

- Age Adjusted Breast Cancer Death Rates, 1993-1995:

<i>Area</i>	<i>Average # Deaths per Year</i>	<i>Age-Adjusted Death Rate</i>
State	904	22.5
NE Region	51	20.6
Unicoi County	5	34.5

*Note: Unicoi County's age-adjusted rate for 1993-1995 ranked # 6 in the State of Tennessee.*

- Increasing Number of Citizens Age 40 and Over:

<i>Age</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>% Change</i>
0-19	4,063	3,796	-7
20-39	4,728	4,464	-6
40-49	2,199	2,332	6
50 Years & Over	5,559	5,904	6
Total Population	16,549	16,496	-.32

### **E. Other Secondary Data Sources**

In addition to sources of data already cited, the Unicoi County Health Council used information from other various sources, weighing the information and statistics analyzed against county demographics, manpower information, managed care Increase of Percentage of Births Lacking Adequate Prenatal Care from 1992-1996

Currently, the council continues to assess more and more current information from these additional sources in planning and reassessment of changes in the health of the community.

Some of the additional sources of information which contributed, and continues to contribute, to the council's diagnosis of health status and health care in Unicoi County include: the First Tennessee Development District "FACTS" Publication; the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth "Kids Count" report; the U.S. Department of Commerce/Bureau of the Census; the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH)/Office of Health Statistics &

Information "Tennessee's Health: Picture of the Present" report; the TDH & University of Tennessee Community Health Research Group "HIT" Internet Website.

Please visit the Health Information of Tennessee ('HIT') website where county-specific health data is continually being expanded and updated. The address is:

**WWW.SERVER.TO/HIT**

At this address you may submit custom queries on health data by going to Statistical Profiling of Tennessee ('SPOT').

### **III. Health Issues & Priorities**

After a review of available data, the council compiled and defined key health issues, which had been identified throughout the Community Diagnosis process. The list below outlines the concerns from each of the four analysis areas. Concerns are not listed in order of importance or severity:

<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>BRFS (See Note)</b>	<b>Health Statistics</b>	<b>Health Resource Inventory</b>
Specialized MD Care	Overweight	Deaths from Pneumonia & Influenza	Alcohol & Drug Services
Maternal/Prenatal Services	High Blood Pressure	STDs in Teens 15-17	Indigent Dental Care
Availability of Health Services	Tobacco Use	Aging Population	Services for Abused Persons
Cost of Health Care	Heart Disease	Deaths from Breast Cancer	Rehabilitation Services
Children's Services	Health Care Transportation	Teen Pregnancy	Mental Health Services
	Lack of Health Insurance (Note below)		Access to Assisted Living
			Access to Nursing Homes

*Note: BRFS Findings indicated that 15% of respondents were without health insurance at time of survey*

The council then prioritized these key issues on the basis of the size of population impacted, the seriousness of the health concern, and the effectiveness of potential interventions. Because of the first-hand knowledge council