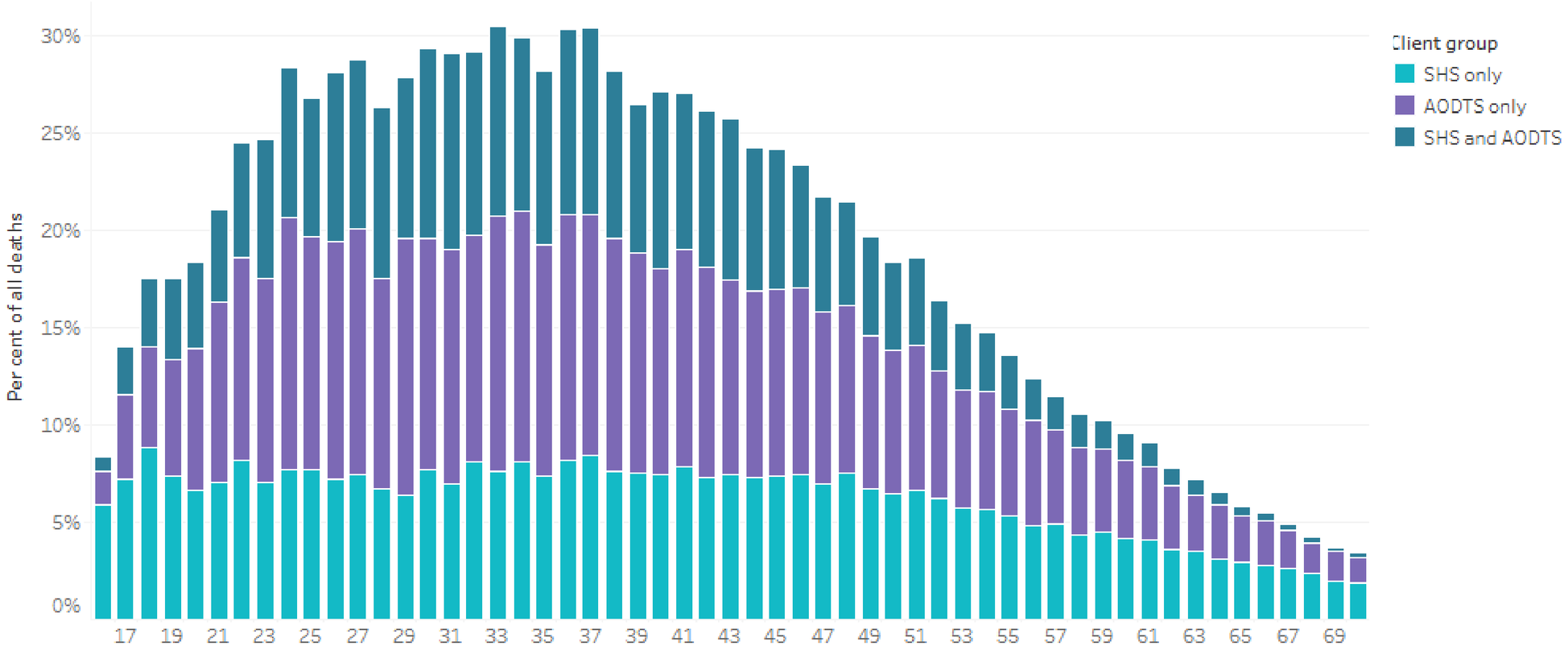


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SHS service support and Specialist alcohol and other drug treatment services

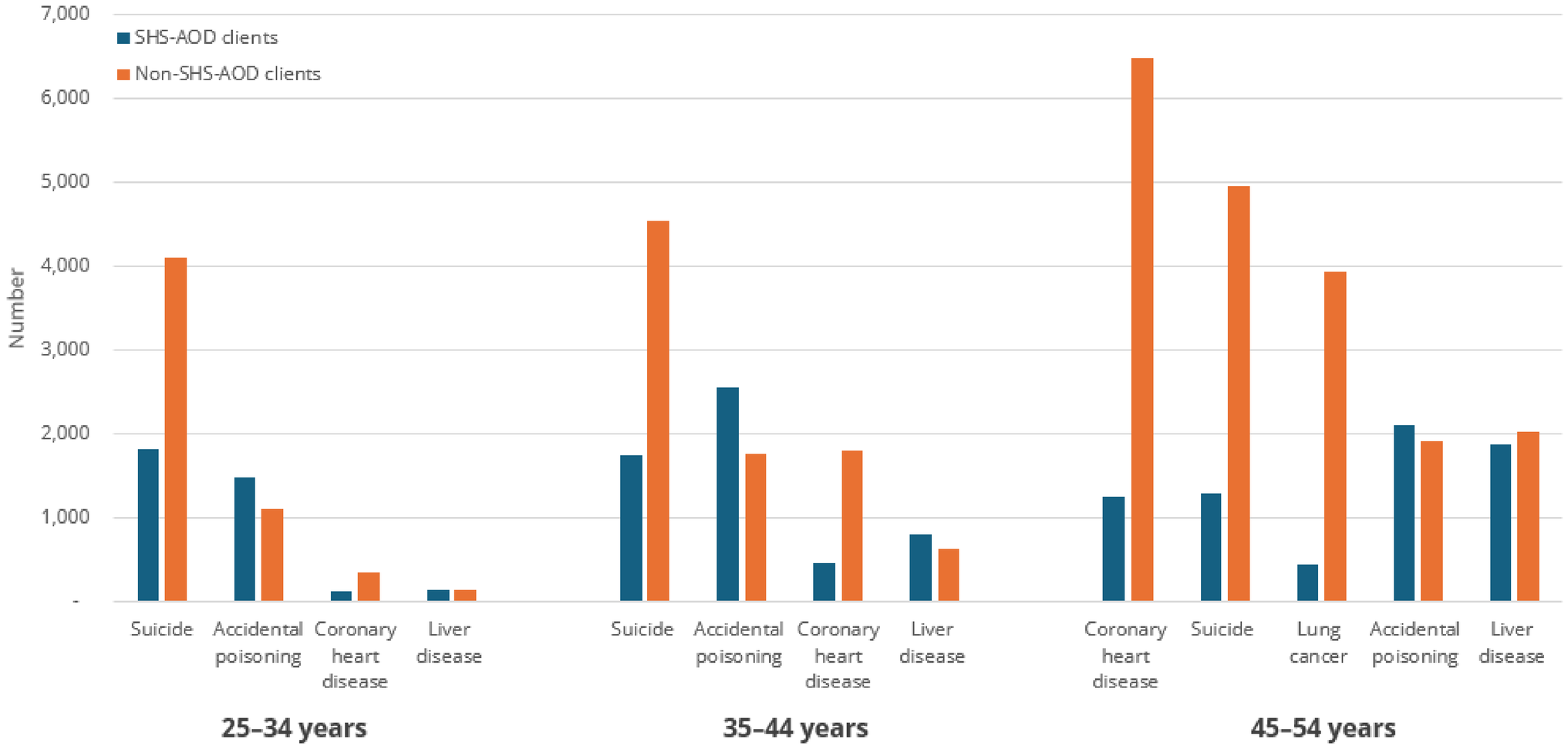
Deaths (per cent), by age at death and client group, 2012–2023



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Deaths by specific causes, by age group and history of SHS and/or AODTS, 2012–23



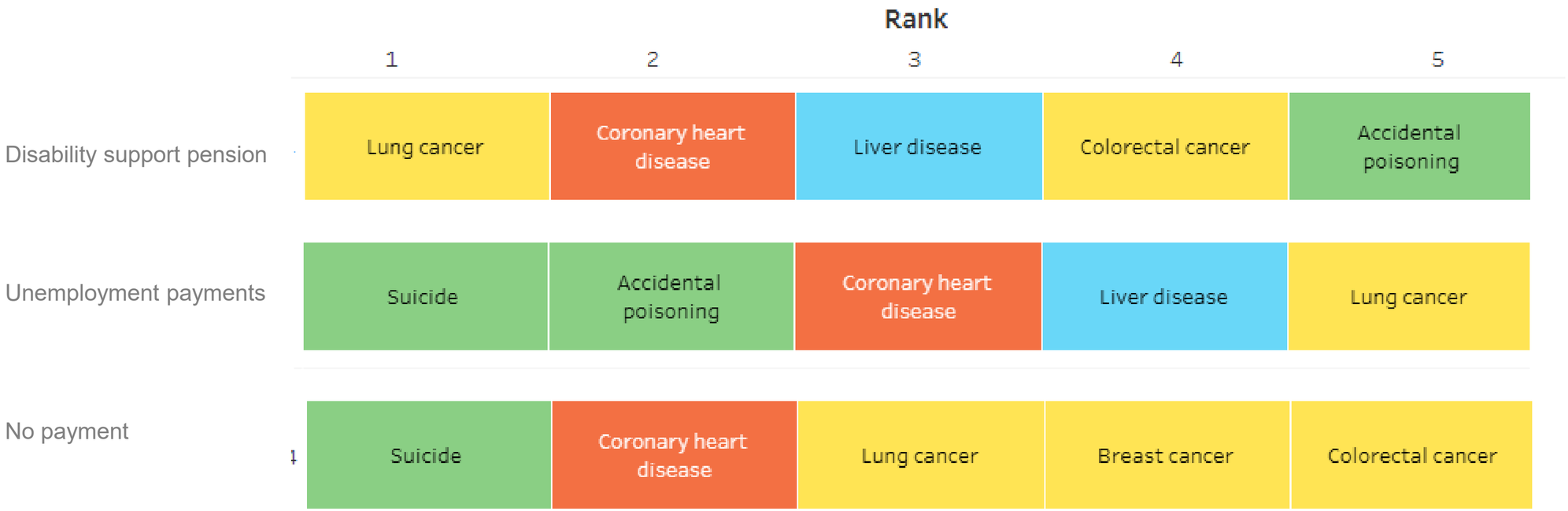
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Mortality among people receiving income support

Person Level Integration Data Asset (PLIDA) study of people aged 22–64 at the time of death throughout 2012–2022

287,000 people who died; **167,000** (3 in 5) had received income support

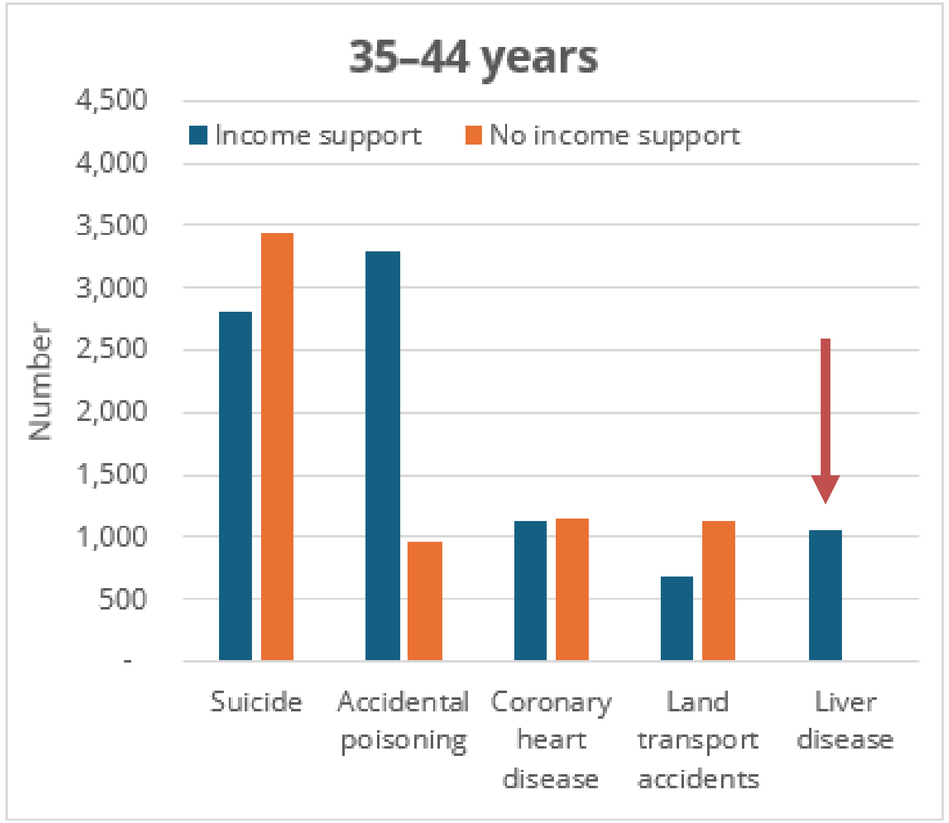
Five leading causes of death, by selected payment types, age and gender, 2012–2022

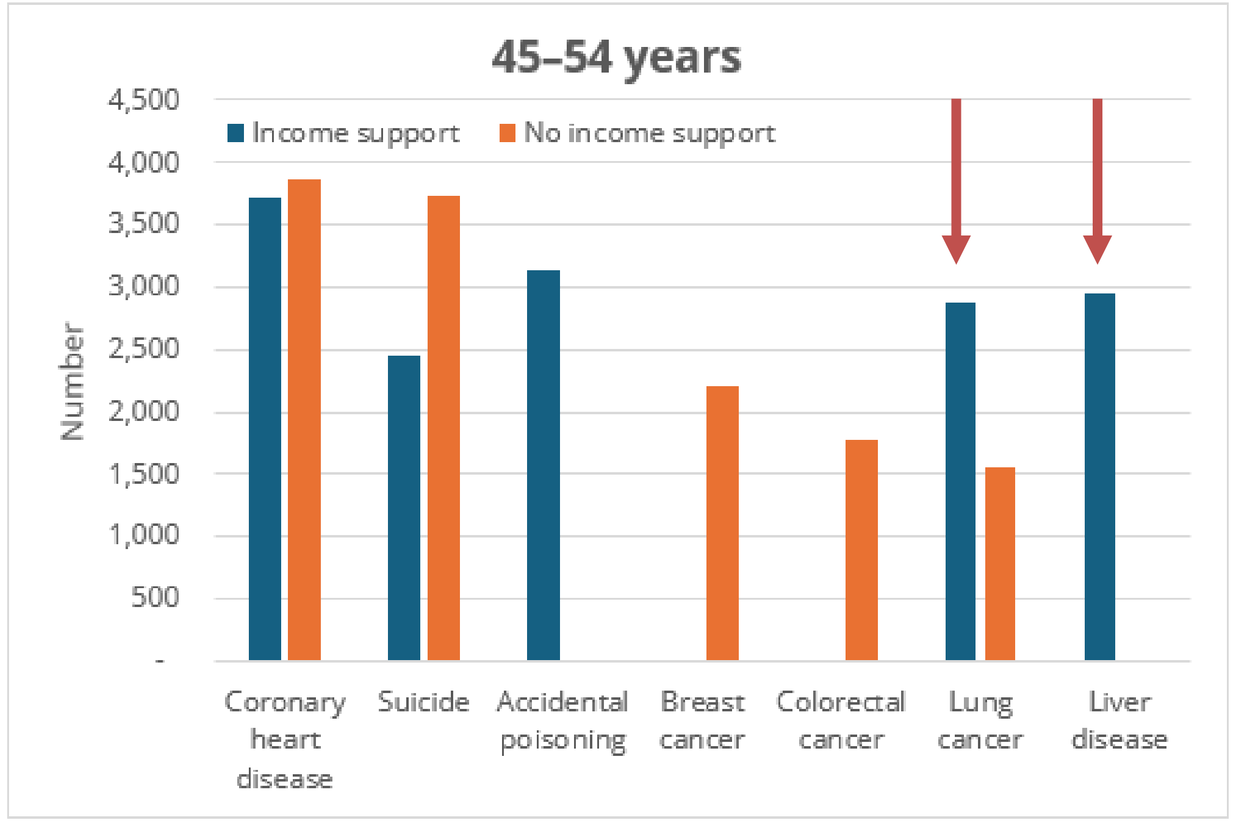


Source: PLIDA, ABS.

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Top five causes of death, by income support status in the last calendar year of life, 2012–22





Source: PLIDA, ABS.
Note: Missing columns indicate this cause of death was not in the top 5 for the age group.

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