

D. Vital Statistics/Health Status Data

Secondary data (information already collected from other sources for other purposes) provided the Hawkins County Health Council with information about the health status of their community. Information was assembled by the State Office of Assessment & Planning and compiled by the Community Development Program, Northeast Tennessee Region, for the council's analysis. The most current information available was used for this portion of the community assessment process.

Vital statistics cover pregnancy & birth, mortality, and morbidity information for the county, region, and state; each set of information is separated into the categories of *All Races, Non-White, and White*. These statistics are made available in three-year moving averages, which smooth trend lines and eliminate wide fluctuations ('spikes' and 'valleys') in year-to-year rates that distort true trends. Ten (10) three-year averages are available for each health indicator, occurrence, or event for use in examining significant trends in those health indicators. Where applicable, vital statistics comparing the county, region, and state were also compared by the council with the nation's "Healthy People 2000" objectives. Due to the low minority population in Hawkins County, the information was not broken down by race for analysis purposes. Data were compared to the corresponding data for the Northeast Tennessee Region, as well as for the State of Tennessee.

The Vital Statistics Subcommittee received information for the following population and health status indicators:

- ✓ Population Trends 1990 to 1996
- ✓ Average Number of Fetal Deaths per 1,000 Live Births in Females 10-44 from 1990-1995
- ✓ Percent of Low-Weight Births 1991 to 1996
- ✓ Infant Death Rates per 1,000 Live Births 1991 to 1996
- ✓ Percent of Births to Adolescent Mothers 10-17
- ✓ Sexually Transmitted Disease Incidence Rate - 1997
- ✓ Leading Causes of Death (Age-Adjusted) 1995

After the Hawkins County Health Council analyzed the information listed above, the following areas of concern were further investigated:

◆ Sexually Transmitted Diseases - # Cases in Hawkins County in 1997

HIV/ AIDS	Gonorrhea	Chlamydia
30	7	33

Note: There were no cases of syphilis reported in Hawkins County in 1997.