

County Ranking Among 95 Counties :

1994-1996 three year average, age adjusted

#12 Suicide

#15 MVA's

#36 Homicides

#46 Births to Adolescent Mothers (10-17)

#77 Lung Cancer

#90 Heart Disease

#94 Stroke

Smoking is a leading contributor to cancer, heart disease, COPD, and cerebrovascular disease. Smoking and Tobacco Use rank at the top of the Community and Behavior Risk Surveys.

Hickman County's rate for death by suicide is twelfth highest in the State. The Motor vehicle death rate is fifteenth highest. According to data from Tennessee's Health Statistics, Hickman County had the highest adolescent violent death rate for the region (1994-1996). In 1994 and 1996, accidents were the number one cause of death for Hickman County residents between the ages of 15 and 24 years (*Picture of the Present, 1994, 1996*).

Alcohol and drug abuse can be major contributors to motor vehicles accidents, adolescent violent deaths, and death from other accidents. Alcohol and drug abuse were among top concerns on both surveys.

Economic Data

- Hickman County had an unemployment rate of 9.0% in July, 1998. This represents a large increase in unemployment from June, 1998 (3.9%). Tennessee's rate in July, 1998 was 3.8%.
- Census Data from 1990 reflects that 18.1% of the residents of Hickman County live below the poverty level.
- TennCare enrollment is slightly higher at 25.5% of Hickman County residents, than the State rate of 23.2%.
- School Dropout (a factor in unemployment rates), are among the lowest in the region..