

Definitions and Data Sources

Healthy Babies

Births Lacking Adequate Prenatal Care data represent the percent of births that have inadequate or intermediate prenatal care as measured by the *Kessner Index*. The Kessner Index is a scale of adequacy of prenatal care based on standards of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. This index of adequacy of prenatal care is based on the number of prenatal visits adjusted for gestational age. The Tennessee Department of Health compiled the data in this report for the calendar year 1998.

Child Death Rate represents the number of deaths per 100,000 children ages 1 to 14 from all causes. The data are reported by residence. This rate may appear excessively high in counties with small populations, although few child deaths occurred. The Tennessee Department of Health compiled the data in this report for the calendar year 1998.

Infant Mortality Rate represents the number of deaths per 1,000 live births of infants younger than 1 year of age. The data are reported by residence. The Tennessee Department of Health compiled the data used in this report for the calendar year 1998.

Immunization data represent completion rate (4 DTP or DT, 3 Polio and 1 MMR) for 2-year-old children vaccinated in a specific year. The data are based on an annual survey of a statistically valid sample of 1,622 resident births and does not include children who moved into Tennessee during the first two years of their lives. The Tennessee Department of Health Immunization Program compiled the data used in this report for the calendar year 1998.

Low-Birth-Weight Babies data represent the percent of live births recorded as low-birth-weight babies who weigh less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Department of Health for the calendar year 1998.

TennCare data are presented in two separate tables: 1) the percentage of the total population under age 21 who receive benefits, and 2) the percentage of the total population who receive benefits. Individuals included in the data were children and adults eligible for Medicaid, children and adults considered uninsurable, and children and adults who had applied and were approved for TennCare. The Bureau of TennCare compiled the data in this report for 1999.

Uninsurable Enrollee identifies individuals who provided documentation that they could get private insurance because of pre-existing medical conditions.

Uninsured Enrollee reports individuals who do not have access to private insurance through employment, i.e., people who enrolled early in the program when enrollment was open, Medicaid enrollees who are losing Medicaid eligibility and have no private insurance available, children enrolling under the open enrollment for children, and dislocated workers.

WIC stands for the Women, Infants, and Children Food Program, which was established in 1974 by Congress. WIC was designed to ensure positive health benefits for pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to five years of age who are at nutritional risk. WIC provides essential milk and food supplements to aid normal growth and development. The Tennessee Department of Health, WIC, and Nutrition Unit compiled the data in this report for the calendar year 1998.