

# Influenza and Pneumonia Fact Sheet



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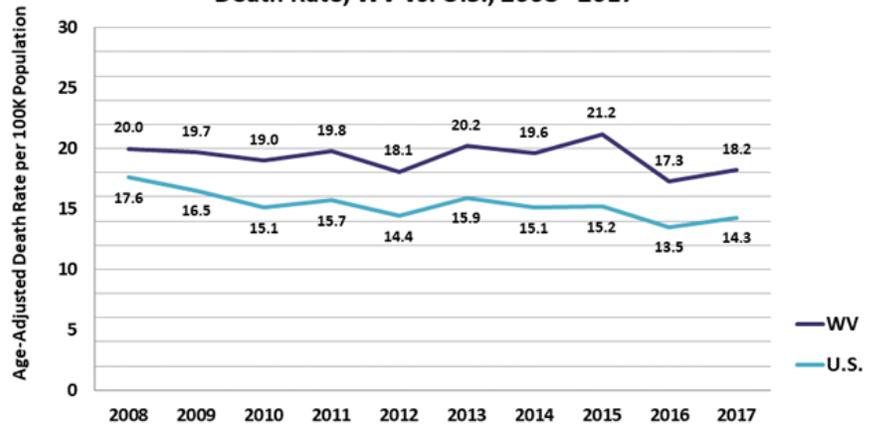
## Influenza and Pneumonia

Influenza frequently leads to a case of pneumonia among the geriatric population and those in assisted living facilities as well as among small children, pregnant women, and certain individuals with chronic health conditions.<sup>1</sup>

## Immunization in West Virginia

- In 2017, 67.1% of both male and female residents over the age of 65 reported getting a flu vaccine within the past year.<sup>2</sup>
- 73.7% of those surveyed over age 65 received a pneumonia vaccine the same year.<sup>2</sup>

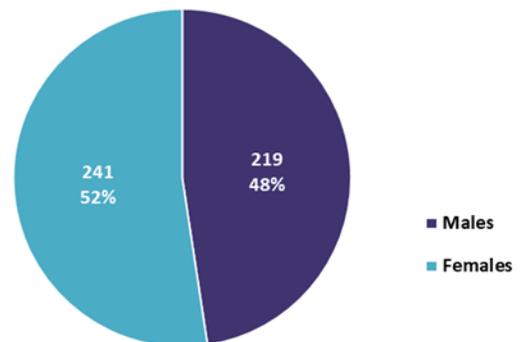
Deaths Due to Influenza and Pneumonia, Age-Adjusted Death Rate, WV vs. U.S., 2008 - 2017<sup>3</sup>



## Mortality

- WV ranked 8th highest in the U.S. for deaths attributed to influenza and pneumonia.<sup>3</sup>
- Influenza and pneumonia combined were the 8th leading cause of death in WV in 2017.<sup>4</sup>

WV Resident Deaths Due to Influenza and Pneumonia, Number and Percent by Sex, 2017<sup>4</sup>



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