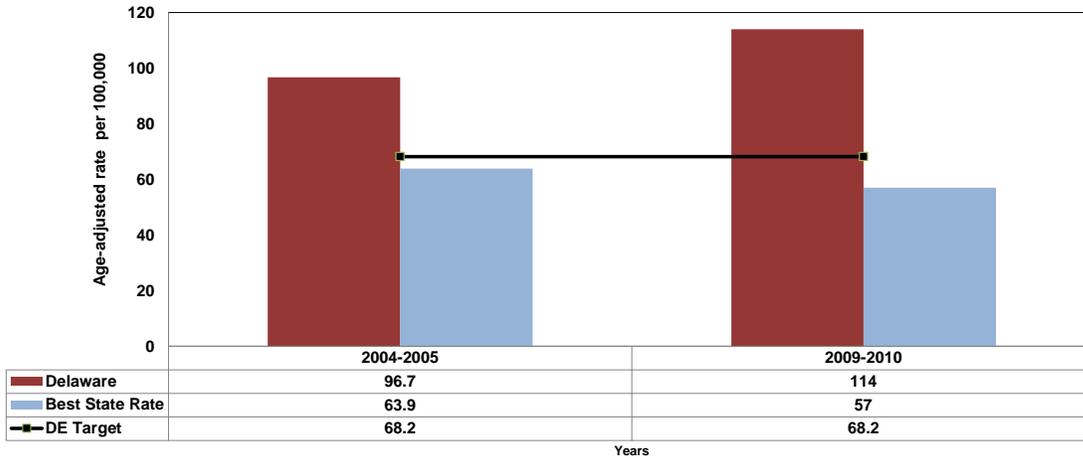




Mortality Amenable to Healthcare Top Level Outcome Measure



Interpretation

Delaware experienced an increase in mortality amenable to health care between 2004 and 2010, rising from 96.7 deaths per 100,000 population in 2004-2005 to 114 deaths per 100,000 population in 2009-2010. In contrast, the U.S. state with the best rate fell from 63.9 deaths per 100,000 population in 2004-2005 to 57 deaths per 100,000 population in 2009-2010. In total, mortality amenable to health care increased dramatically in Delaware from 2004-2010, while the state in the U.S. with the best rate declined.

Addressing the Health Issue

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health assists health care advocates, such as community health centers, with access to care issues affecting the uninsured and vulnerable populations of Delaware. This office works closely with a host of public/private partners to build health care systems by supporting initiatives and partnerships across the state and in rural Delaware.

¹ Mortality amenable to health care = number of deaths per 100,000 before age 75 from causes that are potentially treatable or preventable with timely and appropriate healthcare.

² Rates are age-adjusted to the U.S. Census 2000 standard population.

³ The Delaware target was established in DPH's Strategic Plan to be met by 2020 to reach the Healthy People 2020 goal. The Delaware target spans prior years as an arbitrary comparison of previous years' rates with the current target.

⁴ Source: Commonwealth Fund: State Scorecard; Health System Performance.