

It can be noted from the above table that more than half of the reported deaths in each of the three years under discussion were associated with one cause only.

We now look at the frequency with which individual causes were recorded on a form. Table 4.2 gives the number of associated deaths for the ten leading recorded natural causes of death. *Other forms of heart disease, tuberculosis, and influenza and pneumonia* were the three reported causes that were associated with the most deaths for the three years. However, it should be noted that the number of deaths which had *tuberculosis* or *influenza and pneumonia* as one of the reported causes increased substantially over the period.

Table 4.2: Number of associated deaths for the ten leading reported natural causes of death and for HIV as a reported cause: 1997, 1999 and 2001

Reported causes of death	1997	1999	2001
Other forms of heart disease (I30 - I52)	60 768	53 977	48 927
Tuberculosis (A15 - A19)	25 640	39 759	56 985
Influenza and pneumonia (J10 - J18)	24 698	39 069	55 115
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60 - I69)	24 039	28 218	31 104
Hypertensive diseases (I10 - I15)	19 786	24 911	27 622
General symptoms and signs (R50 - R69)	16 307	19 618	19 454
Respiratory and cardiovascular disorders specific to the perinatal period (P20 - P29)	15 449	16 483	17 191
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40 - J47)	15 330	18 242	20 136
Ischaemic heart diseases (I 20-I 25)	14 512	16 867	17 380
Diabetics mellitus (E10 - E14)	12 133	14 244	16 207
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) diseases (B20 - B24)*	6 602	10 331	9 479
Events of undetermined intent (Y10 - Y34)*	45 182	37 627	35 328

* HIV and non-natural causes (events of undetermined intent) have been added for comparison purposes

It should be noted that this table focuses on natural causes of death, and at the second level of classification (broad groups of causes). This is in order to facilitate comparison with the findings from the analysis of the derived underlying causes of death, which follows in section 4.5. The comparison between reported and underlying causes will be found in section 4.7.