

EDUCATION AND CHRONIC DISEASE IN PEI

Health is largely shaped by the social, economic, and environmental conditions in which we live, work and play – **the social determinants of health.**

Education is an important social determinant of health; it influences our capacity to engage in healthy behaviours by shaping our employment opportunities and related income levels. Higher education also increases access to resources and environments that support physical and mental wellness, as well as improving overall health outcomes.

Islanders without a High School Diploma* are more likely to have...

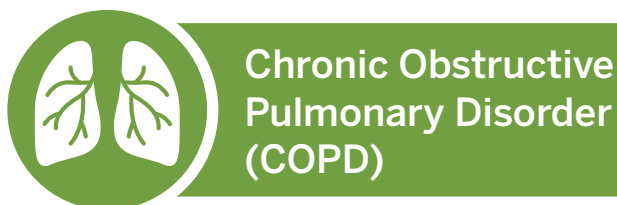


Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

2.4X AS LIKELY

♂ MALES ARE **2X AS LIKELY**

♀ FEMALES ARE **2.7X AS LIKELY**



Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD)

2.9X AS LIKELY



Asthma

1.4X AS LIKELY

Hypertension



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Diabetes



2.5X AS LIKELY

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♀ FEMALES ARE **3.2X AS LIKELY**



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*As compared to Islanders with a post-secondary education.

Data sources: Canadian Community Health Survey (2000-01, 2003, 2005, 2007 to 2014); Canadian Chronic Disease Surveillance System.