

FIRST ANNUAL CIRCUMPOLAR HEALTH METRICS CONFERENCE



STATISTICS IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT
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Circumpolar Health Data:

▣ What We Know



▣ What We Don't Know



▣ What We Don't Know we don't know



D.Rumsfeld (2006)

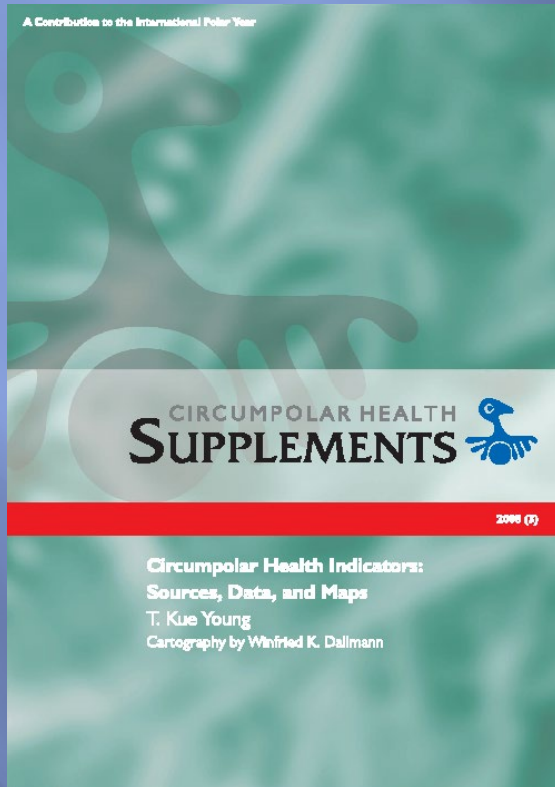
Types and sources of data

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Fertility/Reproductive Outcomes			X	X			
Mortality			X	X			
Disease incidence/ prevalence				X	X	X	
Disability/activity limitation						X	
Perceived health						X	
Health Determinants:							
Social/cultural/economic factors	X					X	
Personal lifestyles/practices						X	
Physical environment						X	X
Human biological factors						X	
Health Care:							
Health care resources							X
Utilization of services					X	X	
Perception of services						X	
Health system performance					X	X	X

Data linkage can enhance capability of data systems, especially in causal associations

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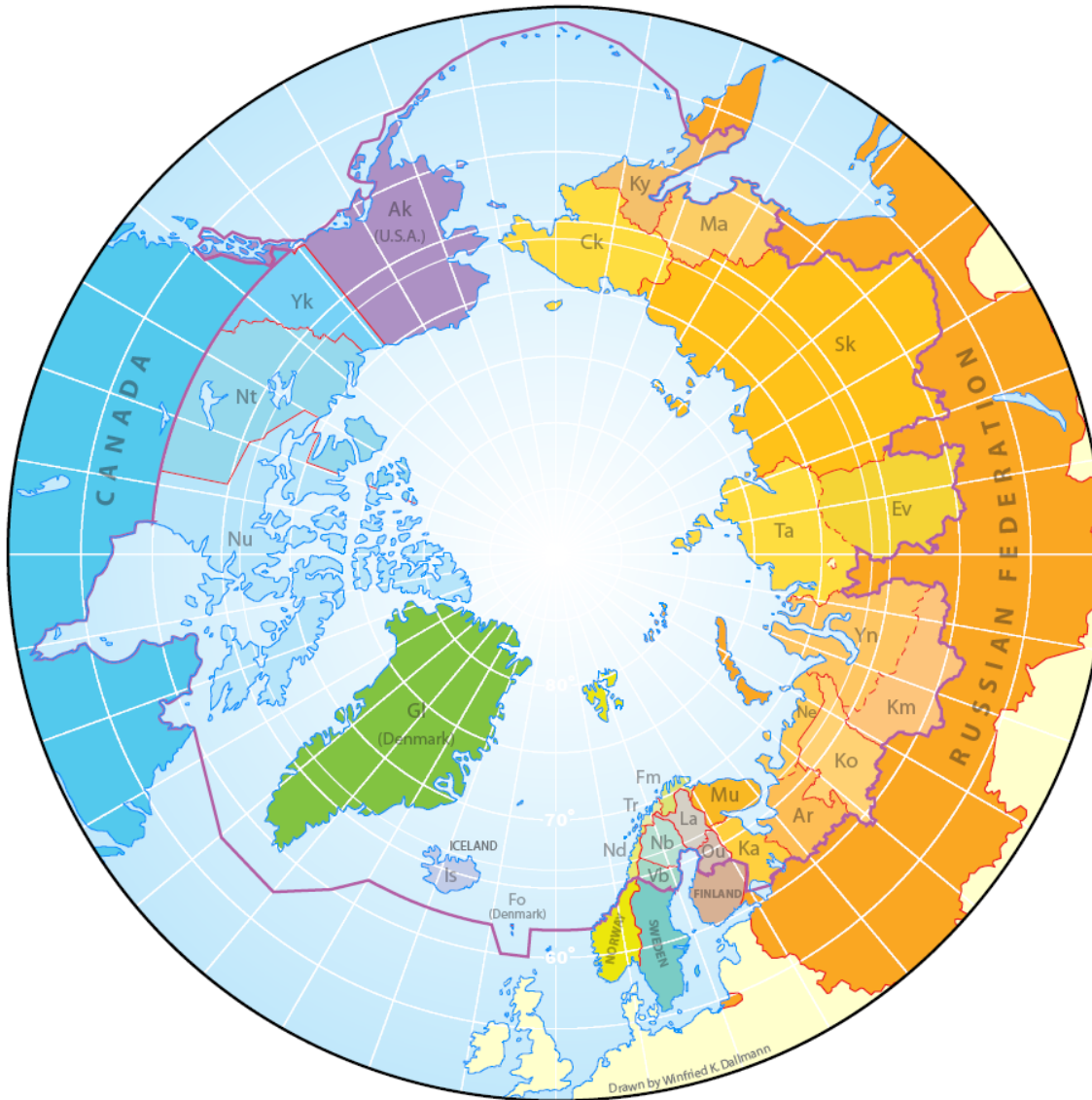
Circumpolar Health
Observatory

<http://circhob.circumpolarhealth.org>

[www.ijch.fi/CHS/CHS_2008\(3\).pdf](http://www.ijch.fi/CHS/CHS_2008(3).pdf)

About CircHOB

- ▣ international collaborative health information system
- ▣ systematic, standardized, and consistent data collection and analysis
- ▣ produces data for all northern regions in all circumpolar countries
- ▣ monitors trends and patterns in health status, health determinants, and health care
- ▣ provides evidence for planning and evaluation of health programs and services.
- ▣ on-going and sustainable with periodic updates.



[US] United States

[Ak] Alaska

[Yk] Yukon

[Nu] Nunavut

[G1] Greenland

[IS] Iceland

[Nd] Nordland

[Fm] Finnmark

[Vb] Västerbotten

[FI] Finland

[La] Lappi

[Mu] Murmansk Oblast

[Ar] Arkhangelsk Oblast

[Ko] Komi Republic

[Km] Khanty-Mansi AO

[Ev] Evenki AO

[Ma] Magadan Oblast

[Ck] Chukotka AO

Circumpolar countries and regions

Data Sources



nomesco



Statistics
Canada

ФЕДЕРАЛЬНАЯ СЛУЖБА
ГОСУДАРСТВЕННОЙ СТАТИСТИКИ



Eurostat

National Center for Health Statistics.



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ALASKA CENTER FOR
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norgeshelsa på nett



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Hagstofa Íslands



STAKES

Terveyden- ja työterveysalan tutkimus- ja kehittämiskeskus



Tilastokeskus

NAMMINERSORNERULLUTIK OQARTUSSAT
GRØNLANDS HJEMMESTYRE

Grønlands Statistik



Guided Tour

<http://circhob.circumpolarhealth.org>

Reports/products

- ▣ Data Briefs on selected topics – 2 per year in *International Journal of Circumpolar Health* – 3 published to date
- ▣ *Circumpolar Health Atlas* [in production, to be published by U of T Press in 2012]
- ▣ *The Health of Circumpolar Peoples: A Report Card 2000-2009* [for release at IPY conference 2012]



Data brief: introduction and population

DATA BRIEF FROM THE CIRCUMPOLAR HEALTH OBSERVATORY

Introduction and population [2010:1]

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DATA BRIEF FROM THE CIRCUMPOLAR HEALTH OBSERVATORY

Health expenditures [2010:2]

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DATA BRIEF FROM THE CIRCUMPOLAR HEALTH OBSERVATORY

Infectious Diseases [2011:1]

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trends and patterns in health status, health determinants, and health care, and provide an on-

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Part One The Circumpolar World

Part One provides an overview of the circumpolar region, its history, and its current status. It also discusses the challenges and opportunities facing the region in the 21st century.

Part Two Circumpolar Peoples

Part Two provides an overview of the circumpolar peoples, their history, and their current status. It also discusses the challenges and opportunities facing the peoples in the 21st century.

Part Five Health Systems

Part Five provides an overview of the health systems in the circumpolar region, their history, and their current status. It also discusses the challenges and opportunities facing the health systems in the 21st century.

Appendices

Appendices provide additional information on the circumpolar region, its peoples, and its health systems. They include maps, tables, and other data.

Part Three Health Status

Part Four Health Determinants

Part Four provides an overview of the health determinants in the circumpolar region, their history, and their current status. It also discusses the challenges and opportunities facing the health determinants in the 21st century.

Proposed reports

2-3 reports per year on specific topics:

- ▣ Cancer
- ▣ Diabetes/obesity
- ▣ Injury
- ▣ Infectious diseases
- ▣ Tobacco use
- ▣ Diet/nutrition
- ▣ others....

.... Need “buyers”

What's missing?

Country/Region	Pop	Fert	CDR	IMR	ASpM	LE	CoD	PMR	BW	GA	Ca	TB	Gc	GDP	Educ	Smok	Hosp	Exp	Pers
Alaska																			
N. Canada																			
Denmark																			
Greenland																			
Faroe Islands																			
Iceland																			
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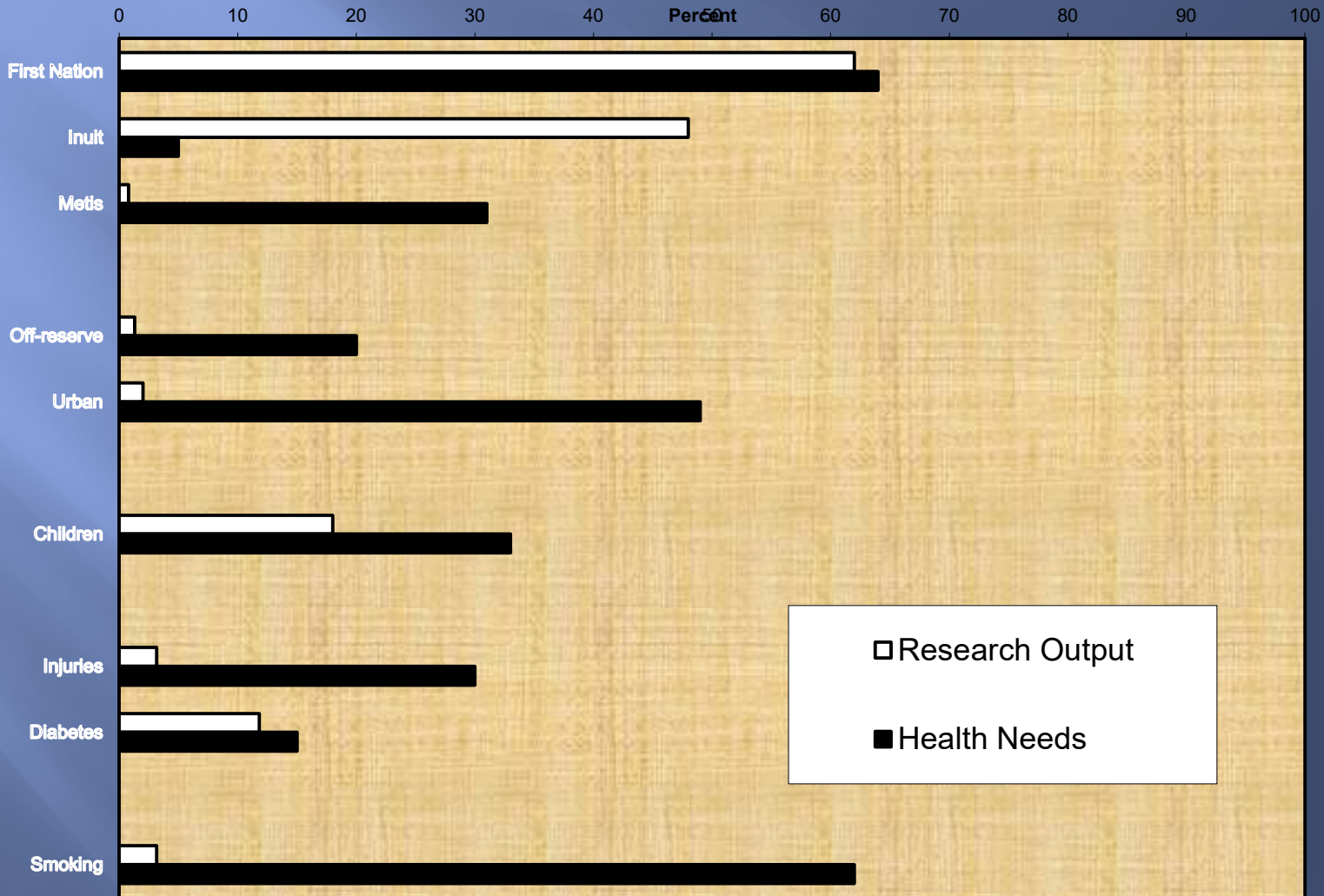


known unknown

Known unknowns

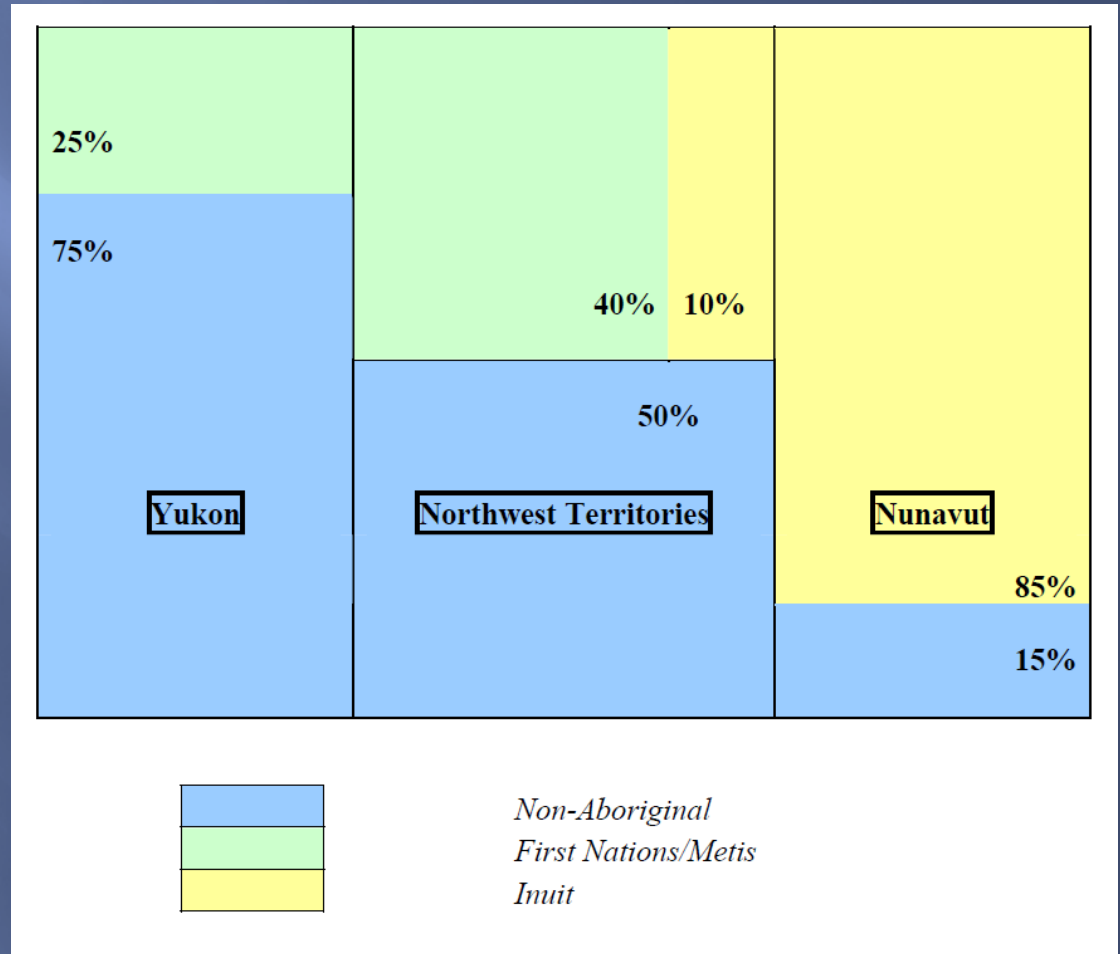
- ▣ *Data are there – can't get at them:*
 - Some Russian regions “status downgrade”
 - Data suppression for confidentiality reasons
- ▣ *Data are there – can't use them:*
 - Lots of survey data, but not comparable due to differences in variable construction, sampling techniques, etc – eg. behaviours (physical activity)
 - Data interpretation dependent on contextual meanings of underlying concepts – eg. SES
- ▣ *Data are not there – they need to be created:*
 - Performance indicators [quality of care, access, safety, efficiency, timeliness, cultural sensitivity, etc] across diverse health systems

▣ Research on research – is current research filling in data gaps?

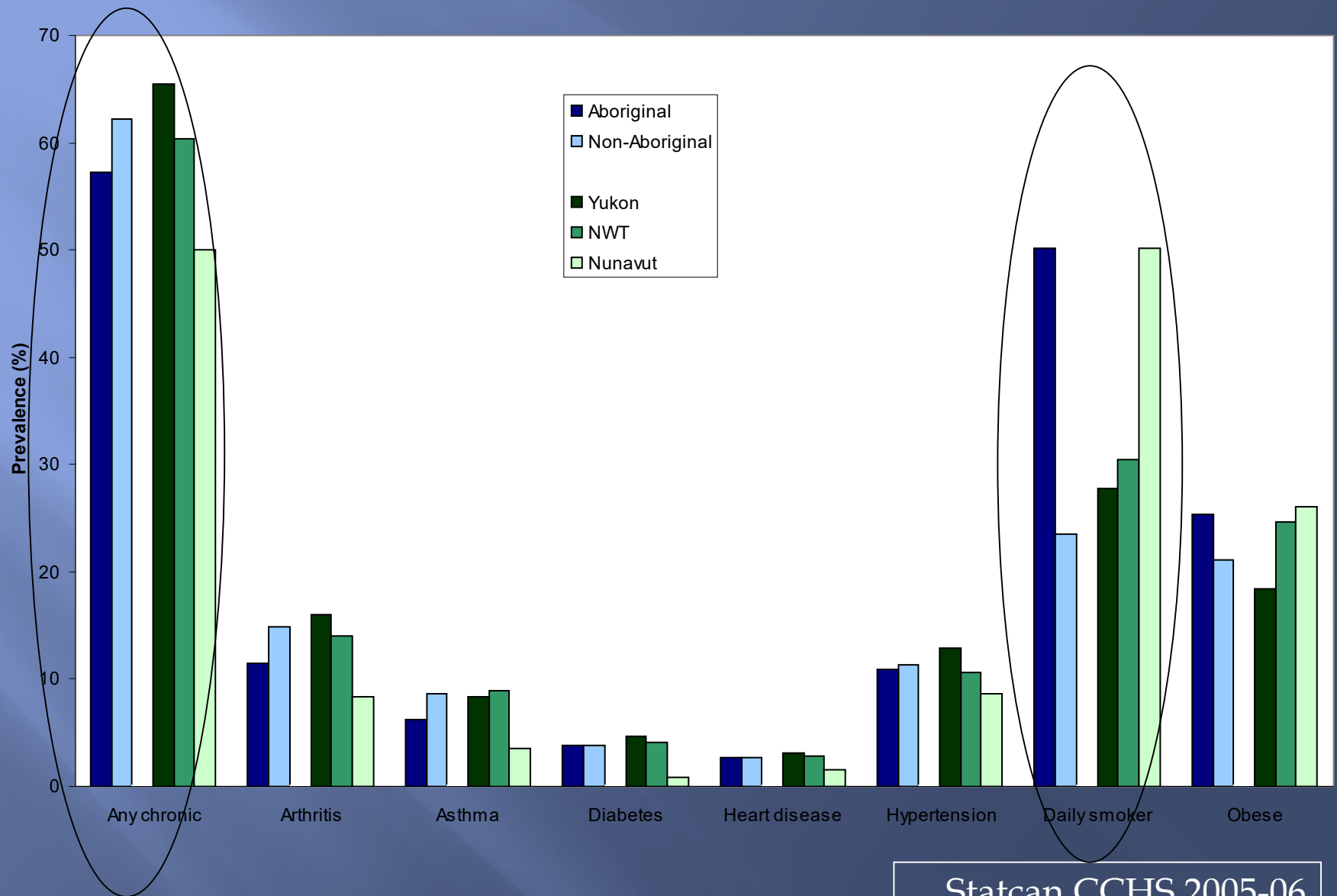


Indigenous people data

- ▣ Alaska and Greenland most complete; Sami and Russia least available; Canada in between – added work, added value



Self reported chronic diseases and risk factors



Statcan CCHS 2005-06

One size does not fit all

- ▣ The three demographic groups – Non-Aboriginal, First Nations/Metis, and Inuit – differ in disease burden, risk factor prevalence, and health care needs
- ▣ Non-Aboriginal in the North tend to have better education, income, employment and health status than Canadians nationally – selective migration?
- ▣ Breaking down into Aboriginal vs non-Aboriginal is not sufficient – more informative if further breakdown of Aboriginal into Inuit and FN/Metis, but problem of small numbers
 - Diabetes: FN>Non-Ab>Inuit
 - Smoking: Inuit>FN>Non-Ab

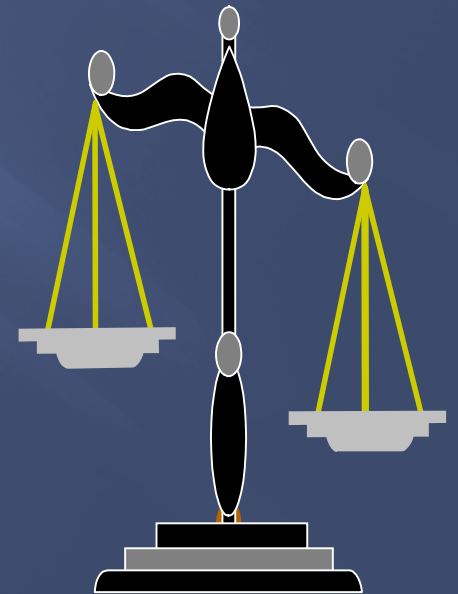
The unknown unknowns?

- ▣ Resource development?
- ▣ Climate change?
- ▣ Global economy?

Measurable health effects?

Can existing indicators capture change?

Risk vs Benefits



Nenets AO, Russia



Alaska



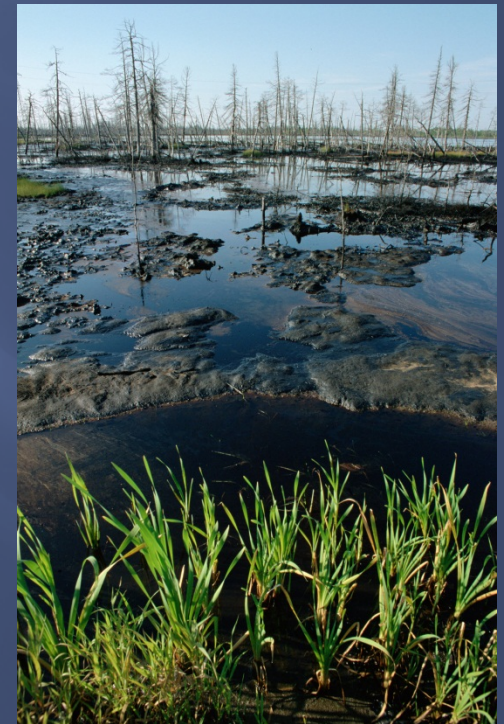
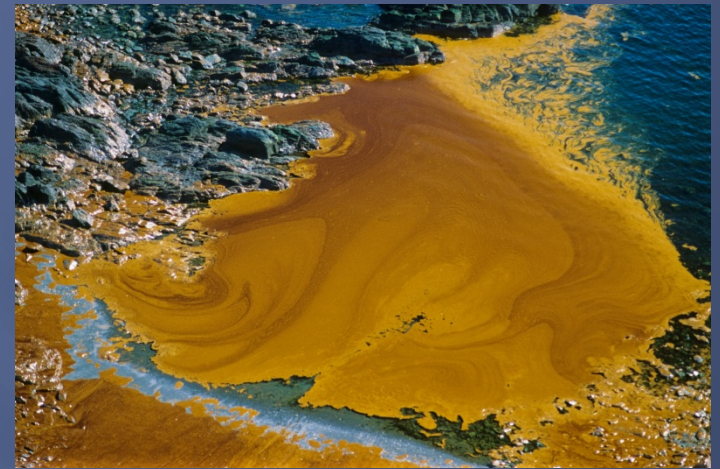
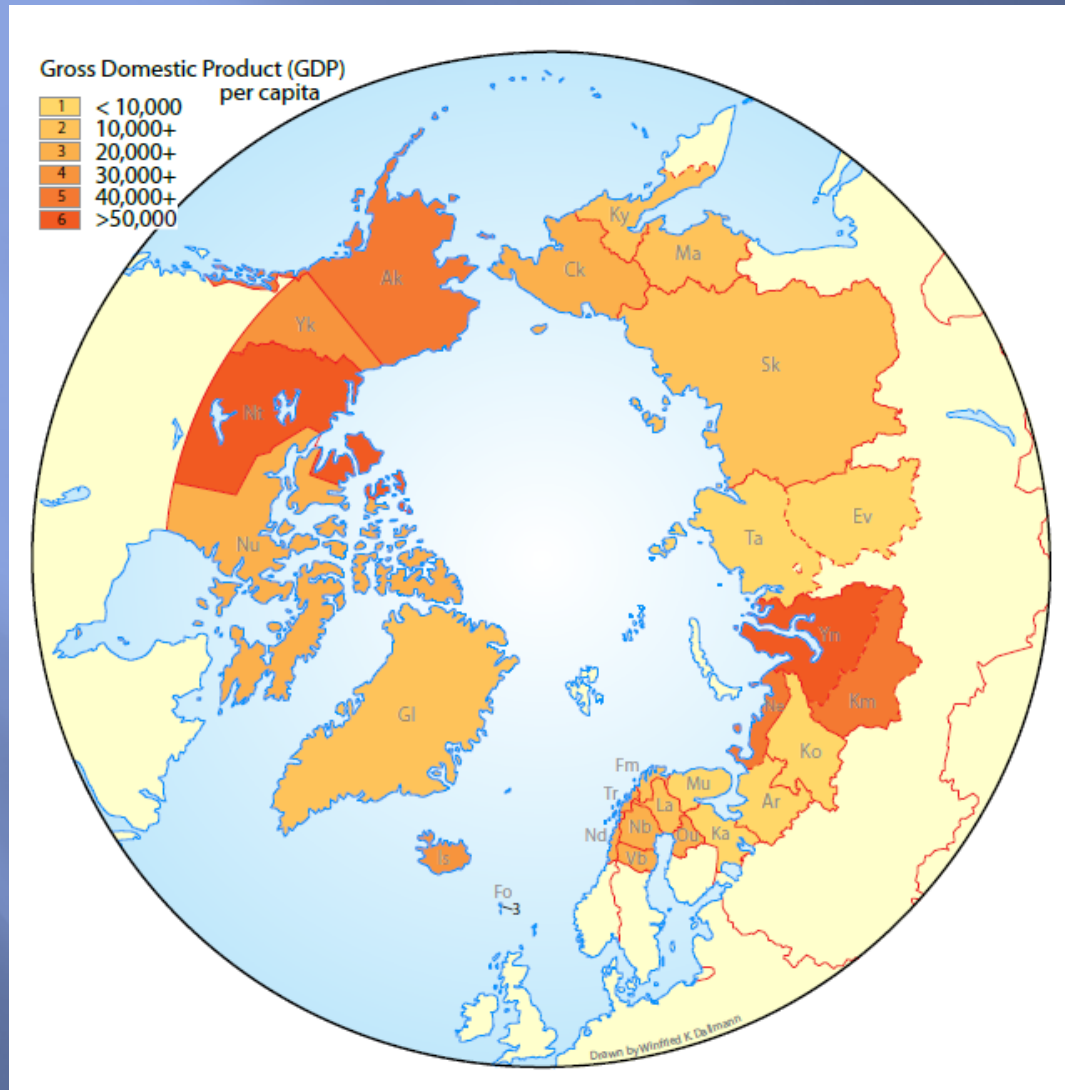
Northwest Territories



Oulu, Finland



Resource development



Economic benefits vs environmental costs



**Climate change impacts on
infrastructure**



Sydgrønlandske landmænd har høstet 92 tons kartofler i år. Næste år regner man med, at der også er jordbær på vej. Foto: John Rasmussen, Narsaq Foto

Næste år er der grønlandske jordbær

Temperaturen sætter ny rekord i Grønland . Blomkål, kartofler og broccoli dyrkes på friland. Næste år er der grønlandske jordbær.

Greenland government aims to develop agriculture, sheep ranching, and dairy farming

New economic opportunities?

Taking advantage of climate change?

Data, data, everywhere and nowhere

- ▣ Always ask the question: Do we need to know this, or is it just nice to know?
- ▣ Data collection as an end in itself, or with a specific purpose – “in support of health systems improvement”?!



Thank you



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