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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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How To Interpret Indicator Profiles

The Indicator Profile compares rates for your County, and Counties Like Us to the state. The Profile displays standardized scores to allow comparison between indicators. See Technical Notes for a definition of a standardized score and of Counties Like Us. To see all 39 counties ranked from the highest to the lowest for each indicator, go to <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/ms/rda/research/4/47/updated/state.pdf>



Suppressed rates are blank, while zero rates are labeled.

Each risk factor is described by 1 to 8 indicators



Understanding the CORE Trend Charts and Tables

The presentation of risk factor data in the CORE reports is organized by domain (Community, Family, School, and Individual/Peer) and by risk factor within domains. Each risk factor may include one or more indicators.

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. For more information on Counties Like Us see the Technical Notes.

Please note these IMPORTANT ISSUES:

The tabs are labeled with the name of the risk factor. Each risk factor may in turn include several indicators. Be sure to **scroll down the page** to review all of the available indicators for a given risk factor. The workbook is designed to print with one indicator on each page.

Understanding the chart scales:

Users should be careful to interpret the chart scales correctly. The chart scales are automatically adjusted to enhance differences between the indicators at each geographic level. Users should consider whether the differences they observe between geographic areas or across years are significant. The unit of measurement is displayed at the left of each chart scale. Often the unit of measurement is a rate expressed as the number of events or a count of individuals per 100 population (or, "percent"), or sometimes per 1,000 or 100,000 population.

Review the example:

On the following page (below, scroll down) is an example indicator for Alcohol Retail Licenses in "Cascadia County" . The number of alcohol retail licenses is expressed as a rate per 1,000 population.

Each risk factor is on its separate tab. Each risk factor may include several indicators, so **remember** to page down. For example, the risk factor *Availability of Drugs* has two indicators: Alcohol Retail Licenses (shown below) and Tobacco Retail And Vending Machine Licenses.

Alcohol Retail Licenses



	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
National	Comparable National Data Not Available											
State	2.12	2.06	2.03	2.01	2.01	2.01	2.00	1.98	1.96	1.91	1.91	1.91
Counties Like Us	3.27	3.12	3.11	3.08	2.98	3.00	2.96	2.88	2.77	3.17	3.17	3.17
Cascadia County	5.08	5.23	5.22	5.22	5.29	5.35	4.86	4.99	4.32	5.93	5.93	5.93
Licenses	32	34	35	36	37	38	35	35	31	43	43	43
All Persons	6,295	6,497	6,703	6,899	7,000	7,103	7,198	7,012	7,177	7,250	7,250	7,250

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.

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

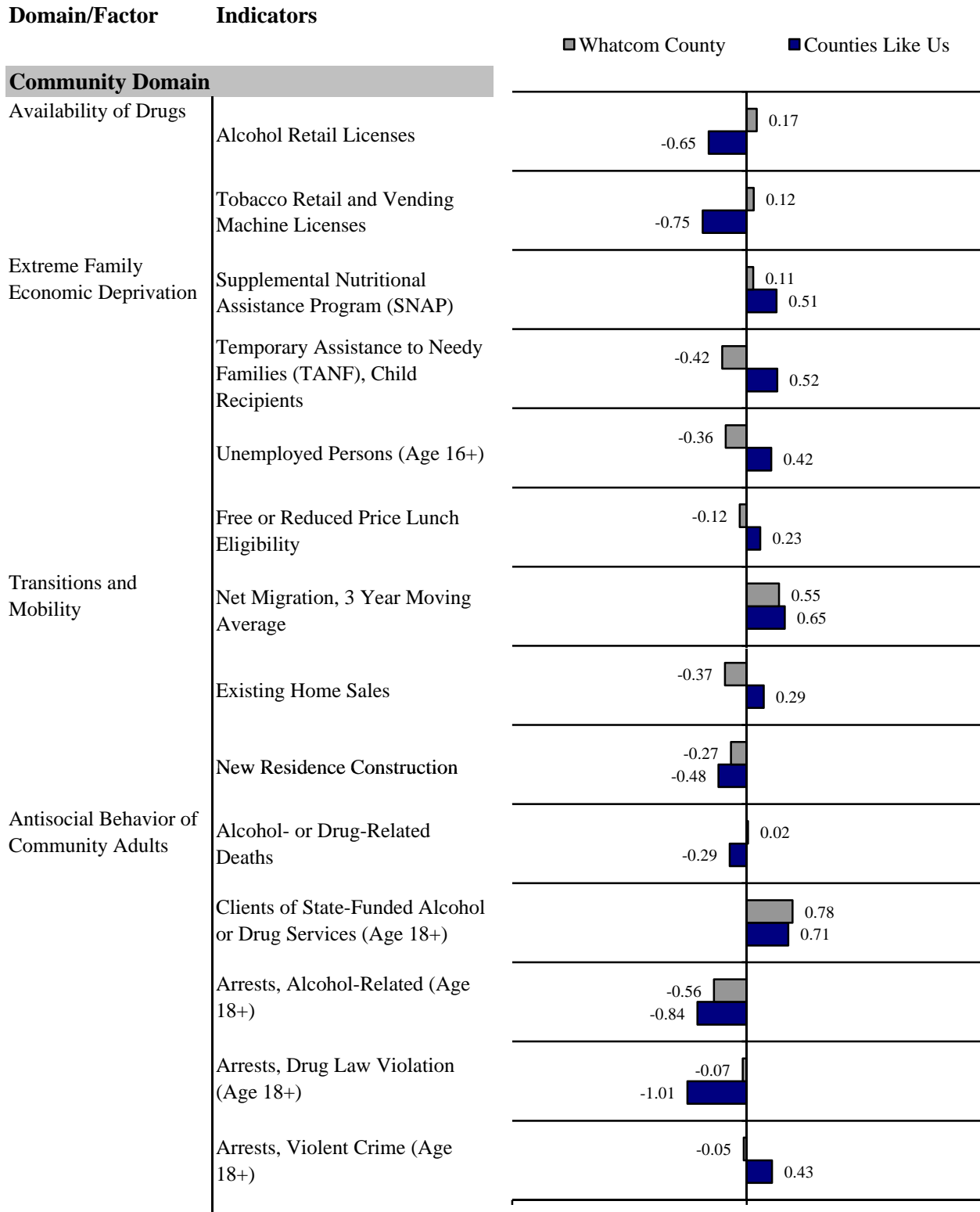
Each indicator graph is followed by data source and rate definitions as well as any special information for the data.

--Rate Formula--
 Rate = (numerator / denominator) x factor
Example in 1998: (32 / 6,295) x 1,000 = 5.08
 Read the rate as 5.08 licenses per 1,000 people.

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When the newest data was added.

Standardized Five-Year Indicator Profile



Standardized Five-Year Indicator Profile

Domain/Factor

Indicators

■ Whatcom County ■ Counties Like Us

Community Domain (continued)

Low Neighborhood Attachment and Community Disorganization

Prisoners in State Correctional Systems (Age 18+)

-0.73
-0.02

Population Not Registered to Vote

-0.41
-0.08

Registered and Not Voting in the November Election

-0.73
0.27

Family Domain

Family Problems

Divorce

-1.01
0.51

Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect in Accepted Referrals

-0.18
0.69

School Domain

Academic Achievement

Poor Academic Performance, Grade 10 (Age 15)

-0.98
0.31

Poor Academic Performance, Grade 7 (Age 12)

-0.57
0.34

Poor Academic Performance, Grade 4 (Age 9)

-0.25
0.25

High school Cohort (Cumulative) Dropouts

-0.09
-0.50

Annual (Event) Dropouts

-0.06
-0.50

On-time Graduation

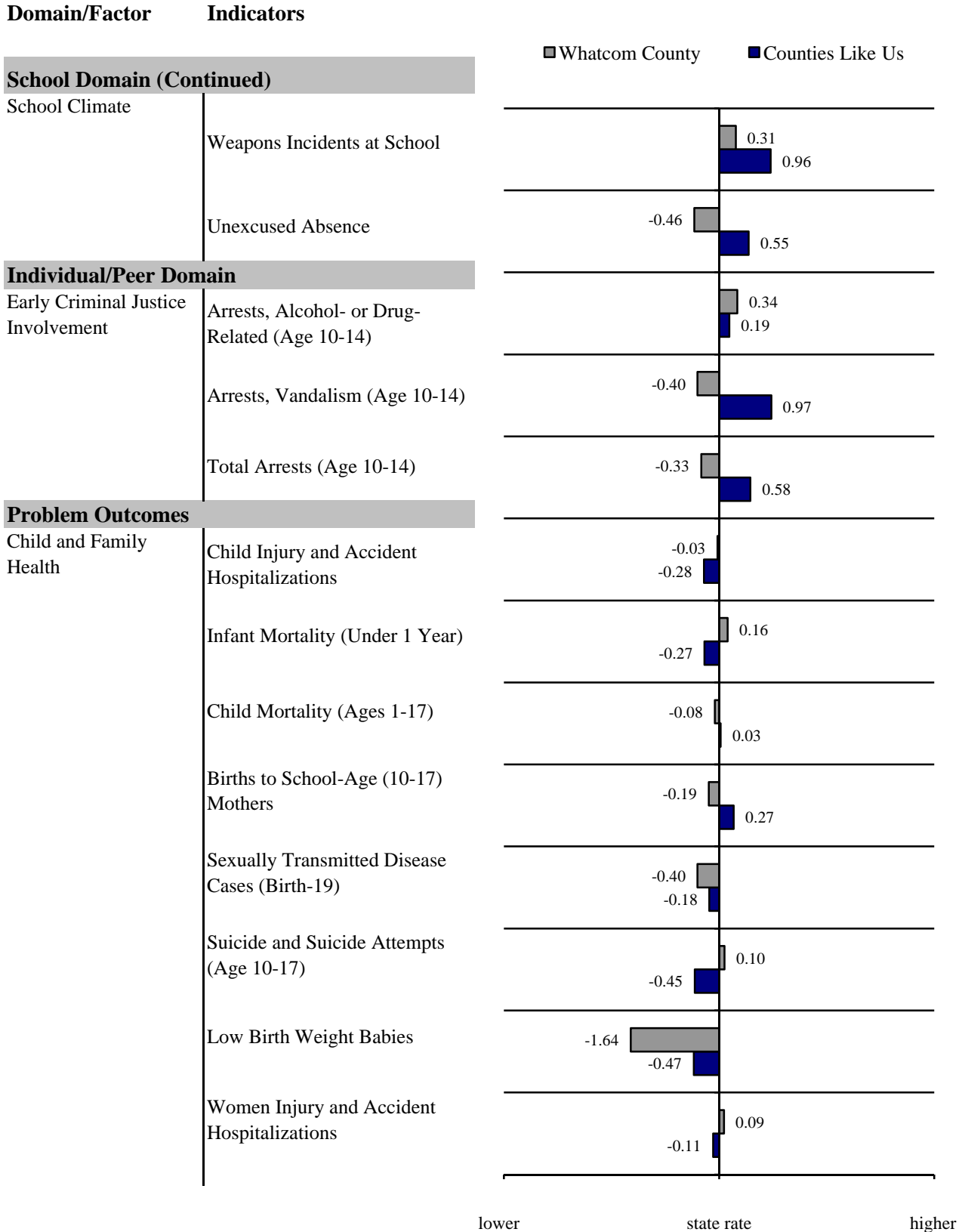
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Extended Graduation

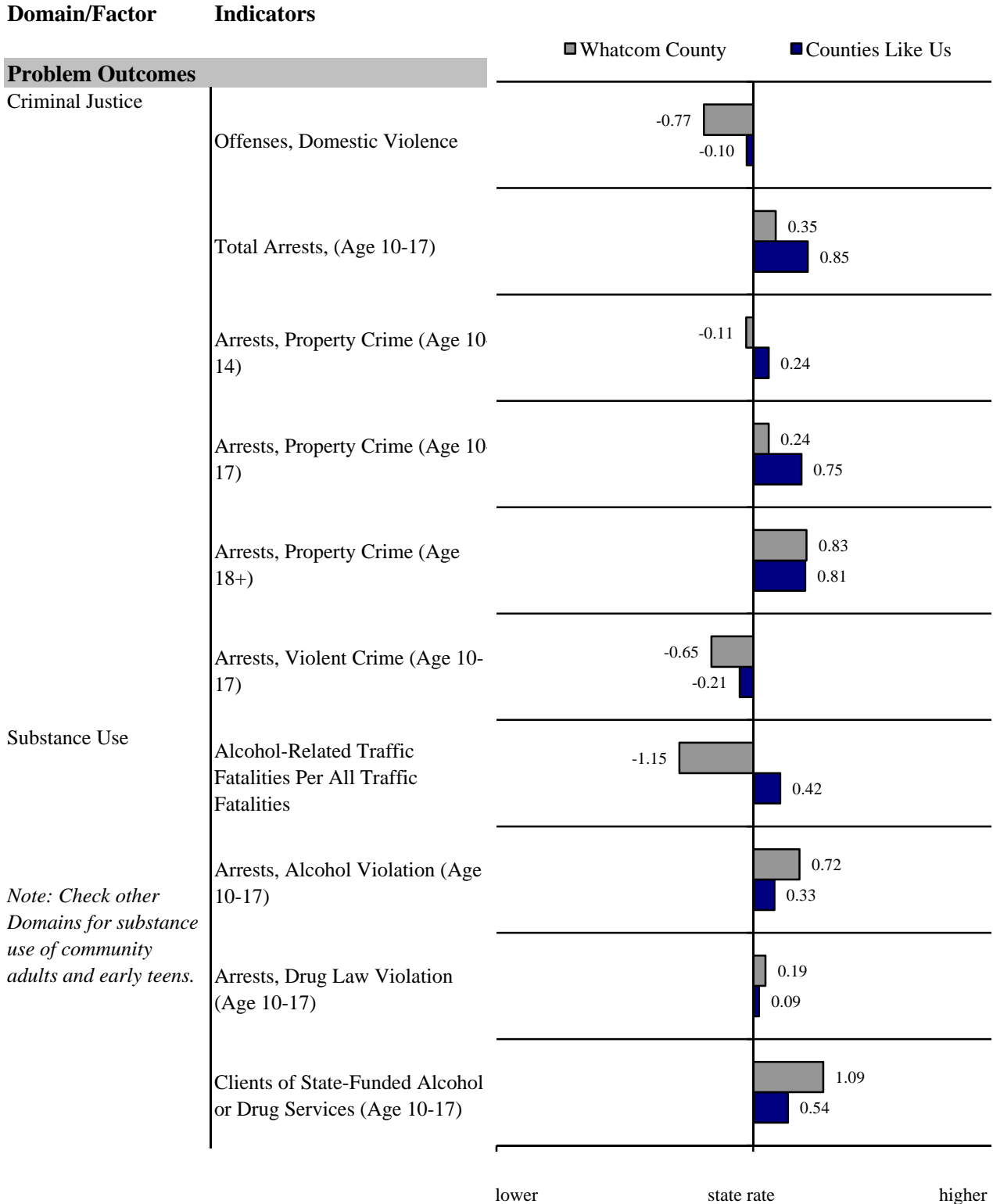
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lower state rate higher

Standardized Five-Year Indicator Profile

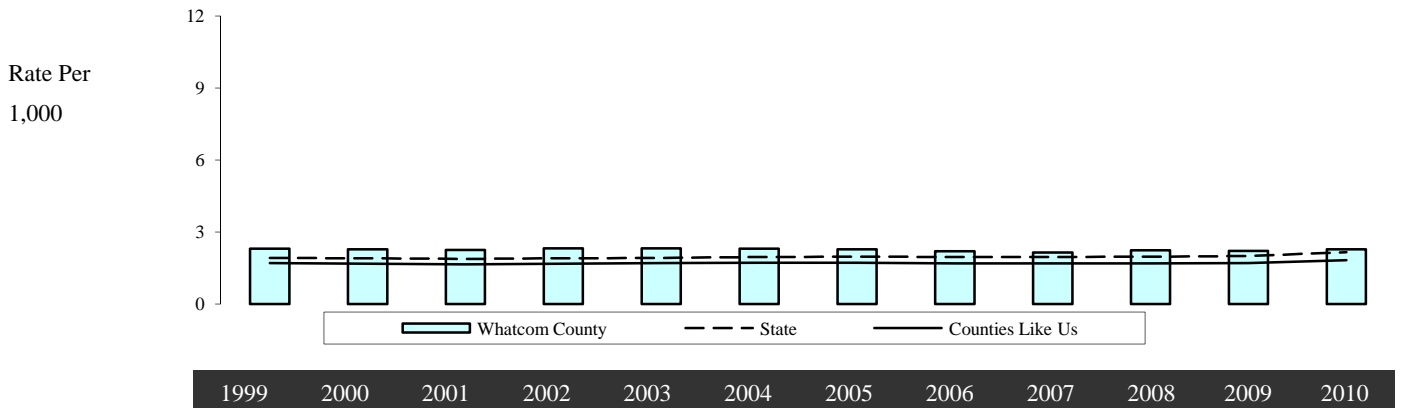


Standardized Five-Year Indicator Profile



Community Domain: Availability of Drugs

Alcohol Retail Licenses



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
State	1.92	1.90	1.88	1.90	1.92	1.96	1.97	1.95	1.96	1.97	1.99	2.15
Counties Like Us	1.70	1.68	1.65	1.68	1.70	1.71	1.72	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.70	1.82
Whatcom County	2.30	2.27	2.25	2.32	2.32	2.30	2.28	2.19	2.14	2.23	2.21	2.27
Licenses	378	378	384	400	405	408	413	404	403	425	427	456
All Persons	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,201	174,500	177,300	180,800	184,300	188,300	190,996	193,100	201,140

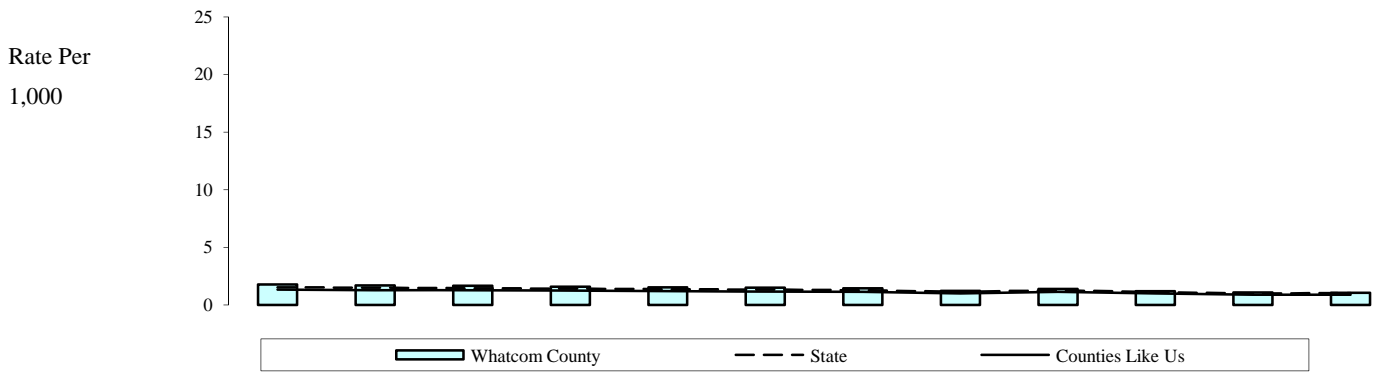
Note: The alcohol retail licenses active during the year, per 1,000 persons (all ages). Retail licenses include restaurants, grocery stores, and wine shops but do not include state liquor stores and agencies. Retail alcohol facilities on military bases and reservations are not licensed by the State and 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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
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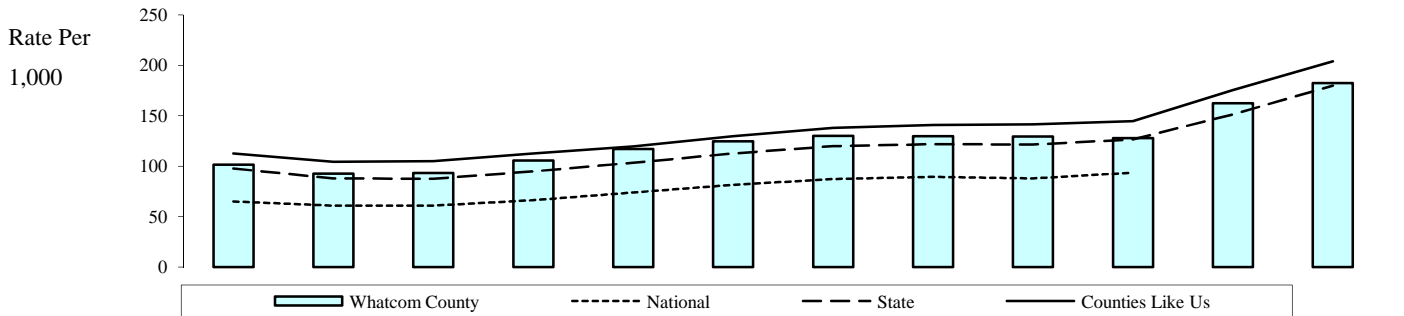
State	1.53	1.48	1.44	1.40	1.36	1.32	1.28	1.14	1.27	1.11	1.00	1.02
Counties Like Us	1.32	1.28	1.26	1.23	1.19	1.16	1.12	1.00	1.13	0.98	0.88	0.89
Whatcom County	1.77	1.68	1.65	1.57	1.52	1.49	1.43	1.22	1.38	1.19	1.08	1.06
Licenses	291	280	281	271	266	265	259	225	259	227	208	213
All Persons	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,201	174,500	177,300	180,800	184,300	188,300	190,996	193,100	201,140

Note: The 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. 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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Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
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	151.16	180.00
Counties Like Us	112.58	104.18	104.82	112.62	119.52	129.58	137.90	140.86	141.37	144.53	175.51	204.14
Whatcom County	101.36	92.60	93.16	105.75	116.88	124.53	130.00	129.77	129.41	127.95	162.27	182.56
Recipients	16,651	15,448	15,893	18,210	20,395	22,079	23,504	23,917	24,368	24,438	31,334	36,720
All Persons	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,201	174,500	177,300	180,800	184,300	188,300	190,996	193,100	201,140

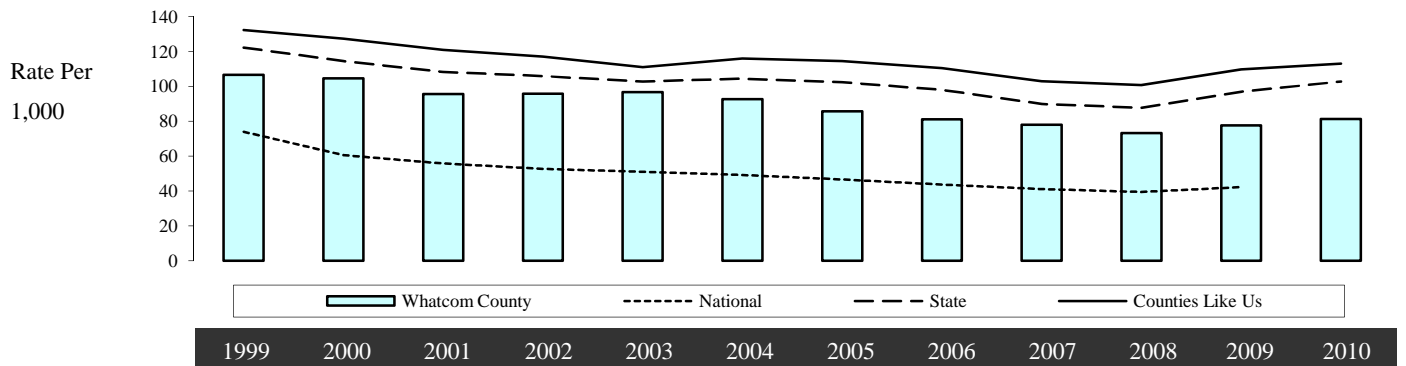
Note: The persons (all ages) receiving food stamps in the fiscal year, per 1,000 persons (all ages). The population used is for the calendar year which ends the fiscal period. National rates use counts of all yearly recipients. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical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

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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	73.93	60.61	55.85	52.64	51.08	49.19	46.59	43.80	41.13	39.45	42.27	
State	122.29	114.45	108.35	105.84	102.68	104.35	102.47	97.95	89.98	87.82	96.94	102.76
Counties Like Us	132.22	127.37	120.98	117.03	110.93	115.90	114.52	110.43	102.98	100.80	109.72	113.03
Whatcom County	106.59	104.52	95.62	95.78	96.68	92.76	85.72	81.13	77.93	73.25	77.60	81.27
TANF Children	4,304	4,207	3,894	3,891	3,930	3,785	3,535	3,382	3,295	3,113	3,300	3,430
Children, birth-17	40,380	40,251	40,722	40,623	40,649	40,803	41,237	41,684	42,282	42,497	42,527	42,205

Note: The children (age birth-17) participating in Aid to Families (AFDC/TANF) programs in the fiscal year, per 1,000 children (age birth-17). The population used is for the calendar year which ends the fiscal period. National TANF child recipients are defined as children 0-19 with almost no children of age 19, therefore national denominators are for children 0-18. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes.

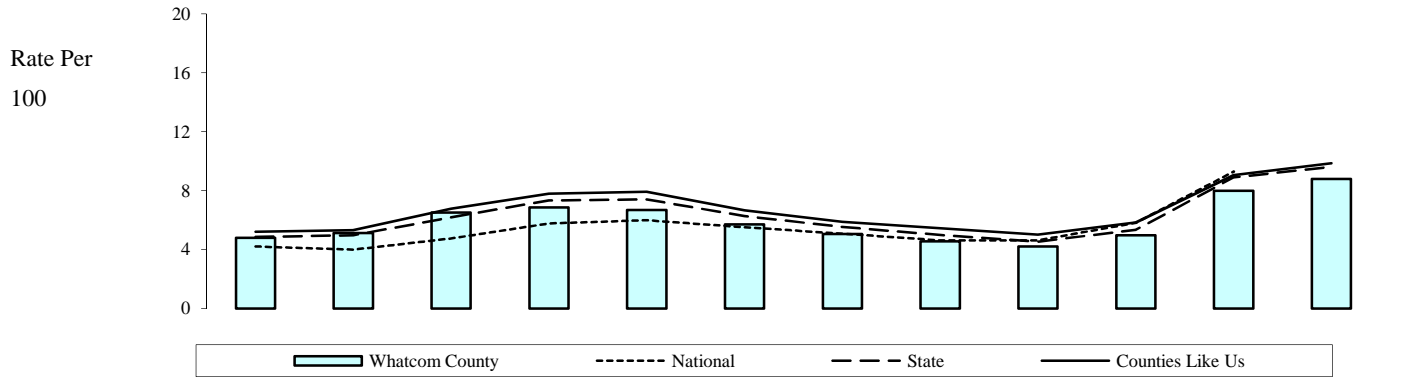
State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Research and Data Analysis, Automated Client Eligibility System and Warrant Roll. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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+)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	4.20	3.98	4.74	5.78	5.98	5.52	5.07	4.61	4.62	5.81	9.29	
State	4.85	4.96	6.19	7.34	7.41	6.26	5.53	4.99	4.54	5.34	8.90	9.61
Counties Like Us	5.21	5.31	6.76	7.80	7.92	6.66	5.88	5.45	5.00	5.83	9.05	9.86
Whatcom County	4.80	5.11	6.50	6.86	6.69	5.70	5.05	4.55	4.20	4.97	7.99	8.80
Unemployed, 16+	4,100	4,500	5,700	6,300	6,400	5,700	5,200	4,700	4,440	5,430	8,610	9,380
Labor Force, 16+	85,500	88,000	87,700	91,800	95,700	100,000	103,000	103,200	105,770	109,180	107,700	106,630

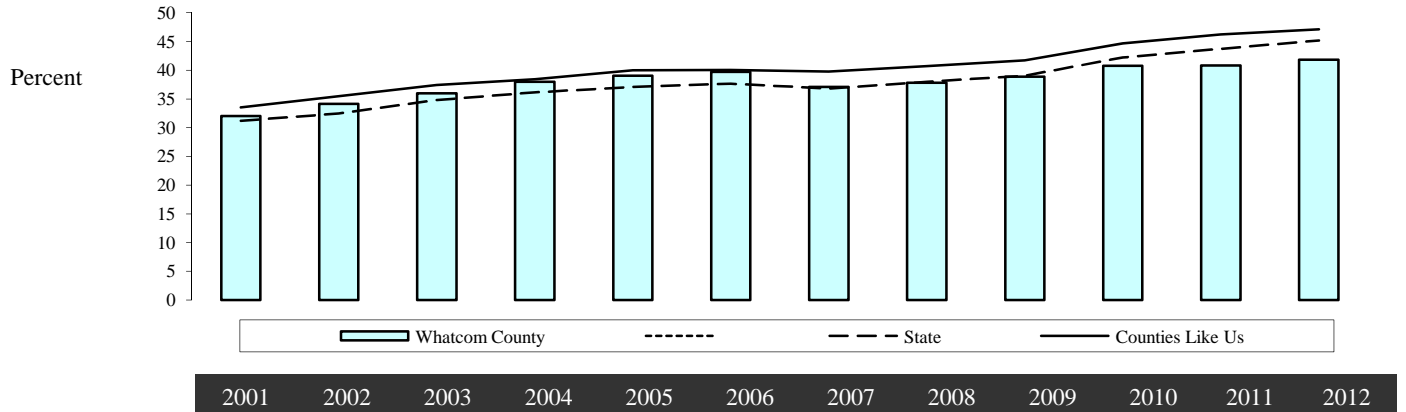
Note: The unemployed persons (age 16 and over) per 100 persons in the civilian labor force. Unemployed persons are individuals who are currently available for work have actively looked for work, and do not have a job. The civilian labor force includes persons who are working or looking for work. The 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. Data for the latest year 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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Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch



	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
State	31.19	32.46	34.81	36.16	37.11	37.65	36.84	38.01	39.04	42.22	43.75	45.17
Counties Like Us	33.51	35.47	37.45	38.43	39.98	40.04	39.79	40.71	41.72	44.68	46.23	47.15
Whatcom County	32.01	34.12	36.00	37.97	39.04	39.69	37.10	37.82	38.87	40.78	40.85	41.86
Eligible Students	8,298	8,856	9,394	10,038	10,409	10,468	9,947	10,027	10,303	10,962	11,058	11,245
Enrolled Students	25,922	25,954	26,091	26,440	26,662	26,375	26,810	26,515	26,506	26,883	27,068	26,862

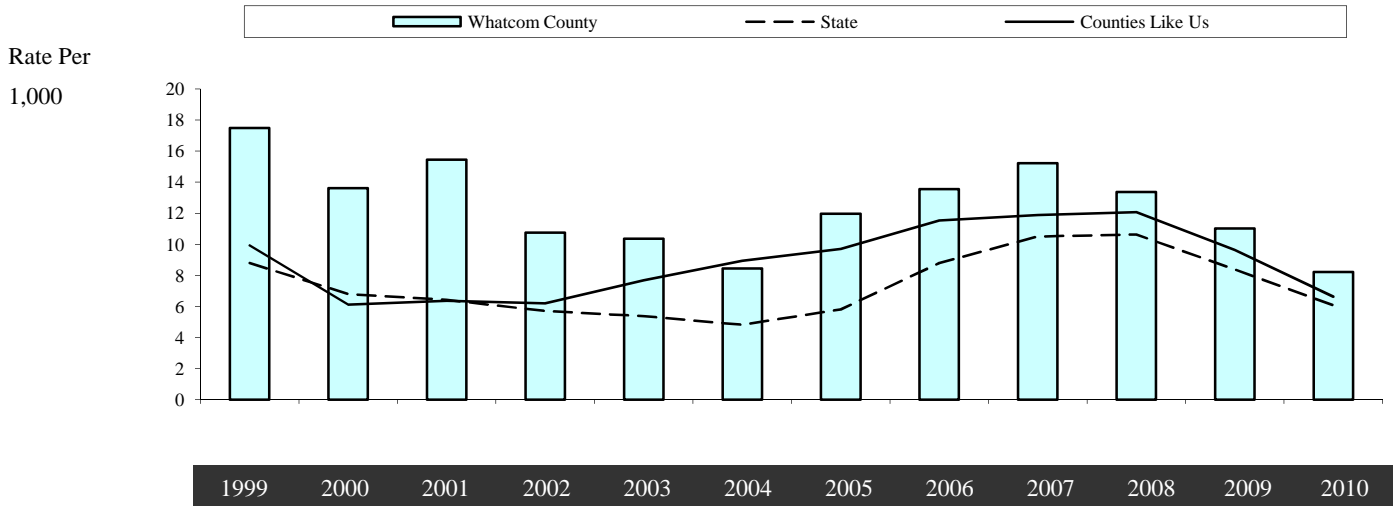
Note: The students eligible for free or reduced price lunch per 100 students enrolled. Eligibility requirements are discussed in Technical Notes.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Community Domain: Transitions and Mobility

Net Migration, 3 Year Moving Average



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
State	8.79	6.81	6.43	5.71	5.39	4.82	5.82	8.80	10.51	10.63	8.38	6.09
Counties Like Us	9.93	6.13	6.37	6.21	7.68	8.95	9.70	11.54	11.89	12.07	9.64	6.64
Whatcom County	17.48	13.61	15.46	10.75	10.37	8.44	11.97	13.56	15.23	13.38	11.03	8.23
Net Migration	2,872	2,270	2,637	1,851	1,810	1,496	2,164	2,500	2,868	2,556	2,130	1,656
All Persons	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,201	174,500	177,300	180,800	184,300	188,300	190,996	193,100	201,140

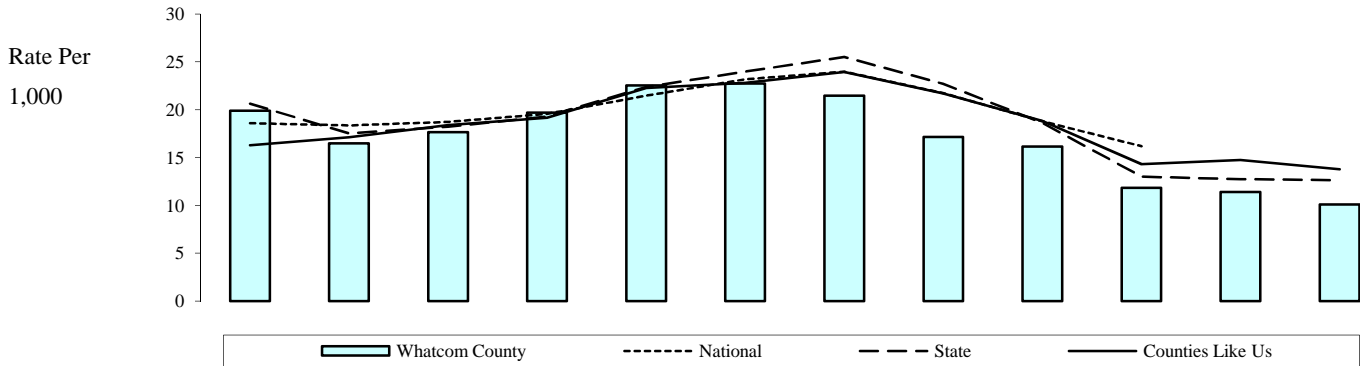
Note: Net migration is the annual number of new residents that moved into an area minus the number of residents that moved out of an area. In Washington, the Office of Financial Management estimates annual net migration for twelve months ending on March 31st of a given year. For example, annual net migration in 2009 refers to the period from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Net migration can change a lot from year to year; calculating a 3-year moving average smoothes net migration. The net migration rate in Year 3 is equal to the average of net migration in Years 1, 2, and 3, divided by the total population in Year 3. The result is then multiplied by 1,000 to measure net migration rate per 1,000 persons.

State Source: Office of Financial Management, Net Migration Data

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Community Domain: Transitions and Mobility

Existing Home Sales



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	18.57	18.34	18.72	19.55	21.45	23.15	23.95	21.72	18.78	16.18		
State	20.61	17.50	18.21	19.29	22.36	23.97	25.51	22.68	18.61	12.99	12.72	12.62
Counties Like Us	16.29	17.11	18.37	19.16	22.25	22.81	23.92	21.68	18.83	14.31	14.74	13.78
Whatcom County	19.90	16.48	17.64	19.69	22.52	22.73	21.46	17.15	16.14	11.83	11.39	10.09
Sales	3,270	2,750	3,010	3,390	3,930	4,030	3,880	3,160	3,040	2,260	2,200	2,030
All Persons	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,201	174,500	177,300	180,800	184,300	188,300	190,996	193,100	201,140

Note: The 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.

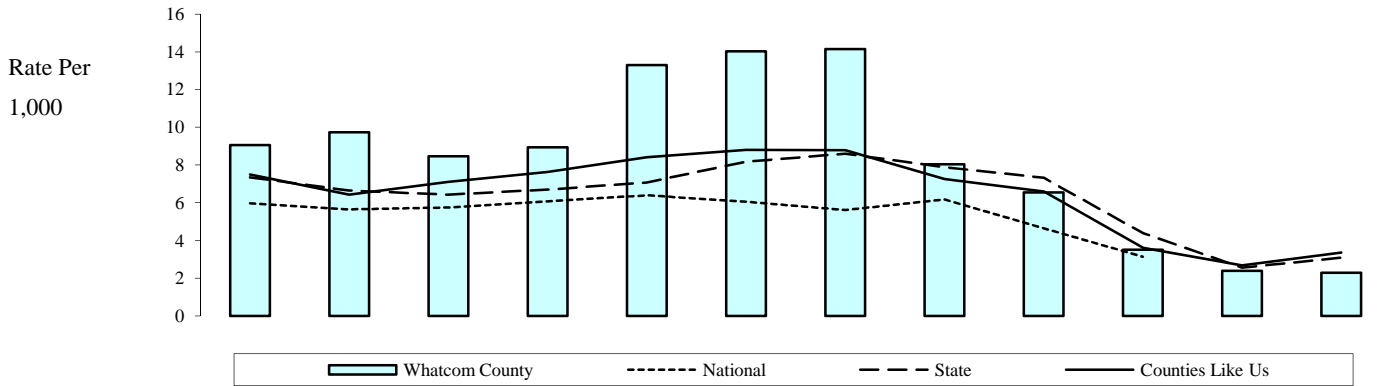
State Source: Washington Center for Real Estate Research, Washington State University, Washington State's Housing Market: A Supply/Demand Assessment. **Population Estimates:** Washington State Department of Health

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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	5.96	5.64	5.74	6.07	6.39	6.06	5.61	6.17	4.65	3.14		
State	7.34	6.65	6.42	6.69	7.07	8.18	8.59	7.89	7.33	4.39	2.55	3.08
Counties Like Us	7.50	6.43	7.10	7.63	8.41	8.80	8.78	7.25	6.60	3.61	2.68	3.35
Whatcom County	9.05	9.74	8.46	8.93	13.30	14.03	14.14	8.04	6.54	3.50	2.38	2.28
New Residences	1,486	1,625	1,444	1,537	2,320	2,488	2,556	1,482	1,232	669	460	458
All Persons	164,282	166,826	170,600	172,201	174,500	177,300	180,800	184,300	188,300	190,996	193,100	201,140

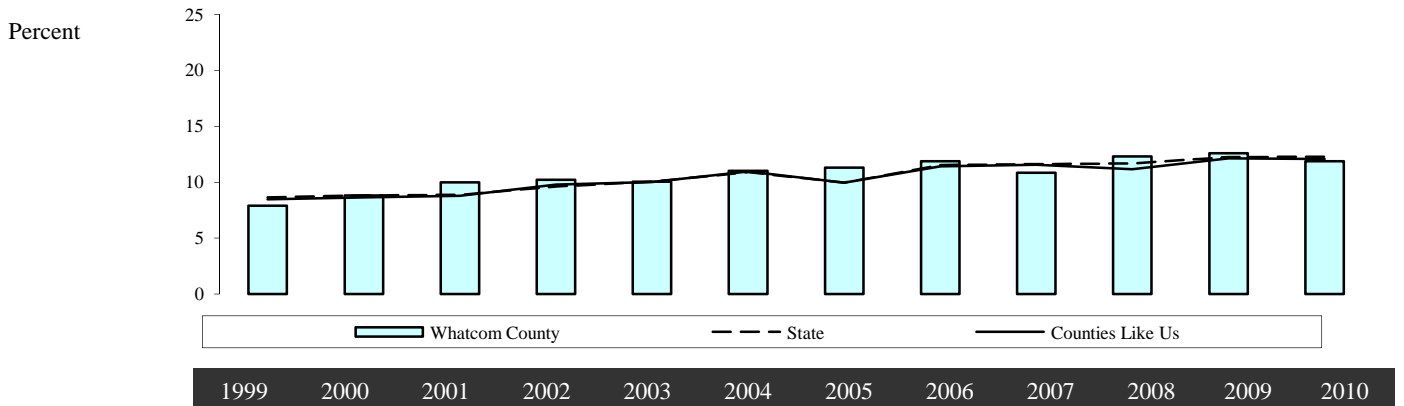
Note: The new building permits issued for single and multi-family dwellings, per 1,000 persons (all ages). Each unit in a multi-family dwelling (for example, each apartment in a building) has a separate building permit.

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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Alcohol- or Drug-Related Deaths



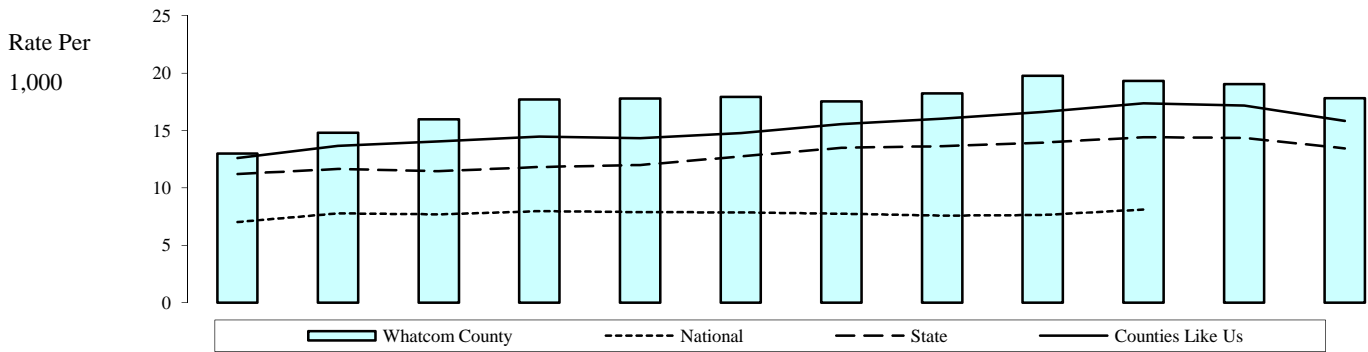
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
State	8.65	8.81	8.88	9.62	10.03	10.91	9.95	11.53	11.63	11.68	12.24	12.27
Counties Like Us	8.46	8.65	8.77	9.78	10.01	10.95	9.96	11.43	11.55	11.16	12.13	12.09
Whatcom County	7.91	8.81	9.98	10.23	10.03	11.03	11.30	11.88	10.86	12.30	12.60	11.88
AOD-related	91	108	123	133	131	146	148	156	153	173	174	166
Deaths	1,151	1,226	1,233	1,300	1,306	1,324	1,310	1,313	1,409	1,406	1,381	1,397

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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	7.02	7.79	7.70	7.98	7.89	7.87	7.76	7.59	7.65	8.11		
State	11.20	11.64	11.47	11.82	11.98	12.73	13.49	13.63	13.93	14.41	14.35	13.43
Counties Like Us	12.59	13.67	14.06	14.48	14.34	14.79	15.56	16.03	16.62	17.37	17.17	15.84
Whatcom County	13.00	14.81	15.97	17.71	17.80	17.92	17.54	18.24	19.76	19.31	19.05	17.82
Admits, 18+	1,611	1,874	2,074	2,330	2,383	2,446	2,448	2,602	2,885	2,867	2,869	2,832
Persons, 18+	123,902	126,575	129,878	131,579	133,851	136,497	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935

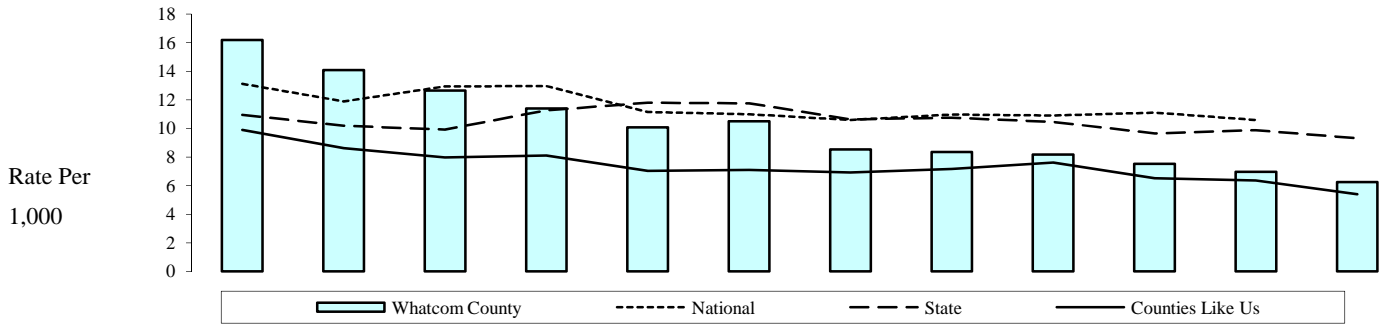
Note: The adults (age 18 and over) receiving state-funded alcohol or drug services, per 1,000 adults. Counts of adults are unduplicated so that those receiving services more than once during the year are only counted once for that year. State-funded services include treatment, assessment, and detox.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

State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, 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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10/28/2011

Arrests (Age 18+), Alcohol-Related



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	13.11	11.90	12.95	12.96	11.15	11.00	10.59	10.97	10.90	11.11	10.59	
State	10.95	10.20	9.93	11.27	11.80	11.75	10.64	10.75	10.45	9.65	9.88	9.31
Counties Like Us	9.90	8.63	7.97	8.10	7.03	7.09	6.93	7.17	7.61	6.53	6.37	5.40
Whatcom County	16.19	14.08	12.64	11.40	10.08	10.51	8.53	8.35	8.18	7.52	6.97	6.25
Arrests, 18+	1,998	1,775	1,635	1,484	1,278	1,433	1,191	1,191	1,195	1,117	1,050	993
Adjusted Pop 18+	123,433	126,088	129,336	130,119	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935

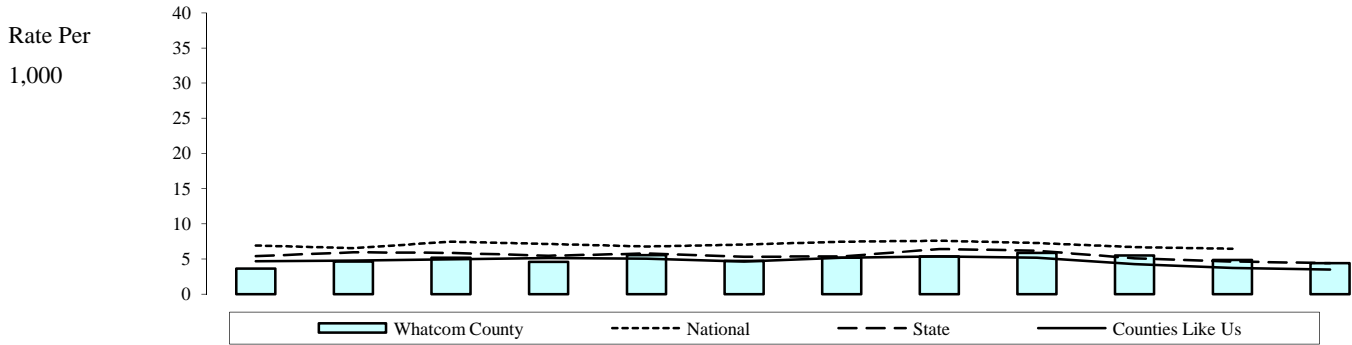
Note: The alcohol violations (age 18+), per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Alcohol violations include all crimes involving driving under the influence, liquor law violations, and drunkenness. DUI arrests by the Washington State Patrol are included in the state trend analysis. However, they are not included in the county rankings since WSP arrests are not assigned to counties. 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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10/18/2011

Arrests (Age 18+), Drug Law Violation



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	6.92	6.56	7.43	7.13	6.77	7.06	7.44	7.58	7.29	6.68	6.45	
State	5.41	5.93	5.86	5.45	5.78	5.31	5.38	6.40	6.20	5.10	4.61	4.39
Counties Like Us	4.68	4.78	4.94	5.11	5.05	4.62	5.17	5.34	5.17	4.26	3.70	3.49
Whatcom County	3.62	4.62	5.20	4.58	5.53	4.74	5.17	5.34	5.87	5.51	4.88	4.39
Arrests, 18+	447	582	673	596	701	647	721	762	857	818	735	698
Adjusted Pop 18+	123,433	126,088	129,336	130,119	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935

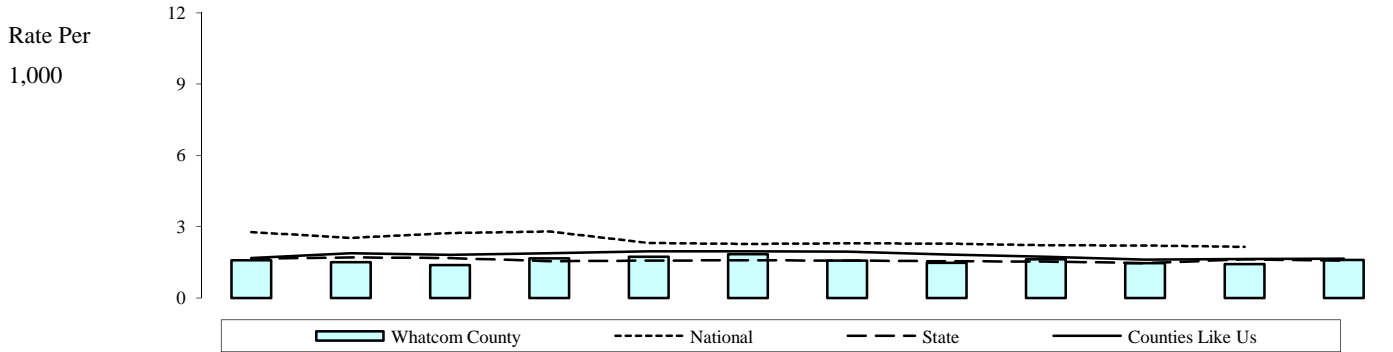
Note: The arrests of adults (age 18+) for drug law violations, per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Drug law violations include all crimes involving sale, manufacturing, and possession of drugs. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite 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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Arrests (Age 18+), Violent Crime



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	2.77	2.53	2.73	2.80	2.32	2.27	2.30	2.29	2.22	2.20	2.15	
State	1.65	1.71	1.68	1.54	1.58	1.59	1.57	1.54	1.53	1.47	1.63	1.57
Counties Like Us	1.68	1.89	1.82	1.88	1.97	1.97	1.95	1.83	1.73	1.61	1.64	1.65
Whatcom County	1.59	1.50	1.39	1.67	1.74	1.84	1.58	1.48	1.63	1.47	1.43	1.60
Arrests, 18+	196	189	180	217	221	251	221	211	238	218	216	255
Adjusted Pop 18+	123,433	126,088	129,336	130,119	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935

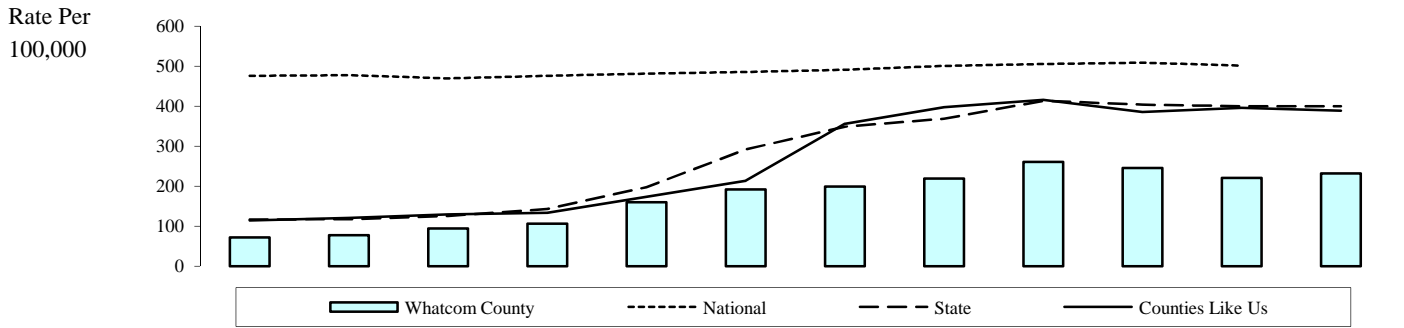
Note: The arrests of adults (age 18+) for violent crime per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Violent crimes include all crimes involving criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Simple assault is not defined as a violent crime. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population 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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Prisoners in State Correctional Systems (Age 18+)



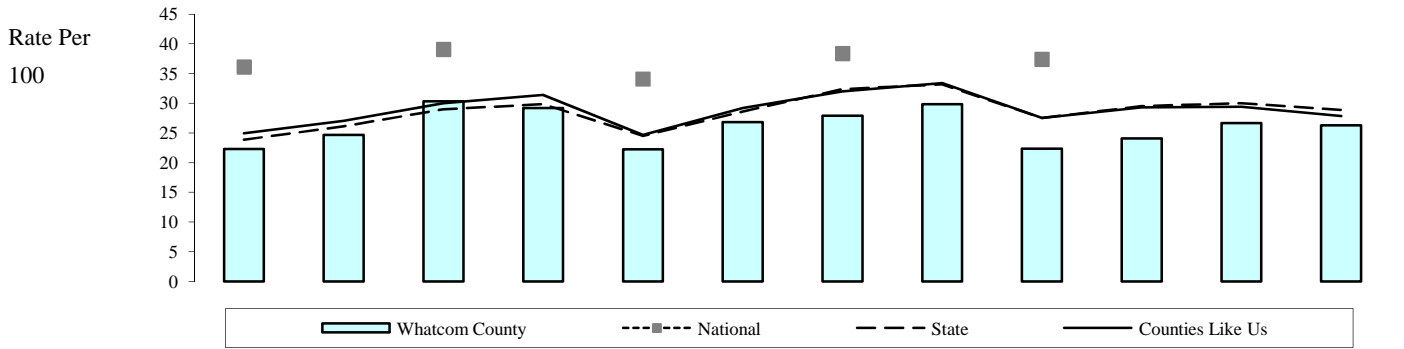
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	476.00	478.00	470.00	476.00	482.00	486.00	491.00	501.00	506.00	509.00	502.00	
State	116.8	117.7	125.9	143.1	198.1	291.9	349.0	369.2	413.6	404.3	400.3	400.4
Counties Like Us	115.0	120.6	129.4	133.7	173.7	213.5	355.9	397.4	416.2	385.5	396.4	388.9
Whatcom County	71.8	77.9	94.4	106.3	159.9	192.3	199.1	219.8	261.3	245.6	220.6	232.2
Prisoners, 18+	118.0	130.0	161.0	183.0	279.0	341.0	360.0	405.0	492.0	469.0	426.0	467.0
All Persons	164282.0	166826.0	170600.0	172201.0	174500.0	177300.0	180800.0	184300.0	188300.0	190996.0	193100.0	201140.0

Note: The 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. 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

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8/24/2011

Population Not Registered to Vote



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
National	36.10		39.10		34.10		38.40		37.40			
State	23.85	26.11	28.97	29.84	24.49	28.58	32.36	33.18	27.54	29.54	29.98	28.87
Counties Like Us	24.93	27.04	30.03	31.41	24.69	29.21	31.99	33.39	27.51	29.32	29.39	27.86
Whatcom County	22.30	24.68	30.34	29.21	22.27	26.83	27.91	29.83	22.35	24.10	26.65	26.28
Not Registered	28,223	32,050	39,923	39,098	30,403	37,445	39,797	43,560	33,185	36,281	42,354	41,773
Persons, 18+	126,575	129,878	131,579	133,851	136,497	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935	158,935

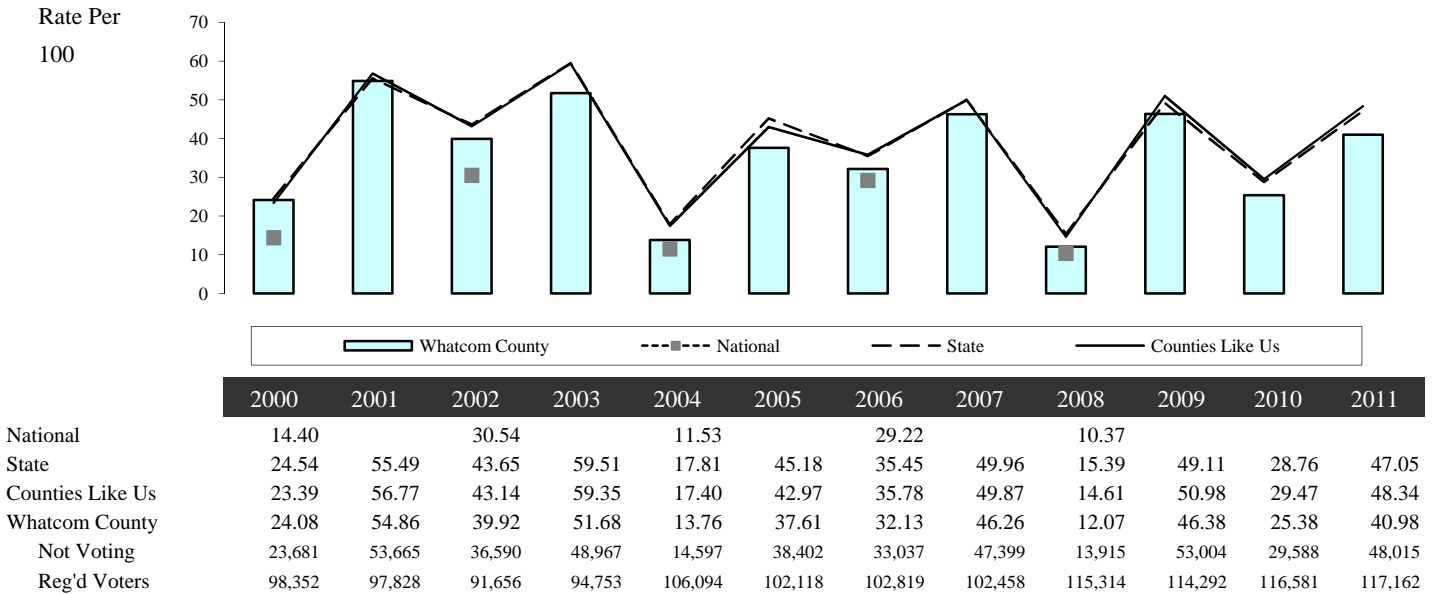
Note: The persons not registered to vote in the November elections, per 100 adults (age 18 and over). As part of the November Current Population Survey (the Voting and Registration Supplement), the Bureau of the Census collects data on voting and registration in years with presidential or congressional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

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Registered And Not Voting in the November Election



Note: The 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).

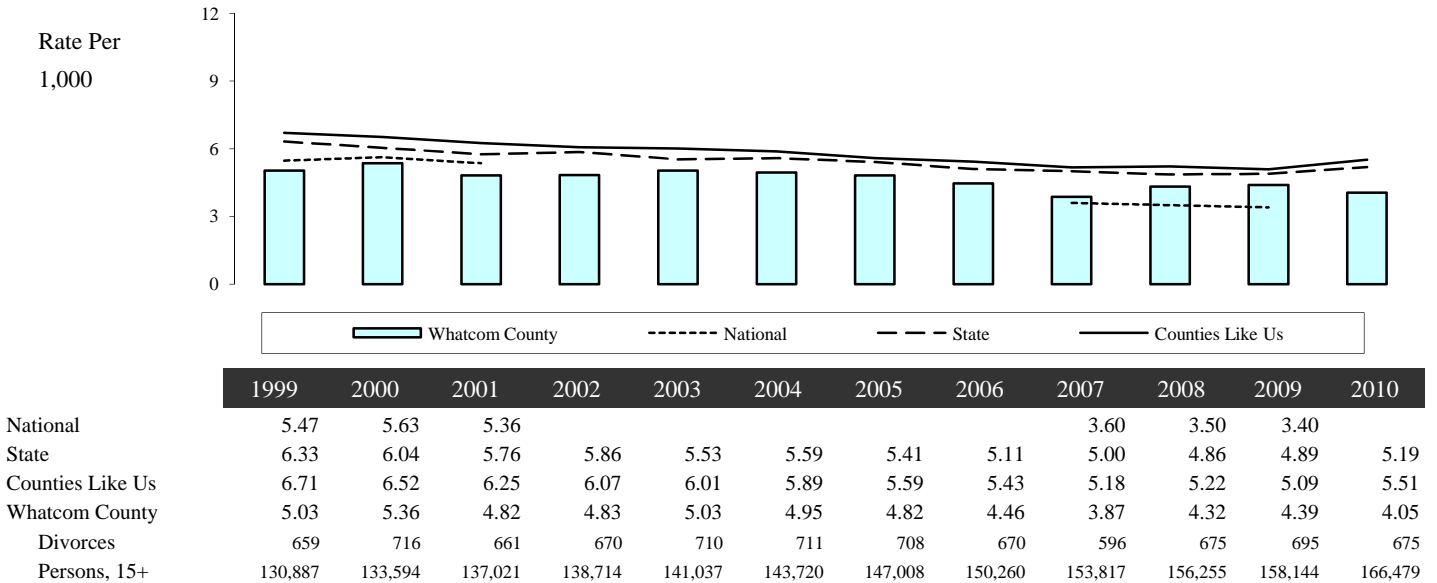
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Family Domain: Family Problems

Divorce



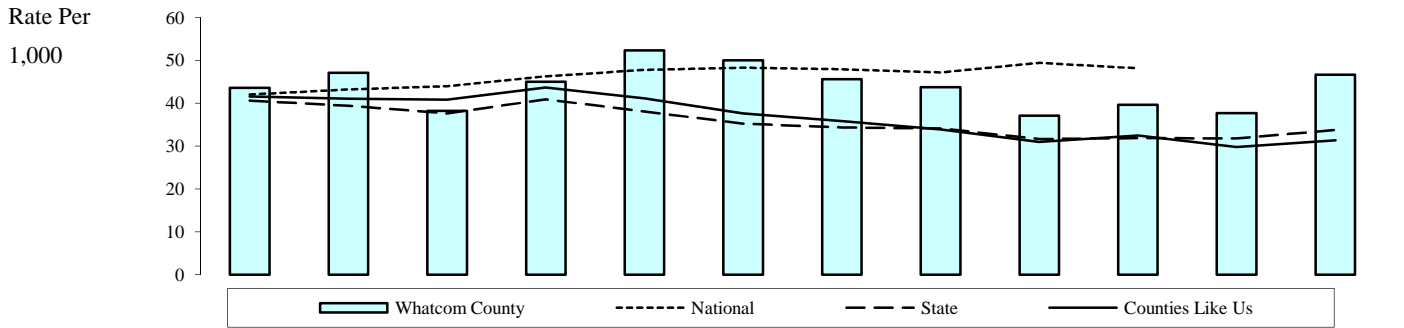
Note: The divorces per 1,000 persons (age 15 and over). Divorce includes dissolutions, annulments, and unknown decree types; it does not include legal separations. Divorce data is reported by the woman's residence, if in Washington at the time of decree. If the woman lived outside Washington, the man's 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

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Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect in Accepted Referrals



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
National	42.01	43.21	43.93	46.30	47.74	48.30	47.90	47.20	49.40	48.10		
State	40.63	39.43	37.60	40.87	38.06	35.26	34.30	34.12	31.63	31.91	31.81	33.74
Counties Like Us	41.60	41.05	40.79	43.65	41.09	37.63	35.80	33.87	30.97	32.50	29.80	31.35
Whatcom County	43.58	47.10	38.25	44.99	52.32	50.00	45.58	43.71	37.13	39.60	37.72	46.61
Accepted Victims	1,754	1,918	1,554	1,829	2,135	2,062	1,900	1,848	1,578	1,684	1,592	1,967
Persons, birth-17	40,251	40,722	40,623	40,649	40,803	41,237	41,684	42,282	42,497	42,527	42,205	42,205

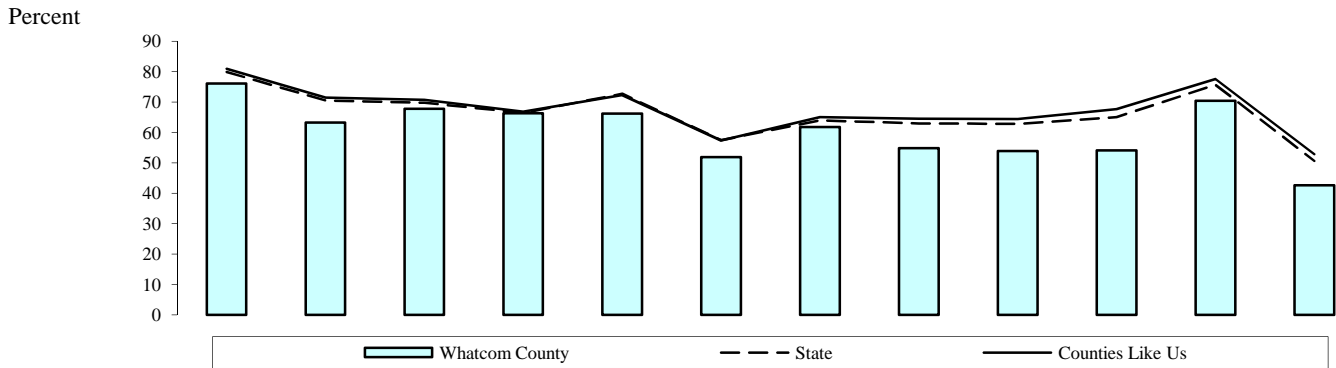
Note: The children (age birth-17) identified as victims in reports to Child Protective Services that were accepted for further action, per 1,000 children (age birth-17). Children are counted more than once if they are reported as a victim more than once during the year. A "referral" is a report of suspected child abuse. 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 FamLink Data Warehouse. 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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5/8/2012

Poor Academic Performance, Grade 10



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
State	79.88	70.51	69.78	66.38	72.68	57.50	63.93	62.97	62.80	65.02	75.62	50.59
Counties Like Us	80.88	71.45	70.71	66.87	72.30	57.34	65.03	64.53	64.35	67.61	77.51	52.77
Whatcom County	76.04	63.23	67.78	66.32	66.22	51.91	61.77	54.77	53.87	54.04	70.36	42.65
Low Scorers	1,511	1,245	1,315	1,331	1,376	1,114	1,021	878	863	789	1,704	711
Tested, 10th grade	1,987	1,969	1,940	2,007	2,078	2,146	1,653	1,603	1,602	1,460	2,422	1,667

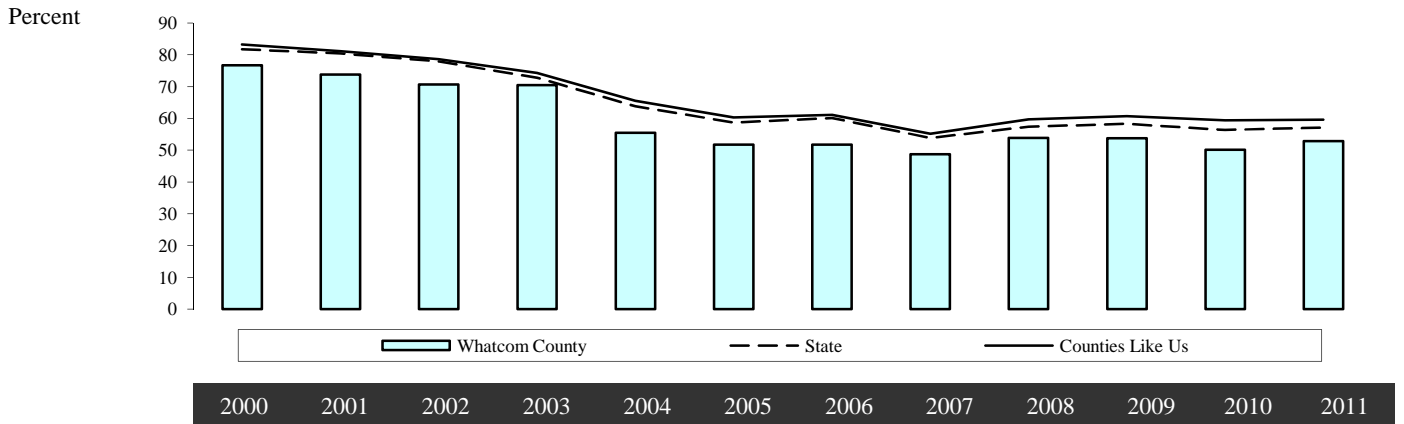
Note: The students tested who failed one or more content areas as a percent of all students tested at the 10th grade level. Some districts have chosen to test students in both grades 9 and 10 for the 10th grade assessment. All students being tested at the 10th grade level are included in these data regardless of their grade placement. Tests are given in the spring of the year. For example, data for 2008 is for students in the 10th grade during the school year 2007/2008. By contractual agreement data is suppressed when less than ten students were tested to avoid individual student identification.

In 2009-10 the tenth grade WASL was replaced by the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE). This test was built on the same framework as the WASL, but contain fewer questions. It is considered equivalent by OSPI.

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

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Poor Academic Performance, Grade 7



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
State	81.74	80.45	77.90	72.76	63.80	58.74	60.11	53.91	57.41	58.30	56.42	57.04
Counties Like Us	83.24	81.15	78.65	74.27	65.58	60.32	61.11	55.13	59.66	60.75	59.38	59.59
Whatcom County	76.75	73.75	70.70	70.44	55.45	51.73	51.71	48.69	53.89	53.81	50.15	52.89
Low Scorers	1,532	1,503	1,465	1,482	1,145	1,064	1,042	893	1,025	1,053	973	1,008
Tested, 7th grade	1,996	2,038	2,072	2,104	2,065	2,057	2,015	1,834	1,902	1,957	1,940	1,906

Note: The students tested who failed one or more content areas as a percent of all students tested at the 7th grade level. Tests are given in the spring of the year. Data for 2008 is for students in the 7th grade during the school year 2007/2008. By contractual agreement data is suppressed when less than ten students were tested to avoid individual student identification.

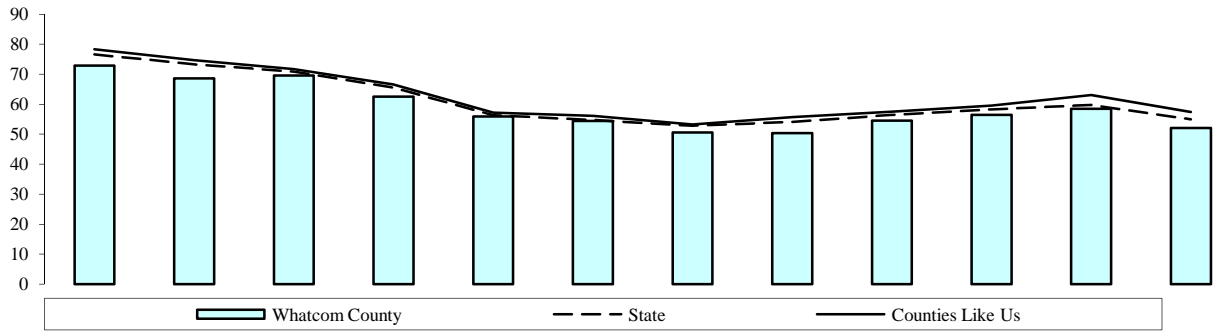
In 2009-10 the 7th grade WASL was replaced by Measurements of Student Progress (MSP). This test was built on the same framework as the WASL, but contain fewer questions. It is considered equivalent by OSPI.

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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Poor Academic Performance, Grade 4

Percent



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
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State	76.68	73.30	70.86	65.56	56.39	54.79	52.82	54.08	56.47	58.27	59.80	54.97
Counties Like Us	78.37	74.73	71.76	66.59	57.20	56.18	53.20	55.69	57.55	59.54	63.07	57.38
Whatcom County	72.89	68.67	69.62	62.53	55.87	54.46	50.61	50.36	54.57	56.49	58.49	52.04
Low Scorers	1,492	1,335	1,373	1,240	1,032	1,013	906	914	1,050	1,075	1,140	983
Tested, 4th grade	2,047	1,944	1,972	1,983	1,847	1,860	1,790	1,815	1,924	1,903	1,949	1,889

Note: The students tested who failed one or more content areas as a percent of all students tested at the 4th grade level. Tests are given in the spring of the year. Data for 2008 is for students in the 4th grade during the school year 2007/2008. By contractual agreement data is suppressed when less than ten students were tested to avoid individual student identification.

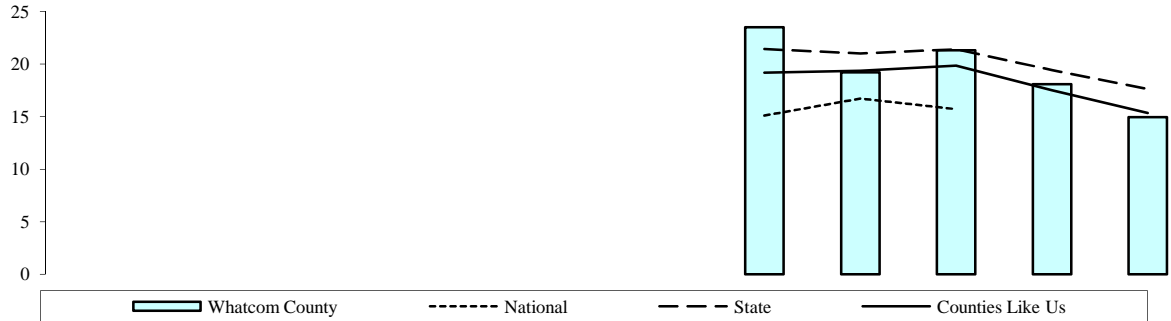
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State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Instructional Programs, Curriculum and Assessment, Grade 4 Failing In One Or More Content Areas.

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High school Cohort (Cumulative) Dropouts

Percent



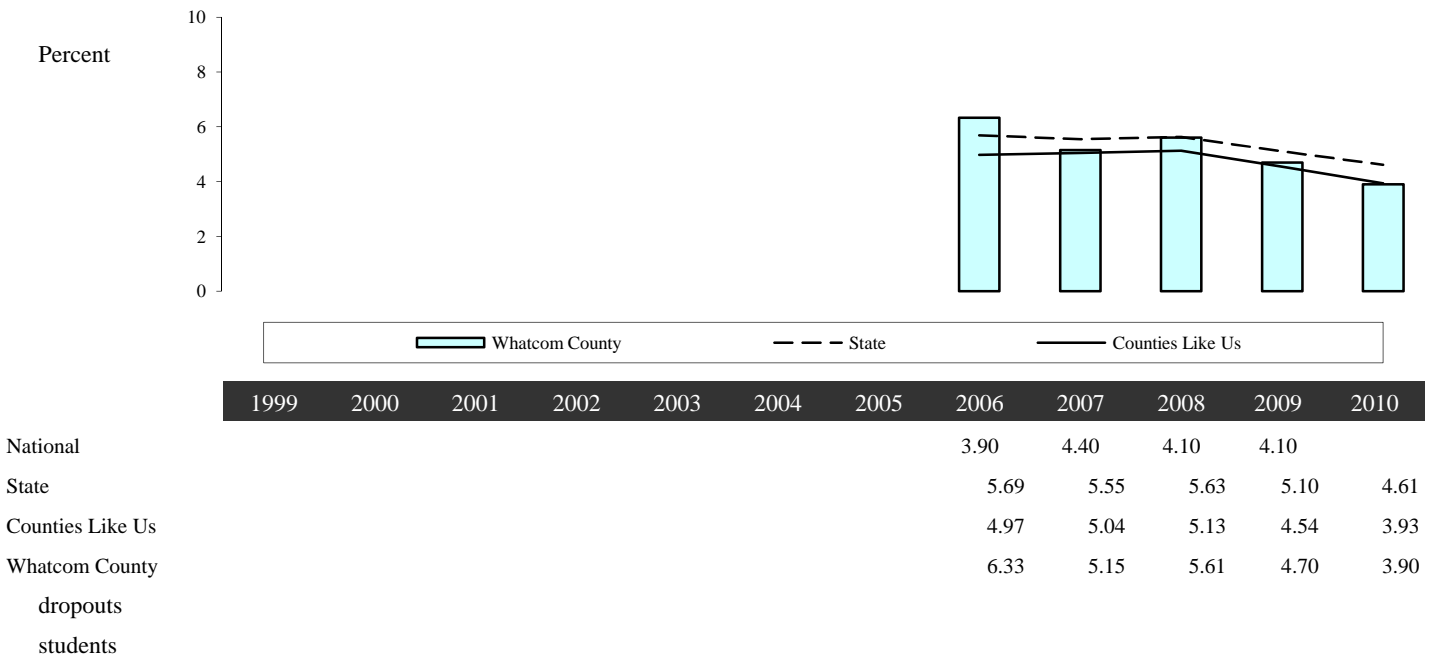
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National								15.10	16.70	15.70		
State								21.43	21.01	21.39	19.43	17.62
Counties Like Us								19.17	19.37	19.84	17.51	15.33
Whatcom County								23.50	19.22	21.31	18.07	14.96

Note: A cumulative or cohort dropout rate is based on the percentage of students who began grade 9 in a given year but dropped out of school over a four-year period and did not receive a high school diploma. The Cohort (Cumulative) Dropout Rate formula is: $100 - (100 * (1 - \text{grade 9 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 10 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 11 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 12 dropout rate}))$. Due to the complexity of this formula numerators and denominators have not been listed here, but are available at <http://www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/pubdocs/GradDropout/>.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington.

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Annual (Event) Dropouts



Note: The proportion of students enrolled in grades 9-12 who drop out in a single year without completing high school. This indicator answers the question "How many high-school students left school without graduating this year?". This is the total number of students that drop out of school from grades 9 through 12, divided by the total number of students in grades 9 through 12, less the number of students that transferred out of the district/school. Additional Information on using academic indicators is available in technical notes. More information about graduation and dropout rates in Washington State can be found online at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/dataadmin>.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington.

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On-time Graduation



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National								73.40	73.90	74.70	75.50	
State								70.45	72.47	72.03	73.53	76.46
Counties Like Us								70.67	73.27	73.31	74.34	78.05
Whatcom County								64.40	74.09	70.10	72.53	77.87

Note: The percent of students who graduate in four years to complete their degree. The Washington State Board of Education establishes minimum credit requirements, the Culminating Project and the High School and Beyond Plan. The Washington State Legislature requires state testing. To earn a high school diploma, a student must:

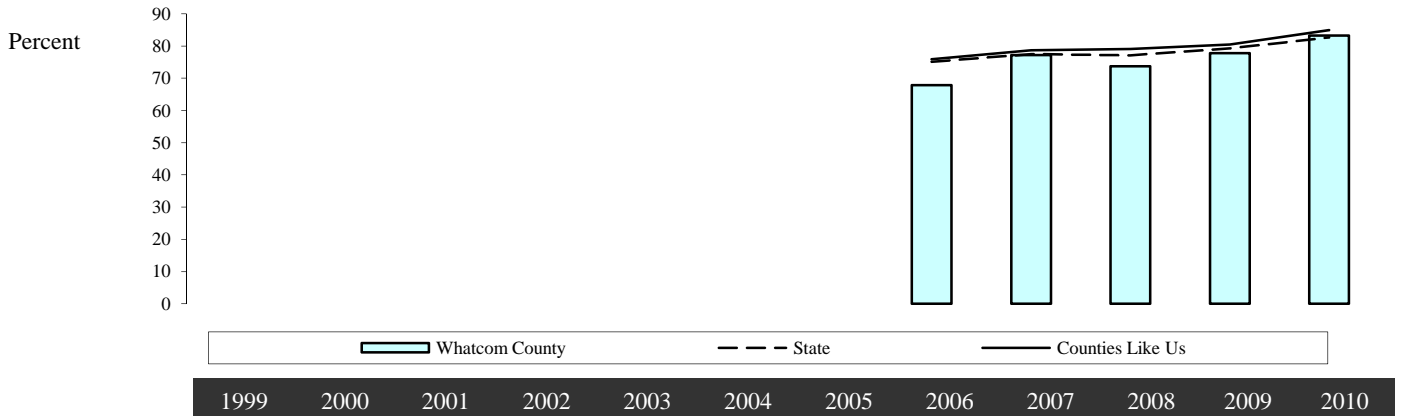
- Earn high school credit
- Pass state tests or approved alternatives to those tests
- Complete a Culminating Project
- Complete a High School and Beyond Plan.

The On-Time Graduation Rate formula is: $100 * (1 - \text{grade 9 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 10 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 11 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 12 dropout rate} - \text{grade 12 continuing rate})$. Due to the complexity of this formula numerators and denominators have not been listed here, but are available at <http://www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/pubdocs/GradDropout/>. Additional Information on using academic indicators is available in technical notes.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington.

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Extended Graduation



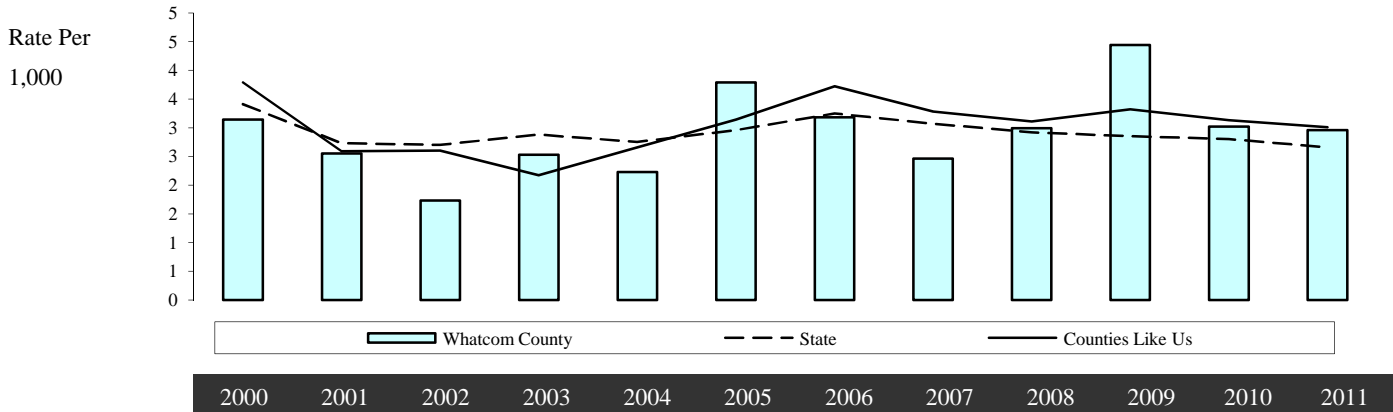
State	75.12	77.47	77.05	79.23	82.62
Counties Like Us	75.87	78.69	79.12	80.50	84.91
Whatcom County	67.90	77.19	73.75	77.81	83.29

Note: The percent of students who graduate including those students who stay in school and take more than four years to complete their degree. The Extended Graduation formula is: (the number of on-time and late graduates)/(the number of on-time graduates divided by the on-time graduation rate). A large difference in the size of the on-time and extended graduation rates may indicate that a district or school is working hard to keep students in school or to have dropouts return to school and graduate. Additional Information on using academic indicators is available in technical notes.

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington.

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Weapons Incidents in School



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
State	3.41	2.73	2.70	2.88	2.75	2.96	3.25	3.07	2.92	2.85	2.80	2.66
Counties Like Us	3.79	2.59	2.60	2.17	2.66	3.14	3.72	3.28	3.11	3.32	3.13	3.01
Whatcom County	3.14	2.55	1.73	2.53	2.23	3.79	3.18	2.46	2.99	4.44	3.02	2.96
Incidents	81	66	45	66	59	101	84	66	80	119	82	81
Enrollment	25,803	25,922	25,954	26,091	26,440	26,662	26,375	26,810	26,761	26,792	27,134	27,353

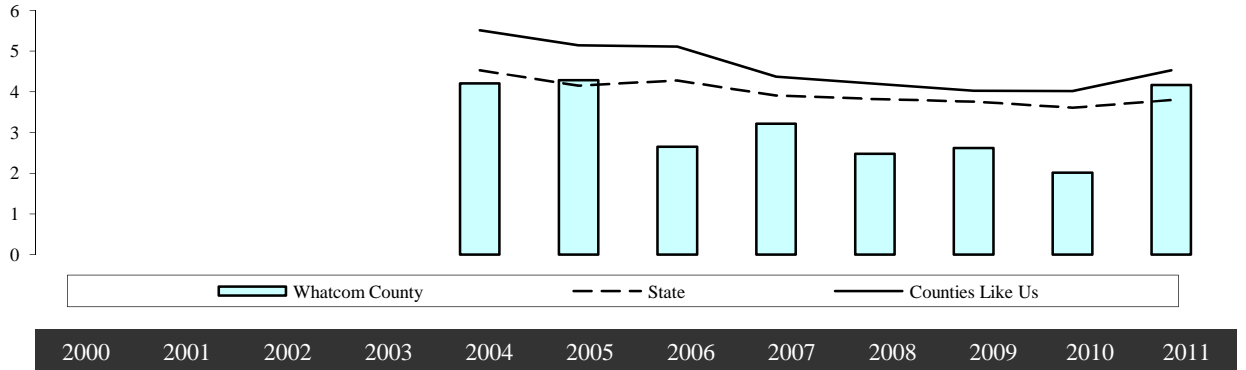
Note: The reported incidents involving guns and other weapons at any grade level per 1000 students enrolled in October of all grades.

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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Unexcused Absences for Students in Grades 1 to 8

Percent



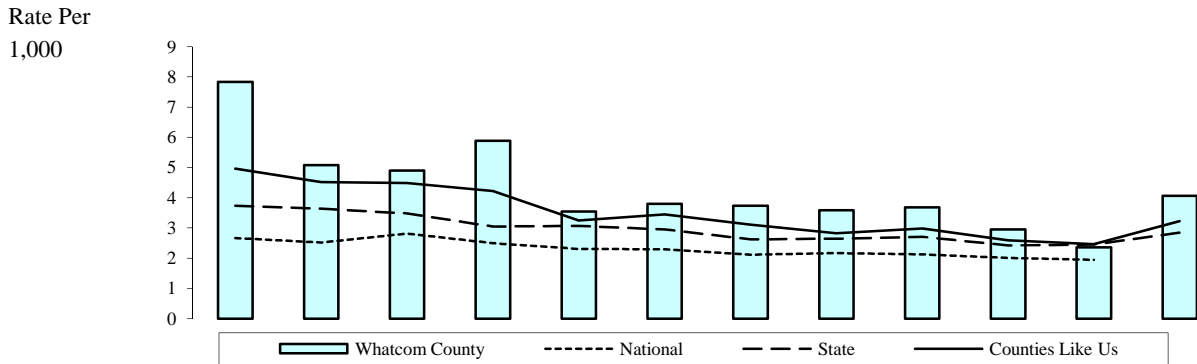
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
State					4.53	4.15	4.28	3.91	3.82	3.76	3.61	3.80
Counties Like Us					5.51	5.14	5.11	4.37	4.20	4.03	4.02	4.53
Whatcom County					4.21	4.29	2.65	3.22	2.48	2.62	2.01	4.17
Unexcused Absences					11,048	11,321	6,902	8,180	6,462	6,985	5,494	11,014
Potential Days					2,622,480	2,636,559	2,609,052	2,542,992	2,606,865	2,669,679	2,729,018	2,641,377

Note: The unexcused absences for students in grades 1-8 as a percent of the total student days possible. Potential school days are the number of days students were taught from the first day of school through May 31 in each school building multiplied by the net served students in grades 1-8 in that building. The definition of an unexcused absence is a local decision, so the definition differs among schools and districts. In general, a student who has an unexcused absence has not attended a majority of hours or periods in a school day, or has not complied with a more restrictive district policy, and has not met the conditions for an excused absence (see RCW 28A.225.020).

State Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State Report Card, Unexcused Absence Files.

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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	2.66	2.52	2.81	2.50	2.30	2.29	2.11	2.17	2.13	2.01	1.95	
State	3.73	3.64	3.48	3.05	3.07	2.95	2.62	2.64	2.71	2.42	2.45	2.84
Counties Like Us	4.96	4.52	4.49	4.22	3.25	3.45	3.11	2.82	2.98	2.59	2.46	3.23
Whatcom County	7.83	5.08	4.90	5.89	3.54	3.80	3.73	3.59	3.68	2.95	2.36	4.06
Arrests, 10-14	90	59	58	70	40	46	45	43	44	35	28	49
Adjusted Pop 10-14	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,881	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,986	11,946	11,872	11,864	12,059

Note: The 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) 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.

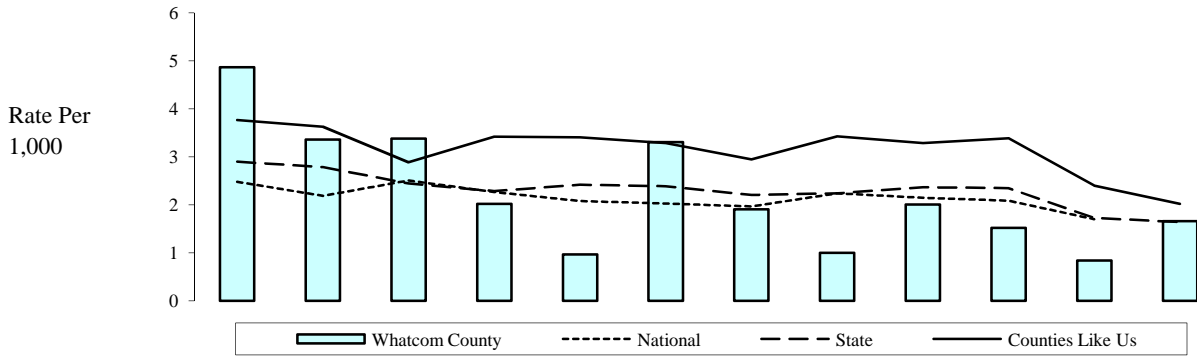
2) The DUI portion of this measure is likely understated, because arrests made by the State Patrol are not attributable to counties. State Patrol arrests are included in the state rates.

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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Arrests (Age 10-14), Vandalism



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	2.48	2.19	2.51	2.27	2.08	2.03	1.97	2.24	2.15	2.09	1.70	
State	2.90	2.79	2.45	2.29	2.42	2.39	2.21	2.24	2.37	2.35	1.73	1.64
Counties Like Us	3.77	3.63	2.89	3.42	3.41	3.29	2.95	3.43	3.29	3.39	2.40	2.02
Whatcom County	4.87	3.36	3.38	2.02	0.97	3.31	1.91	1.00	2.01	1.52	0.84	1.66
Arrests, 10-14	56	39	40	24	11	40	23	12	24	18	10	20
Adjusted Pop 10-14	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,881	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,986	11,946	11,872	11,864	12,059

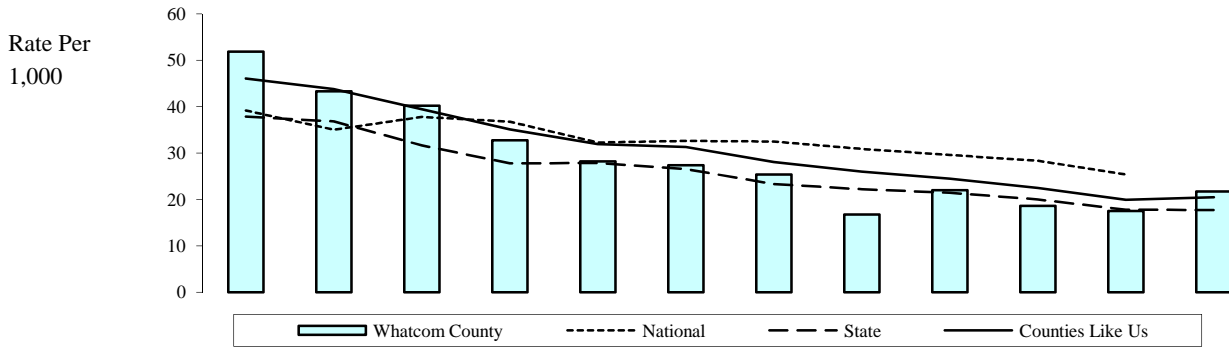
Note: The arrests of younger adolescents (age 10-14) for vandalism (including residence, non-residence, vehicles, venerated objects, police cars, or other) per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-14). Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. 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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Total Arrests of Adolescents (Age 10-14)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	39.19	35.05	37.82	36.76	32.27	32.61	32.50	30.90	29.57	28.35	25.41	
State	37.85	36.84	31.69	27.81	27.87	26.57	23.29	22.21	21.44	19.99	17.80	17.75
Counties Like Us	46.10	43.78	39.43	35.08	31.93	31.34	28.06	25.97	24.46	22.48	19.92	20.50
Whatcom County	51.85	43.31	40.23	32.74	28.22	27.37	25.38	16.77	22.02	18.62	17.53	21.73
Arrests, 10-14	596	503	476	389	319	331	306	201	263	221	208	262
Adjusted Pop 10-14	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,881	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,986	11,946	11,872	11,864	12,059

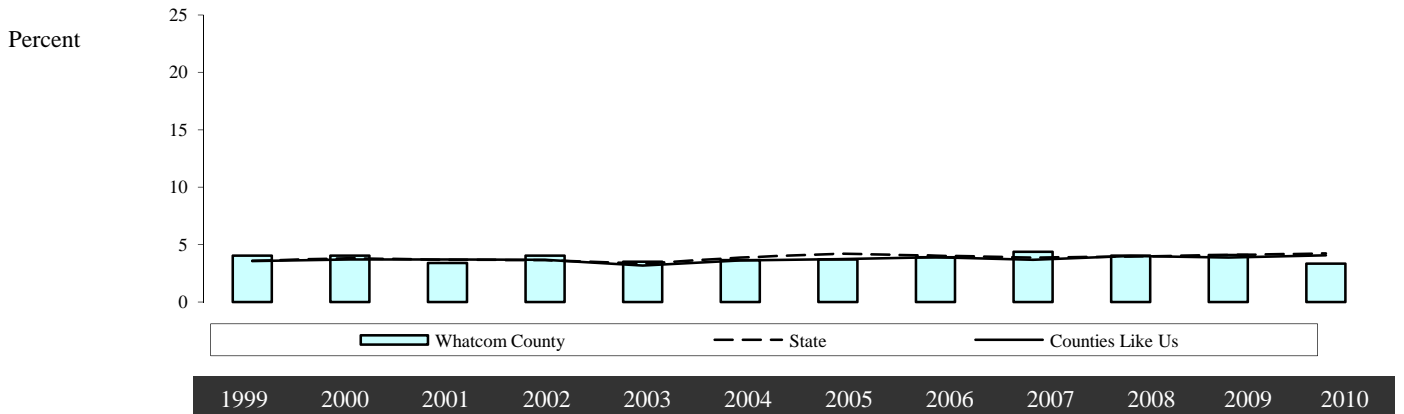
Note: The arrests of adolescents (age 10-14) for any crime, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-14). Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In spite of this population adjustment, when the non-reporting police jurisdiction is where much 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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Injury or Accident Hospitalizations for Children



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
State	3.60	3.82	3.67	3.65	3.34	3.87	4.21	4.03	3.86	3.95	4.08	4.22
Counties Like Us	3.55	3.70	3.69	3.67	3.18	3.61	3.73	3.91	3.68	4.02	3.88	4.06
Whatcom County	4.03	4.03	3.40	4.05	3.52	3.65	3.70	3.91	4.37	4.04	4.08	3.33
Injuries	121	123	103	123	107	112	114	125	138	123	127	103
Hospitalizations	3,003	3,052	3,029	3,037	3,039	3,070	3,081	3,198	3,158	3,042	3,116	3,095

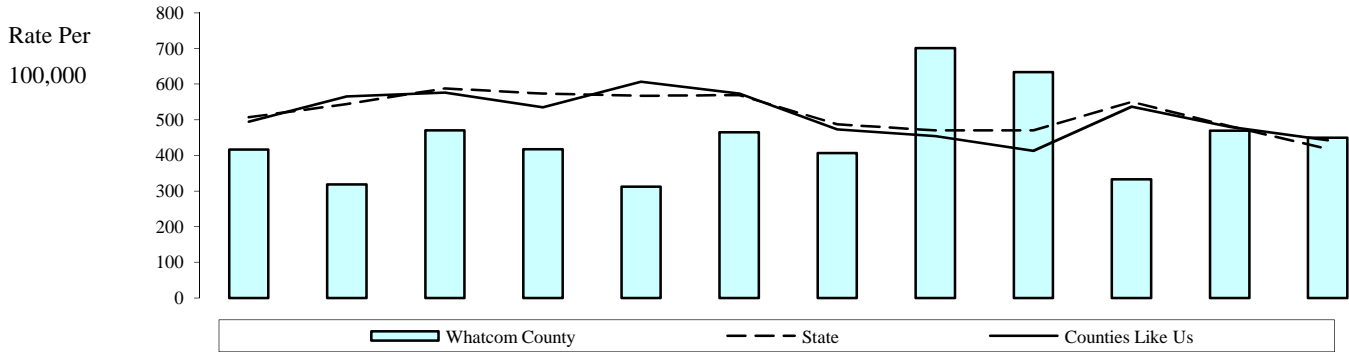
Note: The child injury or accident hospitalizations as a percent of all hospitalizations for children (age birth-17). Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement data may not be displayed for areas with less than 100 hospitalizations.

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

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Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Infant Mortality (Under 1 Year)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	7.39	7.25	6.85	7.01	7.00	6.81	6.87	6.82	6.90			
State	506.99	544.12	587.70	573.31	567.47	569.11	487.27	469.89	470.38	549.76	481.54	418.31
Counties Like Us	494.52	565.79	576.43	534.93	606.38	573.07	472.55	454.43	413.04	536.32	480.00	442.78
Whatcom County	416.67	318.47	470.22	417.32	312.66	465.12	406.50	701.05	633.22	333.17	469.48	449.44
deaths, infants	8	6	9	8	6	9	8	14	13	7	10	10
Infants < 1 year	1,920	1,884	1,914	1,917	1,919	1,935	1,968	1,997	2,053	2,101	2,130	2,225

Note: The deaths, of infants under one year of age, per 100,000 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.

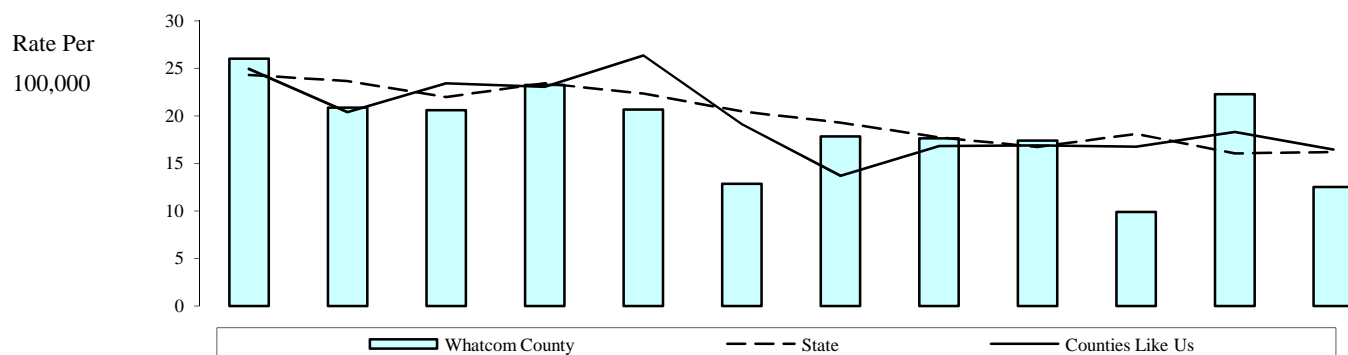
State Source: Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data File. Population Estimates: Washington State Department of Health

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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Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Child Mortality (Ages 1-17)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	34.68	33.90	33.60	33.50	33.00	32.70	32.30	31.50				
State	24.31	23.67	21.98	23.41	22.34	20.45	19.29	17.72	16.72	18.10	16.05	16.19
Counties Like Us	24.93	20.38	23.42	23.04	26.35	19.13	13.68	16.82	16.88	16.76	18.30	16.46
Whatcom County	26.00	20.85	20.61	23.25	20.66	12.86	17.83	17.64	17.40	9.90	22.28	12.51
Child Deaths	10	8	8	9	8	5	7	7	7	4	9	5
Children (age 1-17)	38,460	38,366	38,807	38,706	38,730	38,868	39,268	39,686	40,229	40,396	40,398	39,980

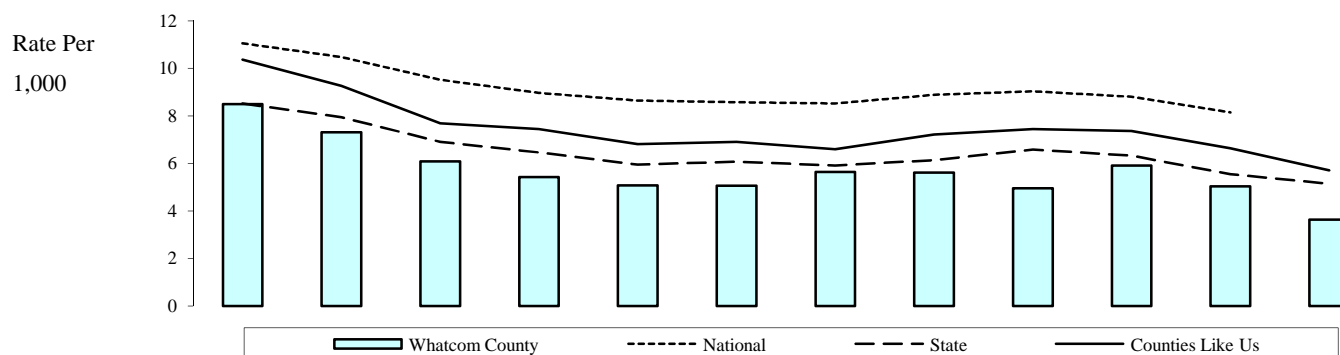
Note: The deaths, of children 1 to 17 years of age, per 100,000 population of children 1 to 17 years of age. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Rates are not reported when fewer than 100 deaths occurred in an area.

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

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Births to School-Age (10-17) Mothers



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	11.05	10.48	9.52	8.97	8.64	8.58	8.52	8.88	9.03	8.81	8.14	
State	8.52	7.94	6.91	6.46	5.95	6.07	5.91	6.14	6.58	6.33	5.54	5.14
Counties Like Us	10.37	9.26	7.68	7.44	6.81	6.90	6.59	7.21	7.45	7.37	6.64	5.71
Whatcom County	8.49	7.31	6.09	5.42	5.07	5.06	5.64	5.61	4.95	5.91	5.03	3.63
Birthed, 10-17	77	67	57	51	48	48	54	54	48	57	48	35
Females, 10-17	9,070	9,170	9,358	9,415	9,471	9,485	9,567	9,630	9,694	9,641	9,545	9,629

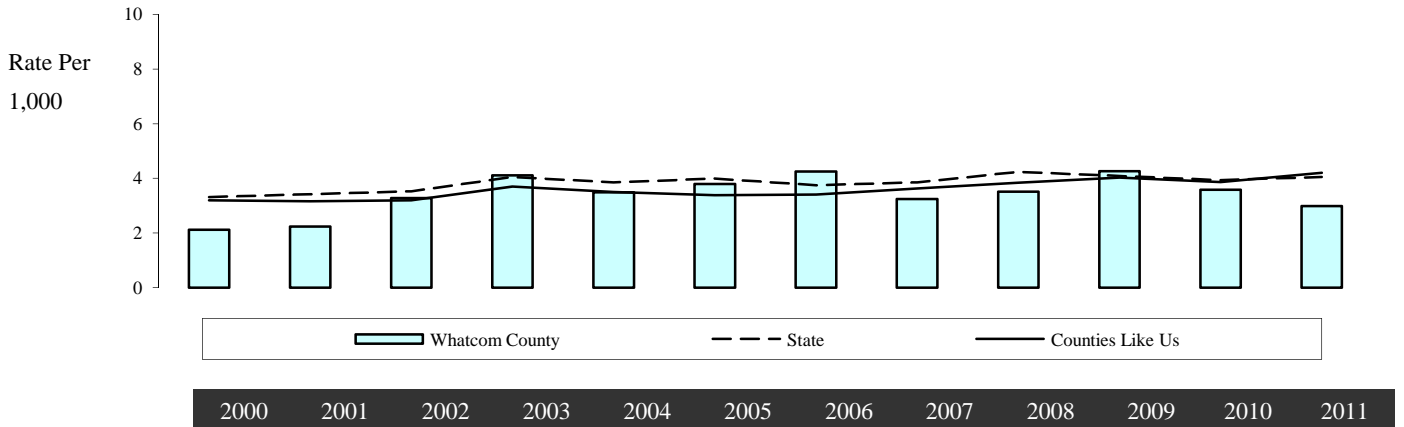
Note: The live births to adolescents (age 10-17) per 1,000 females (age 10-17). Rate changes in data result from on-going updates to birth records. Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement data may not be displayed for areas with less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



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
State	3.31	3.42	3.53	4.05	3.85	3.99	3.75	3.85	4.24	4.09	3.94	4.05
Counties Like Us	3.20	3.16	3.20	3.70	3.50	3.38	3.41	3.63	3.84	4.03	3.87	4.20
Whatcom County	2.12	2.24	3.28	4.11	3.49	3.80	4.25	3.24	3.51	4.26	3.58	2.99
Cases, birth-19	100	107	157	197	168	185	209	162	177	215	181	151
Persons, birth-19	47,179	47,857	47,821	47,881	48,161	48,684	49,217	49,991	50,372	50,524	50,566	50,566

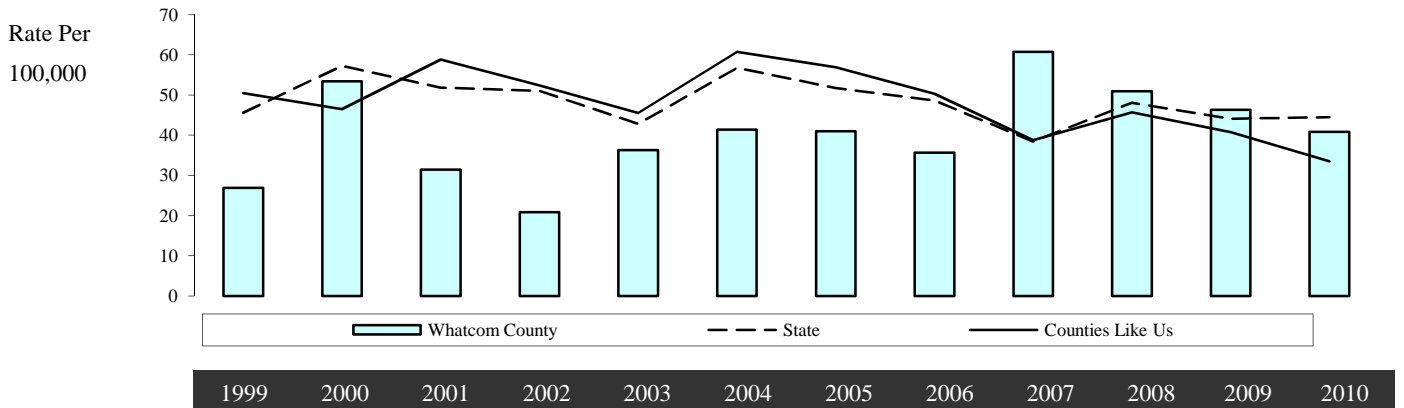
Note: The reported cases of gonorrhea, syphilis, or chlamydia in children (age birth-19) per 1,000 adolescents (age birth-19). Suppression code definitions for yearly rates are explained in Technical Notes. Due to contractual agreement data may not be displayed for populations less than 100.

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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5/10/2012

Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Suicide and Suicide Attempts (Age 10-17)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
State	45.61	57.23	51.86	50.99	42.79	56.73	51.73	48.61	38.48	48.11	44.08	44.53
Counties Like Us	50.50	46.48	58.83	52.34	45.52	60.72	56.94	50.27	38.80	45.65	40.76	33.53
Whatcom County	26.93	53.40	31.44	20.86	36.29	41.38	41.02	35.66	60.77	50.95	46.31	40.81
Suicide & Attempt	5	10	6	4	7	8	8	7	12	10	9	8
Persons, 10-17	18,569	18,727	19,081	19,174	19,289	19,332	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

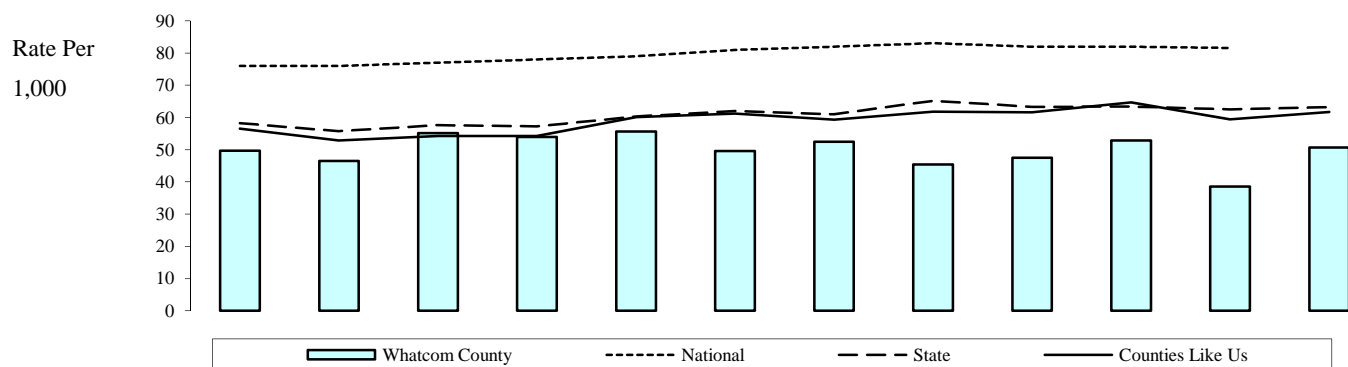
Note: The adolescents (age 10-17) who committed suicide or were admitted to the hospital for suicide attempts, per 100,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Suicides are based on death certificate information. Suicide attempts are based on hospital admissions, but do not include admissions to federal hospitals. 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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9/24/2011

Problem Outcomes: Child or Family Health

Low Birthweight Babies



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	76.00	76.00	77.00	78.00	79.00	81.00	82.00	83.00	82.00	82.00	81.60	
State	58.22	55.76	57.64	57.25	60.35	61.96	61.04	65.16	63.27	63.39	62.48	63.15
Counties Like Us	56.56	52.90	54.23	54.29	60.10	61.23	59.35	61.82	61.60	64.68	59.40	61.68
Whatcom County	49.65	46.53	55.10	54.00	55.61	49.61	52.51	45.39	47.47	52.87	38.55	50.69
Low-weight Babies	98	96	108	100	113	102	111	100	105	115	87	118
All Births	1,974	2,063	1,960	1,852	2,032	2,056	2,114	2,203	2,212	2,175	2,257	2,328

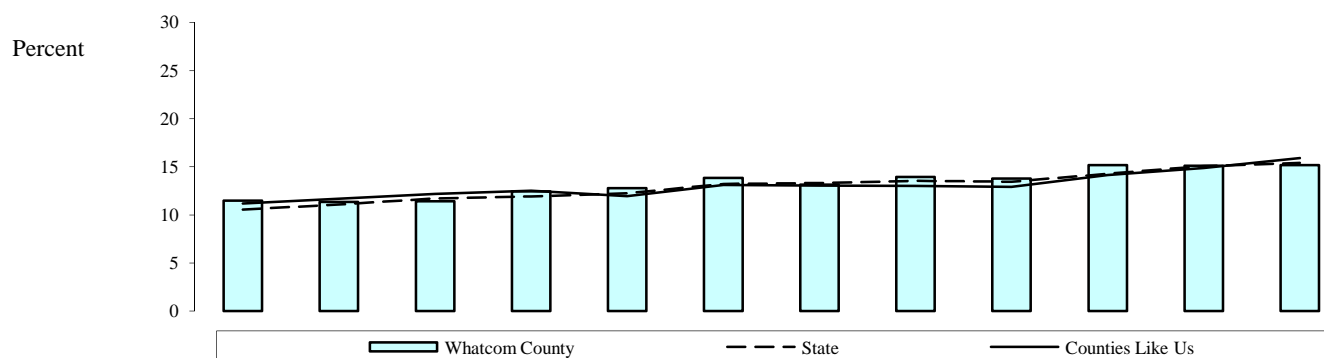
Note: The babies born with low birthweight, per 1,000 live births. Low birthweight is less than 2,500 grams. Rate changes in data may result from on-going updates to birth records. No rate is given when the number of live births is less than 100 in the geographic area. Suppression code definitions for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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
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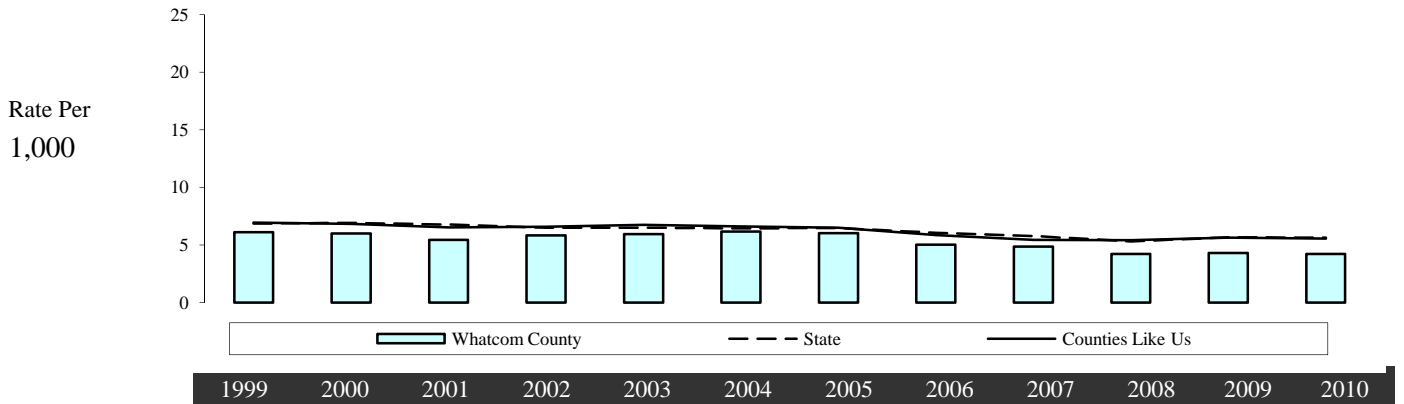
State	10.55	11.08	11.73	11.93	12.25	13.21	13.32	13.53	13.45	14.27	15.08	15.42
Counties Like Us	11.18	11.67	12.18	12.51	11.96	13.13	13.06	13.00	12.93	14.16	14.89	15.92
Whatcom County	11.49	11.35	11.41	12.44	12.77	13.83	13.15	13.93	13.78	15.17	15.10	15.18
Injuries	797	872	897	970	1,021	1,137	1,061	1,165	1,150	1,271	1,306	1,293
Hospitalizations	6,939	7,681	7,864	7,800	7,995	8,221	8,069	8,362	8,348	8,378	8,647	8,515

Note: The 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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9/24/2011

Offenses, Domestic Violence



State	6.86	6.92	6.77	6.51	6.51	6.46	6.47	6.06	5.79	5.32	5.67	5.65
Counties Like Us	6.96	6.85	6.54	6.60	6.75	6.61	6.50	5.86	5.45	5.43	5.63	5.55
Whatcom County	6.12	6.00	5.44	5.85	5.95	6.17	6.04	5.04	4.86	4.24	4.31	4.23
Offenses	1,001	996	923	988	1,039	1,093	1,092	928	911	806	833	851
Persons	163,538	166,057	169,748	168,824	174,500	177,162	180,800	184,300	187,383	190,049	193,100	201,140

Note: The domestic violence-related offenses, 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.

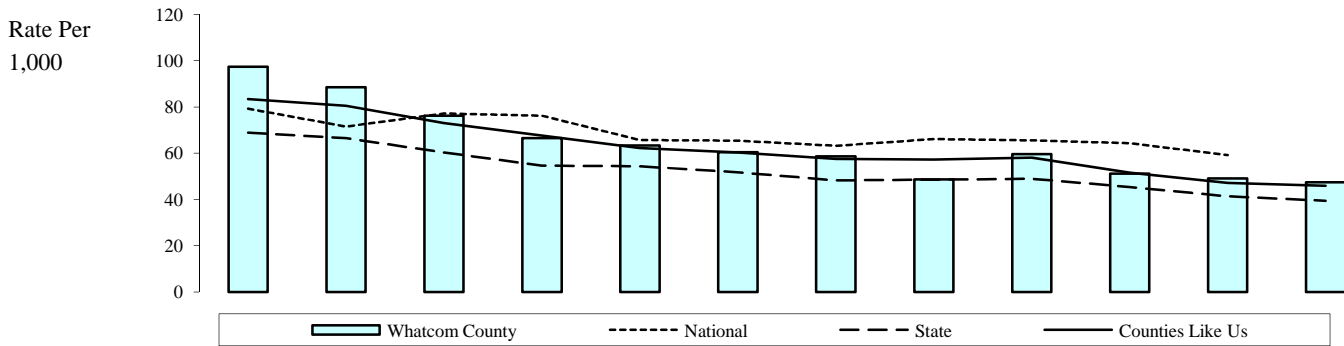
Offenses differ from arrests. While funding and grants are associated with participation, reporting is not mandatory. Offenses are incidence reporting. When more than one victim is involved an offence is filed for each victim. Multiple property violations performed at the same incident are counted as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

Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report offenses. 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 Adolescents (Age 10-17)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	79.33	71.47	77.20	76.17	65.73	65.49	63.21	66.11	65.53	64.39	59.17	
State	68.90	66.47	60.26	54.68	54.31	51.76	48.24	48.53	49.02	45.39	41.33	39.35
Counties Like Us	83.41	80.48	73.01	67.70	62.19	60.32	57.60	57.23	58.16	51.60	47.17	45.92
Whatcom County	97.45	88.52	76.16	66.56	63.42	60.49	58.66	48.70	59.61	51.20	49.14	47.49
Arrests, 10-17	1,797	1,646	1,442	1,260	1,142	1,168	1,144	956	1,177	1,005	955	931
Adjusted Pop 10-17	18,440	18,595	18,933	18,931	18,006	19,308	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

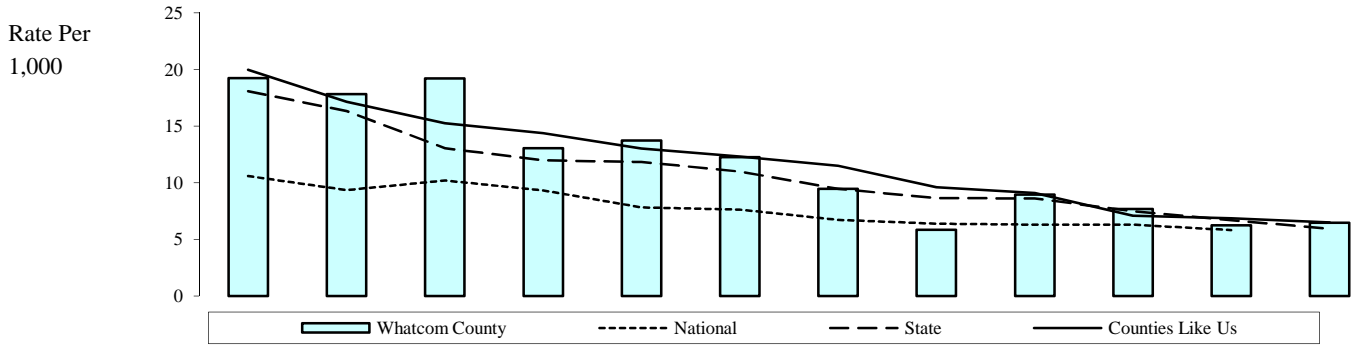
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Arrests (Age 10-14), Property Crime



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	10.59	9.34	10.18	9.31	7.82	7.63	6.73	6.39	6.28	6.30	5.80	
State	18.07	16.32	13.05	11.96	11.84	10.97	9.47	8.64	8.61	7.48	6.68	5.92
Counties Like Us	19.95	17.13	15.26	14.38	13.01	12.30	11.50	9.61	9.09	7.09	6.86	6.50
Whatcom County	19.23	17.82	19.19	13.05	13.71	12.24	9.45	5.84	8.96	7.67	6.24	6.47
Arrests, 10-14	221	207	227	155	155	148	114	70	107	91	74	78
Adjusted Pop 10-14	11,494	11,614	11,832	11,881	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,986	11,946	11,872	11,864	12,059

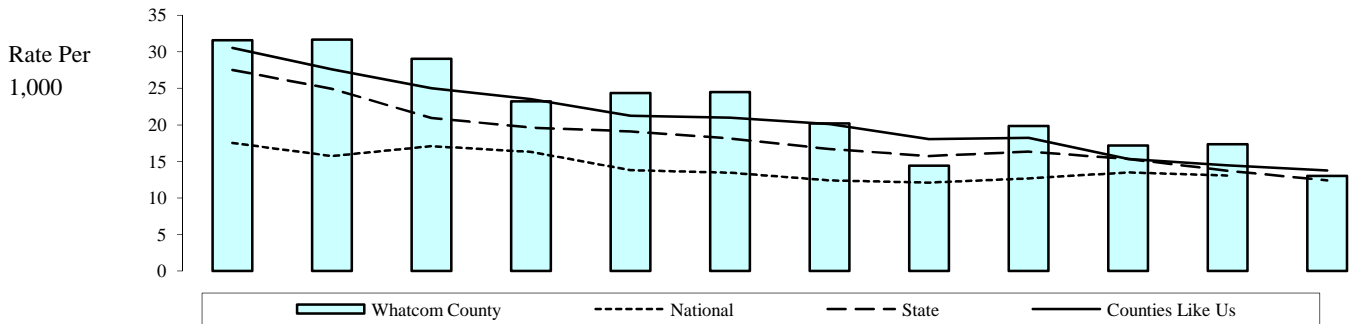
Note: The arrests of younger adolescents (age 10-14) for property crimes, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-14). Property crimes include all crimes involving burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report 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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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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Arrests (Age 10-17), Property Crime



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	17.52	15.75	17.10	16.32	13.80	13.45	12.40	12.12	12.67	13.49	13.05	
State	27.49	24.93	20.95	19.65	19.12	18.12	16.69	15.74	16.33	15.36	13.72	12.39
Counties Like Us	30.52	27.61	25.02	23.52	21.24	20.99	20.10	18.06	18.24	15.35	14.48	13.78
Whatcom County	31.56	31.68	29.05	23.24	24.38	24.50	20.20	14.42	19.85	17.17	17.34	13.01
Arrests, 10-17	582	589	550	440	439	473	394	283	392	337	337	255
Adjusted Pop 10-17	18,440	18,595	18,933	18,931	18,006	19,308	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

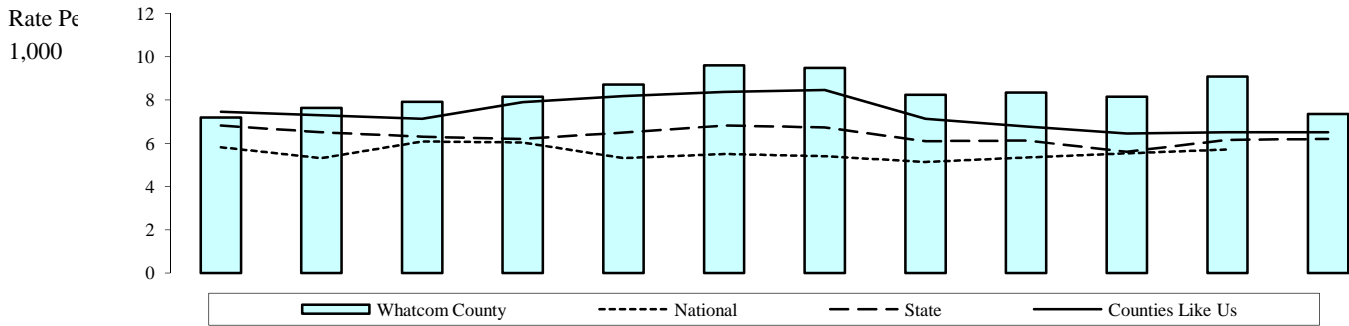
Note: The arrests of adolescents (age 10-17) for property crimes, per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Property crimes include all crimes involving burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests 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 18+), Property Crime



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	5.82	5.32	6.09	6.04	5.31	5.50	5.41	5.14	5.34	5.53	5.71	
State	6.82	6.52	6.30	6.20	6.50	6.82	6.73	6.10	6.13	5.61	6.16	6.20
Counties Like Us	7.46	7.30	7.14	7.90	8.19	8.38	8.47	7.13	6.78	6.45	6.51	6.51
Whatcom County	7.20	7.64	7.91	8.16	8.72	9.60	9.48	8.24	8.35	8.15	9.08	7.36
Arrests, 18+	889	963	1,023	1,062	1,106	1,310	1,323	1,175	1,219	1,211	1,367	1,169
Adjusted Pop 18+	123,433	126,088	129,336	130,119	126,847	136,407	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935

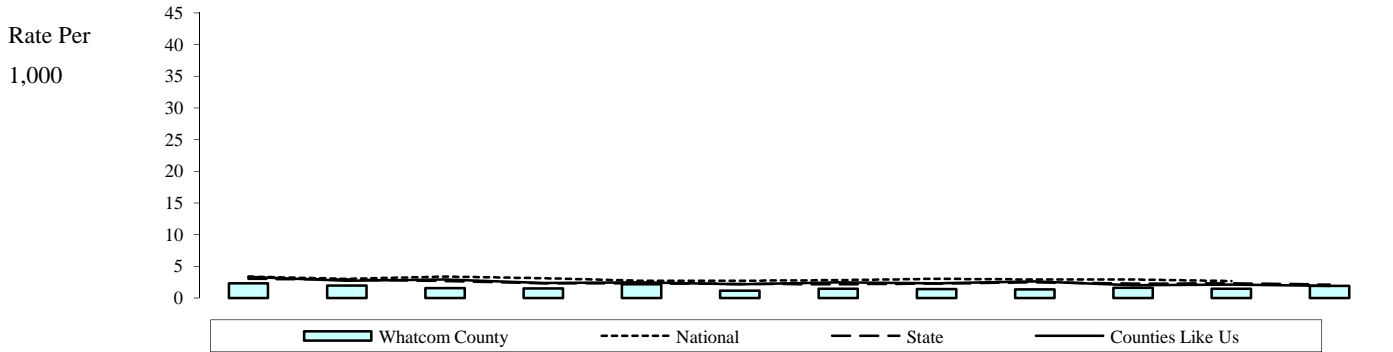
Note: The arrests of adults (age 18+) for property crimes, per 1,000 adults (age 18+). Property crimes include all crimes involving burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the population of police agencies that did not report arrests to UCR. In 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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	3.39	3.02	3.37	3.12	2.73	2.72	2.81	3.01	2.92	2.94	2.66	
State	3.04	2.93	2.68	2.32	2.33	2.22	2.16	2.26	2.47	2.25	2.30	2.13
Counties Like Us	3.32	2.74	2.91	2.38	2.47	2.17	2.49	2.31	2.64	1.99	2.09	1.90
Whatcom County	2.33	1.94	1.58	1.53	2.17	1.14	1.44	1.43	1.37	1.63	1.44	1.89
Arrests, 10-17	43	36	30	29	39	22	28	28	27	32	28	37
Adjusted Pop 10-17	18,440	18,595	18,933	18,931	18,006	19,308	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

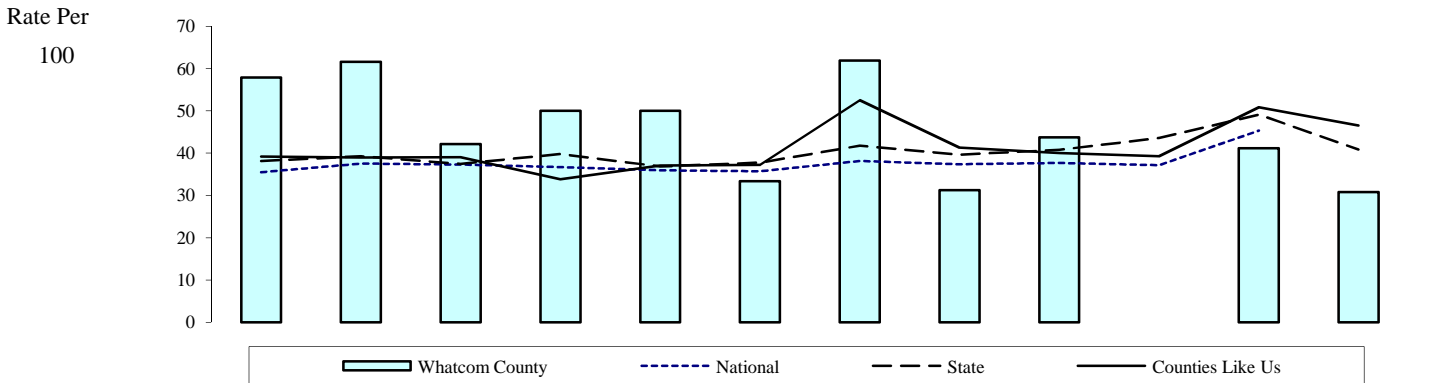
Note: The arrests of adolescents (age 10-17) for violent crime per 1,000 adolescents (age 10-17). Violent crimes include all crimes involving criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Simple assault is not defined as a violent crime. Denominators are adjusted by subtracting the 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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	35.45	37.54	37.28	36.72	35.96	35.74	38.15	37.39	37.65	37.16	45.35	
State	38.15	39.30	37.44	39.82	36.83	37.74	41.76	39.65	40.81	43.57	49.08	40.87
Counties Like Us	39.19	38.93	39.01	33.79	37.04	37.19	52.47	41.30	40.00	39.25	50.83	46.55
Whatcom County	57.89	61.54	42.11	50.00	50.00	33.33	61.90	31.25	43.75	0.00	41.18	30.77
Alcohol-related	11	8	8	8	7	4	13	5	7	0	7	4
Fatalities	19	13	19	16	14	12	21	16	16	21	17	13

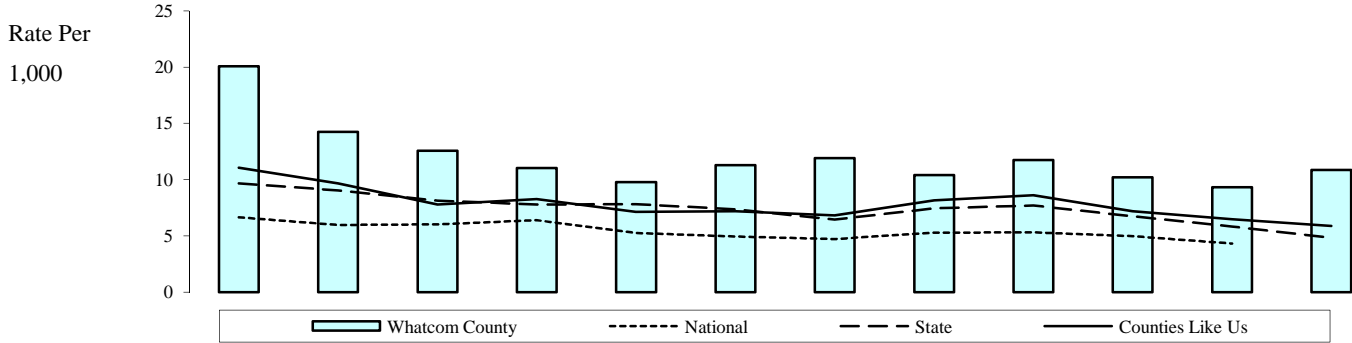
Note: The alcohol-related traffic fatalities, per 100 traffic fatalities. "Alcohol-related" means that the officer on the scene determined that at least one driver involved in the accident "had been drinking." Thus, "Alcohol-related" includes but is not limited to the legal definition of driving under 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



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	6.66	5.98	6.02	6.38	5.25	4.94	4.72	5.27	5.31	4.98	4.32	
State	9.66	9.03	8.13	7.79	7.81	7.36	6.46	7.44	7.70	6.72	5.81	4.82
Counties Like Us	11.07	9.67	7.79	8.26	7.12	7.18	6.81	8.17	8.60	7.20	6.47	5.89
Whatcom County	20.07	14.25	12.57	11.04	9.77	11.29	11.90	10.39	11.75	10.19	9.31	10.87
Arrests, 10-17	370	265	238	209	176	218	232	204	232	200	181	213
Adjusted Pop 10-17	18,440	18,595	18,933	18,931	18,006	19,308	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

Note: The 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.

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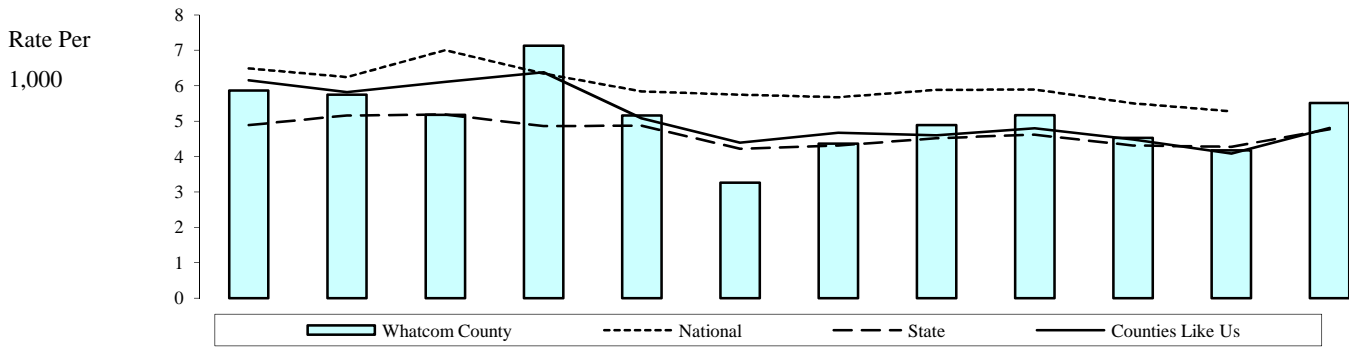
2) The DUI portion of this measure is likely understated, because arrests made by the State Patrol are not attributable to counties. State Patrol arrests are included in the state rates.

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Arrests (Age 10-17), Drug Law Violation



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	6.49	6.24	7.00	6.34	5.84	5.75	5.67	5.88	5.89	5.50	5.28	
State	4.89	5.16	5.19	4.86	4.87	4.22	4.31	4.52	4.62	4.31	4.27	4.77
Counties Like Us	6.15	5.82	6.11	6.38	5.08	4.39	4.67	4.60	4.80	4.48	4.08	4.81
Whatcom County	5.86	5.75	5.18	7.13	5.16	3.26	4.36	4.89	5.17	4.53	4.17	5.51
Arrests, 10-17	108	107	98	135	93	63	85	96	102	89	81	108
Adjusted Pop 10-17	18,440	18,595	18,933	18,931	18,006	19,308	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

Note: The 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.

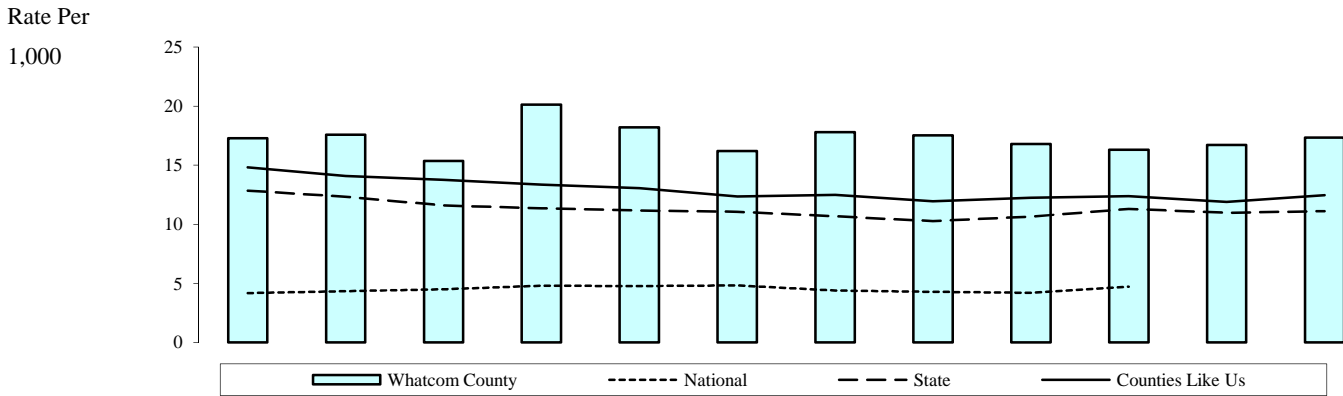
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Clients of State-Funded Alcohol or Drug Services (Age 10-17)



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
National	4.18	4.35	4.51	4.79	4.77	4.83	4.39	4.29	4.22	4.72		
State	12.85	12.34	11.59	11.35	11.16	11.05	10.67	10.27	10.64	11.30	10.99	11.10
Counties Like Us	14.81	14.10	13.76	13.37	13.05	12.37	12.48	11.94	12.24	12.39	11.89	12.46
Whatcom County	17.29	17.57	15.36	20.13	18.20	16.19	17.79	17.52	16.81	16.30	16.72	17.34
Admits, 10-17	321	329	293	386	351	313	347	344	332	320	325	340
Persons, 10-17	18,569	18,727	19,081	19,174	19,289	19,332	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

Note: The 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.

State Source: Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, 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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Counting Alcohol- or Drug-related Deaths

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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3. Fox K, Merrill J, Chang H, & Califano J. 1995. Estimating the Costs of Substance Abuse to the Medicaid Hospital Care Program. *American Journal of Public Health*, 85(1), 48-54.
4. Seattle-King County HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Unit and Washington State Office of HIV/AIDS Epidemiology and Evaluation. 1994. *Washington State/Seattle-King County HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Report (2nd Quarter, 1994)*, p. 4.

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	E24.4	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=15
Degeneration of nervous system due	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	O35.4	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=15
Newborn affected by maternal use of	P04.3	Not Available in ICD-9	100%	>=0
Fetal alcohol syndrome (dysmorphic)	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 definitions into compliance with NCHS definitions.				
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 accidentally in or between objects; Accidents caused by machinery; Accidents caused by cutting and piercing instruments.				
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 offenses, some report partial years, and some withhold certain categories of arrests or offenses. Reporting is voluntary for arrests and offenses. Offenses are more likely to be reported since some funding is associated with reporting. Offenses 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 offenses. Offenses focus on the nature of the crime, while arrests focus on the apprehended accused perpetrator. Many offenses 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 offenses 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.

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.

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.

CORE-GIS Conversion Process and Weighted Reliability Index

CORE-GIS obtains data from many 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.”

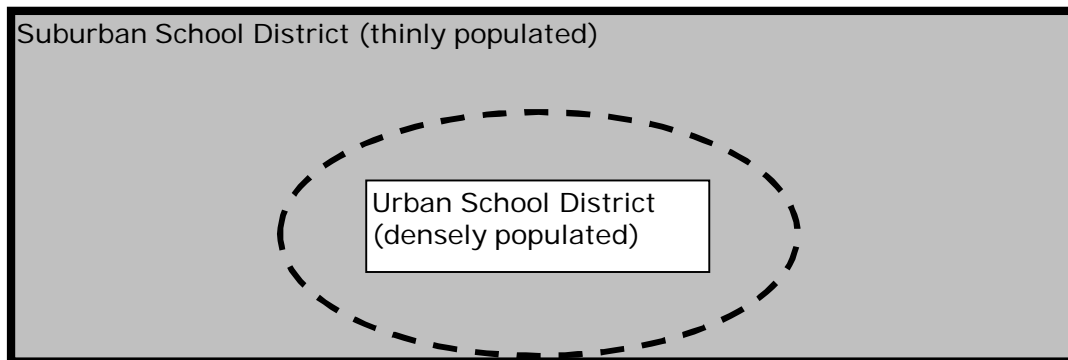
CORE-GIS data is usually reported at the geographic level of county or community – called in the rest of this report the “destination geography.” Therefore, data usually needs to be converted from the “source geographies” to the “destination geography.”

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.

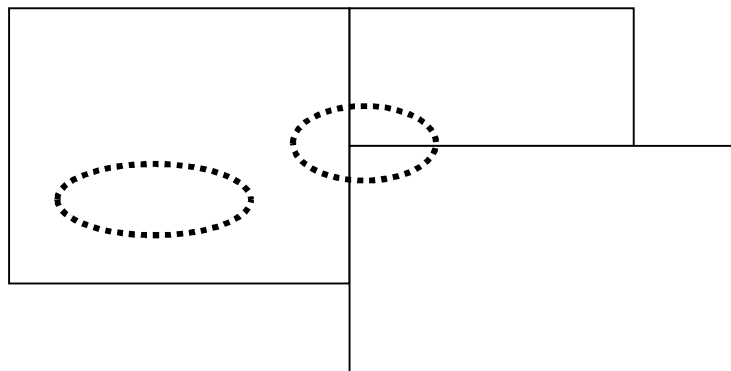
The events occurring in the split source geography (suburban school district, in this example) are distributed to the destination geography in the same proportion as the underlying population is distributed. If 40% of the suburban school district population lies within the destination geography, then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

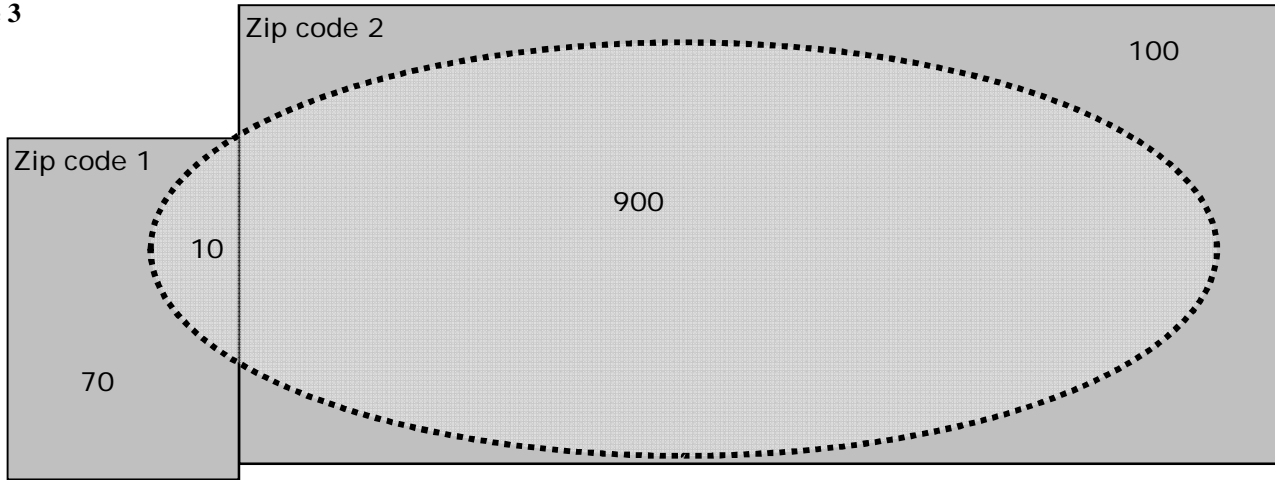
The key underlying assumption behind the CORE-GIS Weighted Reliability Index is as follows:

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
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

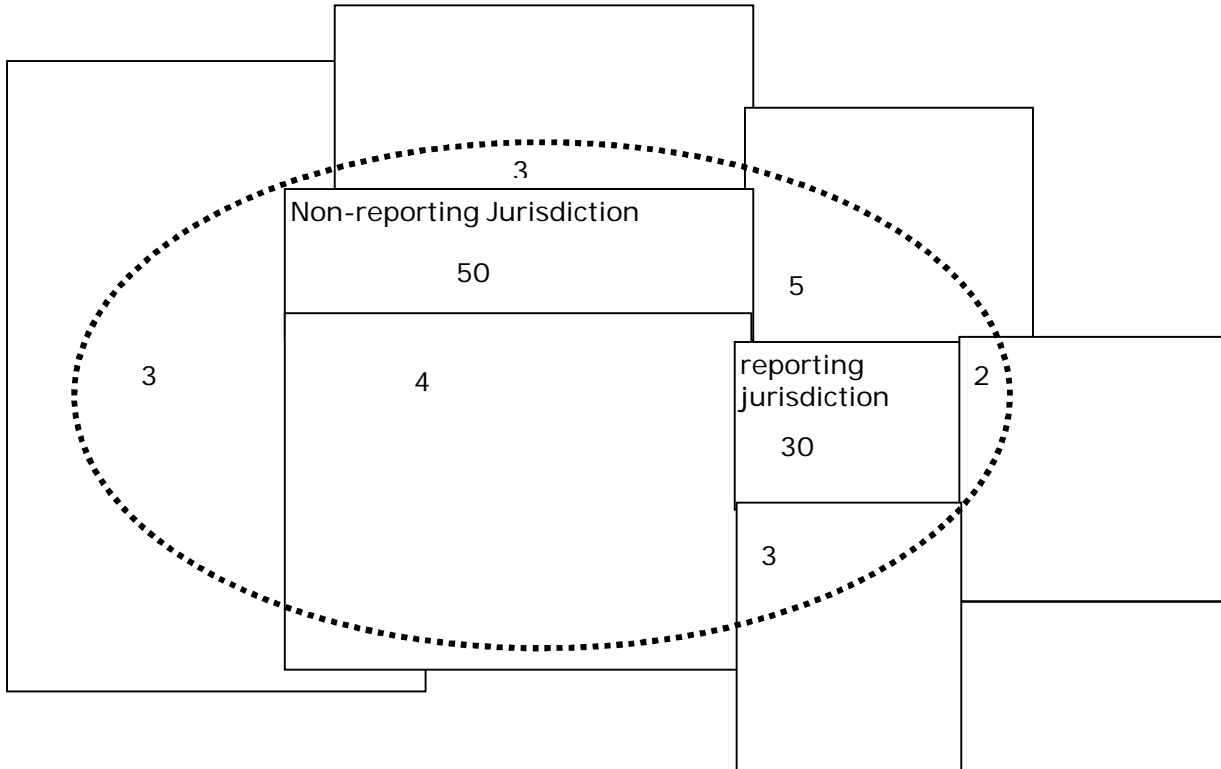
In the above example, the **Weighted Reliability Index** for Destination City is $811.25 / 910 = 89\%$. **Basically, 89% of the event locations were directly attributed to the area they occurred.** Along with the WRI a cut point for reliable reporting is needed. When half or more of the events have been 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.

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.

Standardization of CORE Indicators

An individual indicator by itself is interesting because you can compare your county (school district, locale) to all other counties (school districts, locales), and to the state. You can also look at how the indicator changes over time. But it is more difficult to compare several indicators to each other, for example, if you want to see which indicator of risk is extremely high and which is just average. For instance, you cannot directly compare the number (or rate) of alcohol retail licenses to the number (or rate) of Food Stamp recipients---this would be like comparing apples and oranges and would not be meaningful.

The preferred way to compare different indicators is to find out how much each individual indicator varies from some common point; in CORE reports the point we use is the indicator’s value for the state. In more technical terms, we transform the original absolute rates to a common scale: the relative deviation from the state rate. This is called a **standardized score**, and is based on the mathematical calculation of the standard deviation. For a particular indicator, the county (school district, locale) with the highest absolute rate will have the highest standardized score. A standardized score of 1.2, for instance, means that the county’s rate is 1.2 standard deviations above the state rate, and a –1.2 would be 1.2 standard measures *below* the state rate. Approximately 95% of all counties (school districts, locales) in the state will fall between +2 and –2 standard deviations from the state rate.

Here is an example. Let’s say an indicator for extreme family economic deprivation (Food Stamp recipients per 100 people) has a standardized score of 2.5 and an indicator for availability of drugs (alcohol retail licenses per 1,000 people) has a score of 1.2. We can say that, other things being equal, the county (school district, locale) in question has a higher risk for extreme family economic deprivation than for availability of drugs.

CORE indicators are standardized using a formula similar to the calculation of a z-score. A typical z-score for an observation (a county, a locale, a school district) is calculated as a difference between an observation and the mean (average) of all observations, divided by the standard deviation for all observations. A CORE standardized score for a county (school district, locale) is instead calculated using the state rate in place of the mean for all counties (school districts, locales). A standardized CORE indicator avoids the problem of using an unweighted mean of all counties (school districts, locales) that would give counties of very different size equal weight, and therefore provides a more meaningful comparison.

CORE standardized indicators for counties are calculated using the following formula. The same formula is used for locales and for districts, by substituting locale or district rates for county rates in the formula.

$$stdiz _ score = \frac{county _ rate - state _ rate}{\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (county _ rate _ i - state _ rate)^2}{N}}}$$

Where are the roadblocks to learning in our communities?

Academic Achievement:

The CORE-GIS measures academic achievement using three groups of indicators:

1. student assessment on statewide tests;
2. students who graduate from high school;
3. students who drop out of high school, failing to complete their education.

Student Assessment

The academic assessment indicators answer the question : "**What kind of progress have students been making in learning basic skill content areas needed for academic success?**". The indicators, *Poor Academic Performance in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)*, are available for grades 4, 7 and 10. The indicators are calculated as a percentage of students tested in each grade assessment. Earlier years of information are from the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). In 2009-10 the WASL was replaced by the Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) for grades 3 through 8 and the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) for grade 10. Some districts have chosen to test students in both grades 9 and 10 for the 10th grade assessment, giving freshmen a second chance to pass the test. Passing the HSPE is essential for high-school graduation. Ninth graders who were tested are included with the tenth graders in the calculation of the Academic Achievement indicator for grade 10.

Graduating from High School

The Washington State Board of Education establishes minimum credit requirements and requirements for the Culminating Project and the High School and Beyond Plan. The Washington State Legislature requires state testing. To earn a high school diploma, a student must:

- earn sufficient number of high school credits;
- pass state tests or approved alternatives to those tests;
- complete a Culminating Project;
- complete a High School and Beyond Plan.

Two types of high school graduation rates are listed in the CORE-GIS reports, *On-time Graduation* and *Extended Graduation* .

To graduate on-time, a student must graduate within four years by completion of the above listed graduation requirements. This indicator answers the question "**What percent of freshmen stayed in school and graduated in four years?**". The *On-Time Graduation rate* formula uses dropout rates discussed below; the formula is: $100 * (1 - \text{grade 9 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 10 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 11 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 12 dropout rate} - \text{grade 12 continuing rate})$. The on-time graduation rate is the inverse of the cumulative dropout rate with the senior class adjusted to remove those students who stay in school for more than four years from the calculation.

Extended Graduation is going the extra mile, and requires more resources and dedication from district staff. It includes those students who stay in school after their senior year and complete the graduation requirements. This indicator answers the question "**Do we go the extra distance to help students at risk graduate?**". Districts which have high extended graduation rates may also have poor dropout rates since the students attempting extended graduation are also at highest risk of again dropping out. A large difference in the size of the on-time and extended graduation rates may indicate that a district or school is working hard to keep students in school or to have dropouts return to school and attempt to graduate. The *Extended Graduation rate* formula is: $(\text{the number of on-time and late graduates}) / (\text{the number of on-time graduates divided by the on-time graduation rate})$.

Dropping Out of High School

Two types of high school dropout rates are listed in the CORE-GIS reports, *Annual (Event) Dropouts* and *High School Cohort (Cumulative) Dropouts* .

The *Annual Dropout rate* measures the proportion of students enrolled in grades 9-12 who drop out in a single year without completing high school as a percentage of all students in grades 9 through 12. This indicator answers the question "**How many high-school students left school without graduating this year?**". When districts try new policies or projects to keep students in school the impact of those actions will be more immediately visible in this rate.

The *High School Cohort Dropout rate* (may also be referred to as the longitudinal, cumulative, or freshmen cohort dropout rate) measures what happens to a single group (or cohort) of students over a period of time. This indicator answers the question **"How many of the freshmen give up in the four years before their expected year of graduation?"**. This rate is most useful for seeing the long-term impact on the community. The Cohort (Cumulative) Dropout rate formula is: $100 - (100 * (1 - \text{grade 9 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 10 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 11 dropout rate}) * (1 - \text{grade 12 dropout rate}))$. The cohort rate is significantly higher than the annual rate for the same area as it measures the cumulative effect of the multiyear loss of students from their freshmen cohort.

Due to the complexity of the graduation and cohort dropout formulas numerators and denominators are not listed in the CORE-GIS reports. Formulas, definitions and requirements information has been taken primarily from the following report: Ireland, L. (2009), "Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington in 2007-08", Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia, WA. This report and the formula components are available at the State of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website, in the Research and Reports section, Data and Reports subsection, Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington's Counties, Districts, and Schools at:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/default.aspx#dropoutgrad>.

Discussion of the difference between types of graduation and dropout rates was taken from: Camilla A. Lehr, David R. Johnson, Christine D. Bremer, Anna Cosio, Megan Thompson (May 2004). *Increasing Rates of School Completion Moving From Policy and Research to Practice, A Manual for Policymakers, Administrators, and Educators*. National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET):

<http://www.ncset.org/publications/essentialtools/dropout/default.asp> .

Although the focus of the NCSET website is students with disabilities, it has many broad-ranging articles with many useful ideas for educators and prevention workers.

School Climate:

"Do students feel safe in school?" "Are they expected and encouraged to attend school?" Indicators listed under School Climate give an idea of how safe students may feel in their school or how committed they and their fellow students are to learning. These indicators are *Weapons Incidents in School* (rate per 1,000 students) and *Unexcused Absences for Students in Grades 1 to 8* (as a percentage of total student days possible in the school year, which equals the number of students times teaching days). When weapons incidents are common or it is acceptable for young students to frequently miss school without explanation the school climate is not conducive to learning.

Extreme Family Economic Deprivation:

"Are students too hungry to learn?" Hungry students find it difficult to focus their attention long enough to learn. Those with inadequate housing or clothing may find it difficult to interact with their peers. There are three indicators which evaluate levels of poverty.

Child Recipients of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) gives the rate of children from birth to 17 who receive income assistance. The child must be a citizen or legal alien and their caregiver must not have exceeded the 60 month maximum. There is a requirement for the adults to seek work and an income evaluation. Teen parents must attend school.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Recipients, formerly called Food Stamps shows a more generalized level of need. While the persons must be citizens or legal aliens who seek work and meet the income guidelines there is no cutoff time limit for benefits.

Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch gives a much broader look at poverty in your area. Children of people who are "working poor", who have exceeded 60 months in benefits, are not legal aliens, or are not seeking work can still receive meals and free milk. The free guidelines are at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines and the reduced price guidelines are between 130 and at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines.

However, there are other ways to qualify. Many persons earning a gross income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level apply for income assistance because their children are automatically eligible for free school lunch if they meet the adjusted income guidelines. These are sometimes called \$0 grants. Households receiving assistance under SNAP, TANF for their children, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or, with children who are homeless, fostered, runaway, migrant, or in Head Start Programs are eligible for free benefits. If any child or household member receives benefits under Assistance Programs all children who are members of the household are eligible for free school meals.

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. "Adjusted 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 **100.00** % of the population.
Adjustments for Non-reporting Arrests (age 10-14)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
% Subtracted	0.80	0.90	1.30	6.59	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtracted, 10-14	94	107	157	798	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons, 10-14	11,708	11,938	12,038	12,103	12,109	12,058	11,986	11,946	11,872	11,864	12,059
Adjusted Pop 10-14	11,614	11,831	11,881	11,305	12,092	12,058	11,986	11,946	11,872	11,864	12,059

All **Arrests** for 10-17 year olds have 5 year rates which represent **100.00** % of the population.
Adjustments for Non-reporting Arrests (age 10-17)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
% Subtracted	0.70	0.78	1.27	6.65	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtracted, 10-17	132	148	243	1,282	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons, 10-17	18,727	19,081	19,174	19,289	19,332	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603
Adjusted Pop 10-17	18,595	18,933	18,931	18,007	19,308	19,503	19,630	19,745	19,628	19,436	19,603

All **Arrests** for adults have 5 year rates which represent **100.00** % of the population.
Adjustments for Non-reporting Arrests (age 18+)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
% Subtracted	0.38	0.42	1.11	5.23	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtracted, 18+	487	542	1,459	7,004	89	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons, 18+	126,575	129,878	131,579	133,851	136,497	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935
Adjusted Pop 18+	126,088	129,336	130,120	126,847	136,408	139,563	142,616	146,018	148,499	150,573	158,935

All **Offenses** for persons have 5 year rates which represent **99.80** % of the population.
Adjustments for Non-reporting Offenses

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
% Subtracted	0.46	0.50	1.96	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.50	0.00	0.00
Subtracted, 18+	769	852	3,377	0	138	0	0	917	947	0	0
Persons, 18+	166,826	170,600	172,201	174,500	177,300	180,800	184,300	188,300	190,996	193,100	201,140
Adjusted Pop 18+	166,057	169,748	168,824	174,500	177,162	180,800	184,300	187,383	190,049	193,100	201,140

Agencies Not Reporting Arrests and/or Offenses

**Whatcom County
Percent of Adult Arrests Not Reported to UCR by Year**

Police agency jurisdictions which are located at least partially in your county are listed below. The table shows the percentage of non-reporting by jurisdiction for each year.

Jurisdictions	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Bellingham PD_WWU PD											
Blaine PD			50.0								
Everson PD											
Ferndale PD											
Lummi Tribal PD											
Lynden PD				100.0							
Nooksack Tribal P.D.	100.0	100.0			17.0						
Skagit CO											
Sumas PD											
Whatcom CO											

Agencies Not Reporting Arrests and/or Offenses

Whatcom County

Percent of Offenses Not Reported to UCR by Year

Police agency jurisdictions which are located at least partially in your county are listed below. The table shows the percentage of non-reporting for offenses each year.

Jurisdictions	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Bellingham PD_WWU PD											
Blaine PD			50.0								
Everson PD											
Ferndale PD											
Lummi Tribal PD			33.0								
Lynden PD								8.0	8.0		
Nooksack Tribal P.D.	100.0	100.0			17.0						
Skagit CO											
Sumas PD											
Whatcom CO											