



Swine Flu in Perspective

How serious is swine flu worldwide? Compare the figures for the number of swine flu deaths to some other major causes of death worldwide to see:

As of 27 September 2009, worldwide there have been more than 340,000 laboratory confirmed cases of the pandemic influenza H1N1 (swine flu) and over 4100 deaths reported to [The World Health Organisation \(WHO\) October 2009](#).

Seasonal Flu epidemics, worldwide result in about three to five million cases of severe illness and about 250,000 to 500,000 deaths.
[WHO, April 2009](#).

Half of the world's population is at risk of malaria and an estimated 247 million cases led to nearly 881,000 deaths in 2006.
[WHO. World Malaria Report, 2008](#).

The estimated TB (tuberculosis) incidence was 8,811,000 globally with an estimated 1,577,000 deaths in 2005.
[WHO, March, 2007](#).

The Commission for Global Road Safety says that road deaths which kill 1.2 million people a year, is a “global epidemic.”
Commission for Global Road Safety, 2006.

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