

Cheatham County Data Summary (Continued)

- The ***incidence of AIDS/HIV*** cases in the county, cumulative since 1982/1992 respectively, are 29%/47% (AIDS/HIV) lower than the Mid-Cumberland Region. However, the county has 25% more AIDS cases and an equal number of HIV cases as the average rural county in the State. The majority of the AIDS/HIV cases in the State occurred in the four major metropolitan areas because of larger populations.
- ***Sexually Transmitted Disease Rates*** are serious problems in Metropolitan counties. Cheatham County rates are significantly lower than the State.
 - The ***incidence of Syphilis*** is 93% lower than the State rate and 55% lower than the Year 2000 National Objective.
 - The ***incidence of Gonococcal Infections*** is 95% less than the State rate.
 - The ***incidence of Chlamydia*** is 61% less than the State rate of infection.

Program Data From Other Departments

The following statistics reveals the county compares poorly in two areas. Cheatham County has a higher percentage of referrals to Juvenile Court and Children in State Care than the Region and State rate. This may indicate a greater inability in the county to access or utilize intervention services, i.e. mental health, alternative programs, etc.

Program	County	Mid-Cumberland Region	State
Percent of <i>Children Under 18 Receiving AFDC</i>	8.4	7.2	15.8
Percent of <i>Children Under 18 Below Poverty</i>	11.2	14.4	20.7
Percent of Students Participating in School <i>Free Or Reduced Price Lunch</i> Program	28.0	30.9	49.0
<i>Child Abuse And Neglect</i> Case Rates Per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5	5.3	9.1
Percent of Children <i>Referred To Juvenile Court</i>	4.9	3.6	4.1
<i>Children Under Age 18 In State Care</i> (Rate Per 1,000 Children Under Age 18)	12.5	10.8	10.0
Percent of Students Receiving <i>Special Education</i>	13.3	18.1	17.7
Percent of <i>High School Dropouts</i> (Grades 9-12, 1993-1994)	2.7	3.3	4.7
Percent of Population <i>TennCare</i> (1-16-97)	16.2	14.9	23.3