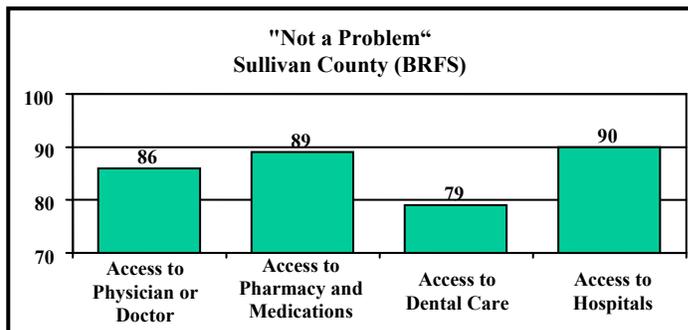
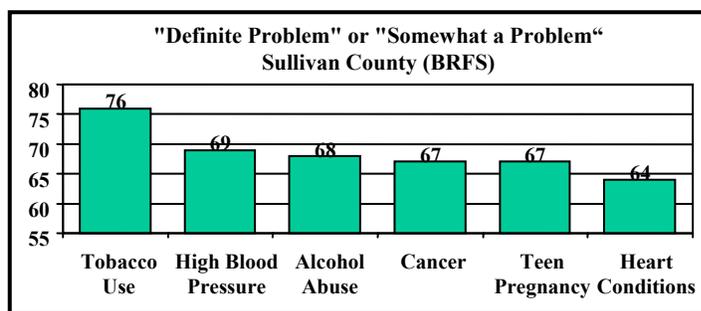


Respondents were asked to rate the access to various services as a “definite problem”, “somewhat a problem”, “not a problem”, or “not sure”



The following graph reflects the perception of health problems in Sullivan County.



## B. Secondary Data

### 1. Healthy People2000 Objectives

Healthy People 2000 (HP 2000) is a national strategy designed to improve the health of the United States by establishing health objectives that address the prevention of chronic diseases, injuries, and infectious diseases. The objectives came from the Department of Health and Human Services and were published in 1988. The Healthy People 2000 objectives are cited as appropriate, with each health care priority.

### 2. Tennessee Vital Statistics

Vital statistics from the Tennessee Department of Health are used as appropriate for comparing the health of Sullivan County with the health of other Tennesseans.

## C. Other Assessment Activities

The Sullivan County Regional Health Council established a workgroup to address each health care priority. These groups investigated stakeholder perceptions, HP 2000 objectives, Tennessee vital statistics, as well as other data from federal, state, and local sources. This information was used to assess how issues associated with each health priority affect the residents of Sullivan County now and in the future. This information will then be used by the council to plan appropriate interventions.