

Leading Causes of Death:

Before we understand how we can improve our health, we need to know the leading causes of death in the Lehigh Valley. Since the 2013 Health Profile, we have generally seen an improvement in the treatment of the diseases that represent the most common causes of death in our area. As a result, people in the Lehigh Valley continue to live long lives.

Although it is great to know that if we get sick we have quality health care available to us in the Lehigh Valley, we are not improving on the other things that can help keep us healthy and avoid disease.

Improving

- 2005 - 2009
- 2011 - 2013

Getting Worse

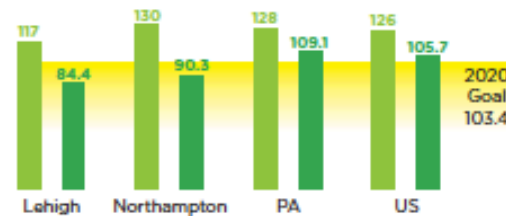
- 2005 - 2009
- 2011 - 2013

NOTE / Charts Depict Age Adjusted Deaths per 100,000

Source: CDC NVSS-M

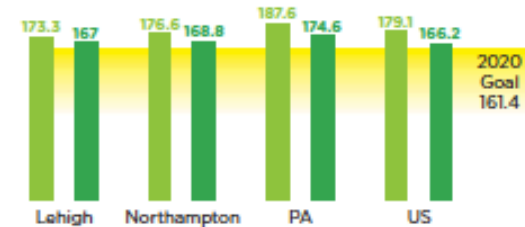
Heart Disease Improving +

Coronary heart disease-related deaths



Cancer Improving +

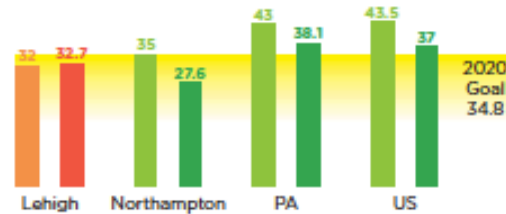
Number of deaths due to cancer (all Cancers)



Stroke Improving +

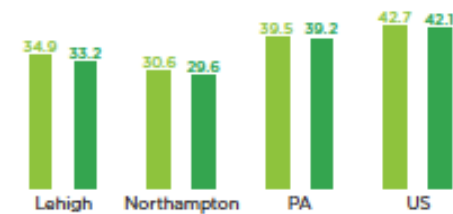
Exceeding HP 2020 Goal

Number of stroke deaths



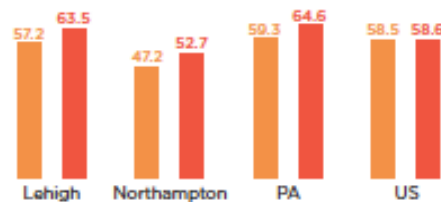
Lung Disease Improving +

Chronic lower respiratory disease deaths



Injury & Violence Getting Worse -

Number of deaths with an underlying cause of injury



Diabetes Getting better in LC +

Getting worse in NC and PA -

Number of persons with diabetes as the underlying cause of death

