

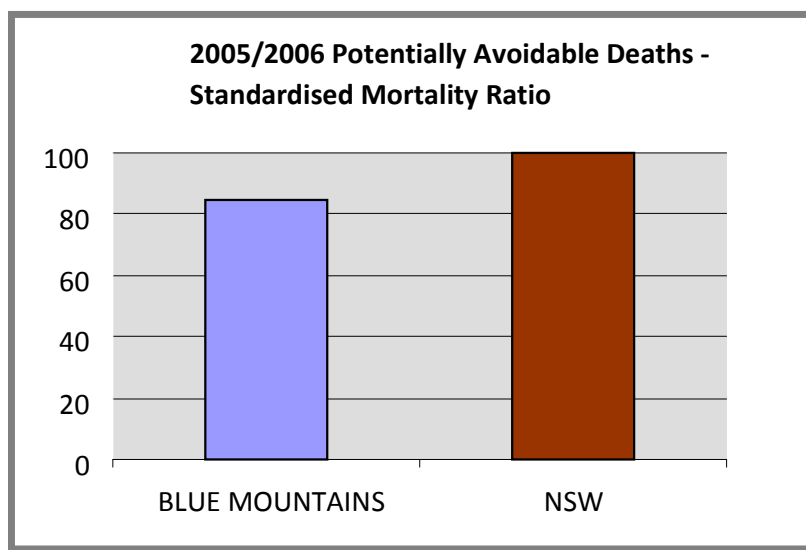
## Population - health

### What are we monitoring?

*Potentially avoidable deaths of residents aged under 75*

### What is the trend?

Trend Data is not available. The Blue Mountains has a significantly lower rate of potentially avoidable deaths compared to the NSW average (which is set to 100).



POTENETIALLY AVOIDABLE DEATHS – STANDARDISED MORTALITY RATIO		
	BLUE MOUNTAINS	NSW
<b>2005-2006</b>	85	100

Potentially avoidable deaths (persons aged less than 75 years) are those deaths that, theoretically, could have been avoided given current causation, and available disease prevention and health care. The rate of avoidable death was 154.6 per 100,000 population in NSW in 2006 – this is set to 100, and the death rates by LGA compared to this standard.

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

Variations in the pattern of potentially avoidable deaths are associated with the geographic clustering of populations of lower socioeconomic status, high Indigenous populations and populations with a high prevalence of disease risk factors. Other factors such as access to primary health care and other health services, particularly specialist treatment services may also contribute to this variation.

**Source:** NSW Health (2009). Report of the NSW Chief Health Officer.  
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