

**Table 2. Characteristics of 341 DWDA patients who died during 1998-2007 after ingesting a lethal dose of medication compared with 98,942 Oregonians dying from the same underlying diseases**

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>DWDA patients 1998-2007 (N = 341)*</b>	<b>Oregon deaths, same diseases (N = 98,942)*</b>	<b>DWDA deaths per 10,000 Oregon deaths</b>	<b>Rate ratio (95% CI<sup>A</sup>)</b>
<b>Sex</b>				
Male (%)	183 (53.7)	49,886 (50.4)	36.7	1.1 (0.9-1.4)
Female (%)	158 (46.3)	49,056 (49.6)	32.2	1.0
<b>Age</b>				
18-34 (%)	4 (1.2)	615 (0.6)	65.0	4.3 (1.5-12.1)
35-44 (%)	10 (2.9)	1,899 (1.9)	52.7	3.5 (1.7-7.0)
45-54 (%)	31 (9.1)	6,467 (6.5)	47.9	3.2 (1.9-5.2)
55-64 (%)	73 (21.4)	13,298 (13.4)	54.9	3.6 (2.4-5.5)
65-74 (%)	93 (27.3)	23,492 (23.7)	39.6	2.6 (1.7-3.9)
75-84 (%)	98 (28.7)	32,102 (32.4)	30.5	2.0 (1.4-3.0)
85+ (%)	32 (9.4)	21,069 (21.3)	15.2	1.0
Median years	69 (25-96)	76 (18-112)		
<b>Race</b>				
White (%)	332 (97.4)	95,047 (96.1)	34.9	1.0
Asian (%)	6 (1.8)	1,099 (1.1)	54.6	1.6 (0.7-3.5)
Native American (%)	1 (0.3)	702 (0.7)	14.2	0.4 (0.1-2.9)
Hispanic (%)	2 (0.6)	954 (1.0)	21.0	0.6 (0.2-2.4)
African American (%)	0 (0.0)	1,070 (1.1)	0.0	0.0 -
Other (%)	0 (0.0)	43 (0.0)	0.0	0.0 -
Unknown	0	27		
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married (%)	154 (45.2)	47,312 (47.9)	32.5	1.0
Widowed (%)	73 (21.4)	32,173 (32.6)	22.7	0.7 (0.5-0.9)
Divorced (%)	86 (25.2)	14,817 (15.0)	58.0	1.8 (1.4-2.3)
Never married (%)	28 (8.2)	4,381 (4.4)	63.9	2.0 (1.3-2.9)
Unknown	0	259		
<b>Education</b>				
Less than high school (%)	27 (7.9)	22,170 (22.7)	12.2	1.0
High school graduate (%)	95 (27.9)	42,134 (43.2)	22.5	1.9 (1.2-2.8)
Some college (%)	79 (23.2)	18,578 (19.1)	42.5	3.5 (2.3-5.4)
Baccalaureate (%)	71 (20.8)	8,663 (8.9)	82.0	6.7 (4.3-10.5)
Post-baccalaureate (%)	69 (20.2)	5,967 (6.1)	115.6	9.5 (6.1-14.8)
Unknown	0	1,430		
<b>Residence</b>				
Metro counties (%)	140 (41.1)	34,880 (35.3)	40.1	1.0
Coastal counties (%)	25 (7.3)	7,833 (7.9)	31.9	0.8 (0.5-1.2)
Other W. counties (%)	151 (44.3)	41,150 (41.6)	36.7	0.9 (0.7-1.2)
E. of the Cascades (%)	25 (7.3)	15,079 (15.2)	16.6	0.4 (0.3-0.6)
<b>Underlying illnesses</b>				
Neoplasms, malignant & nonmalig. (	280 (82.1)	66,255 (67.0)	42.3	10.5 (4.3-25.3)
Lung and bronchus (%)	65 (19.1)	20,557 (20.8)	31.6	7.8 (3.2-19.4)
Pancreas (%)	30 (8.8)	3,914 (4.0)	76.6	19.0 (7.4-48.9)
Breast (%)	30 (8.8)	5,134 (5.2)	58.4	14.5 (5.6-37.2)
Colon (%)	23 (6.7)	5,315 (5.4)	43.3	10.7 (4.1-28.2)
Prostate (%)	20 (5.9)	4,365 (4.4)	45.8	11.3 (4.3-30.2)

Ovary (%)	17 (5.0)	2,055 (2.1)	82.7	20.5 (7.6-55.4)
Lymphoid & Hematopoietic (%)	10 (2.9)	5,728 (5.8)	17.5	4.3 (1.5-12.6)
Skin (%)	10 (2.9)	1,380 (1.4)	72.5	17.9 (6.1-52.4)
Brain (%)	8 (2.3)	1,751 (1.8)	45.7	11.3 (3.7-34.5)
Esophagus (%)	7 (2.1)	1,819 (1.8)	38.5	9.5 (3.0-30.0)
Oral Cavity (%)	6 (1.8)	521 (0.5)	115.2	28.5 (8.7-93.1)
Bladder & Ureter (%)	6 (1.8)	1,878 (1.9)	31.9	7.9 (2.4-25.9)
Liver (%)	6 (1.8)	1,470 (1.5)	40.8	10.1 (3.1-33.1)
Kidney (%)	5 (1.5)	1,471 (1.5)	34.0	8.4 (2.4-29.0)
Other (%)	37 (10.9)	8,897 (9.0)	41.6	10.3 (4.0-26.2)
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (%)	26 (7.6)	962 (1.0)	270.3	66.9 (25.7-173.8)
Chronic respiratory dis. (%)	15 (4.4)	17,721 (17.9)	8.5	2.1 (0.8-5.8)
HIV/AIDS (%)	7 (2.1)	304 (0.3)	230.3	57.0 (18.2-178.6)
Heart Disease (%)	5 (1.5)	12375 (12.5)	4.0	1.0
Illnesses listed below <sup>+</sup> (%)	8 (2.3)	1,325 (1.3)	60.4	14.9 (4.9-45.6)

\* Unknowns are excluded when calculating percentages.

△ Confidence interval.

<sup>+</sup> Includes alcoholic hepatic failure, corticobasal degeneration, diabetes mellitus with renal complications, hepatitis C, organ-limited amyloidosis, scleroderma, and Shy-Drager syndrome.

