

Big Data in Public Health

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Example 1: Low Birth Weight

Low Birth Weight, Pre-Term and Small-for-gestational-age Rate, Peel and Ontario, 2002-2006 Combined

	Peel	Ontario
Low birth weight rate†	6.9	6.0
Pre-Term birth rate†	7.5	7.5
Small-for-gestational-age rate†	10.8	8.7

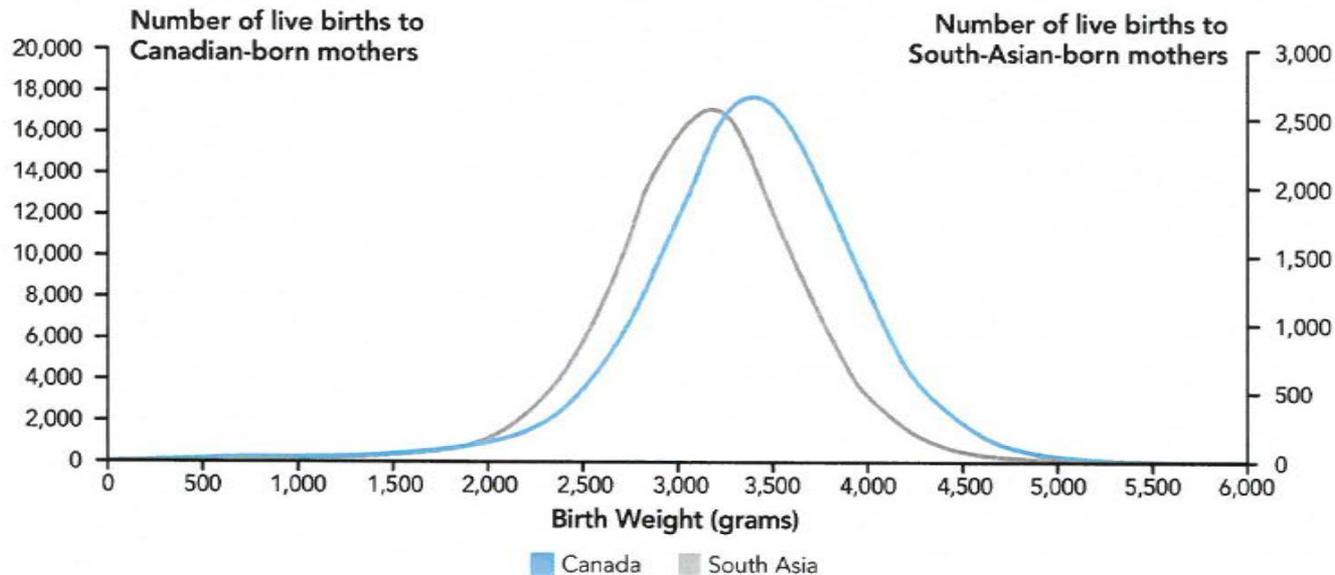
† rate per 100 live births

Source: Ontario Live Birth Database 2002-2006, IntelliHEALTH Ontario, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Birth Weight by Maternal Region of Birth, Ontario

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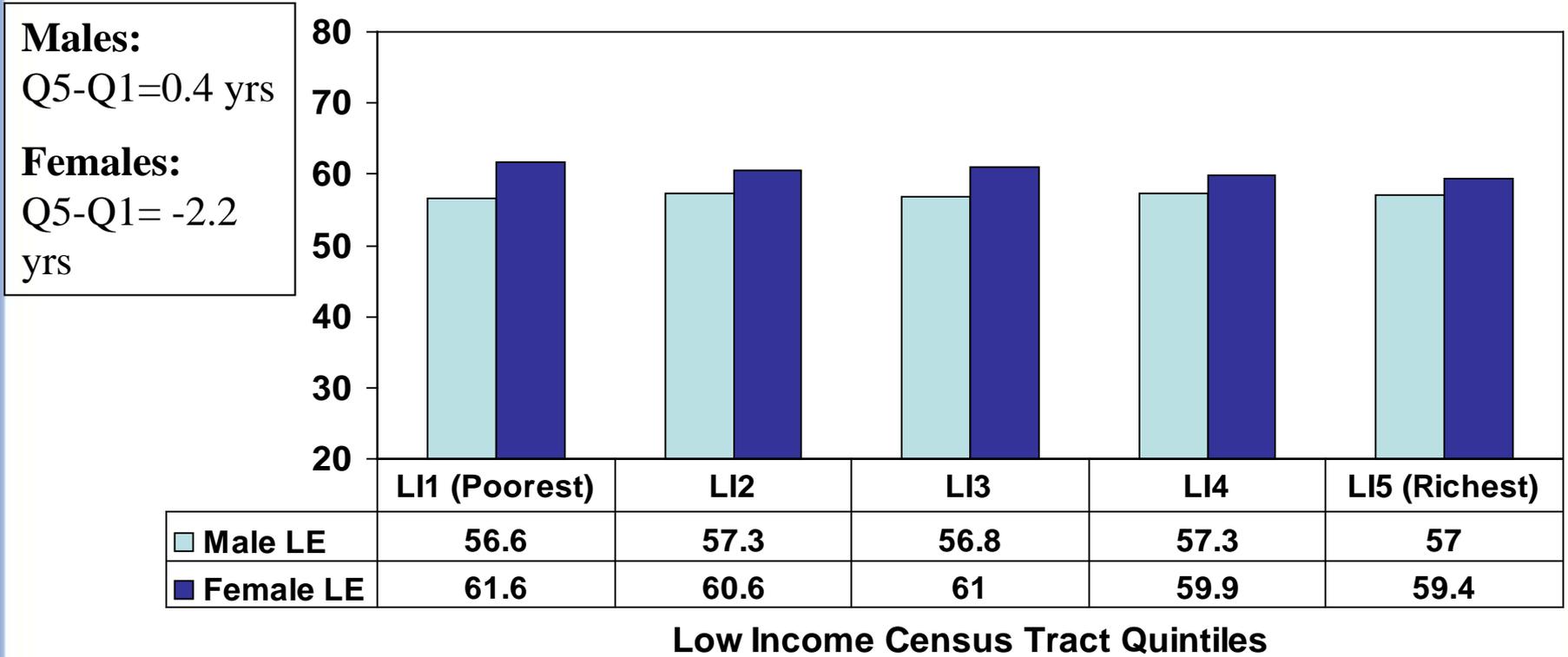
Birth Weight by Maternal Region of Birth (Canada and South Asia only), Ontario, 2002 – 2006 Combined



Note: Data have been smoothed

Source: Ontario's Live Birth Database 2002–2006, IntelliHEALTH Ontario, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Example 2: Remaining Life Expectancy at Age 25, by Low Income Census Tract Quintiles, Peel, 2005



■ Male LE ■ Female LE

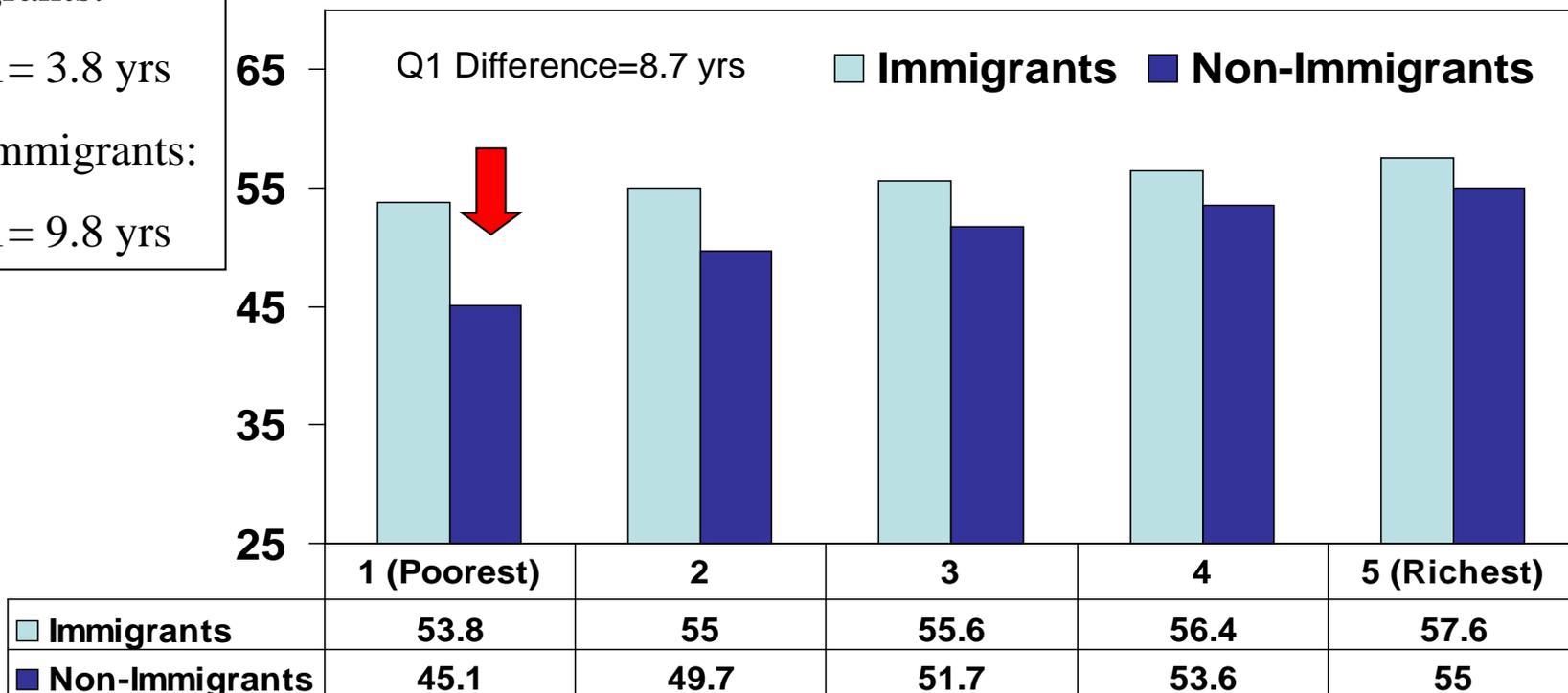
Remaining life expectancy at age 25 by immigrant status and income adequacy quintile, Men, City of Toronto and Peel, 1991-2001

Immigrants:

Q5-Q1= 3.8 yrs

Non-immigrants:

Q5-Q1= 9.8 yrs

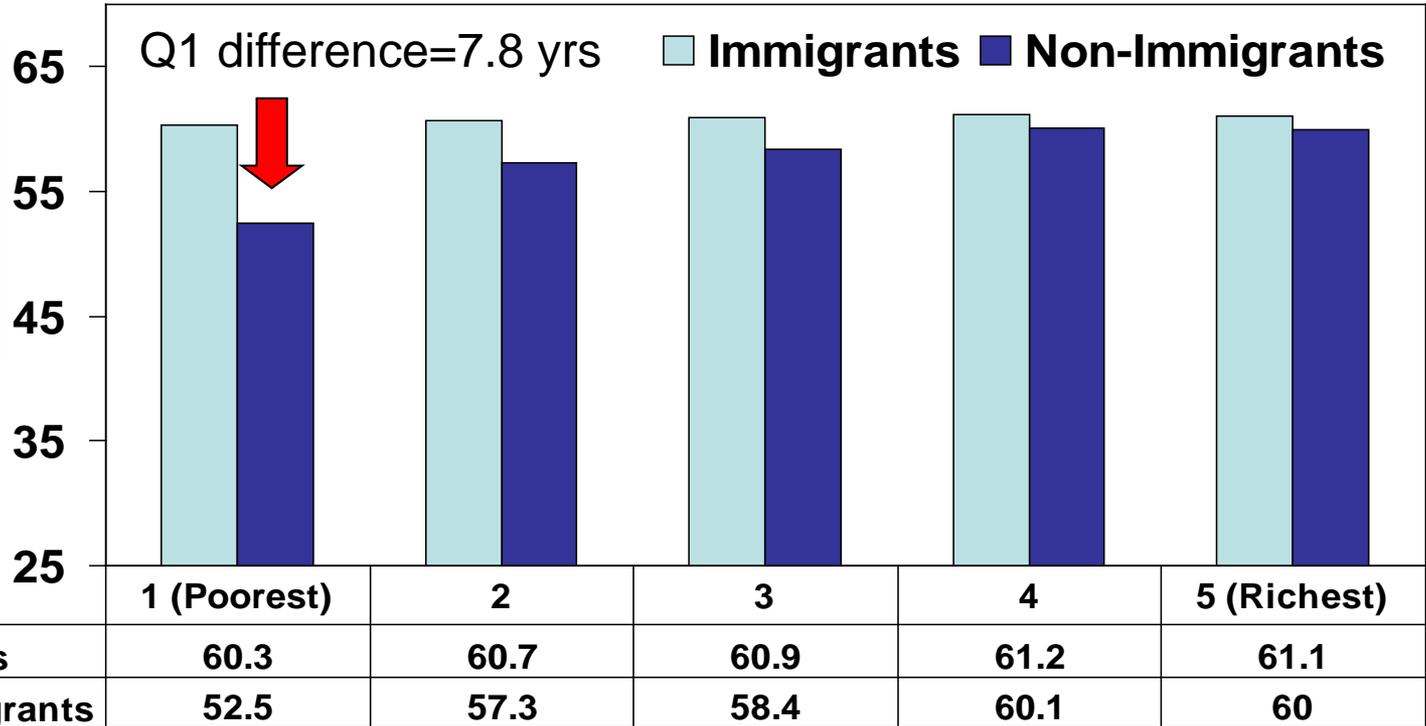


Income adequacy quintile

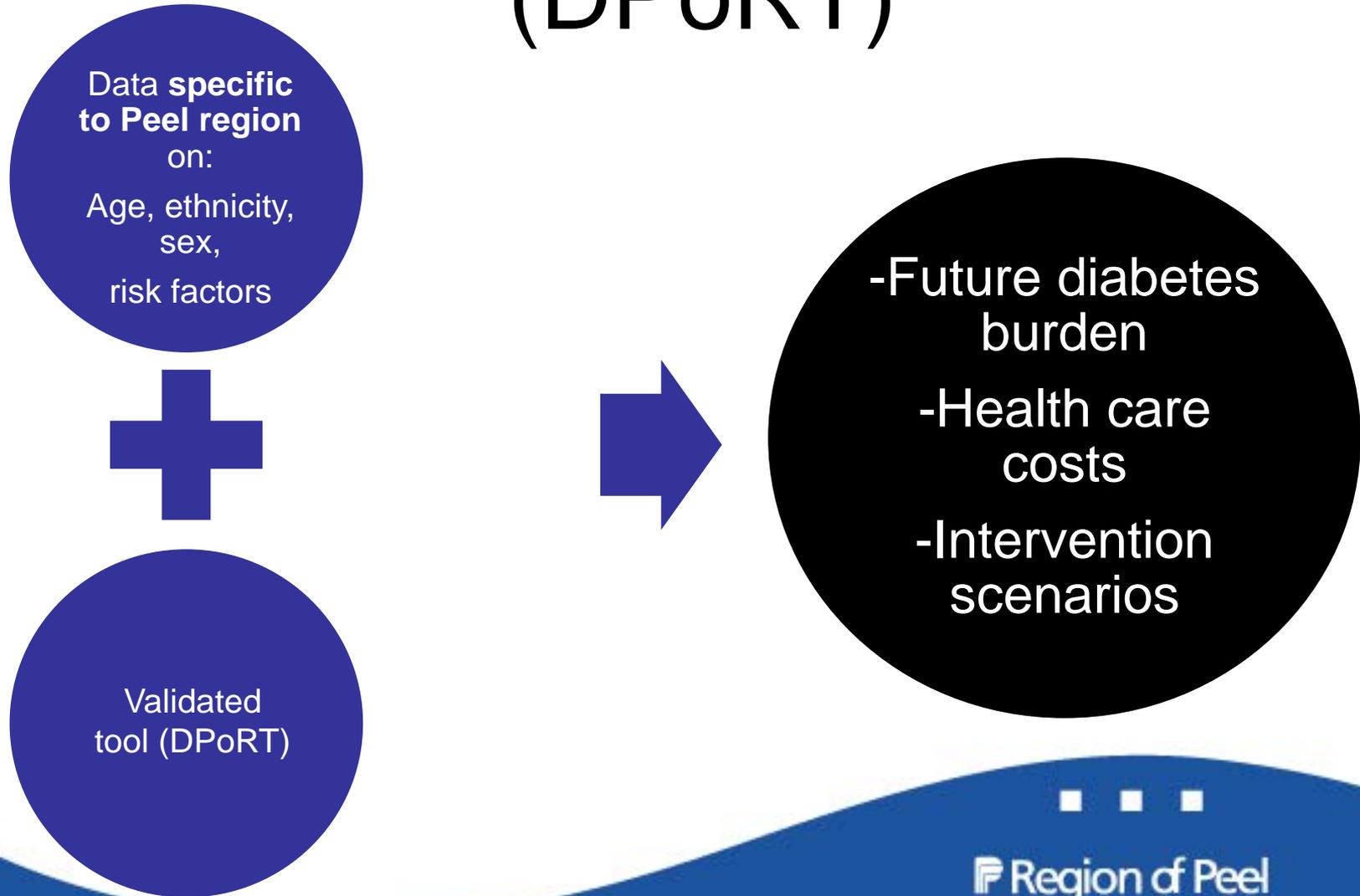
Remaining life expectancy at age 25 by immigrant status and income adequacy quintile, Women, City of Toronto and Peel, 1991-2001

Immigrants:
Q5-Q1=0.8 yrs

Non-immigrants
Q5-Q1=7.4 yrs

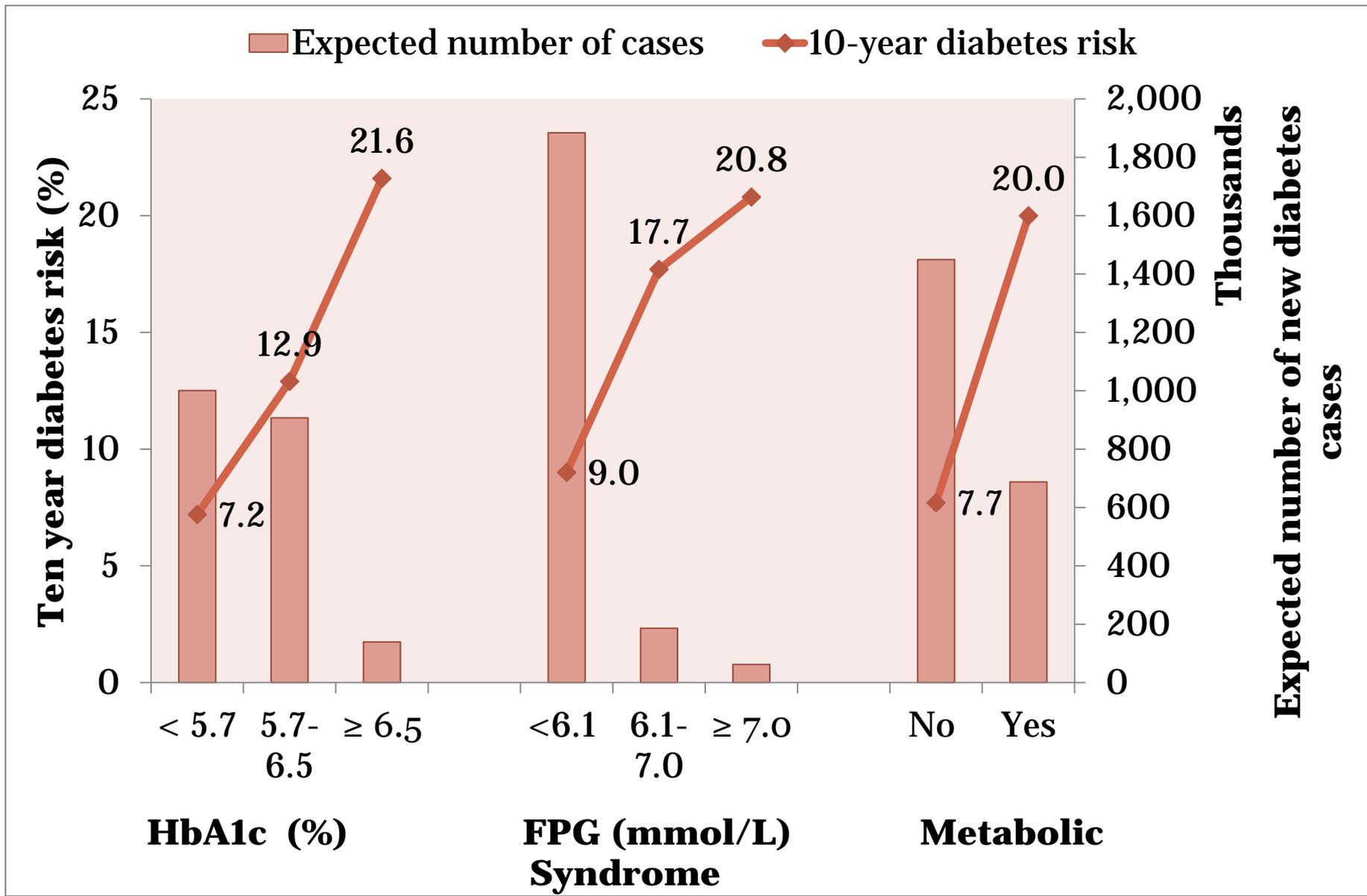


Diabetes Population Risk Tool (DPoRT)



CCHS Data for DPoRT

- BMI
- Age
- Non-white ethnicity
- Hypertension
- Smoking (M)
- Heart Disease (M)
- Immigrant (F)
- Post-secondary education



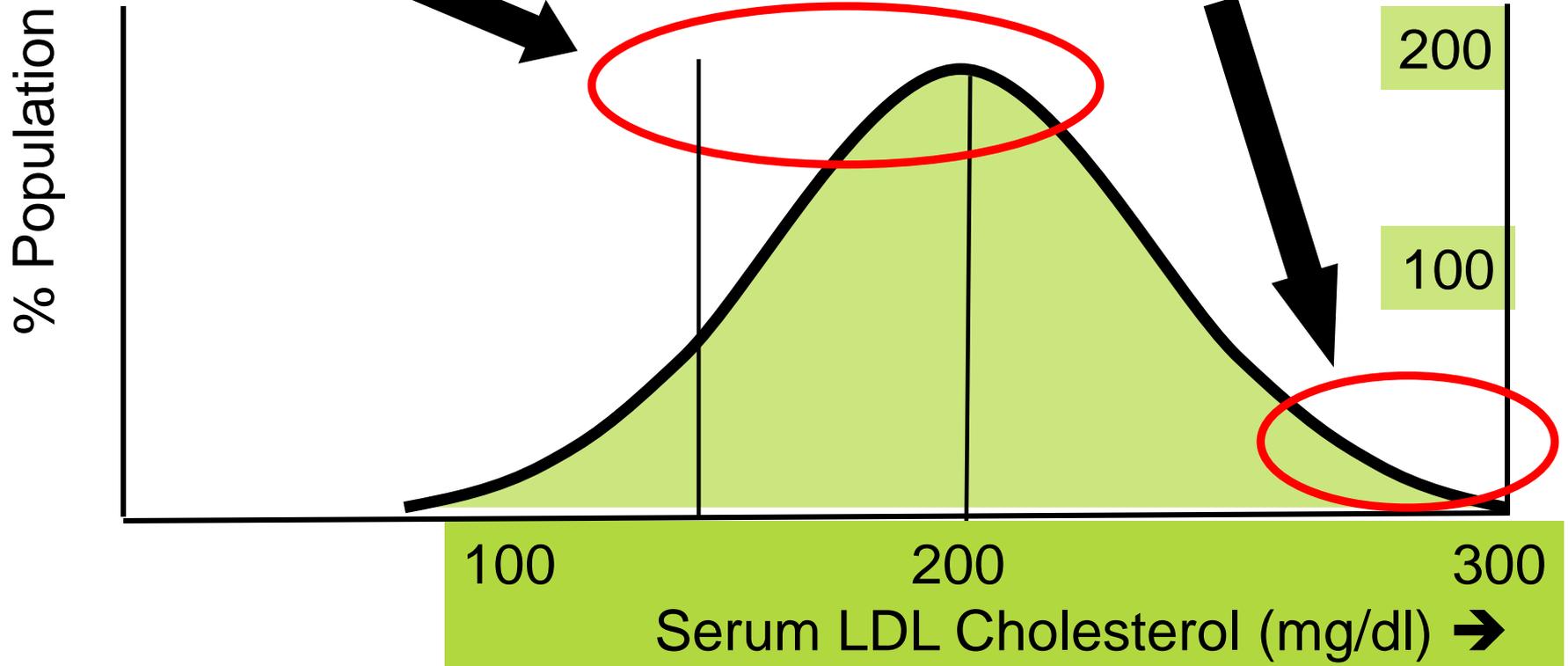
Sick Individuals and Sick Populations: Sir Geoffrey Rose

↑ Population

Lower the mean level of risk factor within the population to shift the whole distribution

High-Risk Individuals

Narrow group of people are targeted to change a very specific risk



The PAF of Walkability for Diabetes

- The overall PAF is **16.2%**

Men		Women	
Recent Immigrant	Long-term Resident	Recent Immigrant	Long-term Resident
19.9	16.1	24.8	13.7
<i>Overall</i>			
16.2			

Some Lessons

- large-scale sample survey data
 - limitations imposed by sample size
 - definitional issues
 - continuity
- administrative databases
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 - linking elements
- quality
- public health-academic partnerships