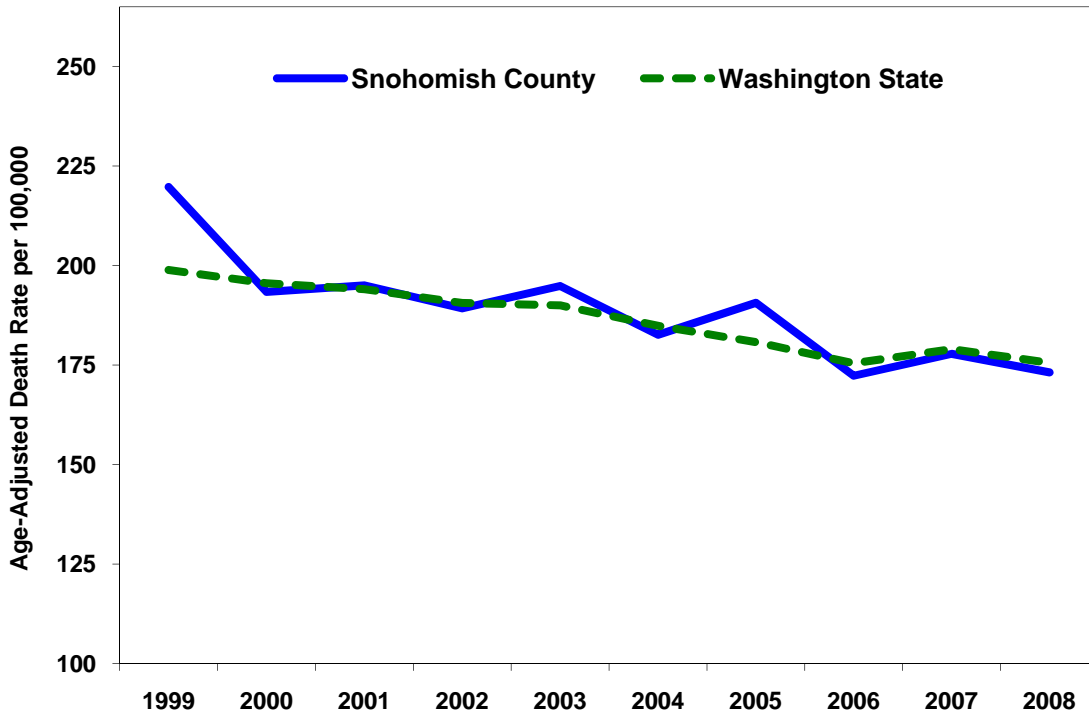


## Cancer Mortality – Snohomish County, 1999 - 2008

- In 2008 cancer was the leading cause of death in Snohomish County.
- Since 1999 cancer mortality rates in Snohomish County and Washington State have significantly declined.
- The Snohomish County and Washington State cancer mortality rates were comparable in 2008.



Year	Snohomish County				Washington State		
	Deaths	Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 <sup>1</sup>	95% C.I. <sup>2</sup>	Deaths	Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 <sup>1</sup>
1999	1003	591,590	219.8	(206.3, 233.9)	10,641	5,830,835	198.9
2000	928	606,024	193.4	(181.0, 206.4)	10,656	5,894,141	195.6
2001	960	618,600	195.0	(182.8, 207.9)	10,780	5,974,900	194.1
2002	953	627,974	189.2	(177.3, 201.8)	10,846	6,041,710	190.6
2003	1016	637,500	194.9	(182.9, 207.4)	11,043	6,098,300	190.0
2004	972	644,811	182.6	(171.1, 194.7)	10,978	6,167,800	184.8
2005	1036	655,800	190.7	(179.0, 202.9)	11,008	6,256,400	180.8
2006	975	671,836	172.3	(161.5, 183.8)	11,003	6,375,600	175.4
2007	1038	686,300	177.8	(167.0, 189.3)	11,525	6,488,000	179.0
2008	1032	696,629	173.2	(162.5, 184.4)	11,593	6,587,600	175.6

<sup>1</sup> The age-adjusted rate is used to compare rates between two or more populations that have different underlying age distributions. By adjusting the rate for age, differences in the mortality rate between different regions or years cannot be explained by different age distributions in the populations being compared.

<sup>2</sup> 95% Confidence Interval: A confidence interval is a range of values that has a specified probability of containing the rate. Narrow confidence intervals indicate that rate is precisely estimated, while wider confidence intervals indicate that the estimated rate is less precisely estimated.