

In 2004 the Tasmanian Director of Public Health commissioned a study of the cancer registry statistics for the Howrah census population over a 24 year period from 1978 to 2001. The resident human population of the suburb was 7550 [part of the 7018 - Postcode area].

Based on the cancer diagnoses the Howrah population had 1.11 times higher incidence for *all cancers* over the period than the rest of the Tasmanian population - a statistically significant result at  $p < 0.05$  &  $p < 0.01$

**Standardised Incidence (All Cancers) - 1978-2001**  
**Howrah**

1978-2001	Observed	Expected	Observed/Expected Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	99% Confidence Interval
HOWRAH - Males	421	373	1.13	1.02-1.24	0.99-1.27
HOWRAH - Females	375	341	1.10	0.99-1.22	0.96-1.26
HOWRAH- All	796	719	1.11	1.03-1.19	1.00-1.21

**Standardised Incidence (All Cancers) - 1978-2001**  
**Howrah compared to the rest of Tasmania**

	Observed	Population size (av.)	Cancer Incidence/100,000
HOWRAH	796	7,550	439.3
TASMANIA	40,435	434,380	387.9

\* footnote: cancer rate per 100,000 based of Tasmanian Cancer Registry data and census data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics

Reference: *Report of Cancer Rates in Howrah suburb* - (Tasmanian Government publication) released 22 September 2004