

Mortality Data (Continued)

- **Motor Vehicle Accidental Deaths** (1995) accounted for 53% of deaths occurring by accident or adverse effects statewide and 46% in Montgomery County. From 1993-1995, the county's MVA death rates were the 2nd lowest in the State (averaging 17 per year @ 14.6 per 100,000 population); the county rate is 41% lower than the State rate and 13% lower than the Year 2000 National Objective (16.8 deaths per 100,000 population). Only four counties in Tennessee are below the Year 2000 National Objective.
 - ⇒ Since 1984, the MVA death rate has been highest in the 15-24 age group. Statewide statistics (1995) show the 15-24 age group MVA death rates are the highest (48.5 per 100,000). Montgomery County's death rate of 23.8 per 100,000 population in this age group is 55% below the State rate in the 15-24 age group. There were 5 MVA county deaths in this age group during 1995.
- **Nonmotor Vehicle Accidental Deaths** represent 47% of statewide deaths and 54% of county deaths from accidents or adverse effects (1995). The county rate in this category is 32% below the State rate. The 25-44 age group has the highest NVA death rate in the county and State for 1995 (26.9 per 100,000 population). This rate is 23% above the State rate for this age group. There were 5 NMVA county deaths in this age group.
- **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Allied Conditions** are the fifth leading cause of death in the State and the fourth leading cause of death in Montgomery County (1995). The county rate of death from this cause is 15% below the State rate of 43.8 deaths per 100,000 population.
- **Violent Death** rates (homicides and suicides) in the county were 17% lower in the county when compared to the State during the 1992-1994 period. The 15-24 age group has the highest violent death rates and the nonwhite rates are higher than the white rates. This is true for the county and the State. The county nonwhite rate is 94% above the white rate in this age group. This compares to a State nonwhite rate that is 309% above the white rate in this age group. The latest available data (1993-1995) for these categories follows:
 - The **Homicide** rate in the county (9.2 per 100,000 population) is 46% higher than the Region but 23% lower than the State rate. The three year average (1993-1995) for Montgomery County is eleven (11) homicides per year. The county rate is 28% above the Year 2000 National Objective (7.2 deaths per 100,000 population).
 - The **Suicide** rate in the county is 19% below the Region and 26% below the State rate. The county rate is 10% below the Year 2000 National Objective (10.5 deaths per 100,000 population). Currently the most promising approach to suicide prevention is the early identification and treatment of persons suffering from mental disorders.
 - In the "1996 KIDS COUNT" material from the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, the **Teen Violent Death Rate** (Ages 15-19) in Montgomery County is 35% below the State rate. It should be noted that the leading cause of teen violent death is motor vehicle accidents. The second leading cause of teen violent death is firearm related deaths.