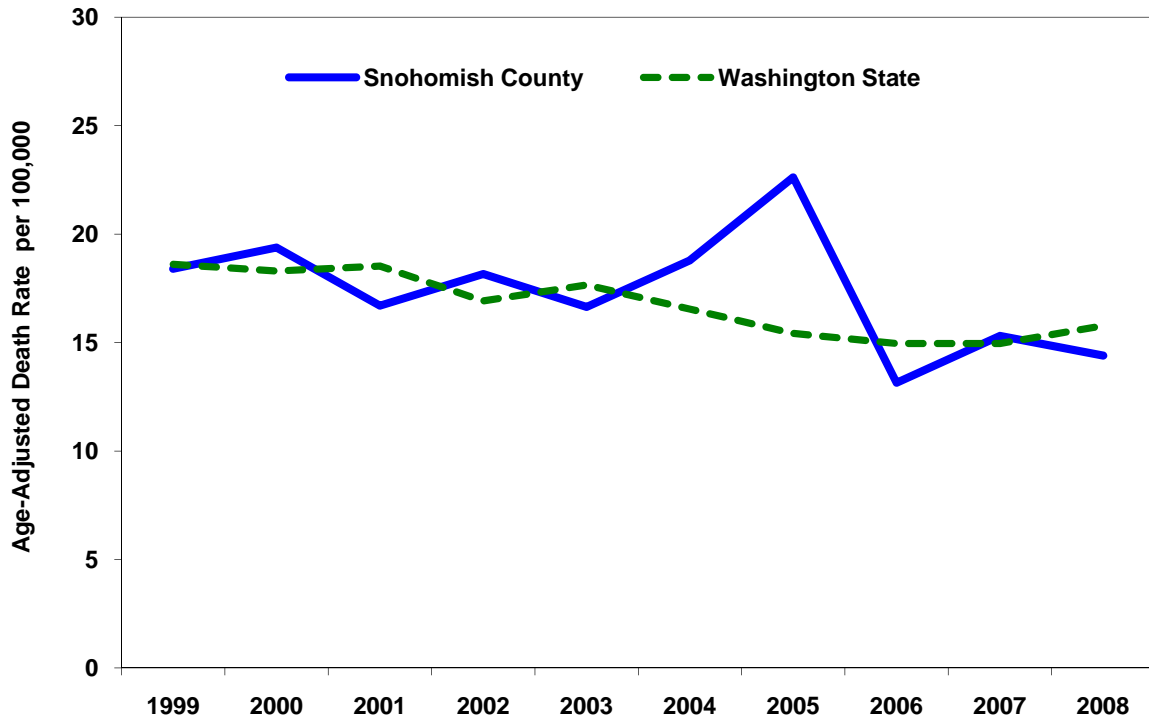


Colon Cancer Mortality – Snohomish County, 1999 - 2008

- In 2008 colon cancer was the third leading cause of cancer death.
- Although the Snohomish County age-adjusted colon cancer mortality rate appears to be decreasing from 1999 through 2008, this trend is not statistically significant. However, there is a significant decline during the same period for Washington State.
- In 2008 the age-adjusted colon cancer mortality rate was comparable between Snohomish County and Washington State.



Year	Snohomish County				Washington State		
	Deaths	Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 ¹	95% C.I. ²	Deaths	Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 ¹
1999	83	591,590	18.4	(14.6, 22.9)	992	5,830,835	18.6
2000	93	606,024	19.4	(15.6, 23.8)	996	5,894,141	18.3
2001	80	618,600	16.7	(13.2, 20.8)	1,029	5,974,900	18.5
2002	88	627,974	18.2	(14.6, 22.4)	963	6,041,710	16.9
2003	87	637,500	16.6	(13.3, 20.6)	1,026	6,098,300	17.7
2004	99	644,811	18.8	(15.2, 23.0)	984	6,167,800	16.5
2005	121	655,800	22.6	(18.7, 27.1)	946	6,256,400	15.4
2006	75	671,836	13.2	(10.3, 16.6)	944	6,375,600	15.0
2007	87	686,300	15.3	(12.2, 19.0)	979	6,488,000	15.0
2008	89	696,629	14.4	(11.5, 17.9)	1,055	6,587,600	15.8

¹ 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.

² 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.