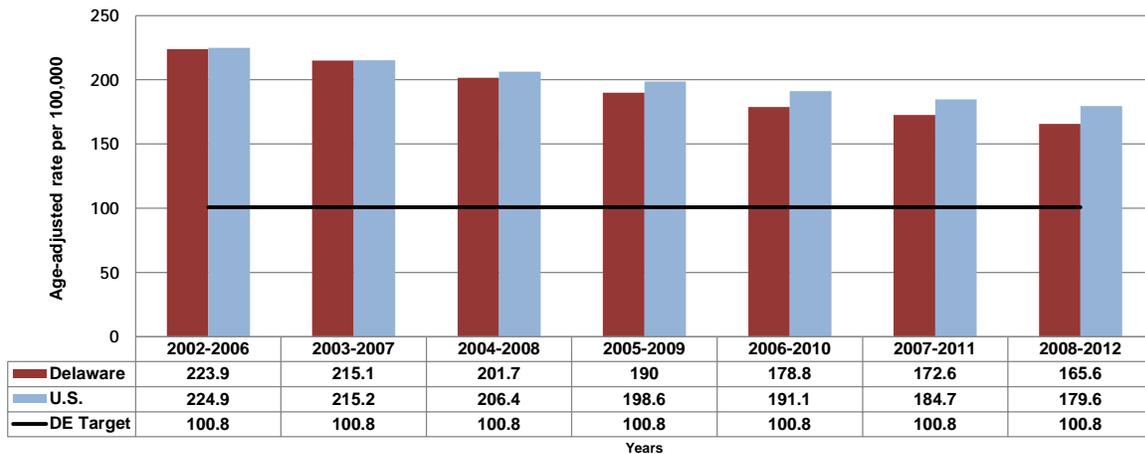




### Heart Disease Mortality Top level Outcome Measure



**Interpretation**

Heart disease mortality in Delaware steadily declined from 223.9 heart disease related deaths per 100,000 population in 2002-2006 to 165.6 deaths per 100,000 population in 2008-2012. Similarly, the U.S. rate declined during the past decade. In addition, Delaware's heart disease mortality rates are consistently lower than the U.S. rate. Delaware aims to decrease current heart disease mortality rates from 165.6 deaths per 100,000 in 2008-2012 to 100.8 deaths per 100,000 in the next five years.

**Addressing the health issue**

Preventing and reducing complications from diabetes and heart disease is the focus of the Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention and Control Program (DHDPCP). The DHDPCP provides information about diabetes and heart disease, develops approaches for reducing the impact of the diseases, promotes healthy lifestyles, and coordinates efforts of public and private health organizations. Community clinical linkages, health system interventions, environmental approaches, and epidemiology and surveillance are supported by the DHDPCP.

<sup>1</sup> Heart disease mortality rate = number of heart disease deaths using ICD 10 codes: I00-I09, I11, I13, I20-I51 per 100,000 population.  
<sup>2</sup> Rates are age-adjusted to the US Census 2000 standard population.  
<sup>3</sup> Delaware reports five-year moving averages to increase the stability of estimates resulting from small numbers of annual deaths from heart disease.  
<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Source: Delaware Health Statistics Center, National Vital Statistics Report (NVSR) "Deaths: Final Data for 2013."