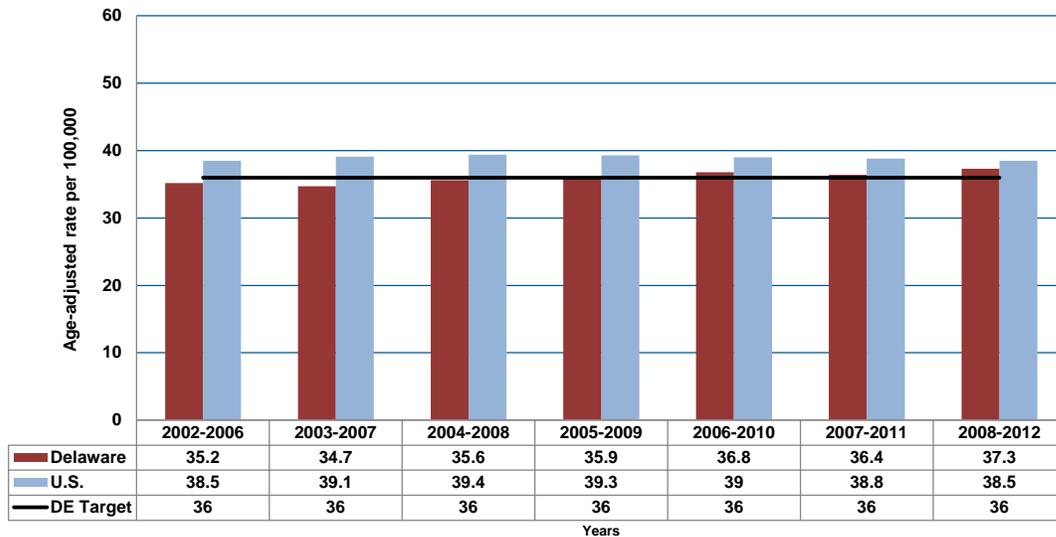




Unintentional Injury Deaths Top Level Outcome Measure



Intepretation

Over the past decade, the rate of unintentional injury deaths in Delaware has fluctuated minimally. However, it increased slightly from 35.2 unintentional-related injury deaths per 100,000 population in Delaware during 2002-2006 to 37.3 unintentional-related injury deaths per 100,000 population during 2008-20012. The Delaware rate of deaths from unintentional injuries remains lower than the U.S. rate; however, the Delaware rate is currently higher than the targeted rate for the state (36 unintentional injuries per 100,000 population).

Addressing the health issue

Unintentional injuries are viewed as preventable occurrences rather than random acts. Public education injury prevention programs are developed and supported by the Delaware Coalition for Injury Prevention (DCIP). The DCIP website provides several educational resource links that address commonly identified preventable injuries. With support from the Delaware Office of Rural Health, the DCIP actively engages in community outreach events to further educate the public and engage communities on preventing injuries.

¹ Unintentional injuries= Delaware residents who passed with cause of death recorded as ICD-10 Codes: V01-X59, Y85-Y86.I

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

³ Delaware reports five-year moving averages to increase the stability of estimates resulting from a small number of annual deaths related unintentional injury.

⁴ The Delaware target was established in DPH's Strategic Plan to be met by 2020 to reflect the Healthy People 2020 goal. The Delaware target spans prior years as an arbitrary comparison of previous years' rates with the current target.

⁵ Source(s): Delaware Health Statistics Center; National Center for Health Statistics.