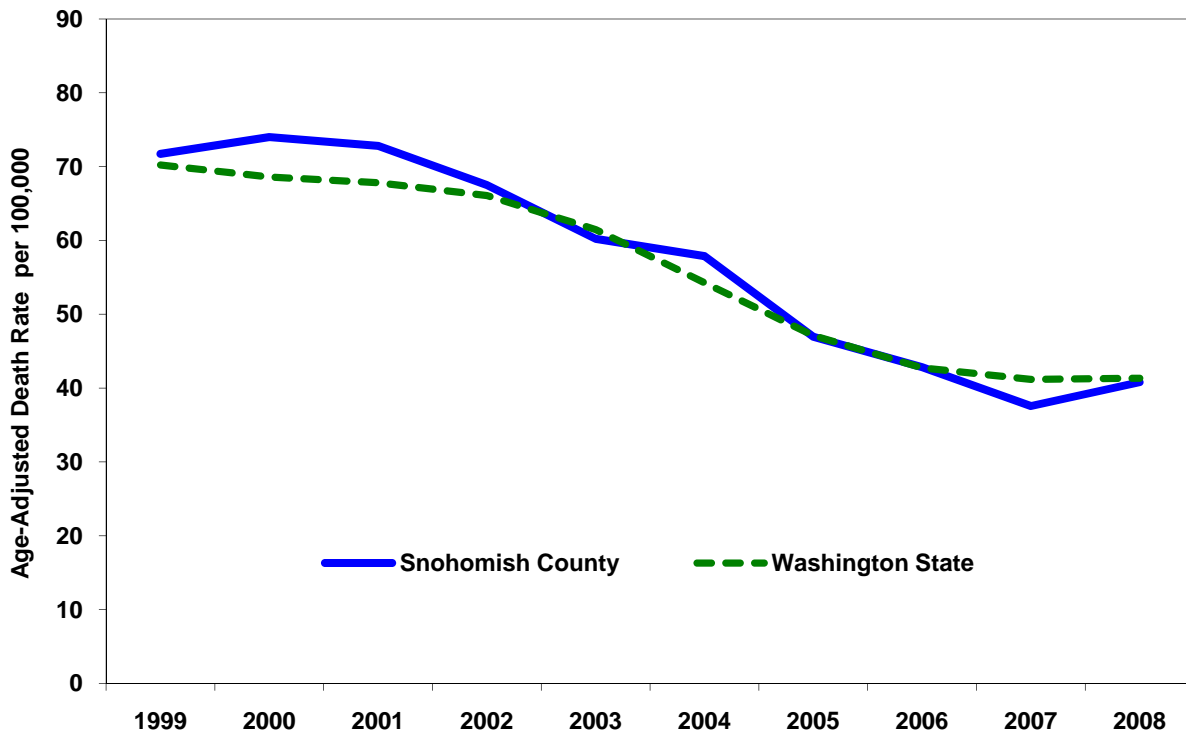


Stroke Mortality – Snohomish County, 1999 - 2008

- In 2008 stroke was the fifth leading cause of death in Snohomish County.
- Overall, age-adjusted stroke mortality rates have significantly decreased from 1999 through 2008 in both Snohomish County and Washington State.
- Snohomish County and Washington State stroke mortality rates were comparable in 2008.



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	311	591,590	71.7	(64.0, 80.2)	3,705	5,830,835	70.2
2000	332	606,024	74.0	(66.2, 82.4)	3,709	5,894,141	68.6
2001	340	618,600	72.8	(65.2, 81.0)	3,760	5,974,900	67.8
2002	322	627,974	67.5	(60.3, 75.3)	3,757	6,041,710	66.1
2003	301	637,500	60.2	(53.6, 67.5)	3,588	6,098,300	61.5
2004	294	644,811	57.9	(51.4, 64.9)	3,238	6,167,800	54.3
2005	246	655,800	46.9	(41.2, 53.3)	2,883	6,256,400	47.1
2006	233	671,836	42.8	(37.5, 48.8)	2,711	6,375,600	42.7
2007	218	686,300	37.6	(32.7, 43.0)	2,681	6,488,000	41.2
2008	239	696,629	40.8	(35.7, 46.4)	2,765	6,587,600	41.3

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.