

Morbidity Data (Continued)

- The **incidence of Meningitis** in the county is 53% higher than the State rate of infection of 6.6 cases per 100,000 population. (The county had one reported case in 1994.)
- The **incidence of AIDS/HIV** cases in Stewart County has not been reported. Due to confidentiality, no county information will be released for counties reporting less than five (5) cases. The majority of the AIDS/HIV cases in the State occurred in the four major metropolitan areas because of larger populations.
- No cases were recorded in 1994 of **Lyme Disease, Tuberculosis, Influenza, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Salmonellosis Non-Typhoid, Mumps, Measles, or Rubella** in Stewart County.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Rates are serious problems in Metropolitan counties. Stewart County rates are significantly lower than the State.

- The **incidence of Syphilis** (1993-1995) in the county is zero (0) as no resident cases were reported. The Year 2000 National Objective is 10.0 cases per 100,000 population.
- The **incidence of Gonococcal Infections** is 94% less than the State rate.
- The **incidence of Chlamydia** is 63% less than the State rate of infection.

Pregnancy And Birth Data

- Many factors influence the health and well being of newborns and infants. The following risk factor comparison (1992-1994) may assist in detecting areas of strength or needed improvement:
 - The **percent of mothers with selected risk factors** (education less than 9 years, education 9-11 years, parity [births] 4+, previous termination, previous live birth now dead, previous live birth within the last 24 months) in Stewart County, having one or more factors, is 8% higher than the Region but 11% lower than the statewide percentage.
 - The **percent of live births with maternal risk factors** (smoking, C-Section, weight gain of less than 15 pounds, anemia, diabetes, hypertension, labor/delivery complications, alcohol or drug use) for county residents, having one or more risk factors, is 8% higher than the region and 15% higher than the statewide percentage. In the **adolescent age group** (ages 10-17), the mothers with one or more risk factors is 12% lower than the Region and 14% lower than the State percentage. The percent of mothers in the 18-19 age group, with one or more risk factor, is 26% lower than the Region and 29% lower than the State percentage.
 - The **percent of total births occurring to Adolescent (10-17) Mothers** in Stewart County is 26% higher than the Region but 11% lower than the statewide percentage (1993-1995). There is no Year 2000 National Objective. The **teen pregnancy rate** (per 1,000 women ages 15-17) in the county for 1994 is 5% higher than the Region and 4% higher than the State rate. Adolescents who give birth place themselves and their babies at risk of many health, educational,