

Smoking is a leading contributor to cancer, heart disease, COPD and cerebrovascular disease. Smoking and Tobacco Use rank in the top five of both the Community and Behavior Risk Factor Surveys. Heart disease has been the leading cause of death for Maury County residents for the past 4 years.

Teenage pregnancies are most likely the contributor to the Infant Mortality and Low Birth Weight Babies rate. Not getting adequate prenatal care and/or not having access to health care are also major factors to this rate.

### Economic Data

- As of June 1999, the unemployment rate in Maury County was 2.9%. This rate is lower than the state rate of 3.6% for this same period.
- The medium household income for Maury County, according to the U.S. 1990 census data, was \$26,238. The percent of the population living below poverty level was 13.2%.
- As of July 1998, 20.4% of the population in Maury County was enrolled in TennCare. This rate is lower than the state's rate of 23.5% and the regional rate of 22.9%.

### Teen Pregnancy

- Based on 1997 Kid's Count data, Maury County's teen pregnancy rate of 65.3% was higher than both the state's rate of 50.2% and the regional rate 38.95%.
- The infant mortality rate for Maury County per 1,000 live births in 1997 was 10.7 which was higher than the state's rate of 8.5% and the regional rate of 6.6%.

The five leading causes of infant mortality statewide are birth defects, sudden infant death syndrome, short gestation and low birthweight, respiratory distress, and infections specific to the perinatal period (period of time around birth).