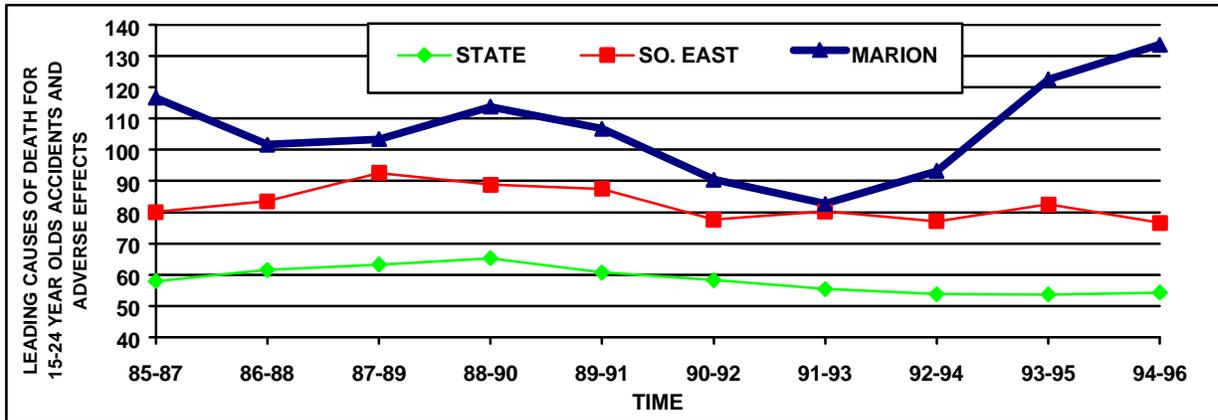


Marion County Mortality Experience

- **Number of Infant Deaths (Death of a live born infant less than 1 year of age) Per 1,000 Live Births** - Marion County's rate, while unstable due to small numbers, has decreased during the twelve-year trend. The trend is currently lower than the Southeast Region and the State. Annually, county residents give birth to about 325 babies each year of which an average of 3 will not live through their first year (11 per 1,000 Live Births). The national "Year 2000 Objective" is 7.0 per 1,000 live births.
- **Number of Neonatal Deaths (Death of a live born infant under 28 days of age) Per 1,000 Live Births** - While the trend is unstable due to small numbers, Marion County's rate has recently decreased and is lower than the Southeast Region and the State. The data shows that most infant deaths occurring in Marion County do, in fact, occur within the first 28 days of life.
- **Number of Postneonatal Deaths (Death of a live born infant over 28 days of age, but under 1 year) Per 1,000 Live Births** - While the trend is unstable due to small numbers, Marion County's rate of postneonatal deaths has decreased recently and is lower than the Southeast Region and the State.
- **Leading Cause of Death for 1-4 Year Olds With Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population** - The leading cause of death for 1-4 year olds was accidents and adverse affects. The Marion County trend is fairly unstable, but currently the trend is drastically lower than the Southeast Region and the State.
- **Leading Cause of Death for 5-14 Year Olds With Mortality Rates Per 100,000 Population** - The leading cause of death for 5-14 year olds was accidents and adverse effects. The Marion County trend is fairly unstable, however the trend is currently lower than the Southeast Region and the State.
- **Leading Cause of Death for 15-24 Year Olds With Mortality Rates Per 100,000 Population** - Accidents and adverse affects is the leading cause of death for this age group. Traditionally, the rate for Marion County is higher than both the Southeast Region and the State. From 1985-1996, the number of deaths attributed to accidents and adverse effects in the 15-24 year old age group increased 14.6%.



| YEAR | 85-87 | 86-88 | 87-89 | 88-90 | 89-91 | 90-92 | 91-93 | 92-94 | 93-95 | 94-96 | Percent Change |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
| MARION | 116.7 | 101.7 | 103.4 | 113.8 | 106.8 | 90.5 | 82.7 | 93.2 | 122.6 | 133.7 | 14.6 |