

## **IV. GILES COUNTY DESCRIPTION**

### **A. Geographic & Land Area**

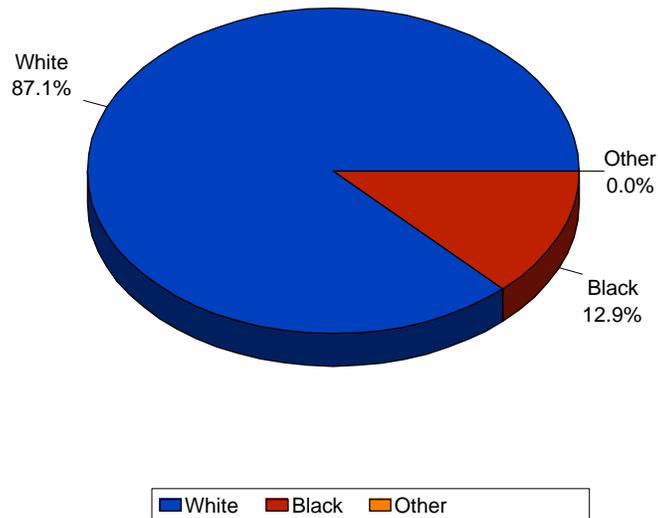
Giles County is a rural, sparsely populated community. Giles County is one of twelve counties located in the South Central Region of the Tennessee Department of Health.

Giles County's geographical location is due south of the Department of Health's South Central Regional Office. It is bordered by Lawrence County to the West, Maury County to the North, Marshall County to the Northeast, and Lincoln County to the East.

### **B. Demographics**

The county was settled in 1809 with Pulaski as the county seat. According to the 1994 Picture of the Present, Giles County has a total population of 26,179. Of this total over 87% are Caucasian, about 13% are black, and less 1% are classified as other races.

**Distribution of Giles County's Population**  
According to Race, 1994



### **C. Economic Base**

According to 1997 Poverty Level Guidelines, an individual earning less than \$657.50 per month is considered impoverished. For a family of four, \$1,337.50 per month is 100% of poverty.

The Health Council was provided with the 1994 estimates based on 1990 census data. Giles County had approximately 21.5% of families with children under the age of 18 living at or below 100% of poverty. Poverty rate for the entire county population was