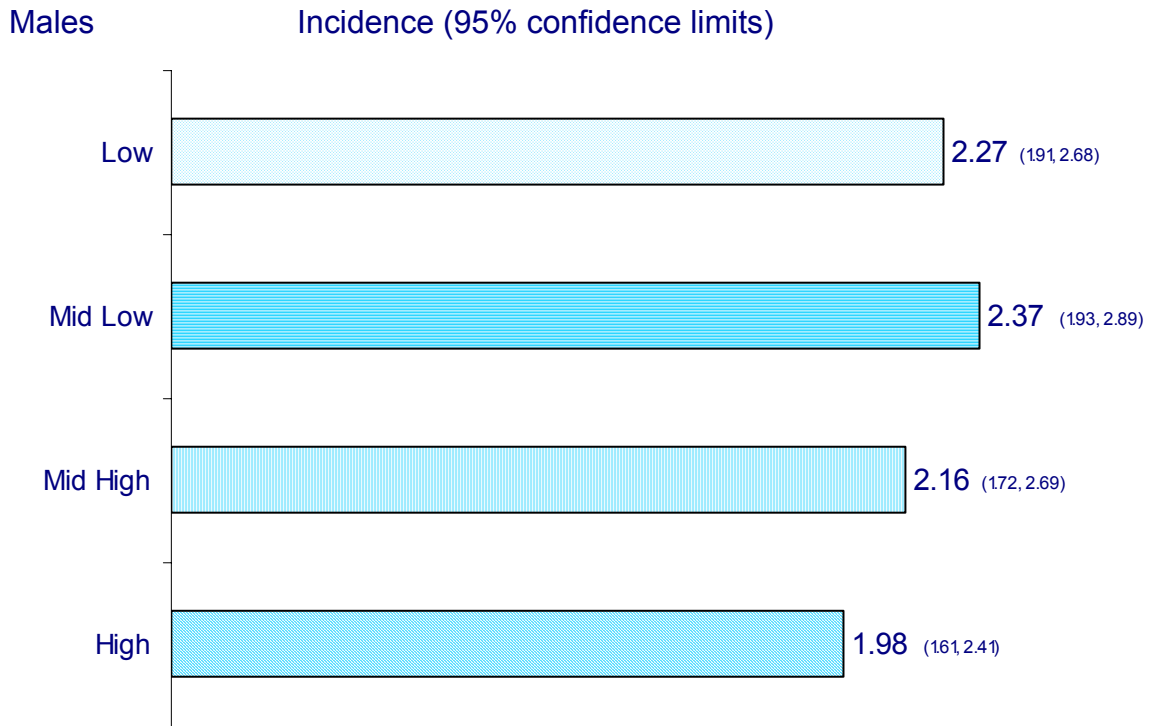


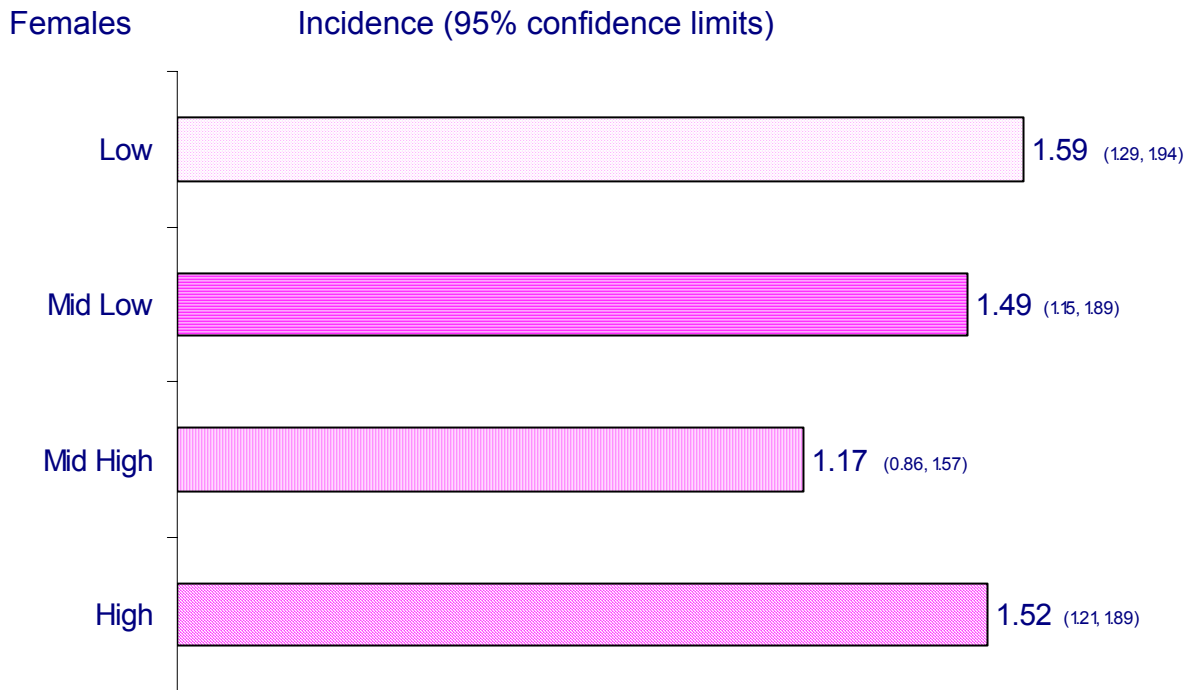
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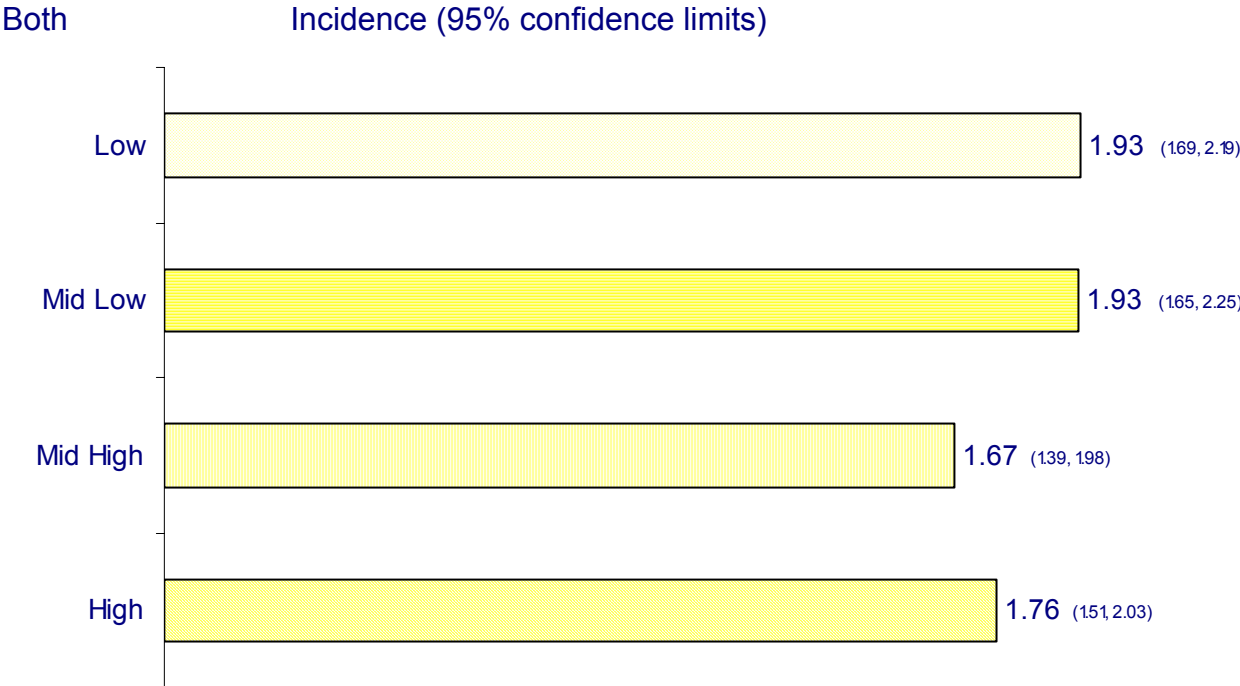
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HODGKIN'S DISEASE

- South Australia has a middle-ranking incidence of Hodgkin's disease by international standards, which was lower than for North America in 1993-97, but higher than for Asia, Africa, and New Zealand. Meanwhile, the incidence varied approximately four fold by region of the world.
- Within South Australia in 1977-2000, residents born overseas had an incidence about three quarters that of the Australian born. Numbers of cases were too small, however, to compare levels of risk by individual regions of birth.
- **Similarly, case numbers were too small to effectively compare incidence rates by socio-economic status and region of residence in South Australia in 1977-2001.**
- While there was little change in incidence between 1977-81 and 1997-2001, a reduction in mortality of about 70% took place, reflecting advances in therapy.
- Infection with the Epstein-Barr virus has been implicated as a cause of this disease.