

Table 2. Demographic characteristics of 246 patients who died during 1998-2005 after ingesting a lethal dose of medication, compared with 74,967 Oregonians dying from the same underlying diseases.

Characteristics	PAS patients 1998-2005 (N = 246)*	Oregon deaths, same diseases (N =74,967)*	DWDA deaths per 10,000 Oregon deaths	Rate ratio (95% CI**)
Sex				
Male (%)	131 (53)	37,847 (50)	34.6	1.1 (0.9-1.4)
Female (%)	115 (47)	37,120 (50)	31.0	1.0
Age				
18-44 (%)	10 (4)	1,815 (2)	55.1	4.1 (1.9-8.7)#
45-64 (%)	71 (29)	14,445 (19)	49.2	3.6 (2.2-5.9)
65-84 (%)	144 (59)	42,956 (57)	33.5	2.5 (1.6-3.9)
85+ (%)	21 (9)	15,751 (21)	13.3	1.0
Median years	69 (25-94)	76		
Race				
White (%)	239 (97)	72,799 (97)	32.8	1.0
Asian (%)	6 (2)	802 (1)	74.8	2.3 (0.8-5.1)##
Native American (%)	1 (<1)	507 (1)	19.7	0.6 (0.0-3.4)##
Other (%)	0	849 (1)		
Unknown	0	15		
Marital status				
Married (%)	110 (45)	36,042 (48)	30.5	1.0
Widowed (%)	55 (22)	24,653 (33)	22.3	0.7 (0.5-1.0)
Divorced (%)	64 (26)	10,894 (15)	58.7	1.9 (1.4-2.6)+
Never married (%)	17 (7)	3,202 (4)	53.1	1.7 (1.1-2.9)+
Unknown	0	176		
Education				
Less than high school (%)	21 (9)	17,403 (24)	12.1	1.0
HS graduate (%)	71 (29)	32,125 (43)	22.1	1.8 (1.1-3.0)
Some college (%)	52 (21)	13,765 (19)	37.8	3.1 (1.9-5.2)
Baccalaureate or higher (%)	102 (41)	10,626 (14)	96.0	7.9 (5.0-12.7)#
Unknown	0	1,048		
Residence				
Metro counties (%)	95 (39)	26,874 (36)	35.4	1.0
Coastal counties (%)	19 (8)	6,076 (8)	31.3	0.9 (0.5-1.5)
Other W. counties (%)	117 (48)	31,470 (42)	37.2	1.1 (0.8-1.4)
E. of the Cascades (%)	15 (6)	10,547 (14)	14.2	0.4 (0.2-0.7)+

* Unknowns are excluded when calculating percentages.

** Confidence interval.

The ratio is statistically significant according to the chi-square test for trend.

Confidence intervals calculated with Fisher's exact test.

+ The ratio is statistically significant according to the chi-square test.