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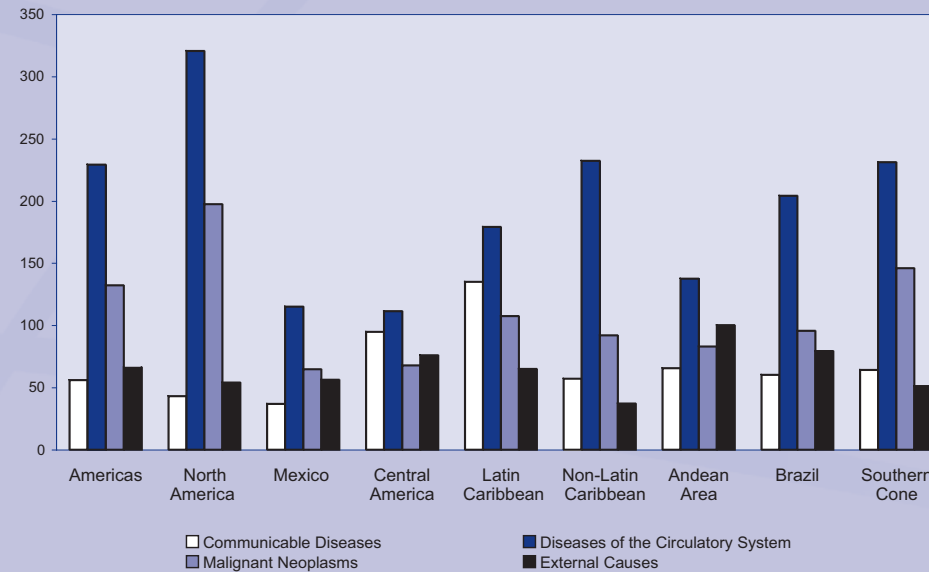
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The publication offers the most up-to-date information on health in the Region. The findings presented are further enhanced by an in-depth analysis from a regional and a national perspective. Tables, figures, and maps illustrating the changing epidemiological profile complement this two-volume book.

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Estimated mortality rates due to broad groups of diseases, Region of the Americas and main subregions, 2002-2004.



Source: Pan American Health Organization. Health Situation in the Americas. Basic Indicators 2006.

Kouri, Jay McAuliffe, Sylvie Stachenko, Muthu Subramanian, Ricardo Uauy, and Marijke Velzeboer-Salcedo.

- A series of highlighted profiles on health challenges and how the respective national health sector is responding to those challenges are presented for each of the countries.

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- the prospects for improving health in the Region addressed by a group of internationally renowned experts who offer their comments on the "Health Agenda for the Americas, 2008-2017."

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