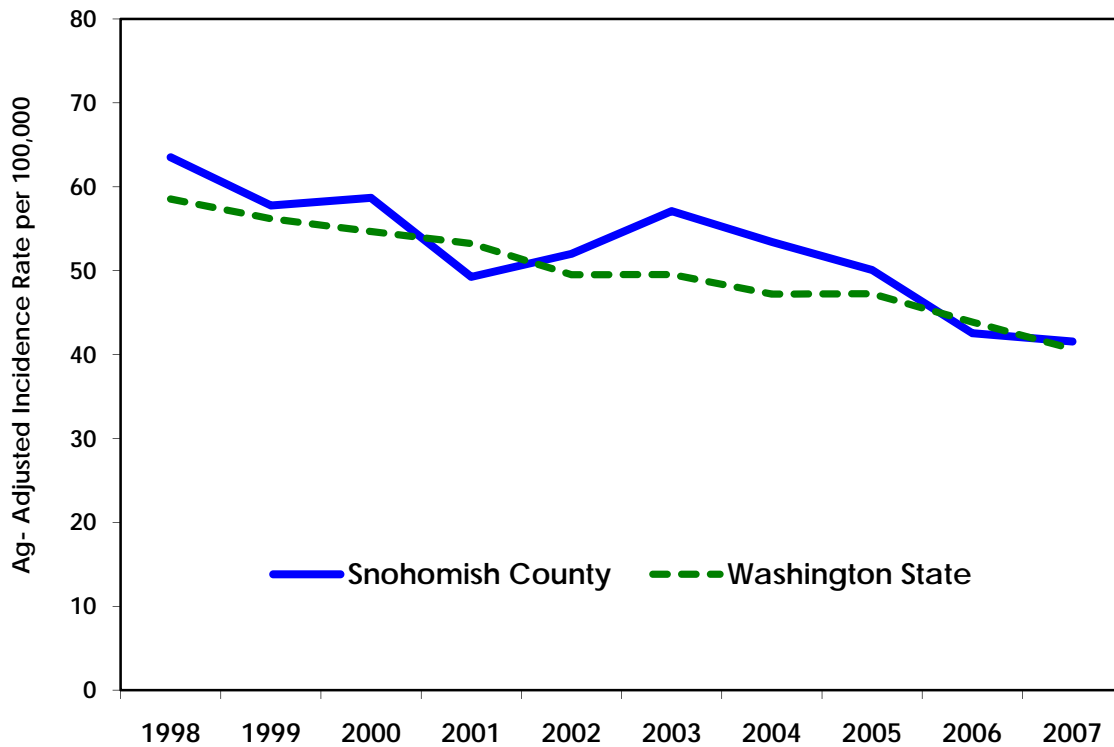


## Colorectal Cancer Incidence – Snohomish County, 1998 - 2007

- Colorectal cancer was the fifth most common site of new cancer cases in Snohomish County in 2007.
- In 2007 the colorectal cancer incidence rate in Snohomish County was comparable to the statewide rate.
- Snohomish County and Washington State have both had significant declines in the rate of colorectal cancer from 1998 through 2007.



Year	Snohomish County				Washington State		
	Cases	Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 <sup>1</sup>	95% C.I. <sup>2</sup>	Cases	Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 <sup>1</sup>
1998	287	576,165	63.5	(56.3, 71.4)	3,072	5,750,033	58.5
1999	270	591,590	57.8	(51.0, 65.2)	3,013	5,830,835	56.2
2000	281	606,024	58.7	(52.0, 66.0)	2,987	5,894,141	54.7
2001	245	618,600	49.3	(43.2, 55.9)	2,968	5,974,900	53.2
2002	269	627,974	52.0	(45.9, 58.7)	2,829	6,041,710	49.5
2003	303	637,500	57.1	(50.8, 64.0)	2,898	6,098,300	49.5
2004	287	644,811	53.4	(47.3, 60.1)	2,830	6,167,800	47.2
2005	285	655,800	50.1	(44.3, 56.4)	2,910	6,256,400	47.3
2006	249	671,836	42.5	(37.3, 48.3)	2,771	6,375,600	43.9
2007	247	686,300	41.6	(36.4, 47.2)	2,636	6,488,000	40.7

<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 cancer incidence 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.