

Hamblen County Selected Economic Indicators

Labor Force Estimates 1998

Annual Total Labor Force: 29,857
 Number Unemployed: 1,318
 Unemployment Rate %: 4.5

Tax Structure

County Property Tax Rate per \$100 value: \$2.76
Per Capita Income (1996) : \$19,805

Table 1

Health Care Resources

	County	Region	State
Persons per Primary Care Physician	1,707	1,776	1,053
Persons per Nurse Practitioner	25,601	7,429	7,134
Persons per Physician Assistant	25,601	15,053	18,664
Persons per Registered Nurse	132	178	106
Persons 10-44 per OB/GYN	1,788	4,509	2,100
Persons per Dentist	1,652	2,414	1,186
Persons per staffed hospital bed	266	491	245
Percent occupancy in community hospitals	40	57.3	57.7
Persons per staffed nursing home bed	155	119	135
Percent occupancy in community nursing homes	95.3	96.4	93.6
Physician shortage area for OB	YES		
Physician shortage area for Primary Care	NO		

Note: Manpower data are 1996; shortage areas, 1995; facilities, 1994.

Hospitals - # Beds

Lakeway Regional Hospital—135 (Psych 12)
 Morristown Hamblen Hospital Association—155

Nursing Homes - # Beds

Life Care Center of Morristown—161
 Morristown-Hamblen Hospital Association- (sub-acute unit)—15
 The Heritage Center—197

B. County Process—Overview

The Assessment Process

The Tennessee Department of Health has made a strong commitment to strengthening the performance of the public health system in performing those population-based functions that support the overall health of Tennesseans: assessment, assurance, and policy development.

Community Diagnosis is a public-private partnership to define the county’s priority health problems and to develop strategies for solving these problems. The Hamblen County Health Council in collaboration with the East Tennessee Regional Health Office conducted an extensive assessment of the status of health in Hamblen County. The health council contains community representatives from various geographic locations, social-economic levels, and ethnic groups. Extensive amounts of both primary and secondary data were collected and reviewed as the first