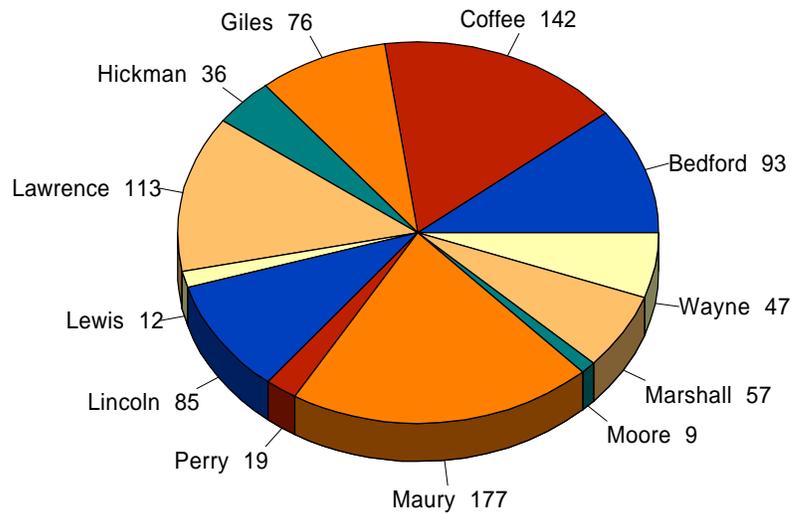


Teen pregnancy, poor grades, drug and/or alcohol abuse, and long hours on a job are some of the things that directly effect the dropout rate.

High School Dropouts by County (Grades 9-12)

South Central Region



Three year averages 1992-1994

In 1996, 32.6% of the students in Lewis County participate in the school lunch program receiving lunch at free or reduced prices. This is only slightly lower than the state rate of 34.1%.

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The Lewis County Health Council was presented with statistics concerning reportable diseases and causes of death within the county. The Health Council also reviewed the number of teen pregnancies that had occurred in Lewis County over a ten-year time frame. The Community Development staff provided comparisons of similar data with other counties in the region and across the state to enable the Health Council to recognize significant problems in their own community.

Five Leading Causes of Death:

The Lewis County Health Council members were provided with county specific data from 1996 concerning the leading causes of death. The list is as follows:

1. Diseases of the Heart
2. Malignant Neoplasms
3. Accidents and Adverse Effects