



Oregon Death with Dignity Act By the Numbers

	1998-2002 Averages		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		Total 1998-2009	
Number of DWD Prescriptions	40		68		60		64		65		85		88		95		723	
Number of DWD Deaths	26		42		37		38		46		49		60		59		460	
DWD Deaths per 10,000	N/A		13.6		12.3		12		14.7		15.6		18.8		19.2		N/A	
Number of Prescribing Physicians	29		42		40		39		40		45		59		55		408	
Median Age	69		73		64		70		74		65		72		76		70	
Underlying Disease	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cancer	20	79%	35	83%	29	78%	32	84%	40	87%	42	86%	48	80%	47	80%	375	82%
Other diseases	5	21%	7	17%	8	22%	6	16%	6	13%	7	14%	12	20%	12	20%	85	18%
Insurance Coverage	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Private	16	63%	22	52%	27	73%	22	58%	29	63%	32	65%	53	88%	50	85%	316	69%
Medicare or Medicaid	9	33%	20	48%	10	27%	16	42%	15	33%	17	35%	5	8%	8	14%	134	29%
None	0	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	6	1%
Unknown	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	1%
Hospice Care	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Enrolled	21	82%	39	93%	33	89%	35	92%	35	76%	43	88%	59	98%	54	92%	404	88%
Declined by Patient	4	16%	3	7%	4	11%	3	8%	11	24%	6	12%	1	2%	5	8%	54	12%
Unknown	0	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
End-of-Life Concerns Expressed to Physician	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Losing Autonomy	21	82%	39	93%	32	86%	30	79%	44	96%	49	100%	57	95%	57	97%	414	90%
Less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable	20	77%	39	93%	34	92%	34	89%	44	96%	42	86%	55	92%	51	86%	398	87%
Loss of Dignity**	0	0%	31	82%	29	78%	34	89%	35	76%	42	86%	55	92%	54	92%	280	61%
Losing Control of Bodily Functions	15	57%	24	57%	24	65%	17	45%	27	59%	31	63%	37	62%	31	53%	264	57%
Burden on Family, Friends/Caregivers	9	34%	16	38%	14	38%	16	42%	20	43%	22	45%	20	33%	15	25%	167	36%
Inadequate Pain Control	6	22%	9	21%	8	22%	9	24%	22	48%	16	33%	3	5%	6	10%	101	22%
Financial Implications of Treatment	1	2%	1	2%	2	5%	1	3%	0	0%	2	4%	2	3%	1	2%	12	3%

** Question not asked prior to 2003