among male cohorts born prior to World War II. In later cohorts womens smoking habits caught up with those of men counterbalancing the male deaths. 1880 Age 1020 100 Male-female 90 mortality ratio 1940 80 >100% excess male mortality 1020 75 to 100% 70 50 to 75% 1060 60 25 to 50% 1 to 25% 50 Equal mortality 1 to 25% 1080 40 25 to 50% 50 to 75% 1000 30 75 to 100% >100% excess female mortality 20 10 0 1930 1910 1920 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 World War I (1914-1918) related militàry deaths. Great successes in combating infectious World War II (1939-1945) Conscription has been diseases reduce early adult mortality for related deaths of males.

both sexes. Young men remain at a higher

excess mortality since the mid 1950s.

risk for accidents which contributes to their

introduced in March 1916

and applied to men aged

18–4Ö.

Smoking related excess mortality