

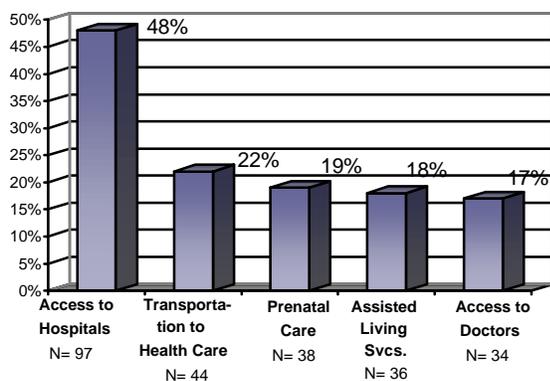
The council noted, in particular, those items on the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey which most directly impacted leading causes of death in Johnson County, *Heart Disease* and *Cancer*. Such items are listed on the table below, with percentages of those who responded compared for Johnson County and other Northeast Region counties.

Counties; N.E. Region	Current Everyday Smokers	Been Given Advice About Losing Weight	Ever Had High Blood Pressure
<u>Johnson</u>	31%	16%	29%
Carter	25%	18%	28%
Greene	27%	18%	29%
Hancock	33%	18%	N/A
Hawkins	27%	20%	30%
Unicoi	24%	14%	23%
Washington	26.5%	18%	30%

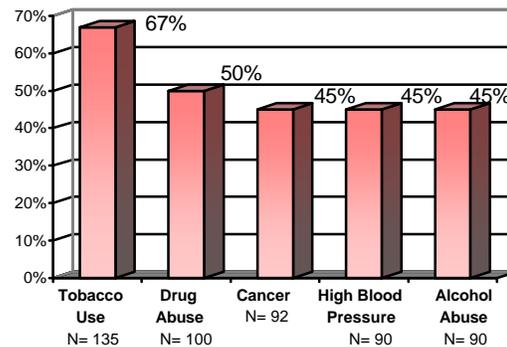
Counties; N.E. Region	% Who Reported Having Had Diabetes	Have Had 'Check-Up' Within The Past Year	Reported Health Status is 'Fair' to 'Poor'
<u>Johnson</u>	6%	70%	45%
Carter	9%	75%	29%
Greene	8%	75%	28%
Hancock	N/A	84%	N/A
Hawkins	7%	72%	25%
Unicoi	6%	73%	39%
Washington	10%	72%	21%

The BRFS also collects opinion data on *Access to Health Care/Environmental Issues* and *Community Issues*. The top issues perceived by respondents as *Definite Problems* in each category were as follows in the next two charts:

**Chart 1 - Access/Environmental Issues:  
% Saying 'Definite Problem'**



**Chart 2 - Community Issues:  
% Saying 'Definite Problem'**



### C. Health Resource Inventory

The council conducted an inventory of health and health-related services and resources for the primary purpose of identifying any gaps or inadequacies/areas of improvement in services. Several services and resources were found to be available and very adequate for the needs of the community. The council found the following services to be *adequate*, but had various *recommendations* for improving the adequacy, accessibility, or quality of the services:

- ◆ Medical Equipment – suppliers could provide broader selection and lower costs.
- ◆ Assisted Living – may need to watch current availability of these services in light of new regulations.
- ◆ Child Day Care – expansion of these services is indicated due to size of population served, need of working parents, and *need for supervision of older children (over 12 years)*.
- ◆ Homemaker Services (Esp. Aid & Attending) – expansion of these services is indicated due to growing size of elderly impacted through this service and due to the important economical preventive effect these services have upon premature need for more intensive/costly nursing home or assisted living services.

Other areas of health and health-related service were found by the council to be largely