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Diet

How much disease burden can be attributed to diet, and what components of our diet are most harmful? We explore the link between dietary changes and population health.

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3rd highest risk

group contributing to the global burden of disease in 2019, following high blood pressure and tobacco.

Overview

1.9 million

deaths globally were attributable to high-sodium diets in 2019.

22%

of all adult deaths in 2017 were associated with poor diet, with cardiovascular disease as the leading cause of death associated with diet.

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What components of diet affect health the most?