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Understanding World Cities: The Healthy World Cities Initiative

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Healthy World Cities Initiative Themes

- Inequality in access to health care
- Inter-sectoral action to promote population health

Healthy World Cities Initiative Activities

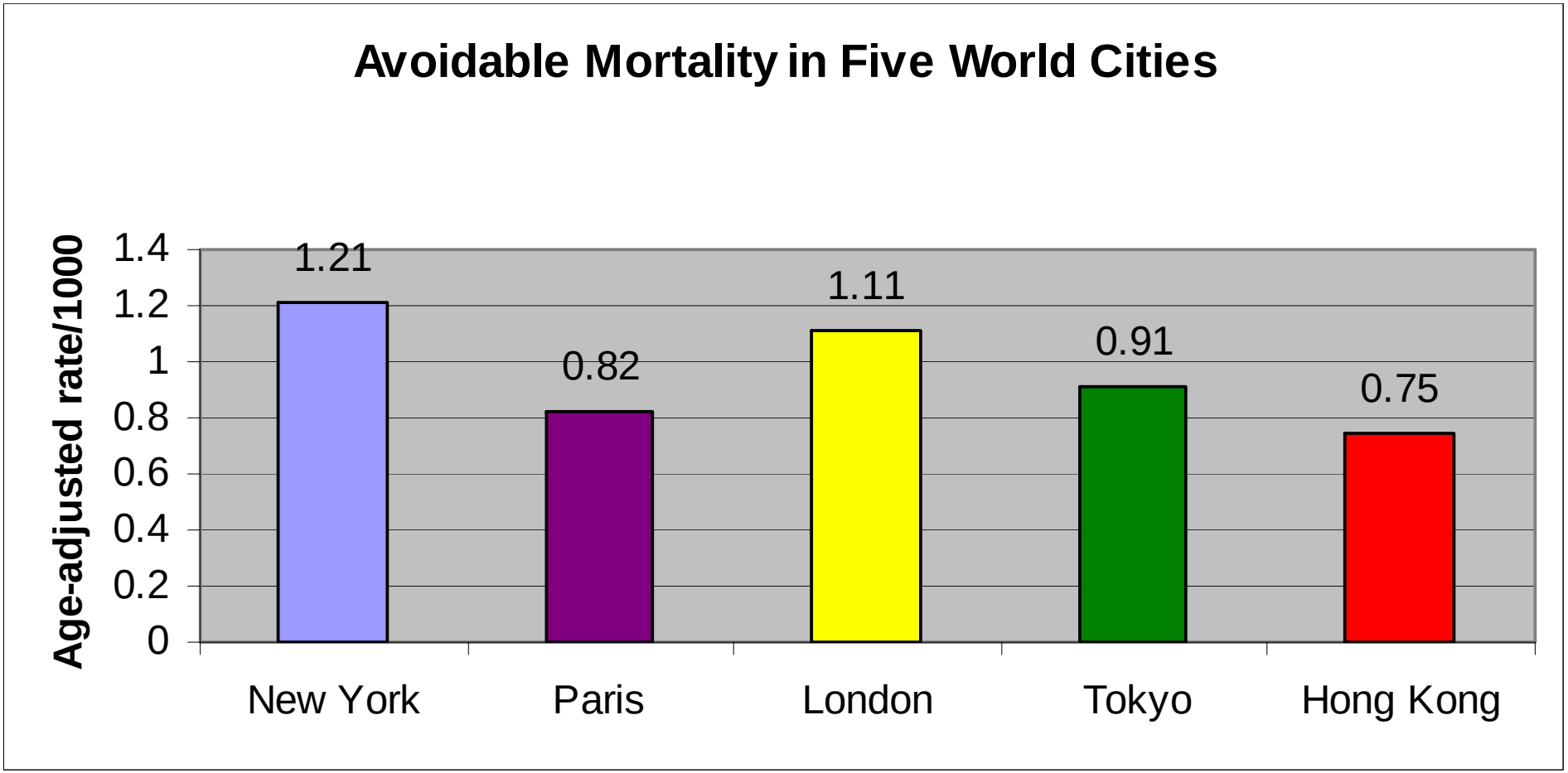
- Healthy world cities web presence
- Relational database
  - enabling inter as well as intra city comparisons, available on the web site
- Targeted and applied health policy and social research
- Meetings
- A *Healthy World Cities Academy*

World Cities Project

New York, London, Paris and Tokyo exercise a powerful influence in the world beyond their national boundaries, but are these influential centers prepared to meet the challenges of the longevity revolution? The World Cities Project (WCP) compares health, social services, and quality of life for persons age 65 and over in these four cities, and strives to identify lessons that may improve health in world cities and beyond.

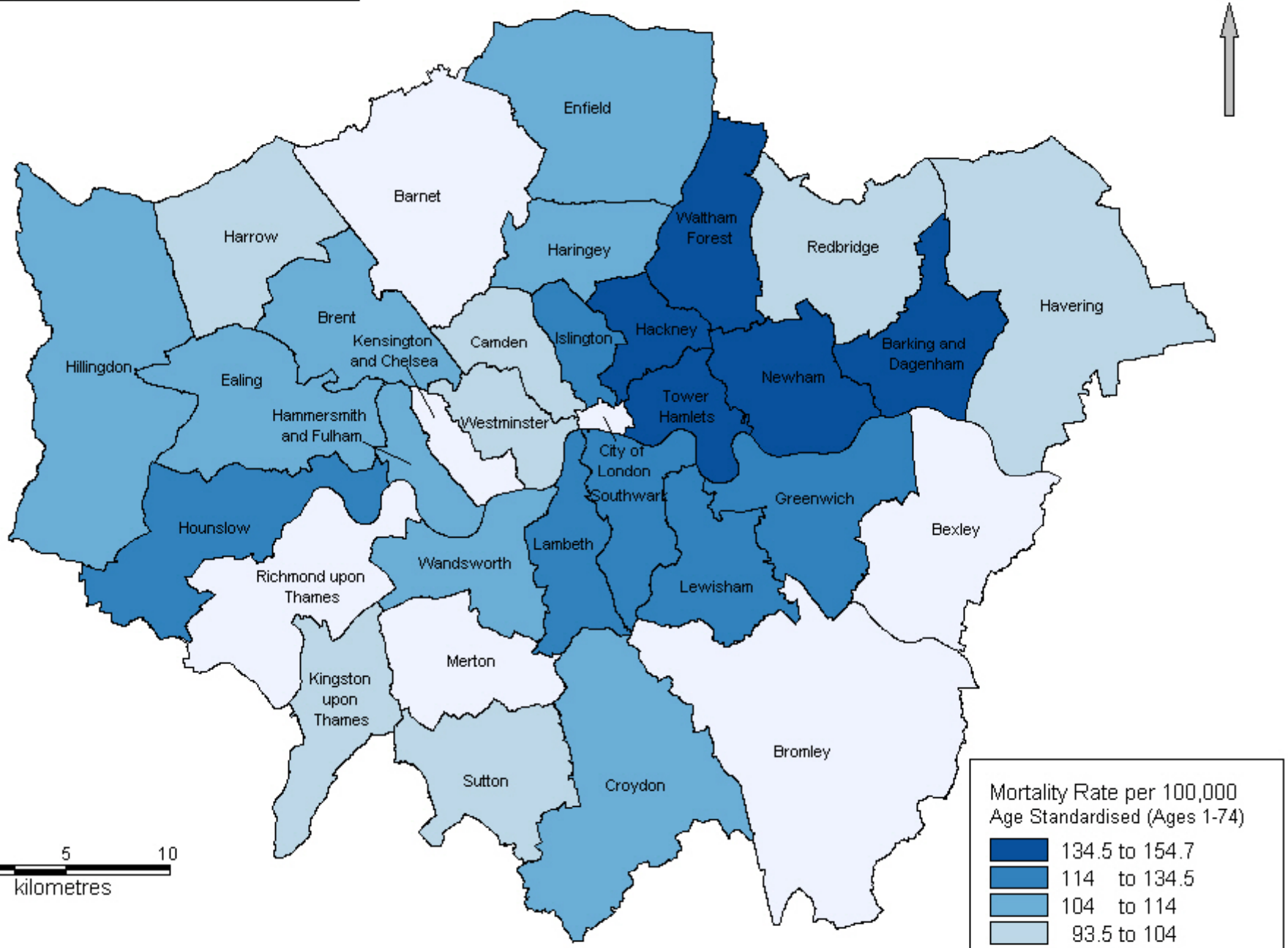
The City as Laboratory

As urbanization and population aging increase throughout the world, we need models of how to accommodate these population shifts, as well as analyses of best practices. World Cities Project Co-Directors Victor Rodwin, Ph.D. and Michael Gusmano, Ph.D., work jointly with New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service and Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health to:



Average rate, 1999-2003

AVOIDABLE MORTALITY



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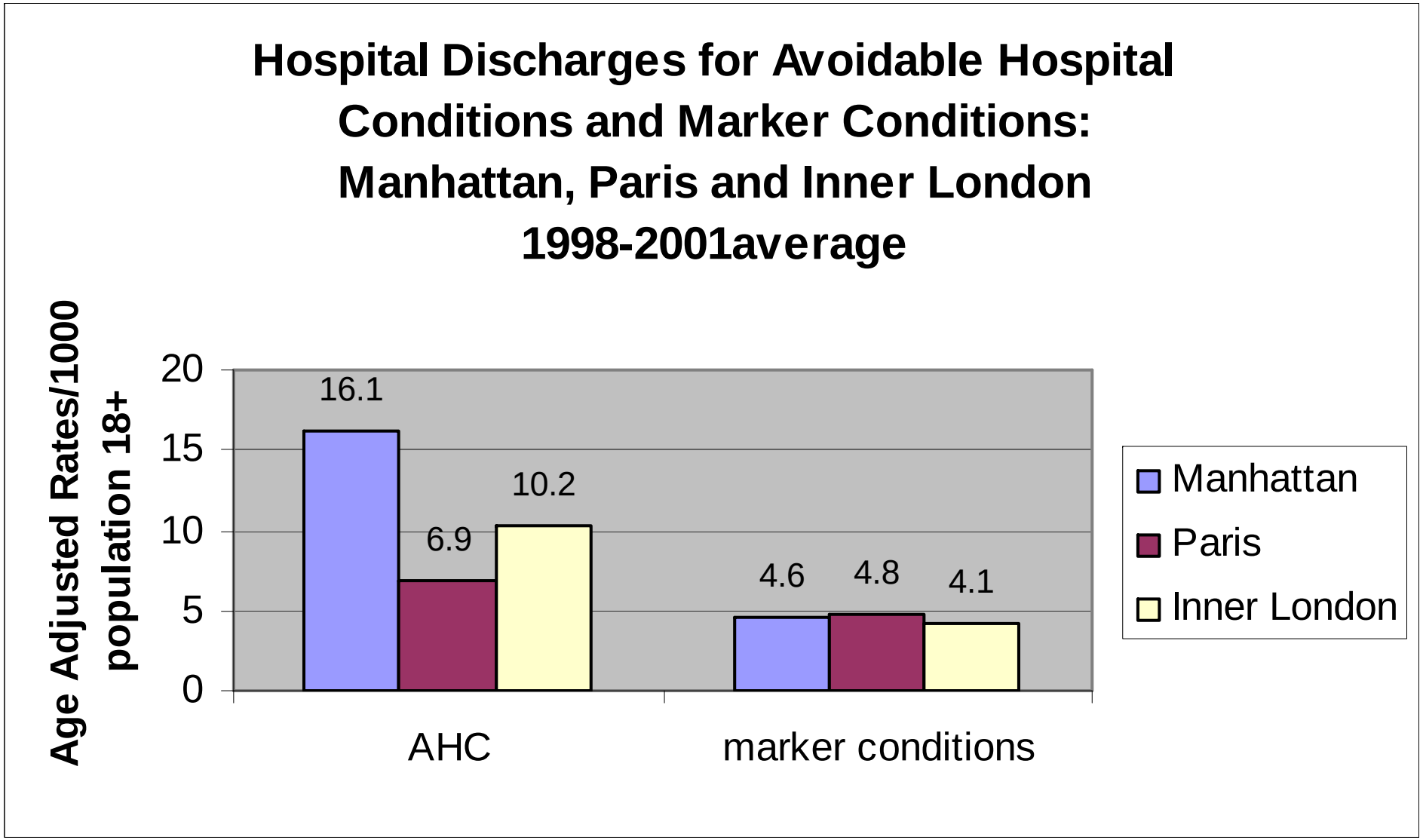
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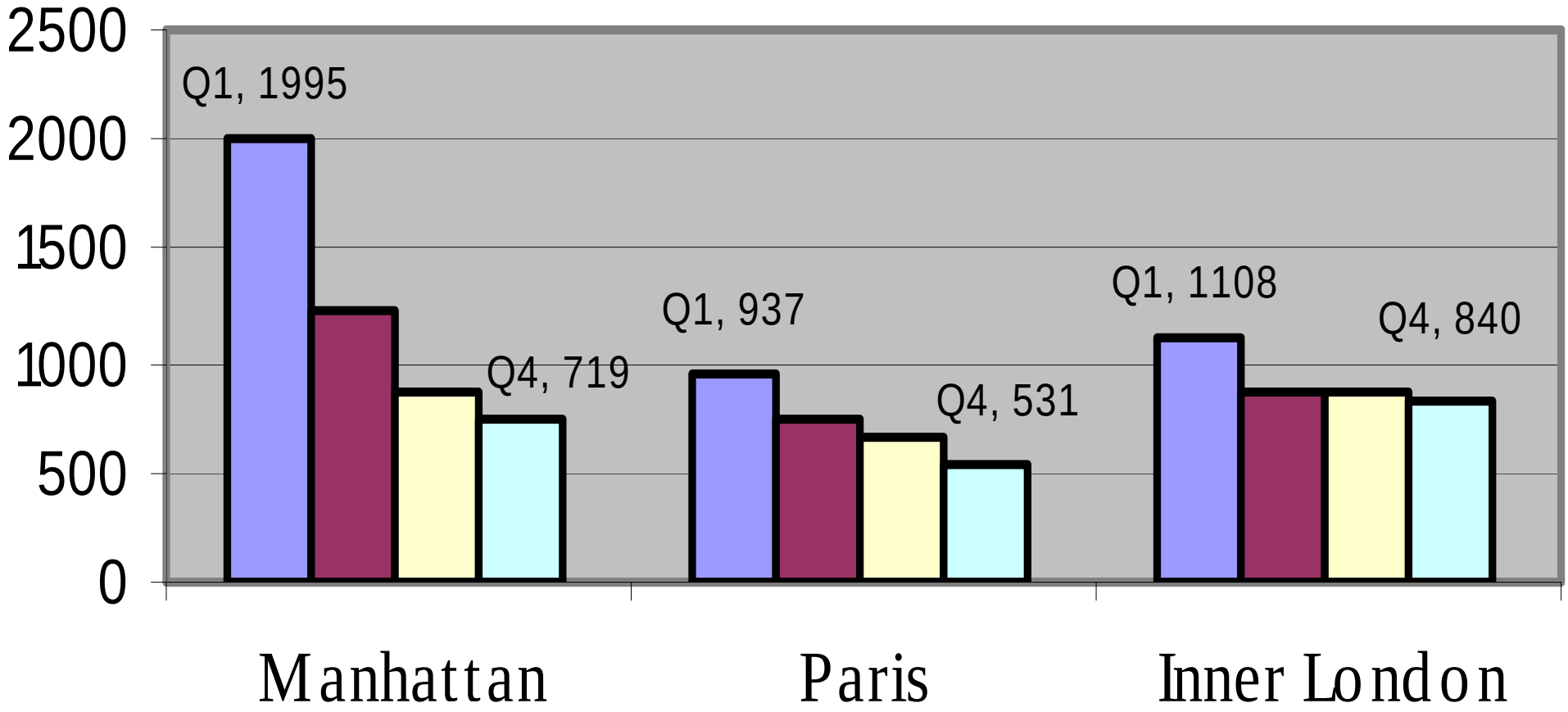
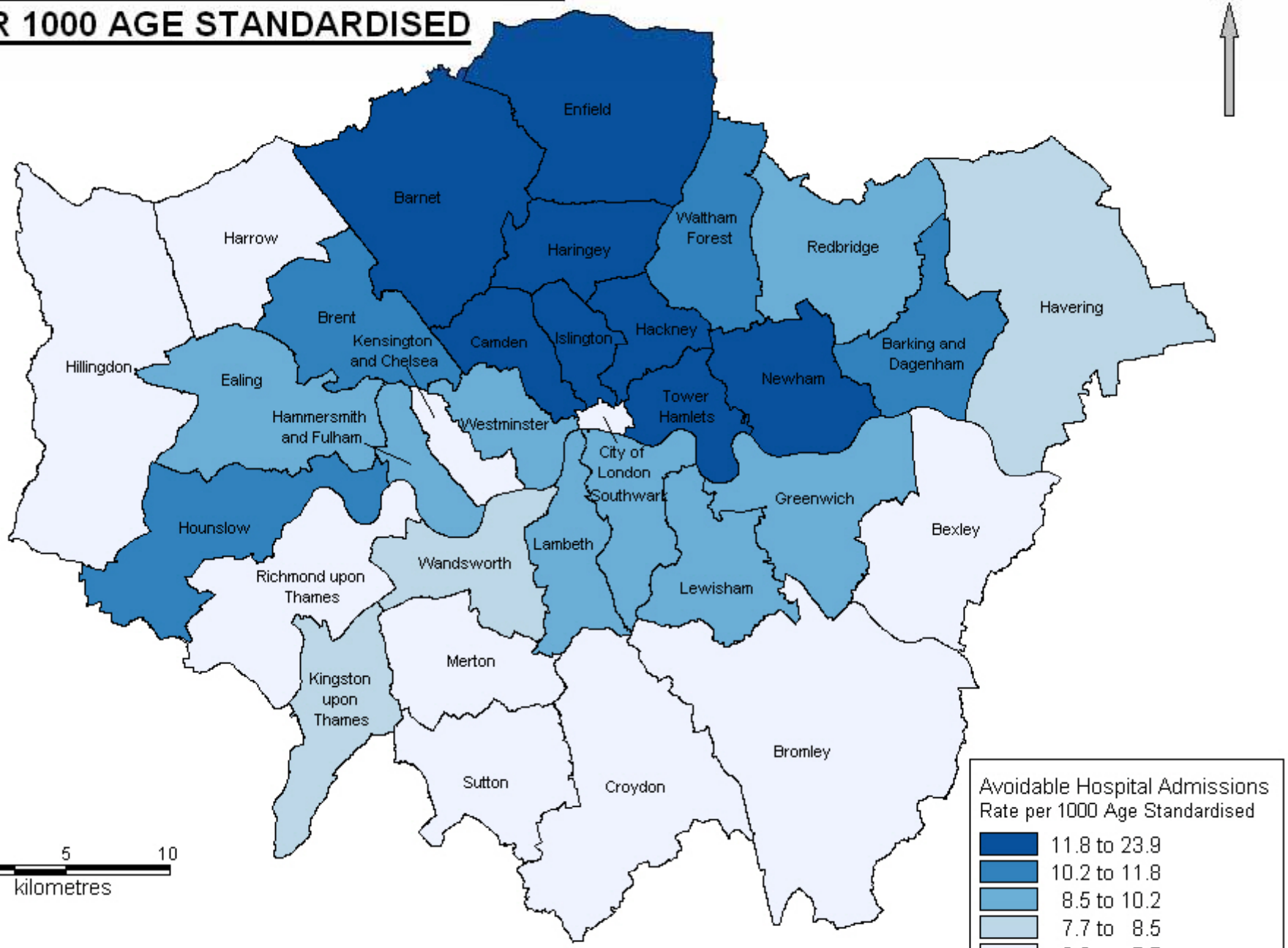
Avoidable Hospital Conditions per 100,000 by Neighborhood Quartile

1999-2003



AVOIDABLE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 1000 AGE STANDARDISED



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