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Risk and Protection Profile for Substance Abuse Prevention in **Whatcom County**



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These tables provide a comprehensive update of data published in previous *Profiles*. They are among the timeliest data available to planners for understanding the risks of substance abuse among youth in their counties. Community, family, peer, and school-related factors are presented within the Hawkins and Catalano risk and protective factor framework that is used by many substance abuse prevention planners across the country.

For more information about the data, framework, definitions, and other topics, see the 1997 *Profile on Risk and Protection for Substance Abuse Prevention Planning in Washington State*, (Report 4.15-40). That report and subsequent years' Profiles are available on the RDA website at: www1.dshs.wa.gov/rda/research/risk.shtm.

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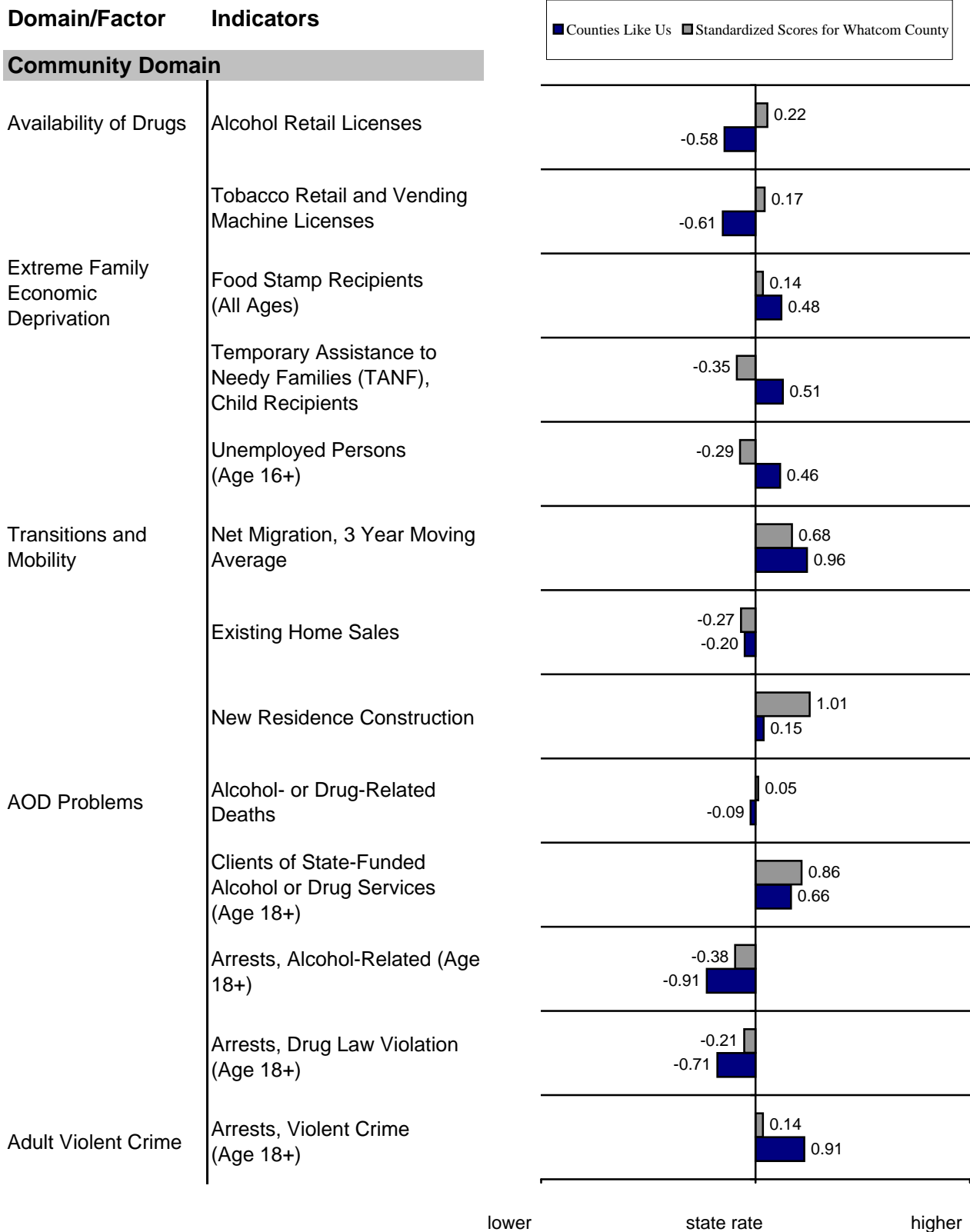
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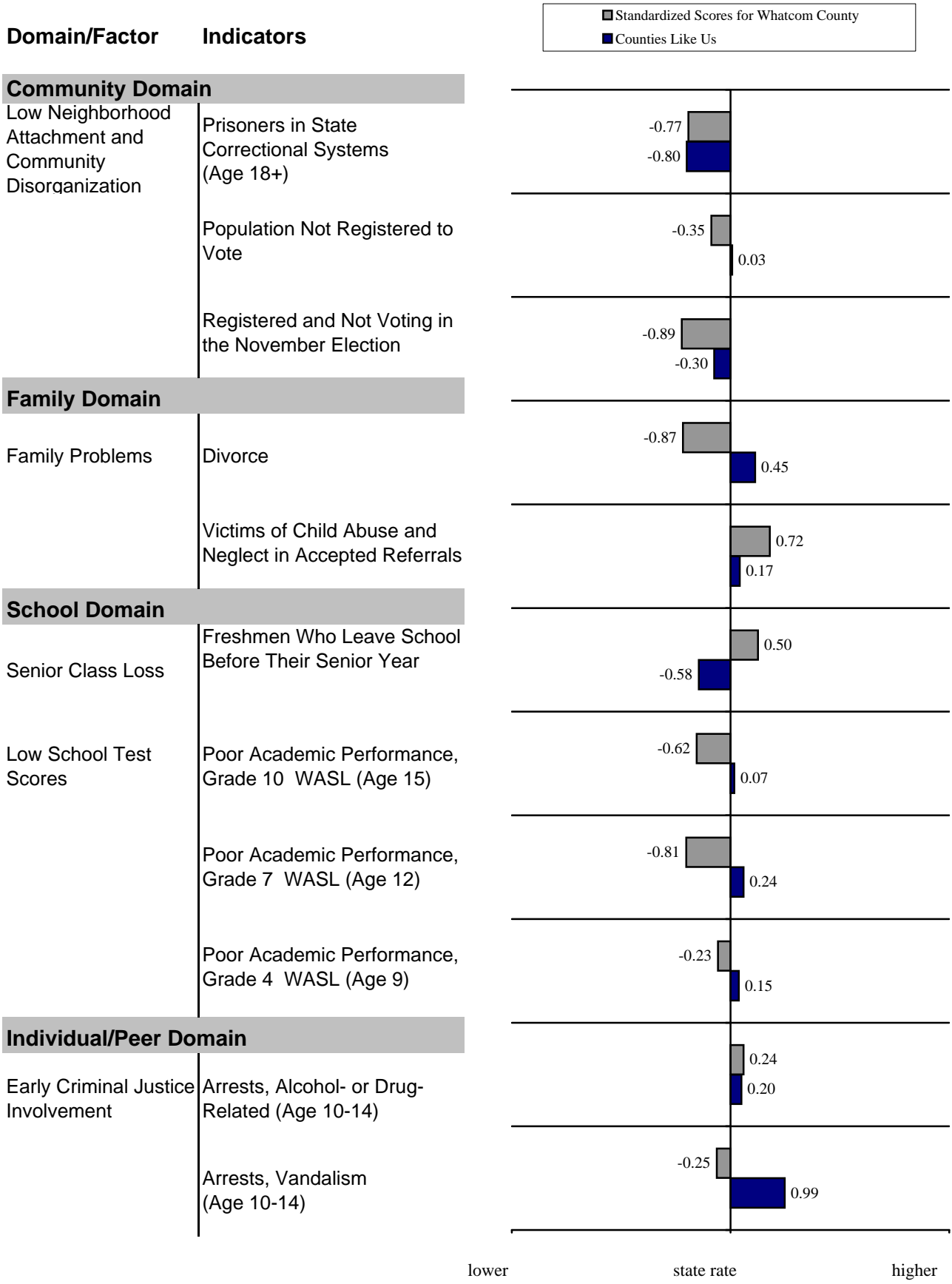
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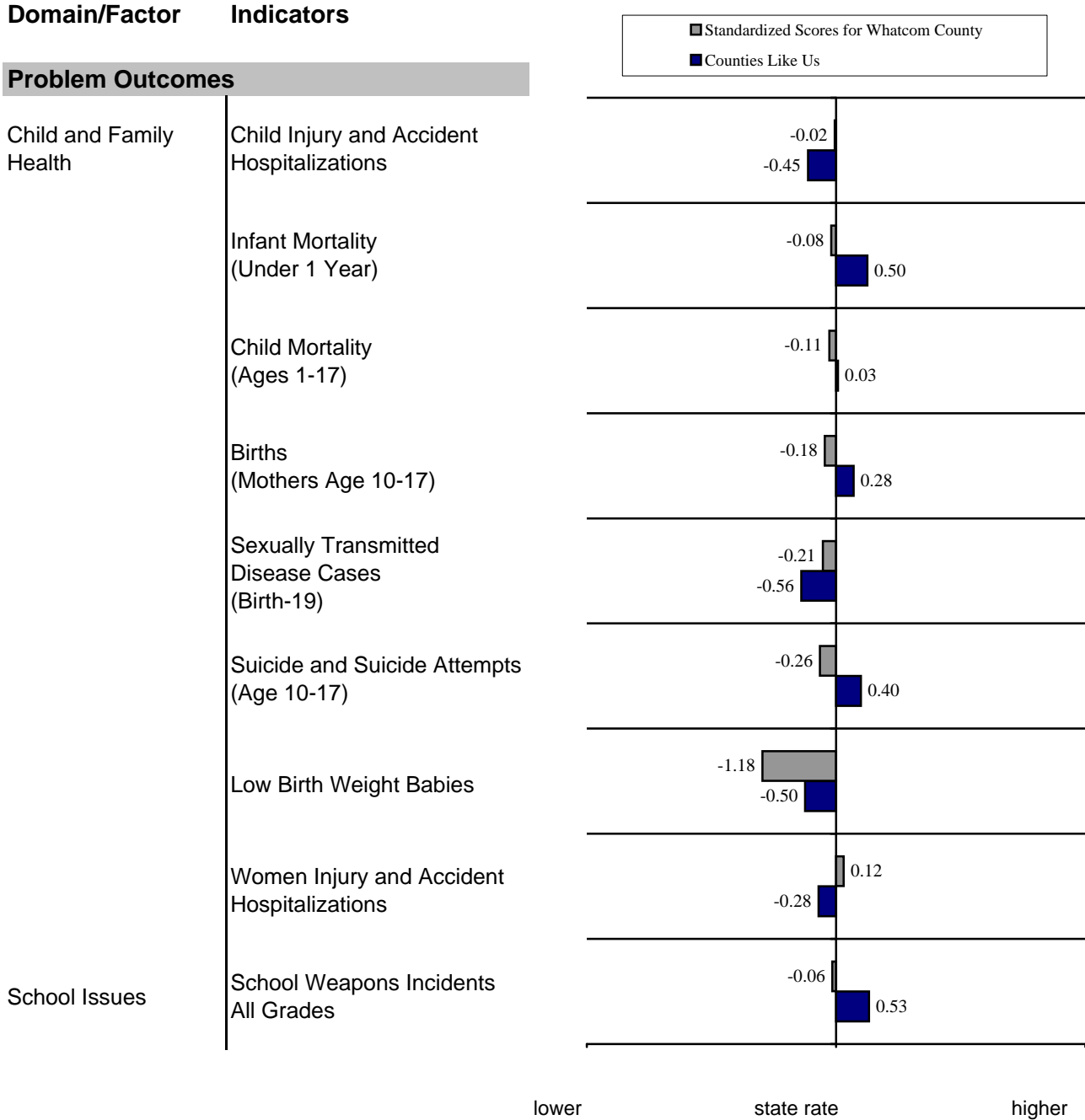
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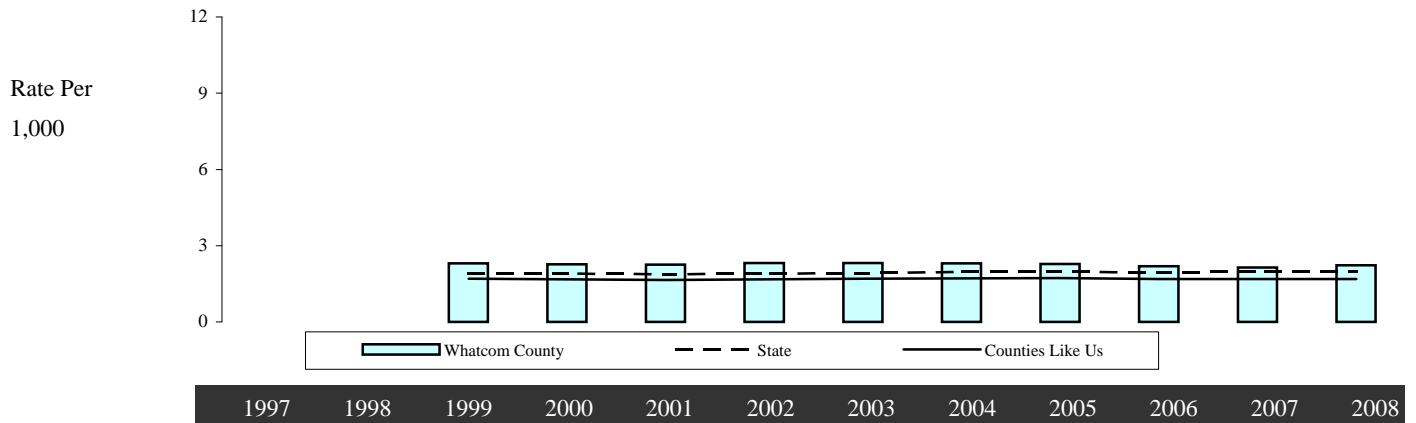
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Community Domain: Availability of Drugs

Alcohol Retail Licenses



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
State			1.92	1.90	1.88	1.90	1.92	1.96	1.97	1.95	1.96	1.97
Counties Like Us			1.70	1.68	1.65	1.68	1.70	1.71	1.72	1.69	1.69	1.69
Whatcom County			2.30	2.27	2.25	2.32	2.32	2.30	2.28	2.19	2.14	2.23
Licenses			378	378	384	400	405	408	413	404	403	425
All Persons			164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300	190,996

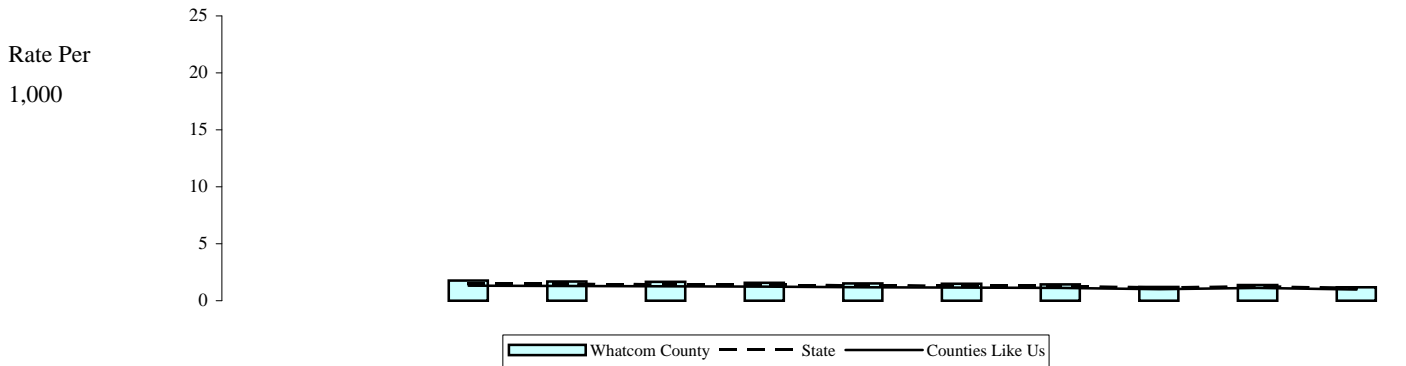
Note: The State and County rate are the annual number of alcohol retail licenses active during the year, per 1,000 persons (all ages). Retail licenses include restaurants, grocery stores, and wine shops but do not include state liquor stores and agencies. Retail alcohol facilities on military bases and reservations are not licensed by the State and therefore are not included in these data. Policies on licensing distributors, taxing the proceeds, and determining who can sell alcohol vary substantially from state to state. Consequently, there is no consistent comparable source for national data. Data from 1999 to present is now geocoded from the facility address, rather than apportioned from zip code. This results in a more accurate, but different data total per county.

State Source: Washington State Liquor Control Board, Annual Operations Report
 Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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Community Domain: Availability of Drugs

Tobacco Retail and Vending Machine Licenses



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
State			1.53	1.48	1.44	1.40	1.36	1.32	1.28	1.14	1.27	1.11
Counties Like Us			1.32	1.28	1.26	1.23	1.19	1.16	1.12	1.00	1.13	0.98
Whatcom County			1.77	1.68	1.65	1.57	1.52	1.49	1.43	1.22	1.38	1.19
Licenses			291	280	281	271	266	265	259	225	259	227
All Persons			164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300	190,996

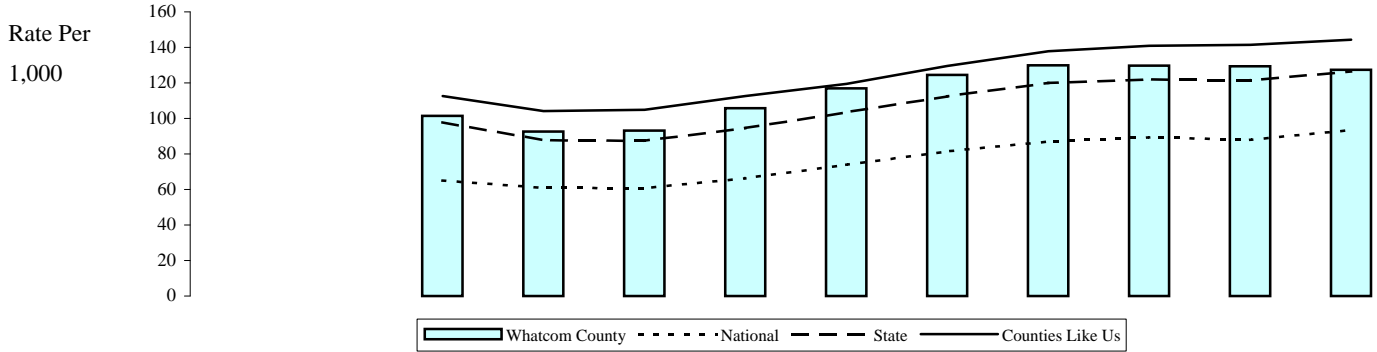
Note: The State and County rate are the annual number of tobacco retailer and vending machine licenses active during the year, per 1,000 persons (all ages). Tobacco retailers on military bases and reservations are not licensed by the State and therefore are not included in these data. Tobacco sales licenses include tobacco retailer licenses (stores that sell tobacco products) and tobacco vending machines. November counts are selected as representative of the average yearly number of retailers. No source of comparable national data was obtained.

State Source: Department of Health (from the Department of Licensing), Tobacco Prevention Program, Tobacco Statistics
 Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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Community Domain: Extreme Family Economic Deprivation

Food Stamp Recipients (All Ages)



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
National			65.03	60.93	60.74	66.31	73.82	81.48	87.03	89.44	87.96	93.57
State			97.78	87.74	87.43	94.67	103.46	112.47	119.99	121.92	121.43	126.43
Counties Like Us			112.58	104.18	104.82	112.59	119.52	129.58	137.90	140.88	141.37	144.36
Whatcom County			101.36	92.60	93.16	105.75	116.88	124.53	130.00	129.77	129.41	127.34
Recipients			16,651	15,448	15,893	18,210	20,395	22,079	23,504	23,917	24,368	24,321
All Persons			164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300	190,996

Note: The rate is the number of persons (all ages) receiving food stamps in the fiscal year, per 1,000 persons (all ages). National rates use counts of all yearly recipients. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

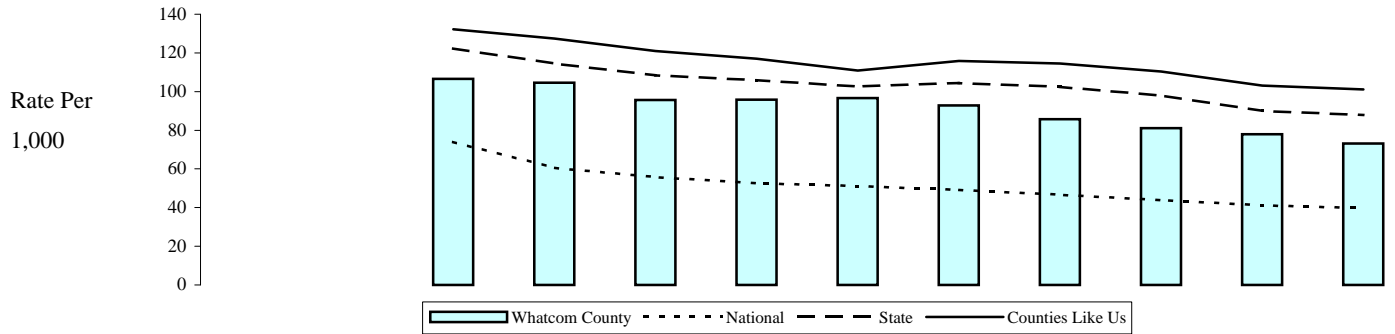
Previously April numbers were used as the month with an average number of recipients. This has been replaced by fiscal year client counts.

State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Research and Data Analysis, Automated Client Eligibility System and Warrant Roll. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: US Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the US; Federal Food Stamp Programs by State

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Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Child Recipients



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
National			73.93	60.61	55.85	52.64	51.08	49.19	46.59	43.80	41.13	39.65
State			122.29	114.45	108.35	105.84	102.68	104.34	102.47	97.95	90.06	87.81
Counties Like Us			132.22	127.37	120.98	117.01	110.93	115.90	114.52	110.44	103.07	101.07
Whatcom County			106.59	104.52	95.62	95.78	96.68	92.76	85.72	81.13	78.00	73.16
TANF Children			4,304	4,207	3,894	3,891	3,930	3,785	3,535	3,382	3,295	3,109
Children, birth-17			40,380	40,251	40,722	40,623	40,649	40,803	41,237	41,688	42,245	42,497

Note:The rate is the number of children (age birth-17) participating in Aid to Families (AFDC/TANF) programs in the fiscal year, per 1,000 children (age birth-17). Nationally, prior to 1997 AFDC Flash Report was used which counts children 0-17. However National TANF child recipients are defined as children 0-19 with almost no children of age 19, therefore national denominators after 1996 are for children 0-18. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

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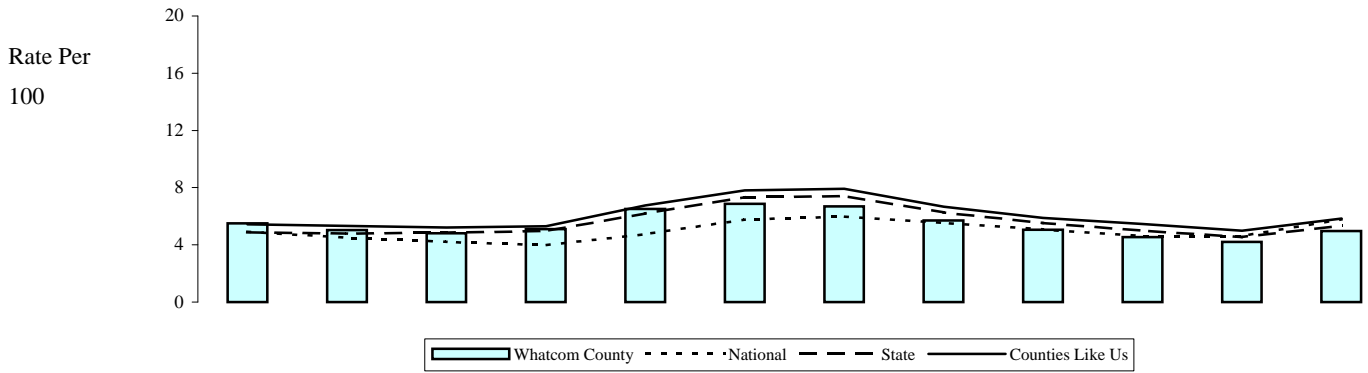
State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Research and Data Analysis, Automated Client Eligibility System and Warrant Roll. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning Research and Evaluation: Characteristics and Financial Circumstances of TANF Recipients Table I-29

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Community Domain: Extreme Family Economic Deprivation

Unemployed Persons (Age 16+)



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
National	4.93	4.49	4.20	3.99	4.75	5.78	5.98	5.52	5.07	4.61	4.61	5.80
State	4.87	4.78	4.85	4.96	6.19	7.34	7.41	6.26	5.53	4.99	4.54	5.34
Counties Like Us	5.44	5.32	5.21	5.31	6.76	7.80	7.92	6.66	5.88	5.45	5.00	5.83
Whatcom County	5.51	5.04	4.80	5.11	6.50	6.86	6.69	5.70	5.05	4.55	4.20	4.97
Unemployed, 16+	4,400	4,100	4,100	4,500	5,700	6,300	6,400	5,700	5,200	4,700	4,440	5,430
Labor Force, 16+	79,800	81,300	85,500	88,000	87,700	91,800	95,700	100,000	103,000	103,200	105,770	109,180

Note: The rate is unemployed persons (age 16 and over) per 100 persons in the civilian labor force. Unemployed persons are individuals who are currently available for work have actively looked for work, and do not have a job. The civilian labor force includes persons who are working or looking for work. The monthly numbers are a snapshot in time done approximately the 12th of each month. A yearly estimate is then produced by averaging the monthly numbers. Historical data has been updated. 2002 data should be considered preliminary. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

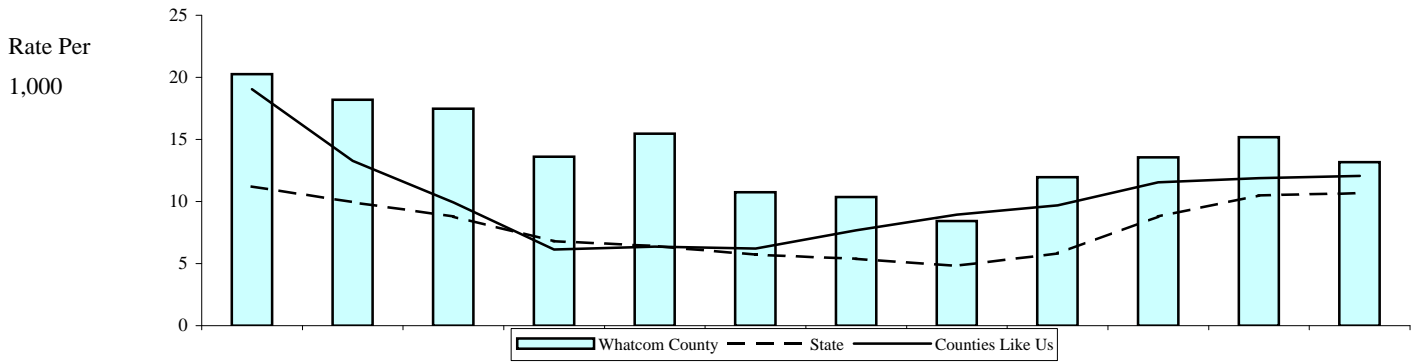
State Source: Employment Security Department, Labor Market and Economic Analysis, County Unemployment File

National Source: U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey

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Community Domain: Transitions and Mobility

Net Migration, 3 Year Moving Average



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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State	11.22	9.94	8.79	6.81	6.43	5.71	5.39	4.82	5.82	8.80	10.49	10.66
Counties Like Us	19.04	13.28	9.93	6.13	6.37	6.21	7.68	8.95	9.70	11.54	11.88	12.05
Whatcom County	20.26	18.19	17.48	13.61	15.46	10.75	10.37	8.44	11.97	13.56	15.17	13.18
Resident Change	3,190	2,914	2,872	2,270	2,637	1,851	1,810	1,496	2,164	2,500	2,856	2,517
All Persons	157,460	160,220	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300	190,996

Note: Net migration is the annual number of new residents that moved into an area minus the number of residents that moved out of an area adding births and subtracting deaths. A 3-year moving average smooths net migration. Annual net migration estimates are summed for 3-year ranges then averaged to calculate the numerator. The **last year** of the 3 years used in the average is used for the population denominator and the year label for the average net migration value. Data is calculated from fiscal year data, for fiscal year 1998-1999 the year designation is 1999 as an average of data from fiscal years 1996-1997 to 1998-1999. Since increases and decreases in population both cause disruption to the community, the absolute value of the change is charted.

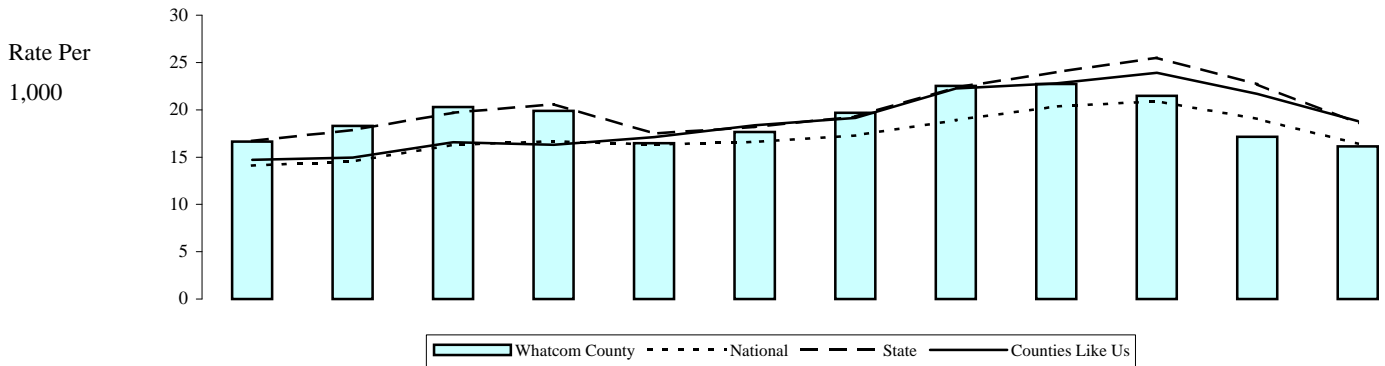
State Source: Office of Financial Management, Net Migration Data

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Community Domain: Transitions and Mobility

Existing Home Sales



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	14.09	14.54	16.29	16.67	16.32	16.60	17.28	18.90	20.35	20.91	19.04	16.41
State	16.70	17.86	19.67	20.61	17.50	18.21	19.29	22.36	23.97	25.51	22.68	18.61
Counties Like Us	14.72	14.95	16.56	16.29	17.11	18.37	19.15	22.25	22.81	23.92	21.69	18.82
Whatcom County	16.65	18.29	20.28	19.90	16.48	17.64	19.69	22.52	22.73	21.46	17.15	16.14
Sales	2,550	2,880	3,250	3,270	2,750	3,010	3,390	3,930	4,030	3,880	3,160	3,040
All Persons	153,171	157,460	160,220	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300

Note: The rates are the annual number of previously-owned homes sold, per 1,000 persons (all ages). Previously-owned homes sold is rounded to the tens. Existing homes sold are estimated based on data from multiple listing services, firms that monitor deeds, and local Realtors associations. Adjustments were made by the data provider to remove refinanced, rather than sold homes from the counts of sales.

State Source: Washington Center for Real Estate Research, Washington State University, Washington State's Housing Market: A Supply/Demand Assessment. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

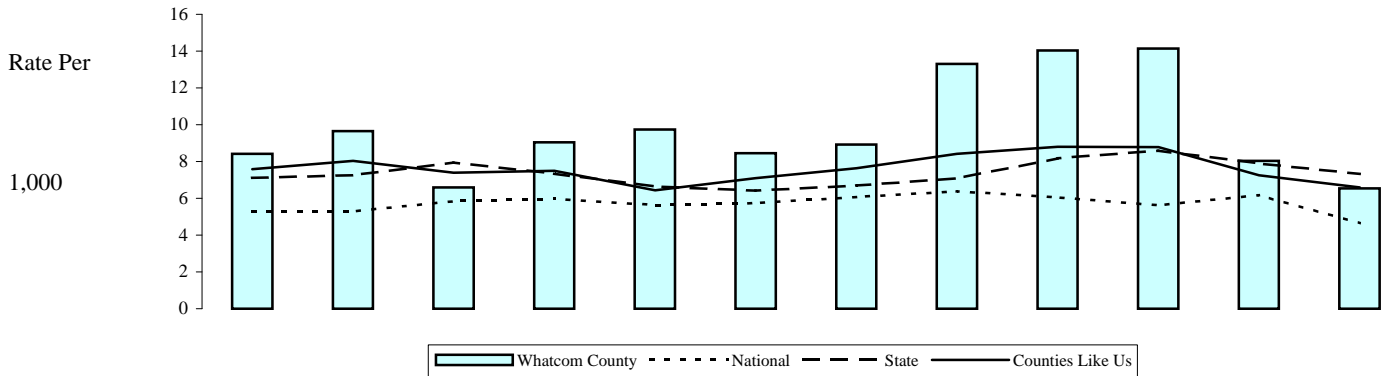
National Source: US Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the US; Existing One-family houses sold

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Community Domain: Transitions and Mobility

New Residence Construction



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	5.29	5.29	5.85	5.96	5.64	5.74	6.07	6.39	6.06	5.61	6.17	4.65
State	7.12	7.25	7.95	7.34	6.65	6.42	6.69	7.07	8.18	8.59	7.89	7.33
Counties Like Us	7.58	8.03	7.39	7.50	6.43	7.10	7.63	8.41	8.80	8.78	7.25	6.60
Whatcom County	8.41	9.65	6.60	9.05	9.74	8.46	8.93	13.30	14.03	14.14	8.04	6.54
New Residences	1,288	1,520	1,057	1,486	1,625	1,444	1,537	2,320	2,488	2,556	1,482	1,232
All Persons	153,171	157,460	160,220	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300

Note: The rates are the annual number of new building permits issued for single and multi-family dwellings, per 1,000 persons (all ages). Each unit in a multi-family dwelling (for example, each apartment in a building) has a separate building permit.

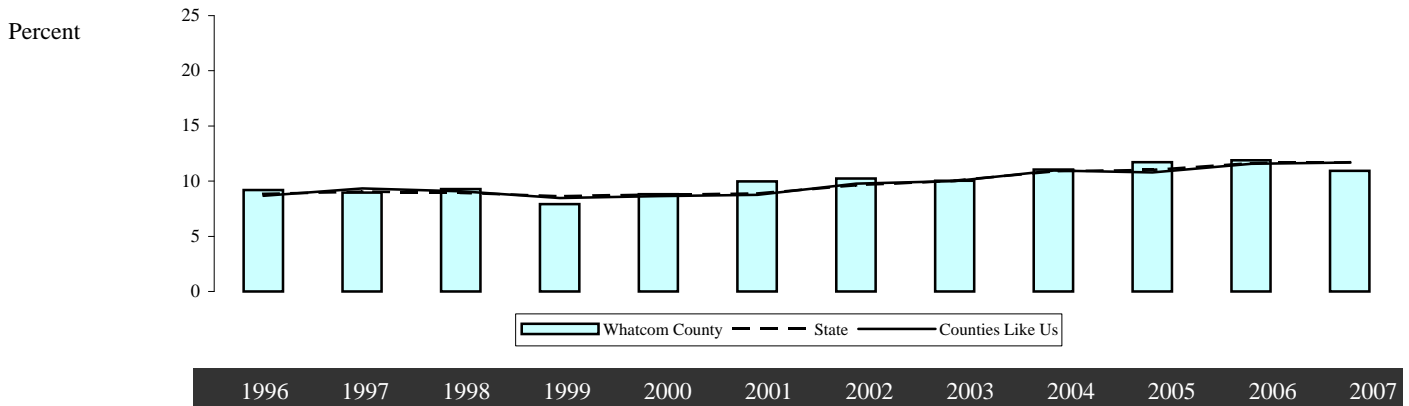
State Source: Washington Center for Real Estate Research, Washington State University, Washington State's Housing Market: A Supply/Demand Assessment. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: US Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the US; New Privately Owned Housing Units Started

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Community Domain: Alcohol or Drug-related Problems

Alcohol- or Drug-Related Deaths



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
State	8.85	9.04	8.92	8.65	8.80	8.87	9.62	10.03	10.91	11.01	11.62	11.71
Counties Like Us	8.68	9.33	9.07	8.46	8.65	8.77	9.78	10.01	10.96	10.80	11.56	11.70
Whatcom County	9.18	8.96	9.27	7.91	8.81	9.97	10.23	10.03	11.06	11.73	11.88	10.93
AOD-related	106	99	110	91	108	123	133	131	146	155	156	155
Deaths	1,155	1,105	1,187	1,151	1,226	1,234	1,300	1,306	1,320	1,321	1,313	1,418

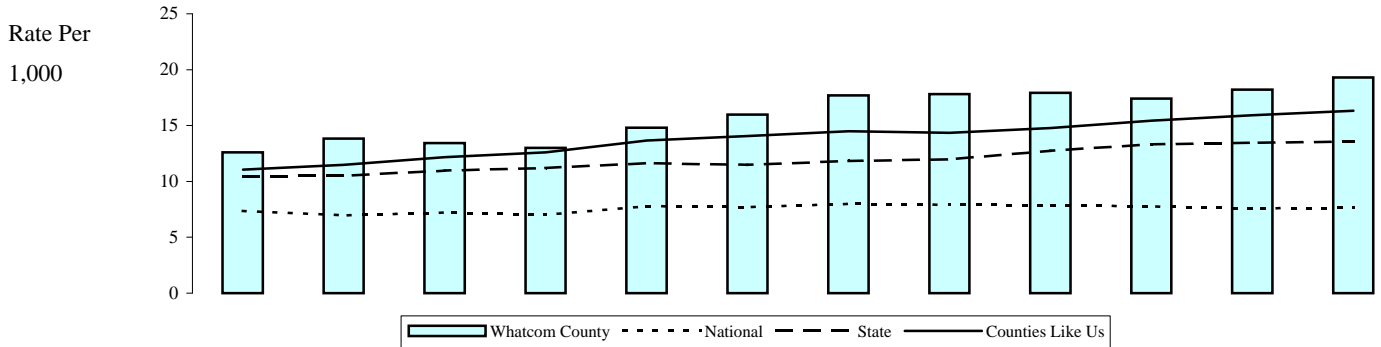
Note: The rates are the annual number of deaths, with alcohol- or drug-related causes, per 100 deaths. Evaluation is based on all contributory causes of death for direct and indirect associations with alcohol and drug abuse. For a complete explanation of the codes and methods used please see Technical Notes: Counting Alcohol- or Drug-related Deaths. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Rates are not reported when fewer than 100 deaths occurred in an area.

State Source: Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data File

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Community Domain: Alcohol or Drug-related Problems

Clients of State-Funded Alcohol or Drug Services (Age 18+)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	7.37	6.95	7.21	7.02	7.79	7.70	7.98	7.89	7.87	7.76	7.59	7.65
State	10.49	10.52	10.96	11.20	11.64	11.47	11.82	11.98	12.73	13.32	13.47	13.58
Counties Like Us	11.04	11.48	12.17	12.59	13.67	14.06	14.48	14.34	14.79	15.44	15.92	16.33
Whatcom County	12.61	13.84	13.43	13.00	14.81	15.97	17.71	17.80	17.92	17.41	18.22	19.29
Admits, 18+	1,440	1,629	1,615	1,611	1,874	2,074	2,330	2,383	2,446	2,430	2,598	2,818
Persons, 18+	114,214	117,678	120,232	123,902	126,575	129,878	131,582	133,851	136,496	139,563	142,613	146,055

Note: The rates are the annual number of adults (age 18 and over) receiving state-funded alcohol or drug services, per 1,000 adults. Counts of adults are unduplicated so that those receiving services more than once during the year are only counted once for that year. State-funded services include treatment, assessment, and detox. Persons in Department of Corrections treatment programs are not included.

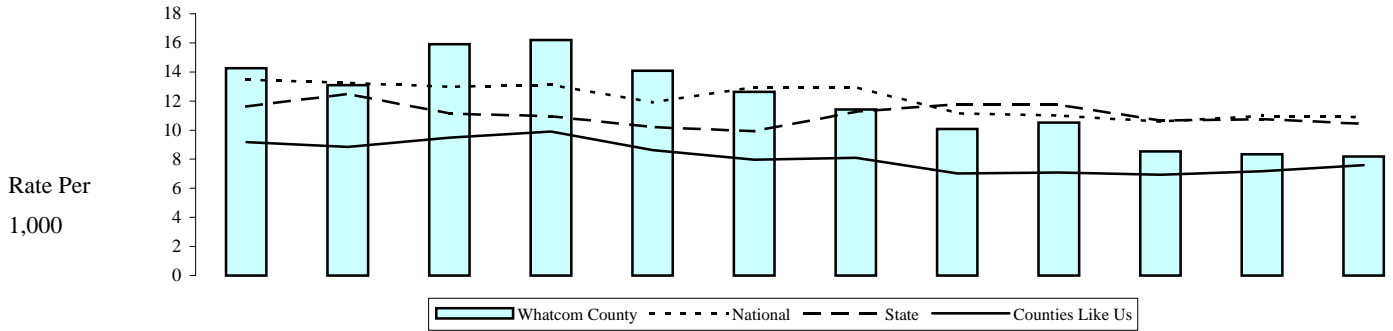
State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Treatment and Assessment Report Generation Tool (TARGET). Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)

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Community Domain: Alcohol or Drug-related Problems

Arrests (Age 18+), Alcohol-Related



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	13.46	13.25	12.99	13.11	11.90	12.95	12.96	11.15	11.00	10.59	10.97	10.90
State	11.62	12.50	11.14	10.95	10.20	9.93	11.27	11.80	11.75	10.64	10.75	10.44
Counties Like Us	9.17	8.85	9.49	9.90	8.63	7.97	8.09	7.03	7.09	6.93	7.17	7.60
Whatcom County	14.27	13.10	15.90	16.19	14.08	12.64	11.41	10.08	10.51	8.53	8.35	8.18
Arrests, 18+	1,617	1,536	1,905	1,998	1,775	1,635	1,484	1,278	1,433	1,191	1,191	1,195
Adjst'd Pop 18+	113,275	117,250	119,785	123,433	126,088	129,341	130,113	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,613	146,055

Note: The rates are the alcohol violations (age 18+), per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Alcohol violations include all crimes involving driving under the influence, liquor law violations, and drunkenness. DUI arrests by the Washington State Patrol (29% of all Adult Alcohol-related Arrests) are included in the state trend analysis. However, they are not included in the county rankings since WSP arrests are not assigned to counties. Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

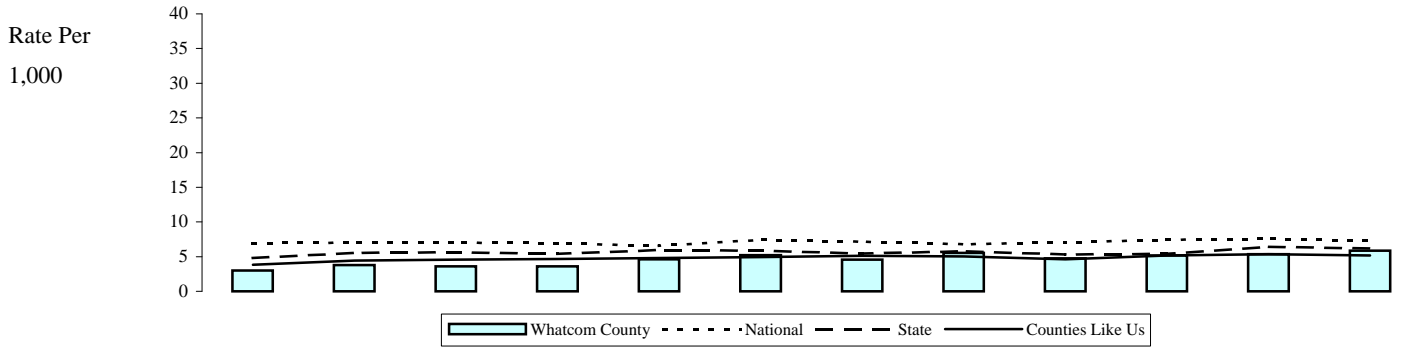
State Source: Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Tables 40 and 50. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Community Domain: Alcohol or Drug-related Problems

Arrests (Age 18+), Drug Law Violation



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	6.93	7.02	7.01	6.92	6.56	7.43	7.13	6.77	7.06	7.44	7.58	7.29
State	4.78	5.53	5.62	5.41	5.93	5.86	5.45	5.78	5.31	5.38	6.40	6.20
Counties Like Us	3.81	4.41	4.59	4.68	4.78	4.94	5.11	5.05	4.62	5.17	5.34	5.17
Whatcom County	2.98	3.80	3.61	3.62	4.62	5.20	4.58	5.53	4.74	5.17	5.34	5.87
Arrests, 18+	337	445	432	447	582	673	596	701	647	721	762	857
Adjst'd Pop 18+	113,275	117,250	119,785	123,433	126,088	129,341	130,113	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,613	146,055

Note: The rates are the annual number of arrests of adults (age 18+) for drug law violations, per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Drug law violations include all crimes involving sale, manufacturing, and possession of drugs. Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

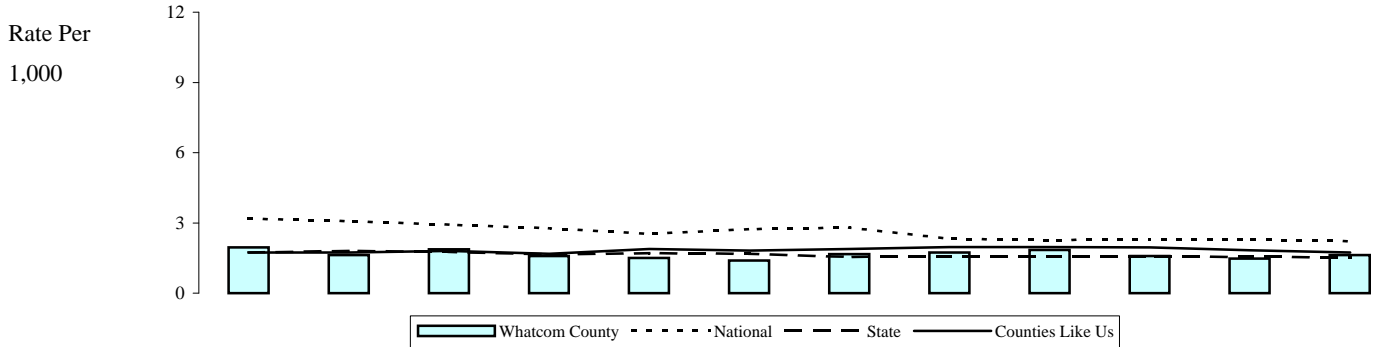
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National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Community Domain: Adult Violent Crime

Arrests (Age 18+), Violent Crime



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	3.18	3.07	2.92	2.77	2.53	2.73	2.80	2.32	2.27	2.30	2.29	2.22
State	1.74	1.81	1.76	1.65	1.71	1.68	1.54	1.58	1.59	1.57	1.54	1.53
Counties Like Us	1.73	1.74	1.81	1.68	1.89	1.82	1.88	1.97	1.97	1.95	1.83	1.73
Whatcom County	1.95	1.62	1.87	1.59	1.50	1.39	1.67	1.74	1.84	1.58	1.48	1.63
Arrests, 18+	221	190	224	196	189	180	217	221	251	221	211	238
Adjst'd Pop 18+	113,275	117,250	119,785	123,433	126,088	129,341	130,113	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,613	146,055

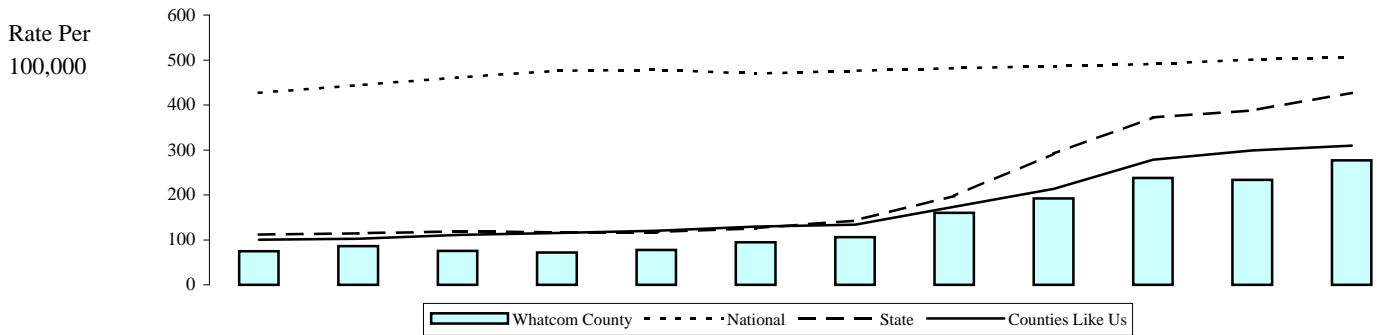
Note: The rates are the annual number of arrests of adults (age 18+) for violent crime per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Violent crimes include all crimes involving criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Simple assault is not defined as a violent crime. Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

State Source: Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Tables 40 and 50. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Prisoners in State Correctional Systems (Age 18+)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	427.00	444.00	461.00	476.00	478.00	470.00	476.00	482.00	486.00	491.00	501.00	506.00
State	111.39	114.91	118.61	116.78	117.73	125.89	143.14	198.09	291.89	372.42	387.96	427.28
Counties Like Us	100.11	102.50	111.32	114.98	120.63	129.41	133.67	173.74	213.54	278.05	298.68	309.26
Whatcom County	75.08	86.37	75.52	71.83	77.93	94.37	106.27	159.89	192.33	237.83	233.31	276.69
Prisoners, 18+	115	136	121	118	130	161	183	279	341	430	430	521
All Persons	153,171	157,460	160,220	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300

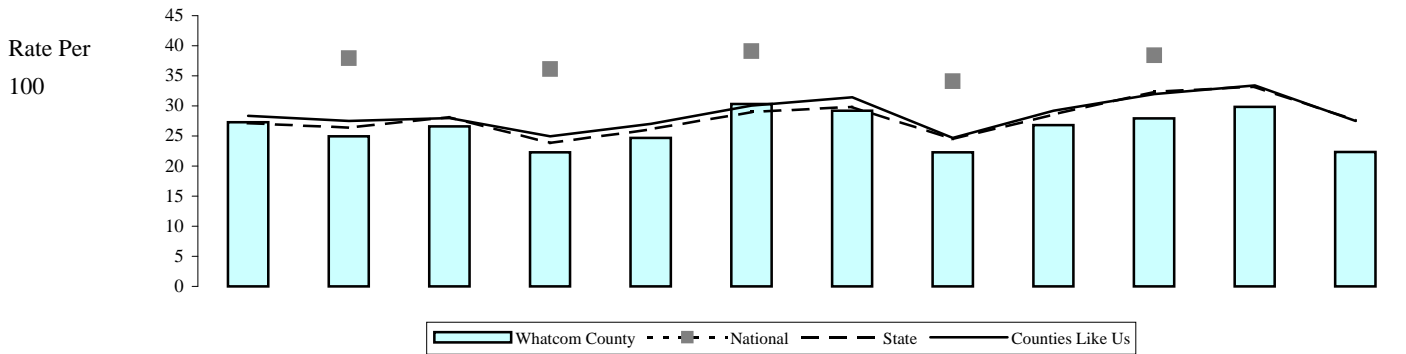
Note: The rate is the annual number of adult (age 18 and over) admissions to prison, per 100,000 persons (all ages). Admissions include new admissions, re-admissions, community custody inmate violations, and parole violations. Counts of admissions are duplicated so that individuals admitted to prison more than once in a year are counted each time they are admitted. The admissions are attributed to the county where the conviction occurred. In 2003 prisoners being electronically monitored are included in the data. This causes a jump in numbers for counties which use this incarceration option. National data after 1998 are not available in an equivalent form. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

State Source: Department of Corrections, Inmates File. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics Correctional Populations in the U.S.

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Population Not Registered to Vote



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
National		37.90		36.10		39.10		34.10		38.40		
State	27.12	26.38	28.12	23.85	26.11	28.97	29.84	24.49	28.58	32.36	33.20	27.54
Counties Like Us	28.34	27.49	27.98	24.93	27.04	30.04	31.41	24.69	29.21	31.98	33.41	27.51
Whatcom County	27.31	24.93	26.57	22.30	24.68	30.34	29.21	22.27	26.83	27.90	29.85	22.35
Not Registered	32,140	29,974	32,915	28,223	32,050	39,926	39,098	30,402	37,445	39,794	43,597	33,185
Persons, 18+	117,678	120,232	123,902	126,575	129,878	131,582	133,851	136,496	139,563	142,613	146,055	148,499

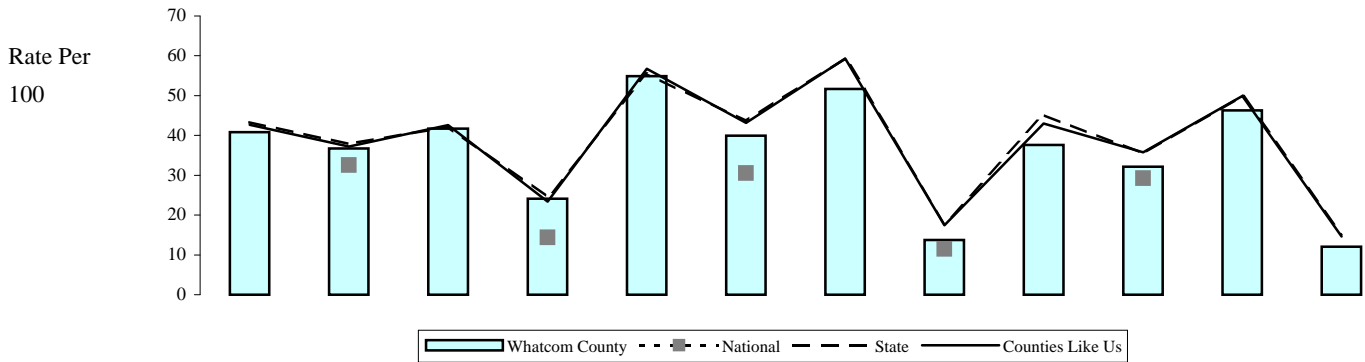
Note: The rate is the annual number of persons not registered to vote in the November elections, per 100 adults (age 18 and over). As part of the November Current Population Survey (the Voting and Registration Supplement), the Bureau of the Census collects data on voting and registration in years with presidential or congressional elections (i.e. every other year).

State Source: Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, Registered Voters. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: Calculated using data from U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the United States; "Voting-Age Population, Percent Reporting Registered, and Voted: 1980 to 2000"

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2/1/2009

Registered And Not Voting in the November Election



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
National		32.53		14.40		30.54		11.53		29.22		
State	43.35	37.83	42.23	24.54	55.49	43.65	59.51	17.81	45.18	35.45	49.96	15.39
Counties Like Us	42.70	37.22	42.59	23.39	56.77	43.14	59.35	17.40	42.97	35.78	49.87	14.61
Whatcom County	40.85	36.75	41.71	24.08	54.86	39.92	51.68	13.76	37.61	32.13	46.26	12.07
Not Voting	34,945	33,168	37,949	23,681	53,665	36,590	48,967	14,597	38,402	33,037	47,399	13,915
Reg'd Voters	85,538	90,258	90,987	98,352	97,828	91,656	94,753	106,094	102,118	102,819	102,458	115,314

Note: The rate is the annual number of persons registered to vote in the November elections but not voting, per 100 adults (age 18 and over) registered to vote. As part of the November Current Population Survey (the Voting and Registration Supplement), the Bureau of the Census collects data on voting and registration in years with presidential or congressional elections (i.e. every other year).

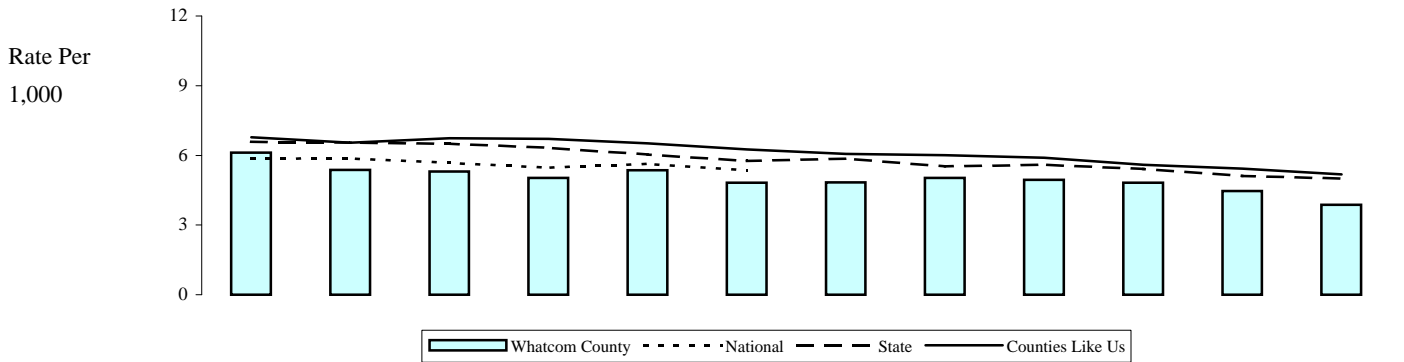
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Family Domain: Family Problems

Divorce



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	5.86	5.87	5.67	5.47	5.64	5.36						
State	6.59	6.54	6.50	6.33	6.04	5.76	5.86	5.53	5.59	5.41	5.11	5.00
Counties Like Us	6.78	6.54	6.74	6.71	6.52	6.25	6.06	6.01	5.89	5.59	5.43	5.18
Whatcom County	6.12	5.38	5.30	5.03	5.36	4.82	4.83	5.03	4.95	4.82	4.46	3.87
Divorces	740	670	674	659	716	661	670	710	711	708	670	596
Persons, 15+	120,844	124,556	127,213	130,887	133,594	137,021	138,719	141,037	143,719	147,008	150,256	153,861

Note: The State and County rates are the annual number of divorces per 1,000 persons (age 15 and over). Divorce includes dissolutions, annulments, and unknown decree types; it does not include legal separations. Divorce data is reported by the woman's residence, if in Washington at the time of decree. If the woman lived outside Washington, the man's residence was used. If both parties residence was unknown the event is not assigned to a county, but is included in the state rate. The National rate is based on age 18 and over population. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

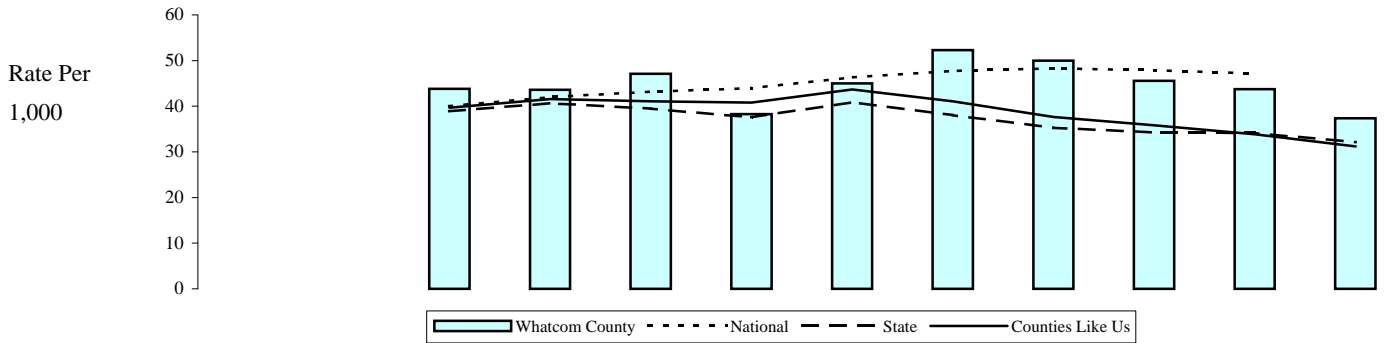
State Source: Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Dissolution and Annulment Data. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: Calculated using Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, National Vital Statistics Reports Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths, Provisional Data for August 2001

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11/3/2008

Family Domain: Family Problems

Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect in Accepted Referrals



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
National			40.00	42.01	43.21	43.93	46.30	47.74	48.30	47.90	47.20	
State		38.88	40.63	41.60	39.43	37.60	40.87	38.06	35.26	34.30	34.15	32.07
Counties Like Us		39.67	41.60	41.05	41.05	40.78	43.65	41.09	37.63	35.80	33.89	31.22
Whatcom County		43.81	43.58	47.10	47.10	38.25	44.99	52.32	50.00	45.58	43.74	37.37
Accepted Victims			1,769	1,754	1,918	1,554	1,829	2,135	2,062	1,900	1,848	1,588
Persons, birth-17			40,380	40,251	40,722	40,623	40,649	40,803	41,237	41,688	42,245	42,497

Note: The rates are the annual number of children (age birth-17) identified as victims in reports to Child Protective Services that were accepted for further action, per 1,000 children (age birth-17). Children are counted more than once if they are reported as a victim more than once during the year. A "referral" is a report of suspected child abuse. Child counts are now taken directly from Children's Administration, Administrative Services, Case Management Information System (CAMIS) rather than from CAMIS through Kid's Count as done in previous reports. Numbers may differ due to corrections or changes in location definition made in the database extraction process. Child location is derived from the residence at the time of referral. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Children's Administration, Administrative Services, Case Management Information System (CAMIS). Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

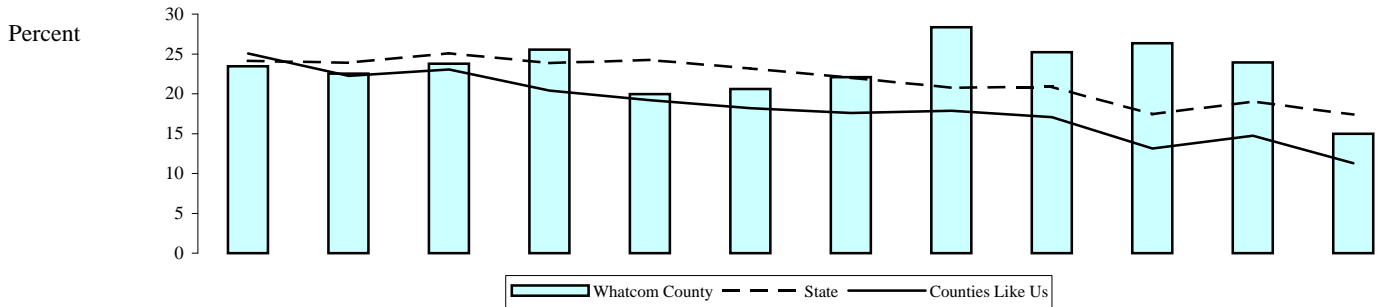
National Source: US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Voluntary Cooperative Information System (VCIS), and estimates from Adoption, Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS)

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School Domain: Senior Class Loss

Freshmen Who Leave School Before Their Senior Year

A Comparison of Senior Class as a Percent of Freshman Class Enrollment



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
State	24.15	23.88	25.10	23.87	24.25	23.18	21.99	20.78	20.88	17.43	19.03	17.39
Counties Like Us	25.06	22.25	23.07	20.41	19.18	18.18	17.60	17.88	17.06	13.13	14.75	11.28
Whatcom County	23.44	22.52	23.77	25.54	19.96	20.59	22.10	28.35	25.24	26.34	23.93	14.98
Senior Attrition	485	487	531	590	447	469	528	726	633	662	616	358
Freshman Enrollment	2,069	2,163	2,234	2,310	2,240	2,278	2,389	2,561	2,508	2,513	2,574	2,390

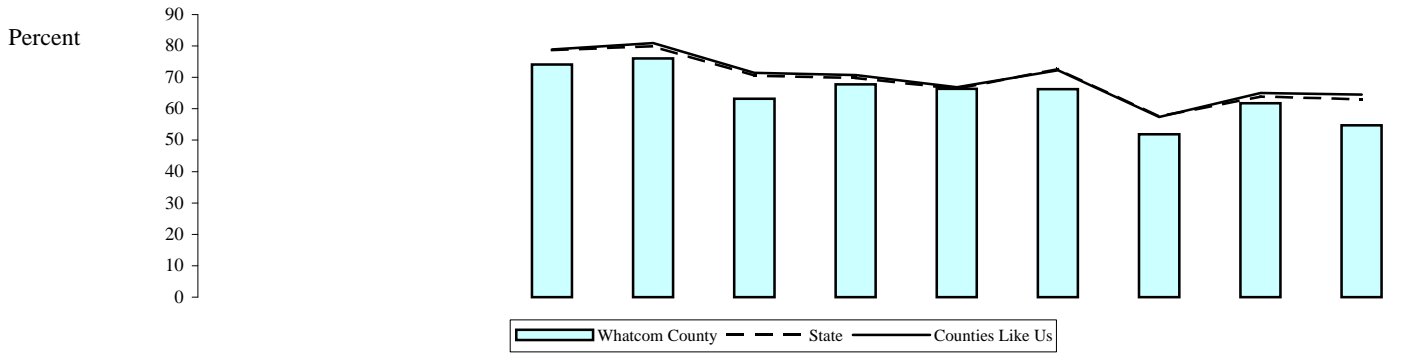
Note: Where senior enrollment is smaller than freshman enrollment the rate is the annual number fewer seniors as a percent of freshman October enrollment. When senior enrollment is greater than freshman enrollment the rate is zero.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Information Services, October Enrollment Files.

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3/26/2009

School Domain: Low School Test Scores

Poor Academic Performance, Grade 10 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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State				78.69	79.88	70.51	69.78	66.38	72.68	57.51	63.92	62.97
Counties Like Us				78.89	80.88	71.45	70.71	66.87	72.30	57.34	65.02	64.52
Whatcom County				74.05	76.04	63.23	67.78	66.32	66.22	51.93	61.73	54.77
Low Scorers				1,481	1,511	1,245	1,315	1,331	1,376	1,115	1,021	878
Tested, 10th grade				2,000	1,987	1,969	1,940	2,007	2,078	2,147	1,654	1,603

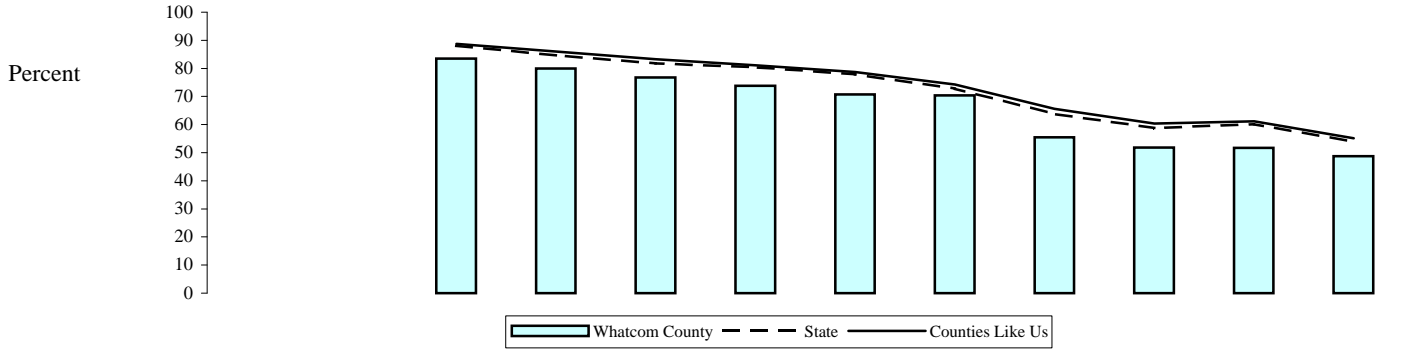
Note: The State and County rates are the annual number of tenth graders who failed one or more content areas in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). Tests are given in the spring of the year. For example, data for 2002 is for students in the 10th grade during the school year 2001/2002. Previous reports used 1990 Census population distributions to allocate school district data to counties. Census population distributions for 2000 are now being used and event counts differ slightly in some counties.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Instructional Programs, Curriculum and Assessment, Grade 10 Failing In One Or More Content Areas.

Updated
10/25/2007

School Domain: Low School Test Scores

Poor Academic Performance, Grade 7 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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State			88.06	84.67	81.74	80.45	77.90	72.76	63.80	58.74	60.11	53.91
Counties Like Us			88.77	85.94	83.24	81.15	78.65	74.27	65.58	60.33	61.12	55.13
Whatcom County			83.51	79.92	76.75	73.75	70.70	70.44	55.45	51.77	51.76	48.75
Low Scorers			1,646	1,564	1,532	1,503	1,465	1,482	1,145	1,066	1,044	895
Tested, 7th grade			1,971	1,957	1,996	2,038	2,072	2,104	2,065	2,059	2,017	1,836

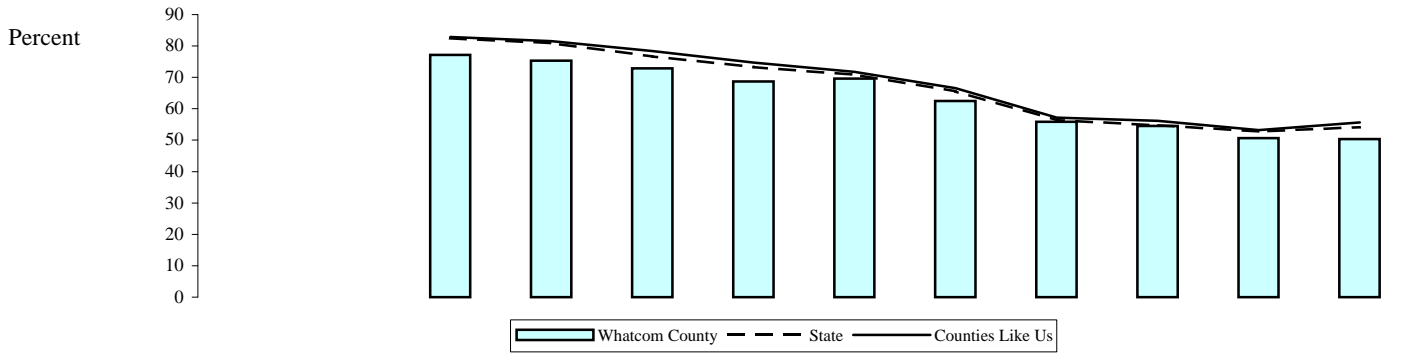
Note: The State and County rates are the annual number of seventh graders who failed one or more content areas in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). Tests are given in the spring of the year. Data for 2002 is for students in the 7th grade during the school year 2001/2002. Previous reports used 1990 Census population distributions to allocate school district data to counties. Census population distributions for 2000 are now being used and event counts differ slightly in some counties.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Instructional Programs, Curriculum and Assessment, Grade 7 Failing In One Or More Content Areas.

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School Domain: Low School Test Scores

Poor Academic Performance, Grade 4 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)



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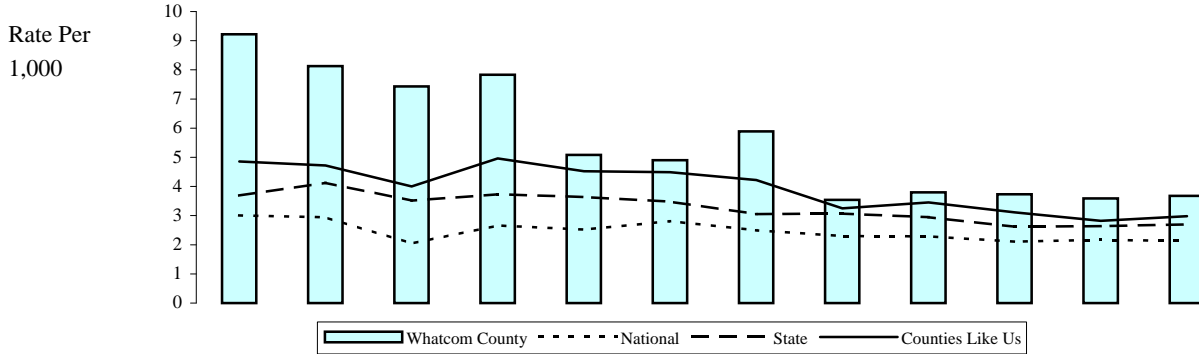
State			82.42	80.97	76.68	73.30	70.86	65.56	56.39	54.78	52.83	54.08
Counties Like Us			82.89	81.50	78.37	74.73	71.76	66.59	57.20	56.18	53.23	55.70
Whatcom County			77.13	75.29	72.89	68.67	69.62	62.53	55.87	54.49	50.64	50.39
Low Scorers			1,528	1,542	1,492	1,335	1,373	1,240	1,032	1,014	907	915
Tested, 4th grade			1,981	2,048	2,047	1,944	1,972	1,983	1,847	1,861	1,791	1,816

Note: The State and County rates are the annual number of fourth graders who failed one or more content areas in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). Tests are given in the spring of the year. Data for 2002 is for students in 4th grade during the school year 2001/2002. Previous reports used 1990 Census population distributions to allocate school district data to counties. Census population distributions for 2000 are now being used and event counts differ slightly in some counties.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Instructional Programs, Curriculum and Assessment, Grade 4 Failing In One Or More Content Areas.

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10/25/2007

Arrests (Age 10-14), Alcohol- or Drug-Related



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	3.01	2.94	2.04	2.66	2.52	2.81	2.50	2.30	2.29	2.11	2.17	2.13
State	3.69	4.13	3.51	3.73	3.64	3.48	3.05	3.07	2.95	2.62	2.64	2.70
Counties Like Us	4.86	4.72	4.00	4.96	4.52	4.49	4.22	3.25	3.45	3.11	2.82	2.98
Whatcom County	9.22	8.13	7.43	7.83	5.08	4.90	5.89	3.54	3.80	3.73	3.59	3.68
Arrests, 10-14	102	92	84	90	59	58	70	40	46	45	43	44
Adjst'd Pop 10-14	11,057	11,318	11,310	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,878	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,991	11,957

Note: The rates are the annual number of arrests of younger adolescents (age 10-14) for alcohol and drug law violations, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-14). Alcohol violations include all crimes involving driving under the influence, liquor law violations, and drunkenness. For children, arrests for liquor law violations are usually arrests for minor in possession. Drug law violations include all crimes involving sale, manufacturing, and possession of drugs.

1) Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to Uniform Crime Report (UCR). In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

2) The DUI portion of this measure is likely understated, because arrests made by the State Patrol (approximately 40% of DUI arrests) are not attributable to counties. State Patrol arrests are included in the state rates.

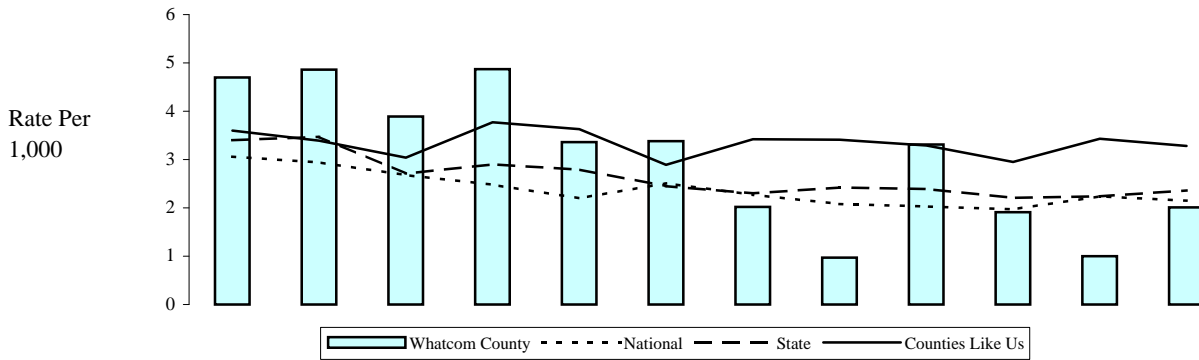
State Source: Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Tables 40 and 50. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Individual/Peer Domain: Early Criminal Justice Involvement

Arrests (Age 10-14), Vandalism



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	3.06	2.94	2.68	2.48	2.20	2.51	2.27	2.08	2.03	1.97	2.24	2.15
State	3.40	3.47	2.71	2.90	2.79	2.45	2.30	2.42	2.39	2.21	2.24	2.36
Counties Like Us	3.60	3.39	3.04	3.77	3.63	2.89	3.42	3.41	3.29	2.95	3.43	3.28
Whatcom County	4.70	4.86	3.89	4.87	3.36	3.38	2.02	0.97	3.31	1.91	1.00	2.01
Arrests, 10-14	52	55	44	56	39	40	24	11	40	23	12	24
Adjst'd Pop 10-14	11,057	11,318	11,310	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,878	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,991	11,957

Note: The rates are the annual number of arrests of younger adolescents (age 10-14) for vandalism (including residence, non-residence, vehicles, venerated objects, police cars, or other) per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-14). Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

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National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Injury or Accident Hospitalizations for Children



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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State	4.05	4.01	3.77	3.60	3.82	3.67	3.65	3.34	3.87	4.21	4.03	3.86
Counties Like Us	4.03	4.04	3.75	3.55	3.70	3.69	3.67	3.18	3.61	3.73	3.91	3.68
Whatcom County	4.15	3.44	4.62	4.03	4.03	3.40	4.05	3.52	3.65	3.70	3.91	4.37
Injuries	115	99	143	121	123	103	123	107	112	114	125	138
Hospitalizations	2,771	2,879	3,096	3,003	3,052	3,029	3,037	3,039	3,070	3,081	3,198	3,158

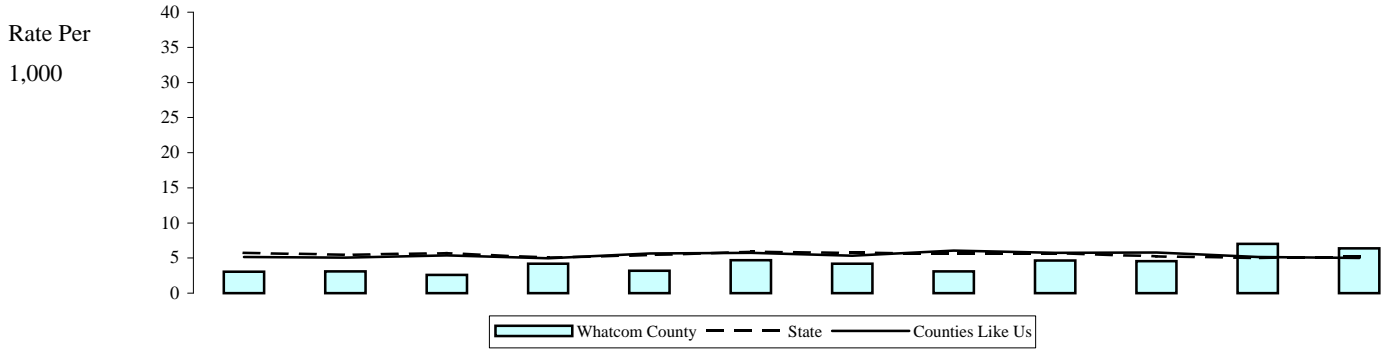
Note: The rate is the annual number of child injury or accident hospitalizations as a percent of all hospitalizations for children (age birth-17). Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement data may not be displayed for areas with less than 100 hospitalizations.

State Source: Department of Health, Office of Hospital and Patient Data Systems, Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS)

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9/2/2008

Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Infant Mortality (Under 1 Year)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	7.61	7.48	7.54	7.39	7.25	6.85	7.01	7.00	6.81	6.87	6.82	
State	5.74	5.48	5.68	5.07	5.44	5.88	5.73	5.67	5.69	5.22	4.99	5.14
Counties Like Us	5.14	5.06	5.36	4.95	5.66	5.76	5.34	6.05	5.73	5.80	5.16	5.00
Whatcom County	3.06	3.08	2.60	4.17	3.18	4.70	4.17	3.12	4.65	4.57	7.02	6.38
deaths, infants	6	6	5	8	6	9	8	6	9	9	14	13
Infants < 1 year	1,963	1,946	1,921	1,920	1,884	1,914	1,918	1,921	1,935	1,968	1,994	2,037

Note: The rate is the annual number of deaths, of infants under one year of age, per 1,000 population of infants under one year of age. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Rates are not reported when fewer than 100 deaths occurred in an area.

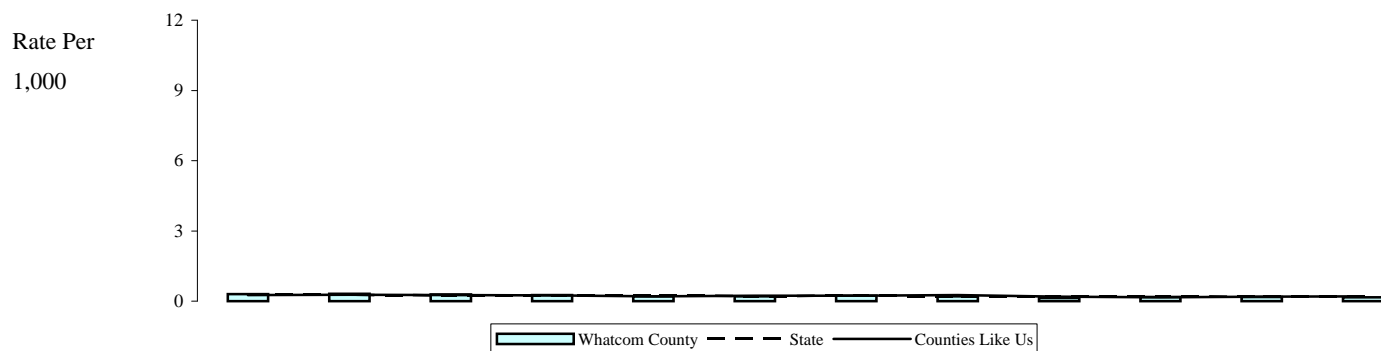
State Source: Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data File. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Child Mortality (Ages 1-17)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	34.38	34.04	34.12	34.68	34.68	34.83	35.08					
State	0.27	0.28	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.19	0.18
Counties Like Us	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.20	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.19	0.16	0.19	0.21
Whatcom County	0.30	0.32	0.29	0.26	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.17
Child Deaths	11	12	11	10	8	8	9	8	5	7	7	7
Children (age 1-17)	36,995	37,836	38,067	38,460	38,366	38,808	38,705	38,728	38,868	39,269	39,693	40,208

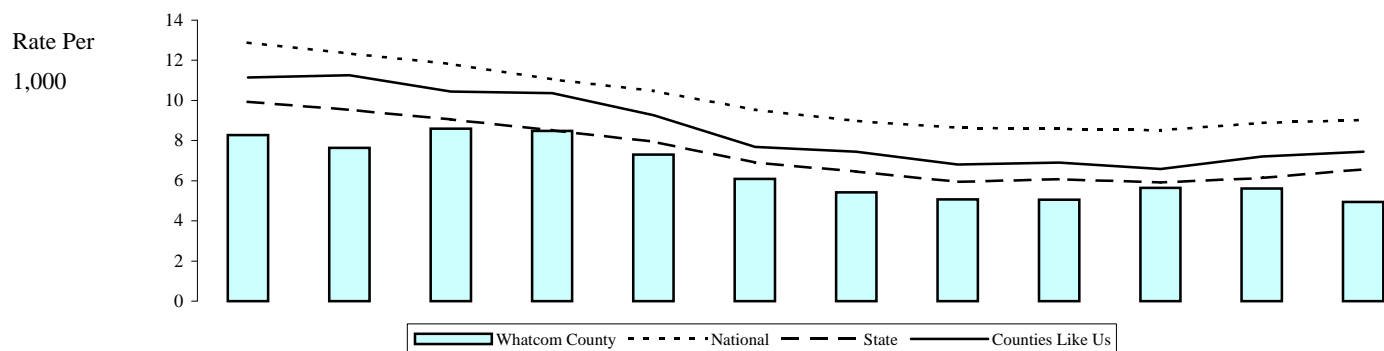
Note: The rate is the annual number of deaths, of children 1 to 17 years of age, per 1,000 population of children 1 to 17 years of age. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Rates are not reported when fewer than 100 deaths occurred in an area.

State Source: Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data File. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Births (Mothers Age 10-17)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	12.88	12.34	11.81	11.05	10.48	9.53	8.97	8.64	8.58	8.52	8.88	9.03
State	9.93	9.54	9.06	8.52	7.94	6.91	6.46	5.95	6.07	5.91	6.14	6.57
Counties Like Us	11.14	11.26	10.45	10.37	9.26	7.68	7.44	6.81	6.90	6.59	7.21	7.44
Whatcom County	8.28	7.64	8.59	8.49	7.31	6.09	5.42	5.07	5.06	5.64	5.61	4.95
Birthed, 10-17	72	68	77	77	67	57	51	48	48	54	54	48
Females, 10-17	8,692	8,906	8,966	9,070	9,170	9,358	9,415	9,471	9,485	9,567	9,632	9,702

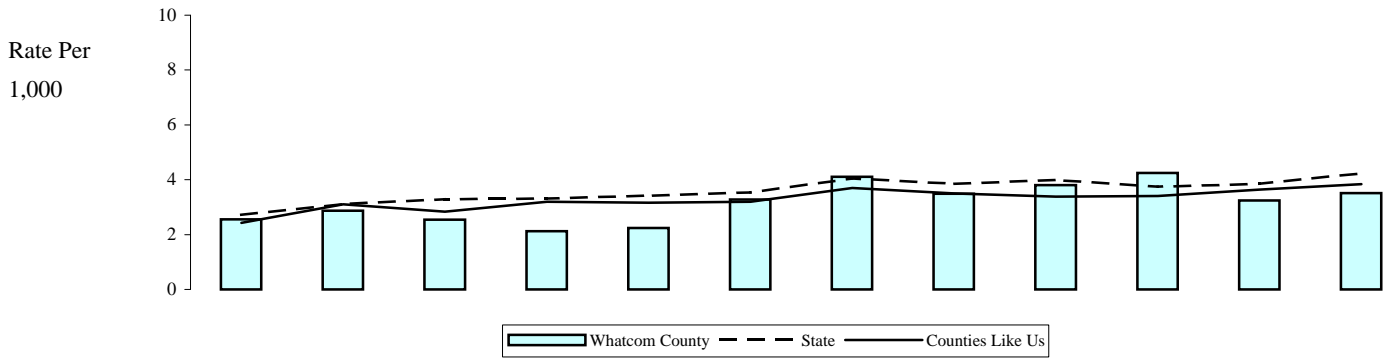
Note: The rate is the annual number of live births to adolescents (age 10-17) per 1,000 females (age 10-17). Rate changes in data result from on-going updates to birth records. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement data may not be displayed for areas with less than 100 births.

State Source: Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Birth Certificate Data File. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Health Statistics National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health Services, National Vital Statistics Reports

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Sexually Transmitted Disease Cases (Birth-19)



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
State	2.72	3.11	3.29	3.31	3.42	3.53	4.05	3.85	3.99	3.75	3.85	4.24
Counties Like Us	2.43	3.10	2.84	3.20	3.16	3.20	3.70	3.50	3.38	3.41	3.64	3.84
Whatcom County	2.56	2.87	2.54	2.12	2.24	3.28	4.11	3.49	3.80	4.25	3.24	3.51
Cases, birth-19	117	133	120	100	107	157	197	168	185	209	162	177
Persons, birth-19	45,668	46,326	47,257	47,179	47,857	47,821	47,881	48,160	48,684	49,218	49,962	50,372

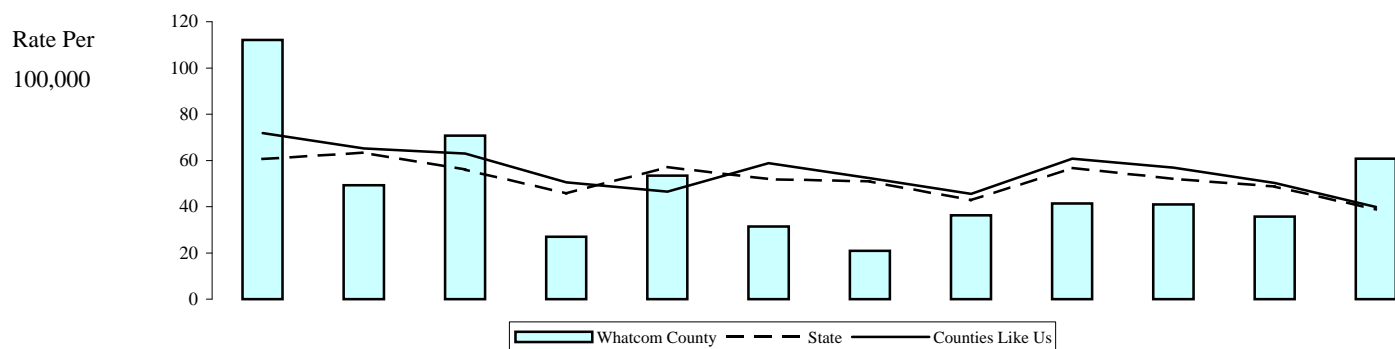
Note: The State and County rates are the annual number of reported cases of gonorrhea, syphilis, or Chlamydia in children (age birth-19) per 1,000 adolescents (age birth-19). Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement some data may not be for populations less than 100.

State Source: Department of Health, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Services, Sexually Transmitted Disease Reported Cases. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Suicide and Suicide Attempts (Age 10-17)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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State	60.60	63.43	56.03	45.61	57.23	51.86	50.99	42.79	56.73	52.01	48.75	38.72
Counties Like Us	71.77	65.25	63.01	50.50	46.48	58.83	52.32	45.52	60.72	56.94	50.27	39.89
Whatcom County	112.08	49.24	70.74	26.93	53.40	31.44	20.86	36.29	41.38	41.02	35.65	60.72
Suicide & Attempt	20	9	13	5	10	6	4	7	8	8	7	12
Persons, 10-17	17,845	18,278	18,376	18,569	18,727	19,081	19,173	19,289	19,332	19,503	19,633	19,763

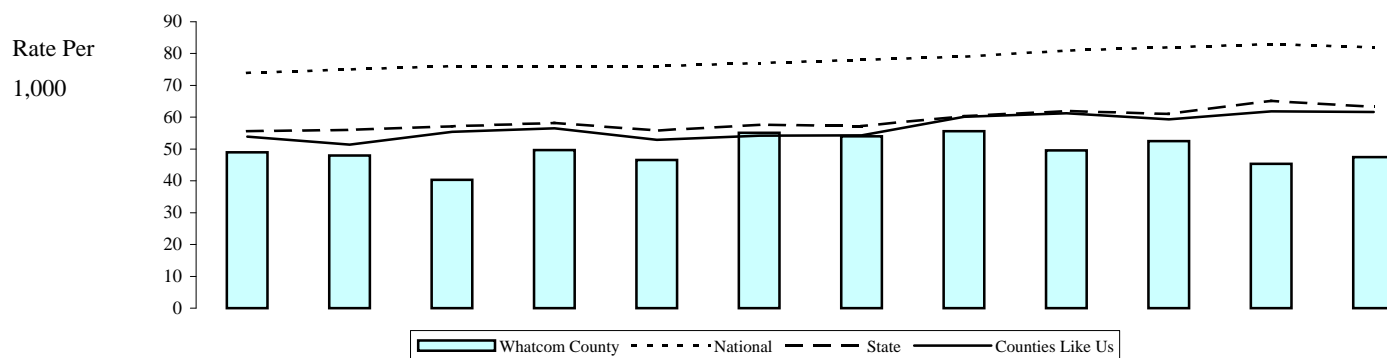
Note: The rate is the annual number of adolescents (age 10-17) who committed suicide or were admitted to the hospital for suicide attempts, per 100,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Suicides are based on death certificate information. Suicide attempts are based on hospital admissions, but do not include admissions to federal hospitals. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement data may not be displayed for locations with adolescent populations less than 100.

State Source: Department of Health, Office of Hospital and Patient Data Systems, Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) and Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics Death Certificate Data. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Low Birthweight Babies



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	73.90	75.00	76.00	76.00	76.00	77.00	78.00	79.00	81.00	82.00	83.00	82.00
State	55.59	56.06	57.08	58.22	55.76	57.64	57.25	60.35	61.96	61.04	65.16	63.27
Counties Like Us	53.89	51.43	55.36	56.56	52.90	54.23	54.29	60.10	61.23	59.35	61.82	61.60
Whatcom County	49.01	47.96	40.37	49.65	46.53	55.10	54.00	55.61	49.61	52.51	45.39	47.47
Low-weight Babies	94	94	83	98	96	108	100	113	102	111	100	105
All Births	1,918	1,960	2,056	1,974	2,063	1,960	1,852	2,032	2,056	2,114	2,203	2,212

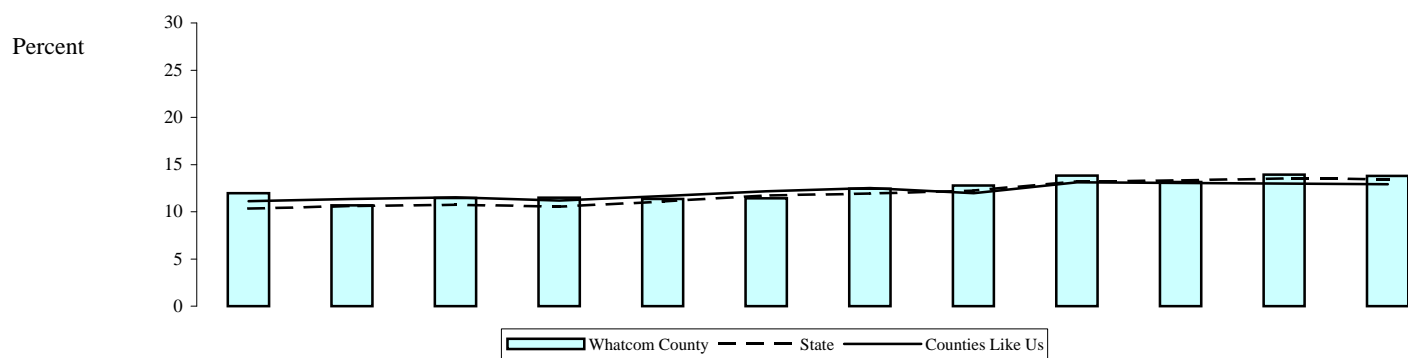
Note: The rate is the annual number of babies born with low birthweight, per 1,000 live births. Low birthweight is less than 2,500 grams. Rate changes in data result from on-going updates to birth records. No rate is given when the number of live births is less than 100 in the geographic area. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

State Source: Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Birth Certificate Data File

National Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Health Statistics National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health Services, WONDER Data System

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Injury or Accident Hospitalizations for Women



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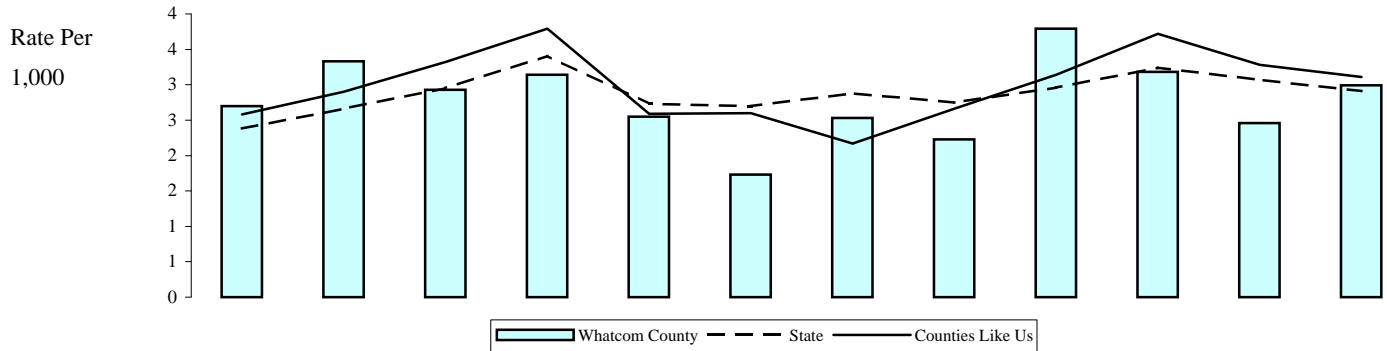
State	10.35	10.61	10.75	10.55	11.08	11.73	11.93	12.25	13.21	13.32	13.53	13.45
Counties Like Us	11.13	11.36	11.54	11.18	11.67	12.18	12.51	11.96	13.13	13.06	13.00	12.93
Whatcom County	11.96	10.67	11.46	11.49	11.35	11.41	12.44	12.77	13.83	13.15	13.93	13.78
Injuries	725	689	771	797	872	897	970	1,021	1,137	1,061	1,165	1,150
Hospitalizations	6,062	6,455	6,727	6,939	7,681	7,864	7,800	7,995	8,221	8,069	8,362	8,348

Note: The rate is the annual number of injury or accident hospitalizations for women as a percent of all hospitalizations for women (age 18+). Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement data may not be displayed for areas with less than 100 hospitalizations.

State Source: Department of Health, Office of Hospital and Patient Data Systems, Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS).

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Weapons Incidents in School



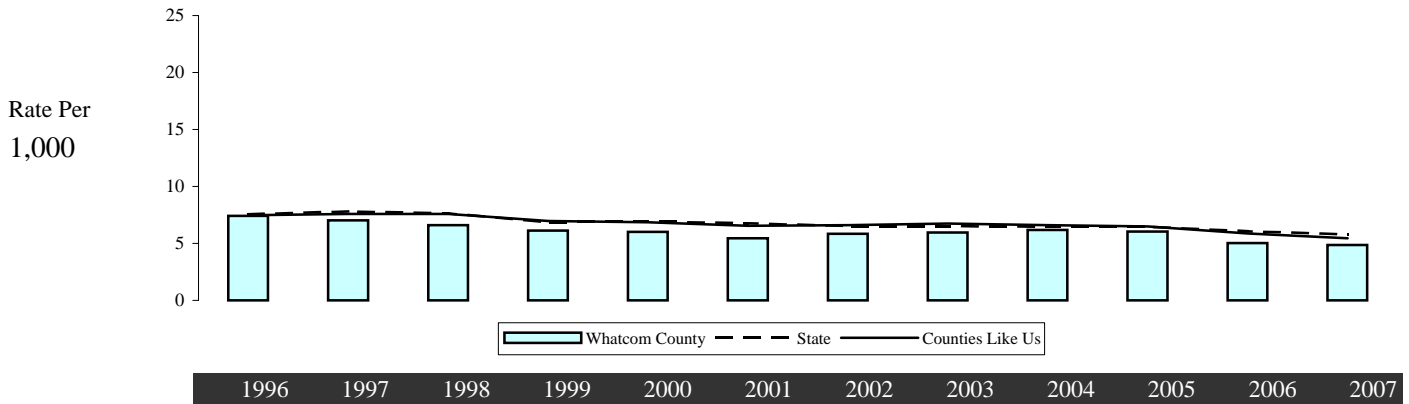
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
State	2.38	2.66	2.95	3.41	2.73	2.70	2.88	2.75	2.96	3.24	3.07	2.91
Counties Like Us	2.58	2.90	3.32	3.79	2.59	2.60	2.17	2.66	3.14	3.72	3.28	3.11
Whatcom County	2.70	3.33	2.93	3.14	2.55	1.73	2.53	2.23	3.79	3.18	2.46	2.99
Incidents	66	83	75	81	66	45	66	59	101	84	66	80
Enrollment	24,448	24,895	25,635	25,803	25,922	25,954	26,091	26,440	26,673	26,389	26,826	26,772

Note: The rate is the annual number of reported incidents of guns and other weapons at any grade level per 1000 students enrolled in October of all grades.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Information Services, Safe and Drug-free Schools: Report to the Legislature on Weapons in Schools RCW 28A.320.130

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Offences, Domestic Violence



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
State	7.56	7.80	7.63	6.86	6.92	6.77	6.51	6.51	6.46	6.47	6.06	5.79
Counties Like Us	7.48	7.59	7.59	6.96	6.85	6.54	6.60	6.75	6.61	6.50	5.86	5.45
Whatcom County	7.42	7.01	6.61	6.12	6.00	5.44	5.85	5.95	6.17	6.04	5.04	4.86
Offences	1,125	1,099	1,054	1,001	996	923	988	1,039	1,093	1,092	928	911
Persons	151,707	156,776	159,508	163,538	166,057	169,754	168,828	174,500	177,162	180,800	184,301	187,383

Note: The rate is the annual number of domestic violence-related offences, per 1,000 persons. Domestic violence includes any violence of one family member against another family member. Family can include spouses, former spouses, parents who have children in common regardless of marital status, adults who live in the same household, as well as parents and their children.

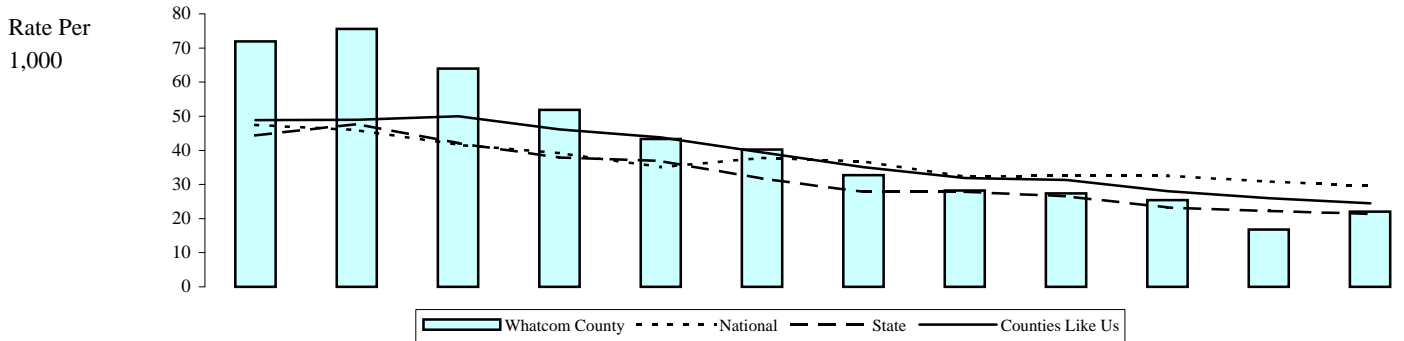
Offences differ from arrests. While funding and grants are associated with participation, reporting is not mandatory. Offences are incidence reporting. When more than one victim is involved an offence is filed for each victim. Multiple property violations performed at the same incident are counted as one offence. However when both types of events happen, only the victim incidents are reported as offences. Offences focus on the nature of the crime, while arrests focus on the apprehended accused perpetrator. Many offences occur without arresting perpetrators.

Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report offences. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted and the agencies not reporting, see the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

State Source: Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, UCR Division. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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Total Arrests of Young Adolescents (Age 10-14)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	47.44	45.93	41.66	39.19	35.05	37.82	36.76	32.27	32.61	32.50	30.90	29.57
State	44.39	47.77	42.14	37.85	36.84	31.69	27.82	27.87	26.57	23.29	22.20	21.42
Counties Like Us	48.84	48.99	50.03	46.10	43.78	39.43	35.06	31.93	31.34	28.06	25.97	24.44
Whatcom County	71.90	75.63	63.93	51.85	43.31	40.23	32.75	28.22	27.37	25.38	16.76	22.00
Arrests, 10-14	795	856	723	596	503	476	389	319	331	306	201	263
Adjst'd Pop 10-14	11,057	11,318	11,310	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,878	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,991	11,957

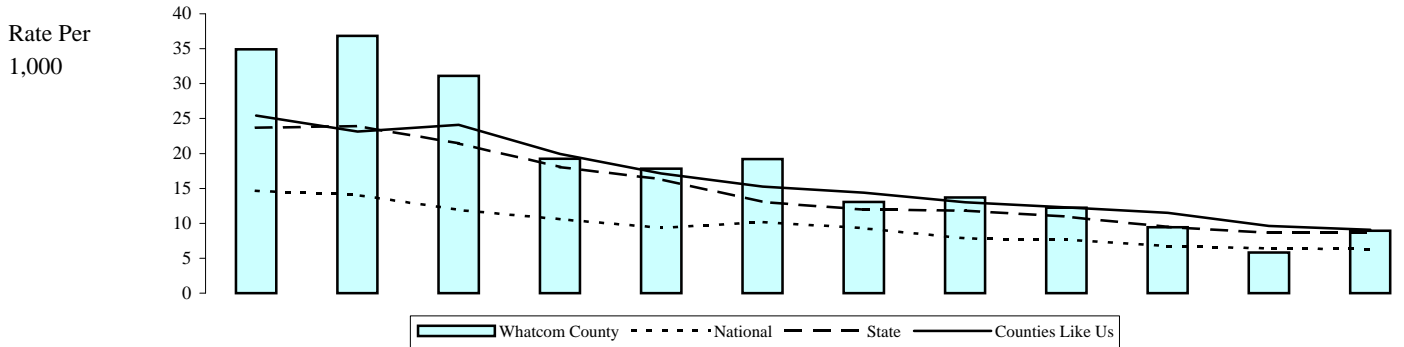
Note: The rate is the annual number of arrests of younger adolescents (age 10-14) for any crime, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-14). Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

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National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Arrests (Age 10-14), Property Crime



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	14.68	14.07	11.93	10.59	9.34	10.18	9.31	7.82	7.63	6.73	6.40	6.28
State	23.67	23.92	21.45	18.07	16.32	13.05	11.96	11.84	10.97	9.47	8.64	8.60
Counties Like Us	25.43	23.12	24.11	19.95	17.13	15.26	14.37	13.01	12.30	11.50	9.61	9.08
Whatcom County	34.91	36.84	31.12	19.23	17.82	19.19	13.05	13.71	12.24	9.45	5.84	8.95
Arrests, 10-14	386	417	352	221	207	227	155	155	148	114	70	107
Adjst'd Pop 10-14	11,057	11,318	11,310	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,878	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,991	11,957

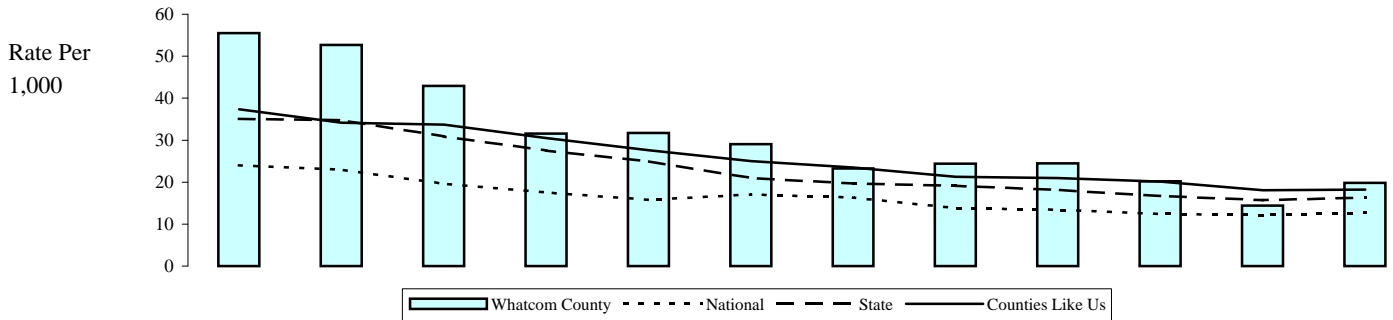
Note: The rate is the annual number of arrests of younger adolescents (age 10-14) for property crimes, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-14). Property crimes include all crimes involving burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the area will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

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Arrests (Age 10-17), Property Crime



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	24.04	22.91	19.57	17.52	15.75	17.10	16.32	13.80	13.45	12.40	12.12	12.67
State	35.06	34.74	30.91	27.49	24.93	20.95	19.66	19.12	18.12	16.69	15.74	16.33
Counties Like Us	37.32	34.13	33.66	30.52	27.61	25.02	23.50	21.24	20.99	20.10	18.06	18.22
Whatcom County	55.53	52.66	42.90	31.56	31.68	29.05	23.25	24.38	24.50	20.20	14.41	19.84
Arrests, 10-17	977	956	783	582	589	550	440	439	473	394	283	392
Adjst'd Pop 10-17	17,594	18,155	18,251	18,440	18,595	18,934	18,928	18,006	19,309	19,503	19,633	19,763

Note: The rate is the annual number of arrests of adolescents (age 10-17) for property crimes, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Property crimes include all crimes involving burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

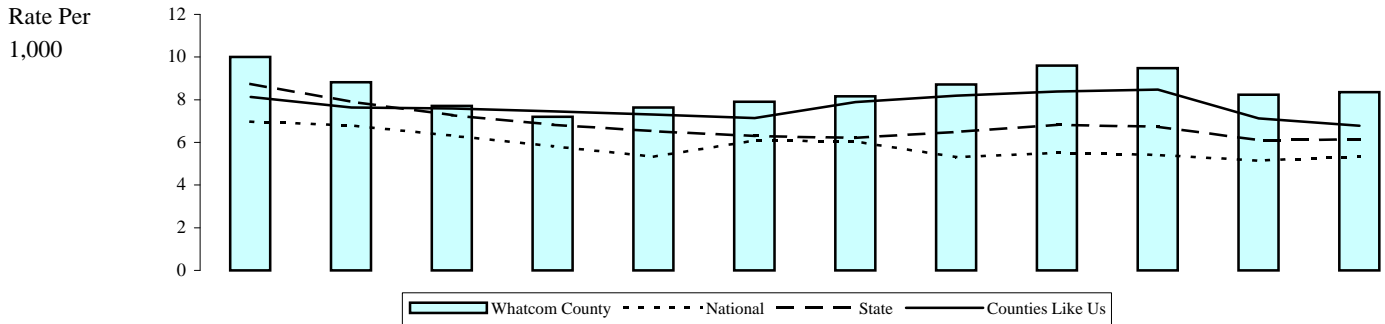
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National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Problem Outcomes: Criminal Justice

Arrests (Age 18+), Property Crime



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	6.97	6.80	6.31	5.82	5.32	6.09	6.04	5.31	5.50	5.41	5.14	5.34
State	8.74	7.90	7.27	6.82	6.52	6.30	6.21	6.50	6.82	6.73	6.10	6.13
Counties Like Us	8.13	7.63	7.59	7.46	7.30	7.14	7.89	8.19	8.38	8.47	7.13	6.78
Whatcom County	10.00	8.82	7.71	7.20	7.64	7.91	8.16	8.72	9.60	9.48	8.24	8.35
Arrests, 18+	1,133	1,034	923	889	963	1,023	1,062	1,106	1,310	1,323	1,175	1,219
Adjst'd Pop 18+	113,275	117,250	119,785	123,433	126,088	129,341	130,113	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,613	146,055

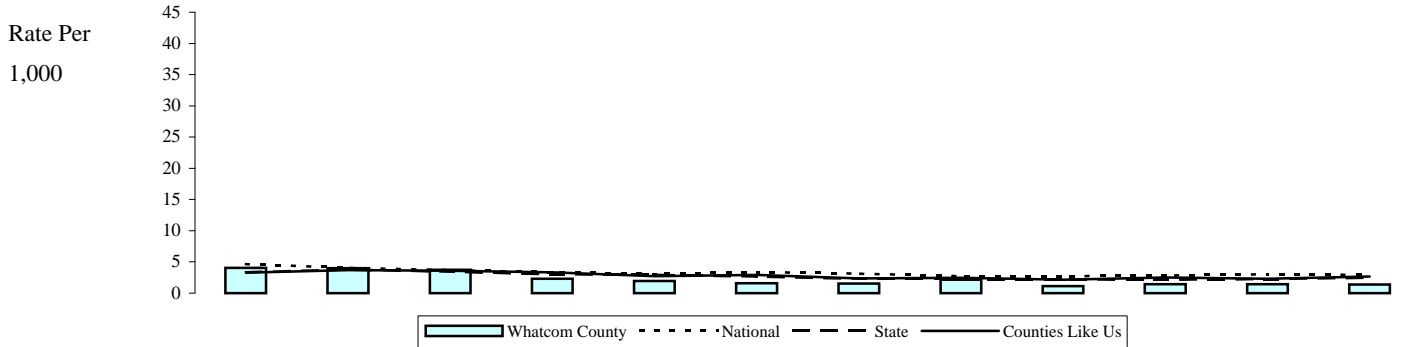
Note: The rate is the annual number of arrests of adults (age 18+) for property crimes, per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Property crimes include all crimes involving burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

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Arrests (Age 10-17), Violent Crime



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	4.67	4.07	3.69	3.39	3.02	3.37	3.12	2.73	2.72	2.81	3.01	2.92
State	3.35	3.78	3.43	3.04	2.93	2.68	2.32	2.33	2.22	2.16	2.26	2.47
Counties Like Us	3.30	3.71	3.60	3.32	2.74	2.91	2.38	2.47	2.17	2.49	2.31	2.64
Whatcom County	4.04	4.02	3.73	2.33	1.94	1.58	1.53	2.17	1.14	1.44	1.43	1.37
Arrests, 10-17	71	73	68	43	36	30	29	39	22	28	28	27
Adjst'd Pop 10-17	17,594	18,155	18,251	18,440	18,595	18,934	18,928	18,006	19,309	19,503	19,633	19,763

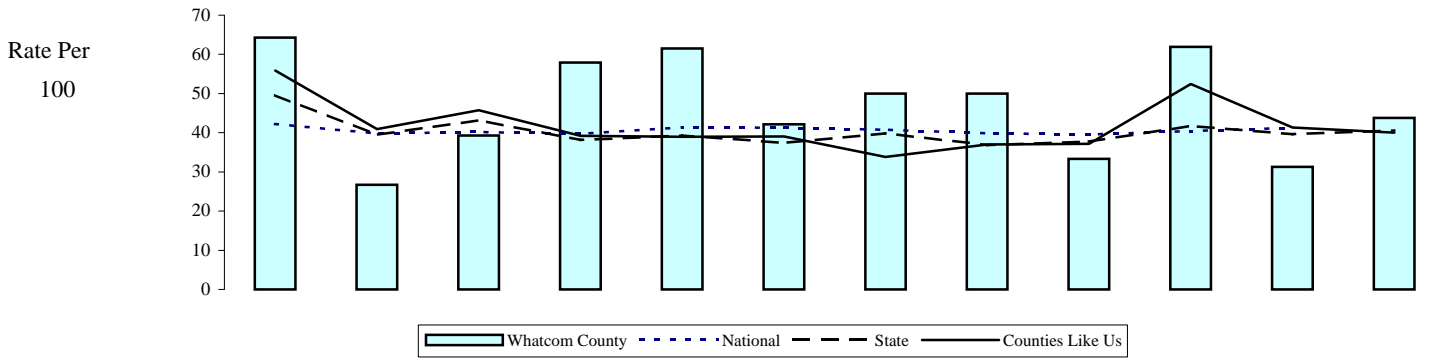
Note: The rates are the annual number of arrests of adolescents (age 10-17) for violent crime per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Violent crimes include all crimes involving criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Simple assault is not defined as a violent crime. Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

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Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities Per All Traffic Fatalities



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	42.19	39.78	40.17	39.72	41.44	41.24	40.75	39.89	39.50	40.43	41.28	
State	49.58	39.47	43.20	38.15	39.30	37.44	39.82	36.83	37.74	41.76	39.65	40.63
Counties Like Us	55.83	40.94	45.77	39.19	38.93	39.01	33.79	37.04	37.19	52.47	41.30	40.00
Whatcom County	64.29	26.67	39.29	57.89	61.54	42.11	50.00	50.00	33.33	61.90	31.25	43.75
Alcohol-related	9	4	11	11	8	8	8	7	4	13	5	7
Fatalities	14	15	28	19	13	19	16	14	12	21	16	16

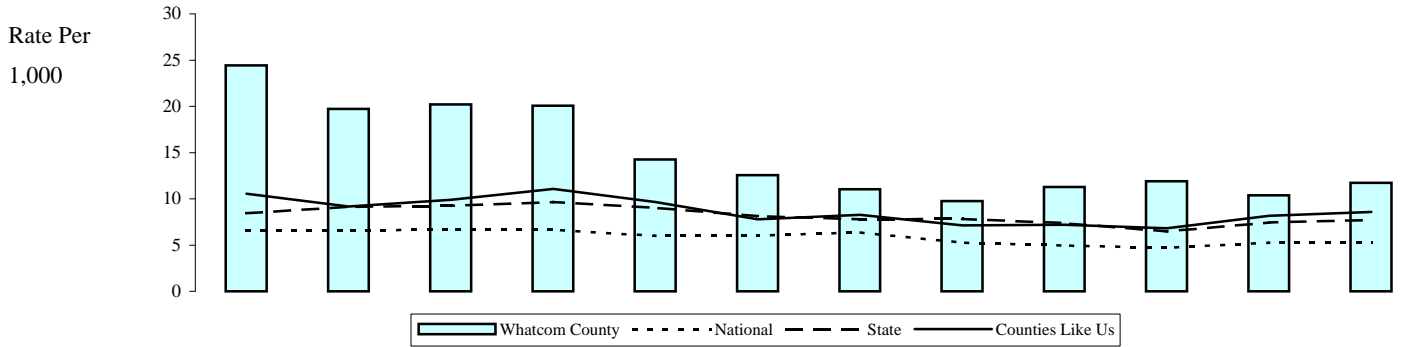
Note: The rates are the annual number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities, per 100 traffic fatalities. "Alcohol-related" means that the officer on the scene determined that at least one driver involved in the accident "had been drinking." Thus, "Alcohol-related" includes but is not limited to the legal definition of driving under the influence. Care should be taken since small numbers of events can cause unreliable rates in some counties.

State Source: Washington State Patrol, Records Section, Traffic Collisions in Washington State, Accident Records Database

National Source: National Center for Statistics and Analysis, Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS)

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Arrests (Age 10-17), Alcohol Violation



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	6.58	6.53	6.73	6.66	5.98	6.02	6.38	5.25	4.94	4.72	5.27	5.31
State	8.45	9.15	9.24	9.66	9.03	8.13	7.80	7.81	7.36	6.46	7.44	7.70
Counties Like Us	10.55	9.16	9.89	11.07	9.67	7.79	8.26	7.12	7.18	6.81	8.17	8.59
Whatcom County	24.44	19.72	20.22	20.07	14.25	12.57	11.04	9.77	11.29	11.90	10.39	11.74
Arrests, 10-17	430	358	369	370	265	238	209	176	218	232	204	232
Adjst'd Pop 10-17	17,594	18,155	18,251	18,440	18,595	18,934	18,928	18,006	19,309	19,503	19,633	19,763

Note: The rates are the annual number of arrests of adolescents (age 10-17) for alcohol violations, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Alcohol violations include all crimes involving driving under the influence, liquor law violations, and drunkenness. For children, arrests for liquor law violations are usually arrests for minor in possession.

1) Data may differ from our last report because of refinements to our population adjustment process. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much of the crime occurs, the rate for the county will be lower than it would be if that jurisdiction was included. For percent subtracted, suppression code definitions and the agencies not reporting, see the Technical Notes and the appendix on Non-Reporting Agencies and Population.

2) The DUI portion of this measure is likely understated, because arrests made by the State Patrol (approximately 40% of DUI arrests) are not attributable to counties. State Patrol arrests are included in the state rates.

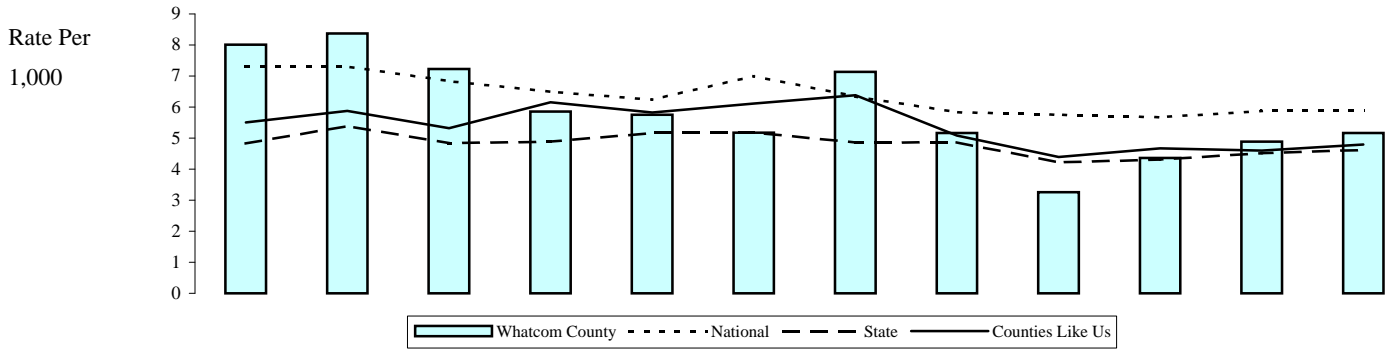
State Source: Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Tables 40 and 50. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

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Problem Outcomes: Substance Use

Arrests (Age 10-17), Drug Law Violation



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	7.32	7.31	6.84	6.49	6.24	7.00	6.34	5.84	5.75	5.67	5.88	5.89
State	4.82	5.39	4.83	4.89	5.16	5.19	4.86	4.87	4.22	4.31	4.52	4.62
Counties Like Us	5.51	5.88	5.32	6.15	5.82	6.11	6.38	5.08	4.39	4.67	4.60	4.79
Whatcom County	8.01	8.37	7.23	5.86	5.75	5.18	7.13	5.16	3.26	4.36	4.89	5.16
Arrests, 10-17	141	152	132	108	107	98	135	93	63	85	96	102
Adjst'd Pop 10-17	17,594	18,155	18,251	18,440	18,595	18,934	18,928	18,006	19,309	19,503	19,633	19,763

Note: The rates are the annual number of arrests of adolescents (age 10-17) for drug law violations, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Drug law violations include all crimes involving sale, manufacturing, and possession of drugs.

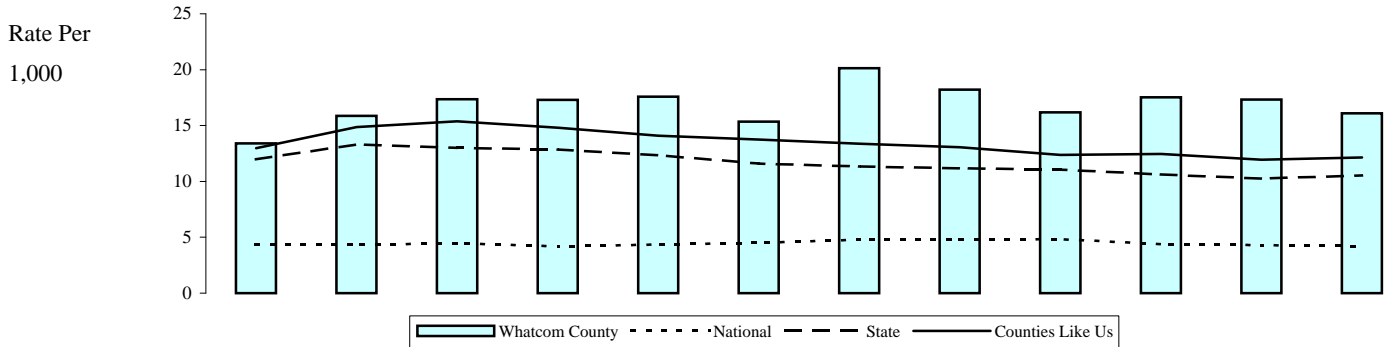
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Clients of State-Funded Alcohol or Drug Services (Age 10-17)



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National	4.31	4.33	4.46	4.18	4.35	4.51	4.79	4.77	4.83	4.39	4.29	4.22
State	11.97	13.32	13.01	12.85	12.34	11.59	11.35	11.16	11.05	10.63	10.24	10.54
Counties Like Us	12.97	14.85	15.38	14.81	14.10	13.76	13.37	13.05	12.37	12.45	11.94	12.15
Whatcom County	13.39	15.87	17.36	17.29	17.57	15.36	20.13	18.20	16.19	17.54	17.32	16.09
Admits, 10-17	239	290	319	321	329	293	386	351	313	342	340	318
Persons, 10-17	17,845	18,278	18,376	18,569	18,727	19,081	19,173	19,289	19,332	19,503	19,633	19,763

Note: The rates are the annual number of adolescents (age 10-17) receiving state-funded alcohol or drug services, per 1,000 adolescents 10-17. Counts of clients are unduplicated so that those receiving services more than once during the year are only counted once for that year. State-funded services include treatment, assessment, and detox. Persons in Department of Corrections treatment programs are not included. Updates have been done and result in some changes to 2000 data.

State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Treatment and Assessment Report Generation Tool (TARGET). Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

National Source: Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)

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Topics:**Counting Alcohol- or Drug-related Deaths****Uniform Crime Report - Non-Reporting Police Jurisdictions****Suppression Codes****CORE-GIS Conversion Process and Weighted Reliability Index****Counties Like Us****Duplicated and Unduplicated Counts****Rates – Why is Raw Data Converted to Rates?**

AOD deaths are identified by matching all the contributory causes of death from death certificate records to a list of causes that are considered AOD-related. The deaths identified as AOD-related then may be summed to provide area totals. Dividing the total AOD-related deaths by all deaths in an area gives the percent of all deaths that are alcohol and drug related. Lists of underlying causes of death that are AOD-related have been developed in several studies. Citations for these studies are listed prior to the AOD attribution tables. AOD-related deaths used in this report are determined using a comprehensive assembly of disease, accident, and injury codes identified in those studies. The codes are based upon the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) from 1990 to 1998 or International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) after 1998.

The identified AOD-related causes of death may be either fully attributable or sometimes attributable to alcohol or drugs. Some contributory causes of death are explicit in their mention of alcohol or drugs. Examples include alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver (ICD-9 code 571.2), alcohol and drug dependence syndromes (ICD-9 codes 303 and 304, respectively), and drug poisonings (ICD-9 codes E850 through E859). All deaths of this sort are fully, or 100%, attributable to alcohol or drug abuse and are considered direct AOD-related deaths.

Other contributory causes of death are related only sometimes to alcohol or drugs. For example, epidemiological studies have shown that, among persons over 35 years of age, 60% of deaths due to chronic pancreatitis (ICD-9 code 577.1) and 75% of malignant neoplasms of the esophagus (ICD-9 code 150) are alcohol-related. For persons of all ages, 42% of motor vehicle traffic and nontraffic deaths (ICD-9 codes E810 through E825) are alcohol-related. The appropriate percentage of such indirectly attributable deaths are also counted toward totals for AOD-related deaths.

The tables on the following pages characterize the different diseases, injuries, and accidents by: name, ICD-9 or ICD-10 code, percent attributable to alcohol or drugs, age of inclusion. Information sources are listed below.

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Disease Category	ICD-10 Code	ICD-9 Code	Attrib	Age
Diseases Directly Attributable to Alcohol				
Alcoholic psychoses	F10, F10.3-F10.9	291	100%	>=15
Alcohol dependence syndrome	F10.2	303	100%	>=15
Alcoholic polyneuropathy	G62.1	357.5	100%	>=15
Alcoholic cardiomyopathy	I42.6	425.5	100%	>=15
Alcoholic gastritis	K29.2	535.3	100%	>=15
Alcoholic fatty liver	K70.0	571.0	100%	>=15
Acute alcoholic hepatitis	K70.1, K70.4	571.1	100%	>=15
Alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver	K70.3	571.2	100%	>=15
Alcoholic liver damage, other	K70.2, K70.9, K70	571.3	100%	>=15
Excessive blood level of alcohol, toxic effect of alcohol	R78.0, T51	790.3. 980	100%	>=0
Accidental poisoning by alcohol	X45, Y15	E860	100%	>=0
Nondependent abuse of Alcohol	F10.1	305.0	100%	>=0
Alcohol-induced pseudo-Cushing's syndrome	E24.4	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=15
Degeneration of nervous system due to alcohol	G31.2	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=15
Alcoholic myopathy	G72.1	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=15
Maternal care for (suspected) damage to fetus due to alcohol	O35.4	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=15
Newborn affected by maternal use of alcohol	P04.3	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=0
Fetal alcohol syndrome (dysmorphic features)	Q86.0	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=0
Suicide attributable to alcohol	X65	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=0
Alcoholic Pellagra	E52	265.2	100%	>=0
Diseases Indirectly Attributable to Alcohol				
Neoplasms				
Breast	C50, D05	174.0-174.9, 233.0	13% F	>=35
Esophagus	C15, D00.1	150.1-150.9, 230.1	75%	>=35
Larynx	C32, D02.0	161.0-161.9, 231.0	50% M, 40% F	>=35
Lip, oral cavity, pharynx	C00-C14, D00.0	140.1-141.9, 143.0-149.9, 230.0	50% M, 40% F	>=35
Liver	C22, D01.5	155.0-155.2, 230.8	29%	>=35
Cardiovascular				
Cardiomyopathy	I42.0 - I42.2, I42.5, I42.7- I42.9	425.1, 425.4, 425.9	40%M	>=35
Hypertension	I10-113, O10-O14, O16	401.0-404.9, 642.0, 642.2, 642.9	11%	>=35
Digestive System				
Cirrhosis	K71.7, K74.5-K74.6	571.5	74%	>=35
Duodenal Ulcers	K26	532.0-532.9	10%	>=35
Pancreatitis, acute	K85	577.0	47%	>=35
Pancreatitis, chronic	K86.1- K86.3, K86.9	577.1, 577.2, 577.9	72%	>=35
Other Diseases or Conditions				
Epilepsy	G40.3,G40.4,G40.6,G40.9	345.1, 345.3, 345.9	30%	>=15
Seizures	R56	780.3	41%	>=15
Tuberculosis	A16-A19	011-013, 017, 018	25%	>=15
Accident or Injury Causes : Motor vehicle traffic and non-traffic accidents	V02-V04, V09.0, V09.2, V12-V14, V19.0-V19.2, V19.4-V19.6, V20-V79, V80.3- V80.5, V81.0-V81.1, V82.0-V82.1, V83-V86, V87.0-V87.8, V88.0-V88.8, V89.0, V89.2	E810-E825	42%	>=0

Disease Category	ICD-10 Code	ICD-9 Code	Attrib	Age
Pedal cycle and other road vehicle accidents	V01, V05-V06, V09.1, V09.3-V09.9, V10-V11, V15-V18, V19.3, V19.8-V19.9, V80.0-V80.2, V80.6-V80.9, V82.2-V82.9, V87.9, V88.9, V89.1, V89.3, V89.9	E826-E829	20%	>=0
Water transport accidents	V90-V94	E830-E838	20%	>=0
Air & space transport accidents	V95-V97	E840-E845	16%	>=0
Accidental falls	W00-W19	E880-E888	35%	>=15
Accidents caused by fire	X00-X09	E890-E899	45%	>=0
Accidental drowning and submersion	W65-W74	E910	38%	>=0
Suicides due to alcohol or drugs are now considered direct AOD-related deaths, other suicides are not apportioned. This brings our				
Homicide & other purposely inflicted injury	X86-Y09, Y87.1	E960-E962, E962.1-E969	46%	>=15
Other	X31, W79, W50-W52, W20- W34, Y15-Y19	E901, E911, E917-E920, E922	25%	>=15
Other category includes: Excessive cold, Choking on food in airway; Striking against or struck accidentally by objects or persons; Caught				
Diseases Directly Attributable to Drugs				
Drug psychoses	F11-F16, F18-F19	292	100%	>=0
Drug dependence syndrome	F11-F16, F18-F19	304	100%	>=0
Polyneuropathy due to drugs	G62.0	357.6	100%	>=15
Drug dependence during pregnancy	F11-F16, F18-F19	648.3	100%	>=0
Suspected damage to fetus from drugs	O35.5,	655.5	100%	>=0
Noxious influences affecting fetus	P04.4	760.7	100%	>=0
Drug reactions, intox., withdrawal specific to newborn	P96.1	779.4, 779.5	100%	>=0
Selected drug poisonings	R78,R78.1-R78.6, T38 ; excludes Y40-59.9 (therapeutic use)	962, 965, 967-971, 977 excludes E930-949	100%	>=0
Selected accidental drug poisonings	X40-X44	E850-E858	100%	>=0
Accidental Poisonings (magic mushrooms, huffing and other drug use)	X46-X49	E861-E869	100%	>=0
Nondependent abuse of drugs	F11-F16, F18-F19	305.2-305.9	100%	>=0
Assault by poisoning using drugs and medicaments	x85	E962.0	100%	>=0
Drug induced myopathy	G72.0	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	
Poisoning by drugs, accidentally or purposely inflicted	Y10-Y14	E980.0-E980.5	100%	>=0
Suicides attributable to drugs	x60-64	E950.0-E950.5	100%	>=0
Diseases Indirectly Attributable to Drugs				
AIDS (from IV drug use exposure)	B20-B24	042.0-044.9	5%	>=15
Cardiovascular				
Endocarditis	I33.0, I33.9	421.0, 421.9	75%	>=15
Other				
Hepatitis A	B15.9	70.1	12%	>=15
Hepatitis B	B16-B16.9	70.2, 70.3	36%	>=15
Hepatitis C	B17-B19.9	70.5, 70.9	10%	>=15

Uniform Crime Report - Non-Reporting Police Jurisdictions

Most law enforcement agencies report arrest and offence data to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), which in turn provides data to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. This is the source of our data. Some jurisdictions do not report all arrests and offences, some report partial years, and some withhold certain categories of arrests or offences. Reporting is voluntary for arrests and offences. Offences are more likely to be reported since some funding is associated with reporting. Offences are incidence reporting. When more than one victim is involved an offence is filed for each victim. Multiple property violations performed at the same incident are counted as one offence.

However when both types of events happen, only the victim incidents are reported as offences. Offences focus on the nature of the crime, while arrests focus on the apprehended accused perpetrator. Many offences occur without arresting perpetrators. Sometimes charges are dropped and sometimes no perpetrator is ever found. No perpetrator age can be assigned to offence data so the entire age range of population is used as the denominator. Some data is reported to UCR in a new system which is not yet compatible with UCR output reports and UCR cannot extract that data for this report but does include it in their reports to the FBI. We list those jurisdictions as non-reporting although UCR considers them to have reported. Only part one offences are reported in the Uniform Crime Report, some agencies have no part one crimes to report. Those agencies are listed with zero events, not as non-reporting.

Information on the Non-reporting Population and Non-reporting Agencies are available only in the individual county and locale level reports. Each area report shows how and when that area's police jurisdictions reported data to the Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs. If your area is one with jurisdictions having a significant amount of incomplete data, be very careful that you adjust your risk assessment to reflect this. In other words, the reported arrest rates may not adequately reflect the entire area. This will be true especially in those cases where the non-reporting police jurisdictions have either very high or very low arrest rates, compared to the rest of the area.

In order to compensate for missing police reports, we have adjusted the denominator in the rate calculation so that it reflects only the proportion of the area for which we do have data. For instance, say area A, with a population of 40,000, has eight police districts. Now, if one of the police districts in the area did not report their arrests, the number of arrests would not be representative of the whole area. Therefore, we would not want to use the population of the whole area in the denominator because that would make the rate lower than it should be. The solution used in this report is to subtract the population of that missing police district from the area population. We follow the same procedure for police districts that report partial years: if they report only six months, we use only half of the population to calculate the rate. In 2004 we have made adjustments to the process which calculates non-reporting at the County Like Us and State levels. This has resulted in greater accuracy, but different rates than were previously reported in some counties and for some years.

Due to the uneven geographic distribution of crime, missing police data can cause spikes or dips in the trend data comparison of multiple consecutive years. We do not run into this problem in the state report because the county rates there (as opposed to the individual county reports) only report 5-year averages. However for individual county reports and reports for smaller areas like locales or districts the trend data can become unstable due to non-reporting. Alternately, the conversion of data from certain police jurisdictions to other areas like locales may not apportion directly causing too much of the data to be apportioned based on population rather than clearly assigned to one area. We use a weighted reliability index (WRI) to determine when the conversion is no longer reliable. An explanation of that process follows. We have tried to compensate for these and other issues by suppressing data which is likely to be affected.

Suppression Codes for Yearly Trend Data

UN=Unreliable conversion of events to report geography, failure of **weighted reliability index** (WRI). The WRI evaluation process is further explained in the section labeled 'CORE-GIS Conversion Process and Weighted Reliability Index'.

SP=Suppressed by agreement with data provider when denominator is below agreed level and may compromise a person's rights to confidentiality.

SN=Small Number Sample. Geography has less than 30 events in the denominator. More reliable at 5 year level or for larger area.

NR=Not reliable due to non-reporting of police jurisdictions data. Fifty percent or more of the population is not represented by the data due to non-reporting jurisdictions.

CORE-GIS Conversion Process and Weighted Reliability Index

CORE-GIS obtains data from more than fifty government agency sources. The data are represented as events (e.g. # of teen births, # of crimes, # of clients) occurring within a given geographic unit. This geographic unit is generally the smallest that can be obtained from the agency source. For example, data may be available by school district, by zip code, by census tract or by police jurisdictions. CORE-GIS calls these geographic units the "source geography."

CORE-GIS data is usually reported at the geographic level of county or community – called in the rest of this report the "destination geography." Therefore, data usually needs to be converted from the "source geographies" to the "destination geography."

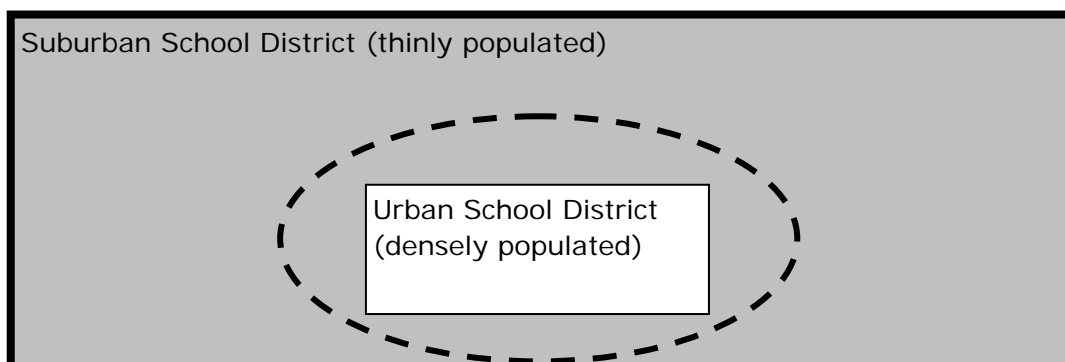
The conversion is based on an overlay process, in which the events occurring in small source geographies that are totally contained within the destination are combined with synthetic estimates of events occurring in source geographies that are partly within and partly outside the destination geography.

The synthetic estimation is weighted by the population distribution between the source and destination areas. Therefore, it requires a small-scale count of the population underlying both source and destination geographies. This process is explained below through examples.

Data being converted from a smaller geography (source geography) like school district to a larger geography (like a county) is usually fairly reliable because most of the smaller pieces fit neatly and wholly into the new geography. (See example 1).

The rectangles represent two possible data source geographies (one densely populated school district – Urban School District -- and one thinly populated school district – Suburban School District -- surrounding it). The large oval represents a report's destination geography such as county, locale or network.

Example 1



The following statements refer to the first example:

All of the events occurring in the urban school district can be attributed entirely to the destination geography.

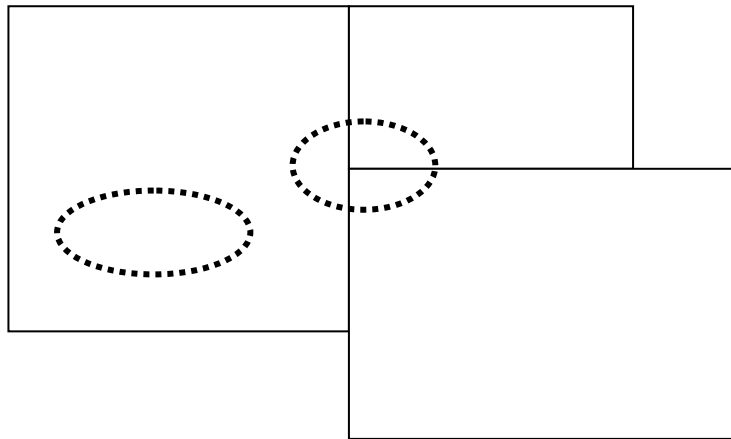
The events occurring in the split source geography (suburban school district, in this example) are distributed to the destination geography in the same proportion as the underlying population is distributed. If 40% of the suburban school district population lies within the destination geography, then 40% of its events are attributed to the destination geography.

These events are split by age, race and gender subgroups whenever possible, as are the populations. So the synthetic estimation is broken down that way also. If 40% of the young White population of the suburban school district lives in the destination geography, then 40% of the events occurring to young White people are attributed there. If, on the other hand, only 10% of the young American Indian population of the suburban school district lives in the destination geography, then only 10% of the events occurring to young American Indian people are attributed there.

While we can develop an algorithm to distribute all source geography populations to all destination geography populations, that distribution will not always be reliable.

For example, see the situation depicted in Example 2 below. Here we are trying to estimate the number of events contained in two very small destination geographies (the ovals). Could this synthetic estimate be reliable? Perhaps, if the small area within the ovals really is representative of the whole area -- but more likely not.

Example 2



A statistic is needed to assist researchers in determining when a destination geography's events cannot be reliably estimated using these processes. For CORE-GIS, that statistic is the Weighted Reliability Index (WRI).

The amount of overlap between source and destination populations can vary from less than 1% to 99% -- only a little of a source population can live in a destination, or almost all of the source population can live in a destination.

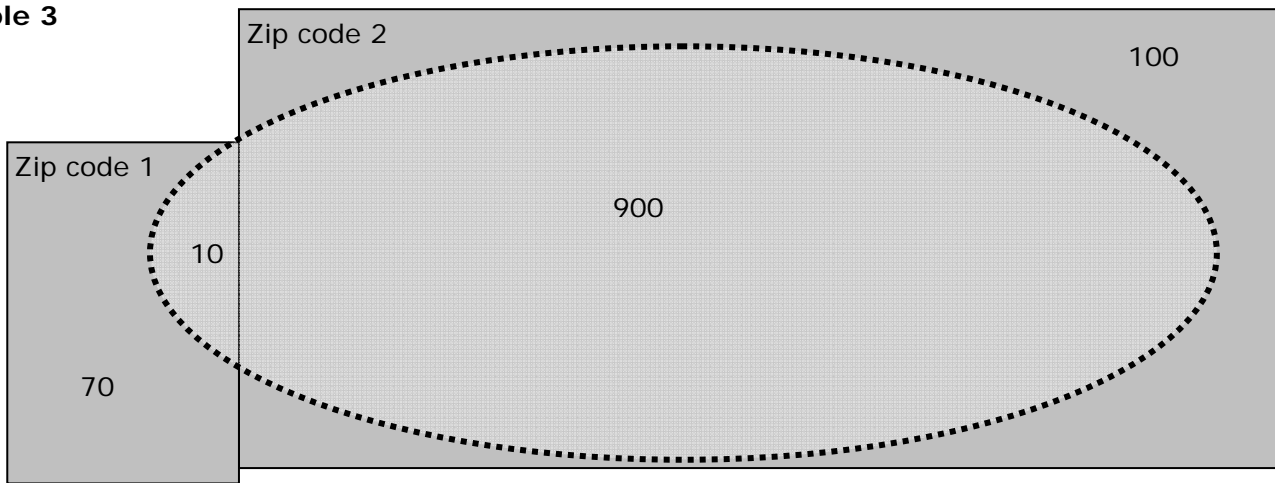
The key underlying assumption behind the CORE-GIS Weighted Reliability Index is as follows:

When most of the population for the source geography is also in the destination geography, we can be more certain of the reliability of the estimation process.

Therefore, the weighting process lets us calculate, for each source-geography/destination-geography combination, the reliability of each destination geography's estimate.

In the figure for Example 3, for zip code 2 the source area population is mostly in the destination oval (encased in the dashed line), but the majority population from the other contributing source area is not.

Example 3



The oval represents the destination geography boundary -- the edge of a destination city. The rectangles represent the source geography boundaries for two zip codes. The numbers are population of people living in each place: 10 people live both in Destination City and in the first source (Zip code 1), and 900 people live both in Destination City and in the second source (Zipcode2).

The formula for **Weighted Reliability Index** for a single destination is the total weighted destination population as a percent of total population. To understand this formula, see the calculations below.

	Percent of source population attributed to destination	Multiplied by the population attributed to the destination	Amount of destination population
zip code 1	10/80 = 12.5%	* 10	1.25
zip code 2	900/1000 = 90%	* 900	810.00
	Total for Destination	910	811.25

In the above example, the **Weighted Reliability Index** for Destination City is **811.25 / 910 = 89%**. **Basically, 89% of the event locations were directly attributed to the area they occurred.** Along with the WRI a cut point for reliable reporting is needed. When half or more of the events have been imputed to the destination geography, rather than directly attributed from the source geography, the data is considered unreliable and rates are suppressed.

WRI for Areas with Non-Reporting of Data

There is a second way that data may become unreliable. Some police jurisdictions do not report data to the state sources, use a reporting method which cannot be included in our files, fail to report for either adults or juveniles, or report for only part of a year. This is particularly true for court data – arrests or offenses. In order to accurately evaluate the reliability of data conversions for destination geographies containing those jurisdictions, non-reporting jurisdiction populations were excluded from the calculations for WRI and the non-reporting jurisdiction issue is evaluated separately.

Partial Reporting, part of a year or part of a population, is also taken into consideration when computing the percentage of non-reporting in a destination geography. Adult and juvenile rates are evaluated separately. Some areas may pass for one, but not for the other due to their reporting habits. For partial year reporting the percentage of the year with data reported is used to evaluate each category.

Example 4



The second test of reliability is to determine whether the population for the rate is adequately represented. In this example, allow the numbers inside the oval to represent a population of 100 allocated to the destination geography. Two source jurisdictions are entirely located in the destination geography represented by the oval. Their events when reported would be directly attributed. The non-reporting jurisdiction would have its population of 50 excluded from the calculation for WRI, while the reporting jurisdiction would have its population included in the calculation. In this case the completely contained reporting jurisdiction would represent 30 of the remaining 50 population (60%) in the destination oval. The imputed portion is 40% allowing the destination geography to pass the first test for WRI.

CORE-GIS also requires that the excluded non-reporting jurisdiction population (50 of 100) are less than 50% of the total population for the destination geography. With an exclusion rate of 50%, this destination geography would fail the reliability criteria.

The reliability of arrest rates is calculated each year based on non-reporting. For five year rates, three out of five data years must be considered reliable by both tests and the average of the yearly WRI for all five years must reach the WRI cut point value.

Counties Like Us

Knowing that your county has a particular rate for one of the indicators does not help you evaluate the importance of that indicator to your risk profile. You do not know if it is higher or lower than you could reasonably expect. It is more useful to compare your county rate to the state rate, which is the average for the whole state, and to other counties, especially counties that have some characteristics in common with your county. This is especially important when urban rates differ substantially from rural rates. The comparison we present is for a group of counties that are similar in characteristics related to prevention planning: population of young people (aged 10-24), the percentage of deaths in the county that are alcohol and drug-related, and a simple geographic division into Eastern and Western Washington. For each indicator the Counties Like Us rate is the average rate across all of the counties in the cluster.

The groupings for "Counties Like Us" are as follows:

Urban A* – King County

Urban B* – Pierce, Snohomish, and Spokane

Urban C – Benton, Clark, Kitsap, Thurston, Whatcom, and Yakima

Rural A – Ferry, Franklin, Grant, Klickitat, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Skamania

Rural B – Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Garfield, Kittitas, Lincoln, Stevens, Walla, and Whitman

Rural C – Clallam, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, San Juan, Skagit, Wahkiakum

* For comparison, King County is compared to Urban B, but average scores for the indicators in Urban B do not include King County.

Duplicated and Unduplicated Counts

In an unduplicated person count, each person is counted only once in a year for the specified activity or service type, even if they receive that service multiple times during the year. Examples include Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Child Recipients, Food Stamp Recipients, and alcohol or drug treatment. Duplicated counts are made of events such as prison admissions, arrests, births, or admission to a hospital for attempted suicide. For instance, each time a person is admitted to a prison, that "event" is counted. Therefore, a person admitted more than once is included more than once in the total count.

Rates: why is "raw data" converted to rates?

In order to make comparisons between counties and the state, and between counties that have different sizes, we use rates to describe an event in terms of a standard size population---either per 100 (percent), per 1,000 or per 100,000. For instance, what does it mean if County A has 42 alcohol retail licenses, and County B has 399? Does it mean that based on this indicator, the risk factor (Availability) is much higher in County B than it is County A? No, not if County B is a much bigger county. If County B is bigger, then the "rate" of liquor licenses per population might be the same or even lower. The only way to compare them is to convert the raw numbers to rates, based on the same population factor.

For instance:

County A: # of licenses – 42, # of persons (all ages) – 14, 297

County B: # of licenses – 399, # of persons (all ages) – 186,185

To calculate the rate per 1,000:

$42 / 14,297 = .002937$ $.002937 \times 1,000 = 2.94$

$399 / 186,185 = .002143$ $.002143 \times 1,000 = 2.14$

So the rate of alcohol retail licenses is 2.94 per 1,000 people in County A, and 2.14 per 1,000 people in County B.

Whatcom County

Populations subtracted for police agencies not reporting

Police agencies are not required to report arrests or offences to UCR, they do so voluntarily. For a variety of reasons, a jurisdiction may report part or none of the arrests or offences for a year. In these cases, the denominator is the population of the areas that did report. For example, if juvenile arrests for one agency are not reported, the juveniles for that jurisdiction are not included in the population denominator either.

The tables below show the values that comprise the adjustment for your county for each age range we report. "% Subtracted" is the percent of the county's population subtracted for non-reporting. "Subtracted" is the amount subtracted. "Persons" is the locale's population. "Adjst'd Pop" is the denominator used to calculate indicator rates. Nevertheless, rates can differ markedly from year to year particularly if a jurisdiction, where most of the crime in the county occurs, did not report. When 50% or more of the population is not reported the yearly rate is suppressed. Jurisdictions crossing county boundary lines are apportioned to each area by age, and sex of the population. When more than 40% of the reported events have been apportioned, "synthetically estimated", the yearly rate is suppressed.

All **Arrests** for 10-14 year olds have 5 year rates which represent **98.65** % of the population.
Adjustments for non-reporting Arrests (age 10-14)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
% Subtracted	0.72	0.75	0.78	0.80	0.90	1.31	6.59	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtracted, 10-14	82	86	90	94	107	158	798	17	0	0	0
Persons, 10-14	11,400	11,396	11,584	11,708	11,938	12,037	12,103	12,109	12,058	11,991	11,957
Adjst'd Pop 10-14	11,318	11,310	11,494	11,614	11,831	11,879	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,991	11,957

All **Arrests** for 10-17 year olds have 5 year rates which represent **98.65** % of the population.
Adjustments for non-reporting Arrests (age 10-17)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
% Subtracted	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.78	1.27	6.65	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtracted, 10-17	123	125	129	132	148	244	1,282	24	0	0	0
Persons, 10-17	18,278	18,376	18,569	18,727	19,081	19,173	19,289	19,332	19,503	19,633	19,763
Adjst'd Pop 10-17	18,155	18,251	18,440	18,595	18,933	18,929	18,007	19,308	19,503	19,633	19,763

All **Arrests** for adults have 5 year rates which represent **98.94** % of the population.
Adjustments for non-reporting Arrests (age 18+)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
% Subtracted	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.41	1.12	5.23	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtracted, 18+	428	447	470	487	537	1,469	7,004	89	0	0	0
Persons, 18+	117,678	120,232	123,902	126,575	129,878	131,582	133,851	136,496	139,563	142,613	146,055
Adjst'd Pop 18+	117,250	119,785	123,432	126,088	129,341	130,113	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,613	146,055

All **Offences** for persons have 5 year rates which represent **99.89** % of the population.
Adjustments for non-reporting Offences

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
% Subtracted	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.50	1.96	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.49
Subtracted, 18+	684	712	744	769	846	3,378	0	137	0	0	917
Persons, 18+	157,460	160,220	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,206	174,500	177,299	180,800	184,301	188,300
Adjst'd Pop 18+				166,057	169,754	168,828	174,500	177,162	180,800	184,301	187,383

