

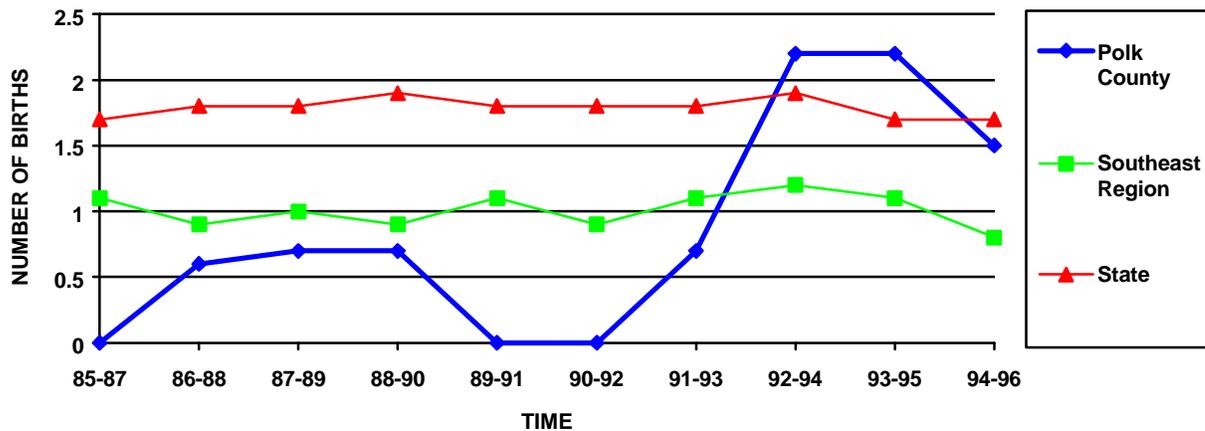
IV. SECONDARY DATA

Secondary data (information already collected by other sources for other purposes) is assembled each year by the State Office of Health Statistics and Information for Polk County. This data includes county-specific birth statistics, morbidity or disease statistics and mortality or death statistics. The data covers a twelve-year trend and is provided in three-year averages to smooth the trend lines and eliminate wide fluctuations in year-to-year rates that may distort the true trends. Polk County's data is compared to the corresponding State and Southeast Region (Bledsoe, Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie Counties) rates, national "Year 2000" objectives, and includes rates for white, non-white, and all races combined. The secondary data used in the Community Diagnosis Process is described below, with *graphs and tables used to highlight issues recognized as potential problems* by the Polk County Health Council.

Polk County Pregnancy And Birth Experience

- **Number of Births per 1,000 Females (Ages 10-44)** - The Polk County birth rate increased between 1985 and 1996. The county's rate is equal to the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. Annually, women of childbearing age in Polk County give birth to approximately 169 children.
- **Number of Pregnancies per 1,000 Females (Ages 10-44)** - The county's pregnancy rate remained stable between 1985 and 1996. Polk County's rate is equal to the Southeast Region's rate and is lower than the State rate. Approximately, 189 women of childbearing age in the county become pregnant each year.
- **Percentage of Births to Unwed Mothers (Ages 10-44)** - The county's unwed birth rate increased between 1985 and 1996. The county's rate is lower than the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. Annually, 18% of all births in the county occur to unwed women.
- **Percent of Pregnancies Occurring to Unwed Women (Ages 10-44)** - The county's unwed pregnancy rate increased somewhat between 1985 and 1996. The county's rate is lower than the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. Approximately, 25% of all pregnancies in the county occur to unwed women
- **Number of Births per 1,000 Females (Ages 10-14)** - Traditionally, the county's rate has been lower than the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. However, between 1985 and 1996 the county's birth rate for females ages 10-14 increased and overtook the rate for the Southeast Region and is now just below the State rate.

NUMBER OF BIRTHS PER 1,000 FEMALES, AGES 10-14



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
POLK	0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0	0	0.7	2.2	2.2	1.5	-