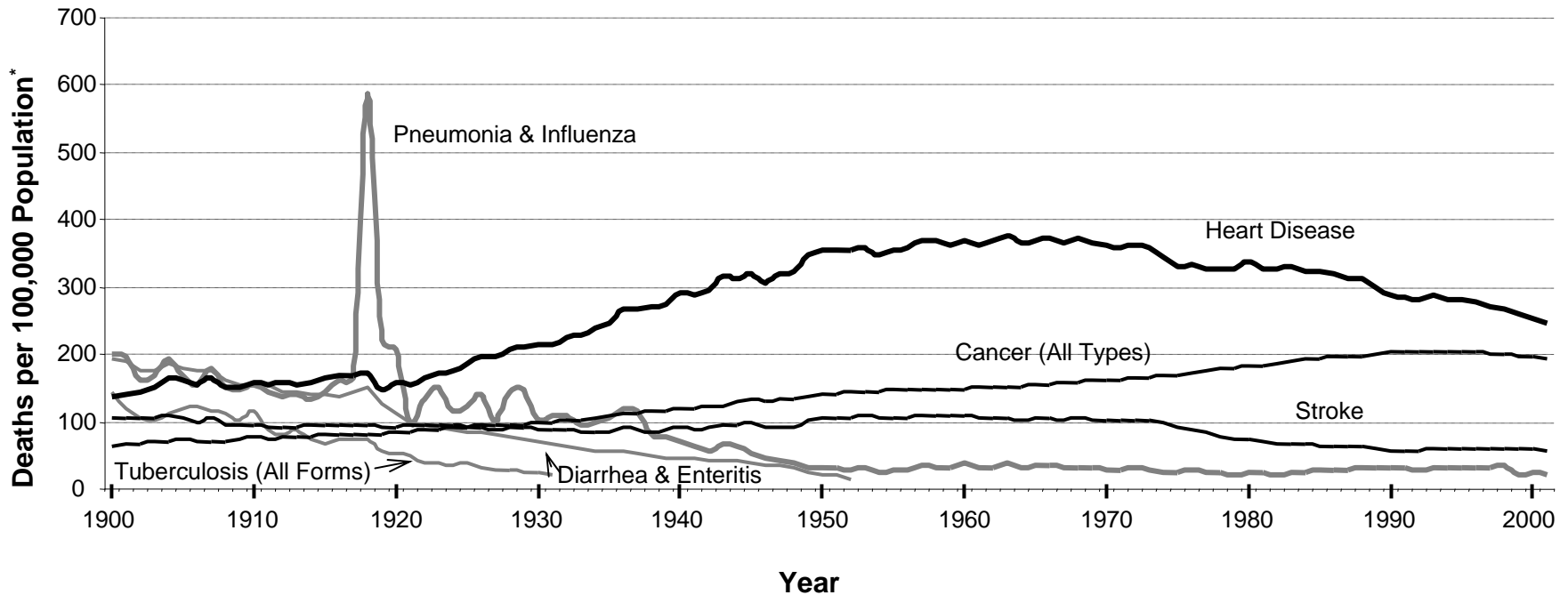


Figure 1.2

## Six Leading Causes of Mortality in the US 1900 to 2001

Three Infectious/Communicable and Three Chronic Diseases



\*Rates are not age-adjusted

Sources: Leading Causes of Death, 1900-1998  
<http://www.cdc.gov/datawh/statab/unpubd/mortabs/hist-tab.htm>  
(Last accessed Dec. 29, 2005)  
Data for 1999-2001 from NCHS's Compressed Mortality Files

Center for Health Services Research and Development  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC