

## **Educational Attainment**

Lincoln County was shown to experience a low level of academic achievement across the population. The percentage of the population (age 25 years and older) to have completed a high school degree is 57.5%. Only 9.1% of the adult population have Bachelor's Degrees.

The dropout rate for 1995 was 6.5%. This is significantly higher than the state rate of 4.7%. Lincoln County had the fifth highest drop out rate for the South Central Region at the time of the presentation to the Health Council.

## **Morbidity and Mortality**

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

In addition to specific health problems, the council was provided a comprehensive view of the status of children and youth within Lincoln County.

### **Five Leading Causes of Death:**

The Lincoln County Health Council members were provided with county specific data from 1994 concerning the leading causes of death. The list is as follows:

1. Diseases of the Heart
2. Malignant Neoplasms
3. Cerebrovascular Disease
4. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
(Includes bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma)
5. Accidents and Adverse Effects  
(Includes Motor Vehicle Accidents)

These are consistent with the leading causes of death across the state of Tennessee, as well as the United States.

Accidents and adverse effects are the leading cause of death for those under the age of twenty-five. Accidents and Cancer were shown to be the cause of the most years of life lost.