



# Washington Death with Dignity Act

## By the Numbers

	2009	
<b>Number of DWD Prescriptions Dispensed</b>	63	
<b>Number of DWD Deaths</b>	47	
<b>Number of Prescribing Physicians</b>	53	
<b>Age Range</b>	48-95	
<b>Underlying Disease</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Cancer	37	79%
Neuro-degenerative disease	4	9%
Respiratory disease	4	9%
Other diseases	2	4%
<b>Insurance Coverage</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Private	12	26%
Medicare or Medicaid	19	40%
Both Private & Medicare/Medicaid	8	17%
None	0	0%
Unknown	5	11%
<b>End-of-Life Concerns Expressed to Physician</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Losing Autonomy	47	100%
Less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable	43	91%
Loss of Dignity	39	82%