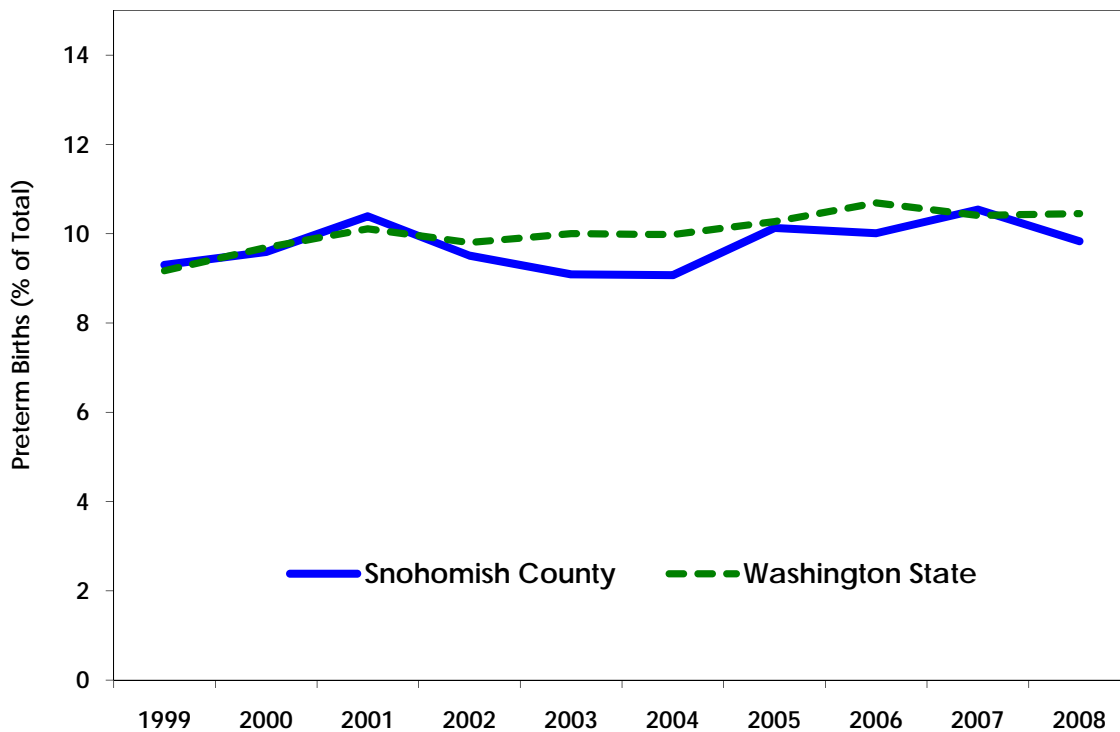


Preterm Births – Snohomish County, 1999 - 2008

- Preterm births are defined as births before 37 weeks of gestation.
- From 1999 through 2008, the overall trend in the percentage of preterm deliveries in Washington State has significantly increased, though the magnitude is small. However, the Snohomish County percentage did not show a statistically significant trend in either direction.
- In 2008 the percentage of preterm births in Snohomish County was not significantly lower than the percentage of preterm births in Washington State.



Year	Snohomish County				Washington State		
	# of Preterm Births	Births	Preterm Births, % of Total	95% C.I. ¹	# of Preterm Births	Births	Preterm Births, % of Total
1999	771	8,290	9.3	(8.7, 10.0)	7,094	77,341	9.2
2000	810	8,445	9.6	(8.9, 10.3)	7,732	79,804	9.7
2001	894	8,604	10.4	(9.7, 11.1)	7,940	78,521	10.1
2002	786	8,268	9.5	(8.9, 10.2)	7,643	77,960	9.8
2003	770	8,474	9.1	(8.5, 9.8)	7,966	79,694	10.0
2004	773	8,521	9.1	(8.4, 9.7)	8,076	80,939	10.0
2005	889	8,780	10.1	(9.5, 10.8)	8,354	81,355	10.3
2006	895	8,944	10.0	(9.4, 10.7)	9,190	86,004	10.7
2007	1,001	9,493	10.5	(9.9, 11.2)	9,190	88,307	10.4
2008	951	9,679	9.8	(9.2, 10.5)	9,358	89,508	10.5

¹ 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.