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## Spokane Counts 2015

A summary of 59 selected public health indicators



**Summary Measures** 





Indicator: Deaths

**Definition**: Rate of deaths per 100,000 individuals.

Why this is important: Tracking death rates may identify groups that are at an increased risk for premature death. The leading cause of death for infants is perinatal conditions that make survival difficult, such as preterm birth or congenital defects. Children and young adults are more likely to die from intentional or unintentional injury. Leading causes of death among older adults are more likely to be related to physical health conditions.

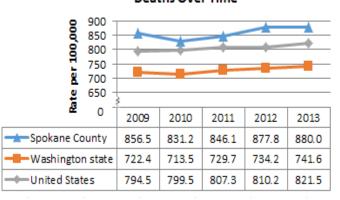
Where we are: In 2013 in Spokane County, there were 4,224 deaths. The death rate significantly increased from 2009 to 2013. The 2013 death rate in Spokane County was significantly higher than that of Washington state and the United States.

## **Health Disparities:**

Among Spokane County residents in 2013:

As expected, death rates increased as age increased.

## Deaths Over Time



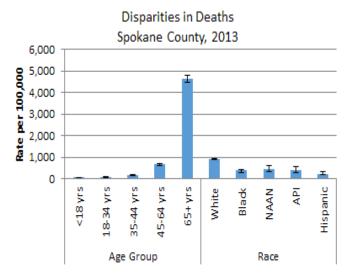
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 Blacks, Native Americans/Alaska Natives, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics each had a lower death rate when compared to whites.

There was no difference in death rates between males and females.

**Additional Information:** Chronic conditions are the leading cause of death. Two in five deaths in Spokane County in 2013 were from cancer or heart disease.





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Geography	Data Source Spokane County	DOH, CHS, 2013 Rate per 100,000 880.0 (853.7-907.0)
5 1 3	Washington state	
	United States	821.5
	Trend	09-13 Increase
Age	<18 yrs	45.5 (33.7-59.9)
	18-34 yrs	87.4 (71.3-106.0)
	35-44 yrs	173.5 (141.0-211.2)
	45-64 yrs	669.1 (624.9-715.5)
	65+ yrs	4,617.0 (4,456.3-4,781.9)
Sex	Male	893.4 (855.8-932.2)
	Female	866.9 (830.2-904.7)
Race	White	915.4 (887.5-944.0)
	Black	416.7 (309.3-549.4)
	NAAN	467.7 (334.1-636.9)
	API	398.4 (304.0-512.8)
Ethnicity	Hispanic	237.6 (179.0-309.3)

**Data Source:** Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificates, 2009-2013. Calculations and presentation of data by Spokane Regional Health District, Data Center. CDC/National Center for Health Statistics.

Demographics

**Indicator Overview** 

**Executive Summary** 

Performance Measures