

## Data Source Documentation

<b>Indicator</b>	Mesothelioma deaths
<b>Demographic Group</b>	Wisconsin residents
<b>Numerator</b>	Deaths due to mesothelioma
<b>Denominator</b>	Total Wisconsin population
<b>Age Adjustment</b>	Age-adjusted rates are used to compare relative risks among groups and over time; they represent relative indexes and are not actual measures of risk. Age-adjusted rates shown in the data tables were computed by applying age-specific rates in the population of interest to the 2000 U.S. standard population (i.e., the age distribution of the 2000 projected U.S. population).
<b>Details about Data Item</b>	Deaths due to mesothelioma were selected if they met both of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wisconsin resident.</li> <li>2. Underlying cause of death was ICD-10 code C45, "Mesothelioma."</li> </ol> <p>Race/ethnicity categories are mutually exclusive.</p>
<b>Reference Time Period</b>	Calendar year
<b>Data Source</b>	Wisconsin resident death certificates, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.  Chapter 69, Wisconsin Statutes, authorizes the Department of Health Services to supervise the collection of vital statistics death data. The statute defines that the filing party (usually a funeral director) must present a certificate of death to the physician or medical examiner who is responsible for completing and signing the medical certification, and that the local Register of Deeds or City Health Department must collect and file the certificates for deaths that occur in their jurisdictions.  The annual report <i>Wisconsin Deaths</i> and the WISH data query system can be accessed at <a href="http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/deaths/index.htm">http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/deaths/index.htm</a> .