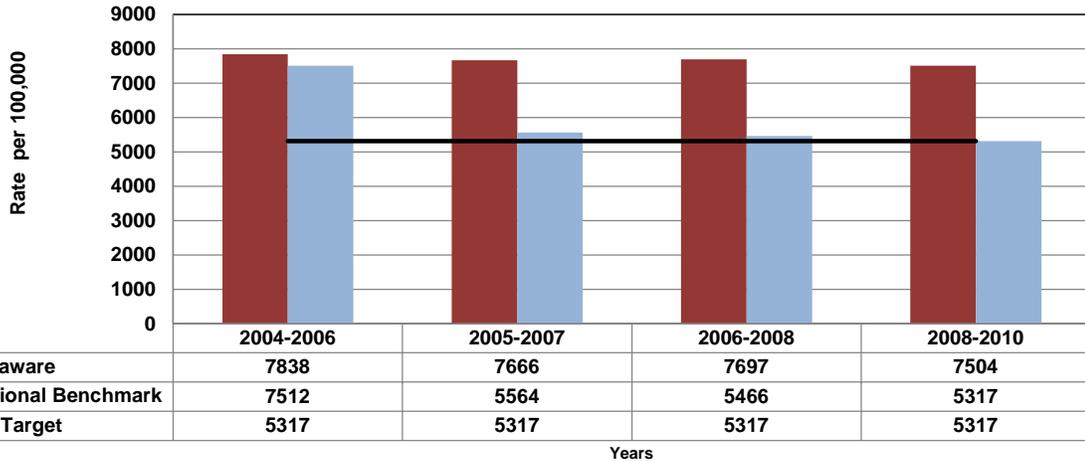




### Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL) Top Level Outcome Measure



**Interpretation**

From 2004-2006, there were 7,838 Years of potential life lost (YPLL) resulting from premature death (death before age 75). per 100,000 population in Delaware. The rate has continued to decrease over the past few years to 7,504 potential years of life lost between 2008 and 2010. Current statistics indicate that the YPLL for Delaware continues to exceed the U.S. rate and Delaware target by nearly 2,200 YPLL per 100,000 population living in Delaware.

**Addressing the health issue**

Premature, potentially preventable deaths (death < age 75), occur each year in Delaware. The leading causes of premature death in Delaware are heart disease, cancer, and unintentional injury. The Division of Public Health (DPH) has established programs that provide information and resources to prevent and treat the leading causes of premature death in Delaware including the Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention Program, Comprehensive Cancer Control Branch, and the Delaware Coalition for Injury Prevention.

<sup>1</sup> YPLL= The number of years of potential life lost by each death occurring before age 75.  
<sup>2</sup> Source(s): County Health Rankings: <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org>, 2004-2010.  
<sup>3</sup> Statistics are presented in 3-year intervals with 2-yr overlapping intervals (moving averages) between 2004 and 2008 and a 1 yr overlap for the 2008- 2010 time period.  
<sup>4</sup> The Delaware target was established in DPH's Strategic Plan to be met by 2020 to reflect the 10th percentile across all US counties for this measure. The DE target spans prior years as an arbitrary comparison of previous years' rates with the current target.