

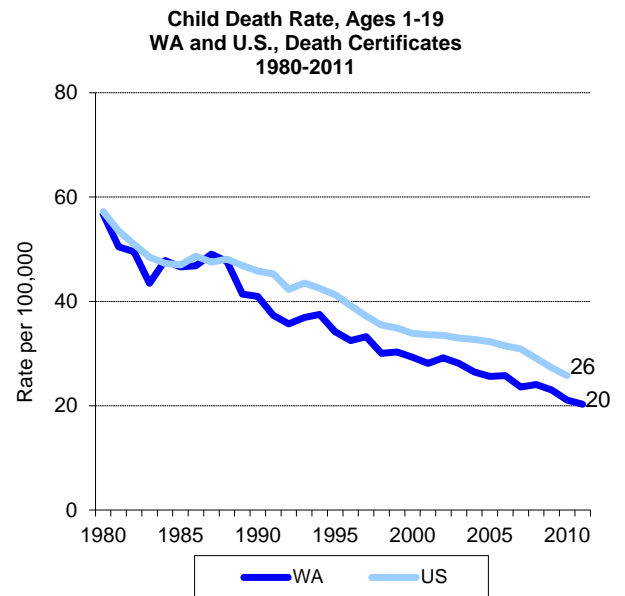
Child Mortality

Key Findings:

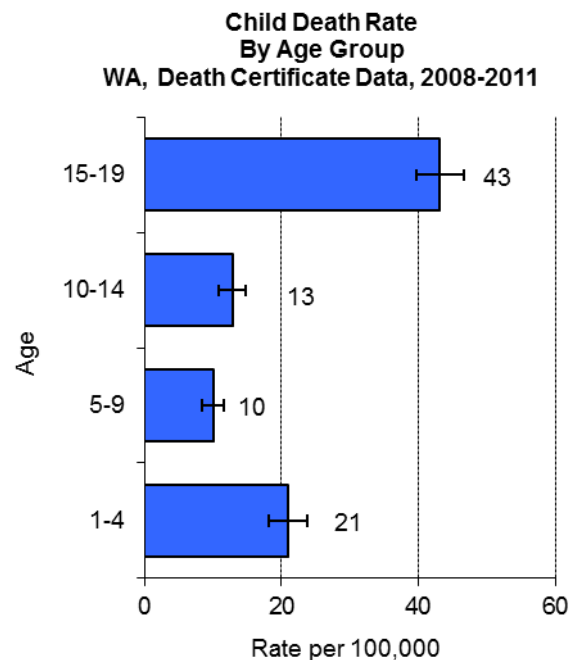
- There were 340 deaths among children ages 1-19 in Washington State in 2011. Child death rates in Washington decreased significantly from 56.8 per 100,000 children in 1980 to 20.3 per 100,000 in 2011. This decrease mirrors the national trend.^{1,2}
- From 2008-2011, unintentional injuries accounted for 36 percent of deaths to Washington children ages 1-19, followed by suicide (13 percent), cancer (11 percent), homicides (9 percent), and birth defects (6 percent).¹
- Death rates and causes differ by the child's age and sex. The highest death rates among Washington children are in children ages 1-4 and 15-19. Child death rates are higher for boys and for children who are non-Hispanic Black or American Indian/Alaska Native.¹
- The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant requires annual reporting of the suicide rate for 15-19 year olds (11.0 per 100,000 in 2011) and the overall mortality of children 1-14 (13.0 per 100,000 in 2011).
- The Healthy People 2020 target goals are to reduce deaths to 25.7 per 100,000 for ages 1-4, 12.3 per 100,000 for ages 5-9, 15.2 per 100,000 for ages 10-14, and 55.7 per 100,000 for ages 15-19. Washington state has met these goals.³

Definition: Child mortality is defined as the death of a child ages 1 through 19.

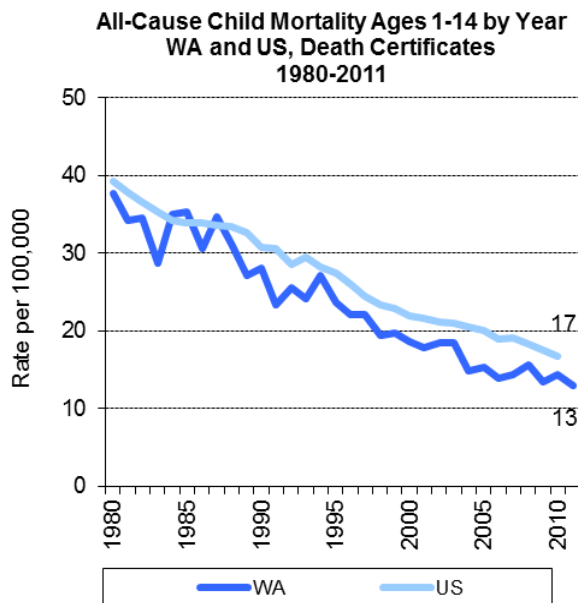
Time Trend^{1,2}



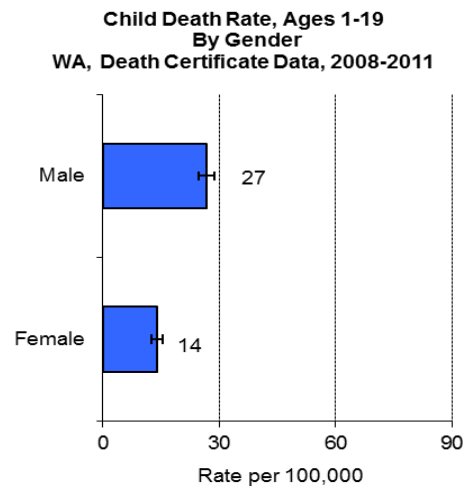
Age¹



Block Grant Outcome Measure: Child death rate per 100,000 children ages 1-14 years ^{1,2}



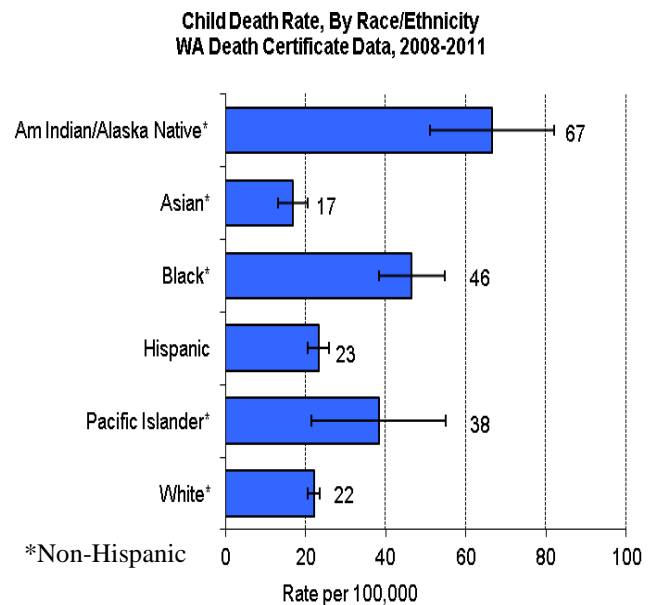
Sex ¹



Leading Causes of Child Mortality, 2008-2011 By Age Group ¹

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd
Ages 1-4	Unintentional Injury	Birth Defects	Cancer/Homicide
Ages 5-9	Unintentional Injury	Cancer	Homicide
Ages 10-14	Unintentional Injury	Cancer	Suicide
Ages 15 - 19	Unintentional Injury	Suicide	Homicide
Ages 1- 19	Unintentional Injury	Suicide	Cancer

Race/Ethnicity ¹



Data Sources

1. Death Certificate Data: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics. Accessed via Community Health Assessment Tool.
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Mortality Data. CDC WONDER, Accessed 6/8/2013. <http://wonder.cdc.gov/cmfcid10.html>
3. Healthy People 2020, US Department of Health and Human Services. Accessed 12/21/2012. <http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx>

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