

A further comparison has been made with an over-all rate obtained from the American Cancer Society for respiratory cancer deaths in Canada in 1953. This rate, for males, is 20.8 per 100,000, five more per 100,000 than Phillips' 1950-1952 rate, and compares with 25.3 per 100,000 for proved cases and 33.8 per 100,000 for total cases among the asbestos miners in this study. It is therefore obvious that there are no important differences between the rates for asbestos miners and those for the general population of Quebec and the Dominion of Canada.

Since it is probable that figures for the United States are more complete and, therefore, possibly more comparable to the data for the miners, age-specific rates were computed from "Vital Statistics of the United States", Volumes I and II, for 1952. These rates have been tabulated in Table 16.

TABLE 16

Number of Deaths and Death Rates per 100,000
by Age Groups for the Adult Male Population of
the United States—Data From
"Vital Statistics of the United States", Volumes I and II, 1952

Age Group	Population	Cases	Rate per 100,000
20-44	24,544,000	883	3.6
45-54	8,065,000	2979	36.9
55-64	6,340,000	6254	98.6
65+	5,670,000	6483	114.3
Total	44,619,000	16,599	37.2