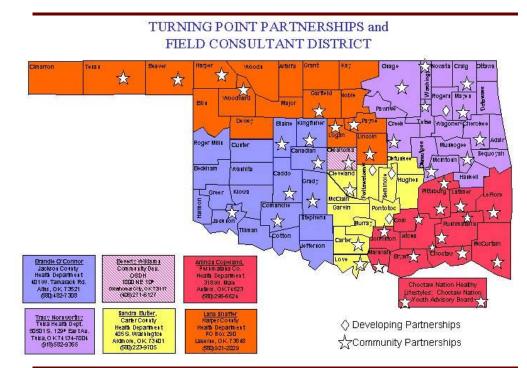


# A Look Back To Move Forward

## **Greer County**

The state of Oklahoma has been in a downward health trend since the 1990's, until recently. Through the efforts of the state and county health departments, state and local governments and the individual communities the health of Oklahomans is looking up. However, we could do more to improve the health of the citizens of Oklahoma.

This report focuses on the health factors for the citizens of Greer County. We will take a look back to discover what has been affecting the health of the citizens in order to move forward and make healthy, effective and safe changes for all.



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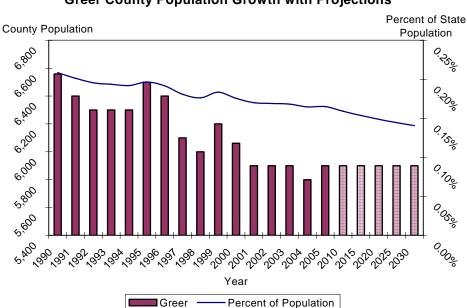
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## **Demographics**

- Population estimates
  - 8% decrease from 1990 to 2000 0 (6.559 to 6.061)
- 4% decrease from 2000 to 2004 0
- Ranked 63<sup>rd</sup> for growth in state 0

2000 Census

- Hispanic/Latino ethnicity = 7%
- Race
  - Whites = 81%0 Native Americans =2%
  - 0
  - Blacks = 9% 0
  - Other/Multiple = 7%0
- Age
  - Under 5 = 5%0
  - Over 64 = 20%0
  - Median age = 40.0 years 0
- Housing units
  - Occupied = 2,237 (80%)0
  - Vacant = 551 (20%)0
- Disability (ages 21 to 64) = 25.7%national = 19.2% state = 21.5%
- Individuals below poverty = 19.6%national = 12.4% state = 14.7%



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Greer County.

# **Top 10 Leading Causes of Death**

The top 10 leading causes of death table on the next page displays a broad picture of the causes of death in Greer County. Since many health-related issues are unique to specific ages, this table provides causes of death by age group at a glance. The causes of death that are present across almost every age group have been highlighted. From 1983 to 1993 heart disease killed 417 people in Greer County and is

Nutrition and Obesity

still the leading cause of death among all age groups. According to the Centers for Disease Control, almost \$400,000 is spent on each heart diseaserelated death. With an average of 33.2 deaths a year, heart disease accounts for over \$12

million a year in medical costs in

\* Vital Statistics, Health Care Information Systems, OSDH & Centers for Disease Control

Greer County.

Alzheimer's disease and the complications associated with it have increased from the 20<sup>th</sup> ranked cause of death (1983-1993) to the 12<sup>th</sup> ranked cause of death in persons 65 and older accounting for a 200% increase in deaths.

\* Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Health Care Information System, OSDH & Health Affairs Journal, R. Strum, 2002

## No Data Available At This Time

### **Greer County Population Growth with Projections**

Top 10 Causes of Death by Age Group Greer County 1993-2003

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Rank	0-4	05-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	All Ages
	HEART DISEASE	CANCER	UNINTENT. INJURY	HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE
1	1	1	7	2	8	17	27	310	365
	PERINATAL PERIOD	UNINTENT. INJURY	HEART DISEASE	UNINTENT. INJURY	SUICIDE	CANCER	CANCER	CANCER	CANCER
2	1	1	1	2	2	13	19	158	193
			HOMICIDE/	CANCER	CANCER	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/	STROKE	STROKE
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			SUICIDE	HEART DISEASE	HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	STROKE	DIABETES MELLITUS	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA
4			1	-	1	4	£	52	61
				ЛН	SEPTICEMIA (BLOOD POISONING)	UNINTENT. INJURY	LIVER DISEASE	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA
5				1	1	2	2	48	49
				SUICIDE	UNINTENT. INJURY	CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	STROKE	KIDNEY DISEASE	UNINTENT. INJURY
6				1	1	1	2	27	35
					VIRAL HEPATITIS	DIABETES MELLITUS	SEVEN CAUSES TIED	UNINTENT. INJURY	KIDNEY DISEASE
7					1	1	-	21	27
					OTHER	PEPTIC ULCER		DIABETES MELLITUS	DIABETES MELLITUS
8					3	1		12	16
6						SEPTICEMIA (BLOOD POISONING) 1		THREE CAUSES TIED 11	SEPTICEMIA (BLOOD POISONING) 13
						OTHER			TWO CAUSES TIED
10						7			11
Data so	ource: Vital Sté	atistics, Health	Care Informati	on Division, Ol	Data source: Vital Statistics, Health Care Information Division, Oklahoma State Department of Health	Department of	Health		

Produced by: Injury Prevention Service, Disease and Prevention Servivce, Oklahoma State Department of Health

# **Injury and Violence**

Across the nation and the state of Oklahoma, unintentional and violencerelated injuries are on the rise. Unintentional injuries account for the 4th leading cause of death in the United States and the 5th leading cause of death in Oklahoma from 1999-2002. For persons ages 1 to 44 in Oklahoma, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death.

This trend does not change much in Greer County. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death from ages 15 to 24.

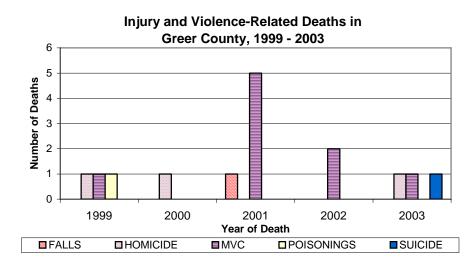
It is estimated that for every motor vehicle-related death \$1.1 million in economic costs are incurred. For Greer County which has an average of 1.8 motor vehicle-related deaths a year,

# **Tobacco Use**

that translates to over \$2 million a year.

Violence-related injuries (homicide

and suicide) in Greer County are ranked in the top 10 in three of the eight age groups (see Top 10 list on page 3).



\* *Vital Statistics,* Health Care Information Systems, OSDH & Centers for Disease Control

## No Data Available At This Time

# Physical Activity, Wellness and Diabetes

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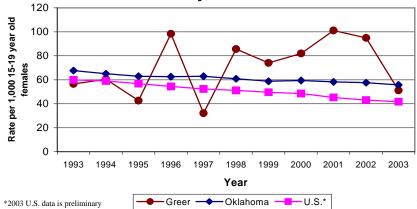
\* Sawhill V., *Policy Brief #8*, The Brookings Institute; *Vital Statistics*, Health Care Information Systems, OSDH & National Vital Statistics, Centers for Disease Control

# **Teen Pregnancy**

While births to teen mothers (age 15 to 19) are on the decline in both the U.S. and Oklahoma, Oklahoma has moved up in rank from 13th to 8th in the country. In 1993 the rate of teen births

was 60.0 (per 1,000 15-19 year old females) in the U.S. and 66.6 in Oklahoma. In 2003, the rate decreased to 41.7 in the U.S. and 55.8 in Oklahoma, a decrease of

Rate of Live Births to Teen Mothers, Ages 15-19, Greer County, 1993 to 2003



31% and 7%, respectively.

Children of teen mothers are more likely to display poor health and social outcomes than those of older mothers, such as premature birth, low birth weight, higher rates of abuse and neglect, and more likely to go to foster care or do poorly in school. Additionally, births to teen mothers accumulate \$3,200 a year for each teenage birth, which is passed on to citizens.

According to Oklahoma Vital Statistics, Greer County had a teen birth rate of 51.1 in 2003 which was a 46% decrease from 2002 (95) and a 10% decrease since 1993 (56.5).

With an average of 13 births per year, teen pregnancy costs the citizens of Greer County \$41,600.00 a year.

Note: 6 births to a mother 10-14 years of age occurred during the 11 year period.

# Poverty

As the nation advances in technology and the ability to detect and prevent disease at an earlier stage, persons that are impoverished carry a large burden of poor health outcomes. Higher incidences of unplanned or unwanted pregnancies, teen pregnancy, inadequate prenatal care, higher rates of low-birth-weight babies, infant deaths and low immunization rates are all associated with poverty along with a myriad of other adverse health outcomes.

According to the 2000 census, 19.6% of persons in Greer County

\* U.S. Census Bureau

for whom poverty status was known had an income below what was needed to live at the federal poverty level. Greer County is 33% above the state (14.7%) and 58% above the nation (12.4%) for persons with incomes below the federal poverty level.

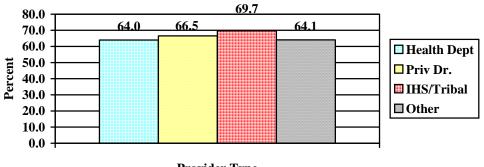
Income to Poverty Ratio, Greer County, 2000 Census							
Poverty level	Total	50% below	51% to 99% below	poverty level to 149% above	150% to 199% above	200% and above	
Population	5,058	341	651	578	767	2,721	
Cumulative Population		341	992	1,570	2,337	5,058	
% of Total	100.0%	6.7%	12.9%	11.4%	15.2%	53.8%	
Cumulative %		6.7%	19.6%	31.0%	46.2%	100.0%	

\* 2 Year-old Immunization Survey, Immunization Service, OSDH

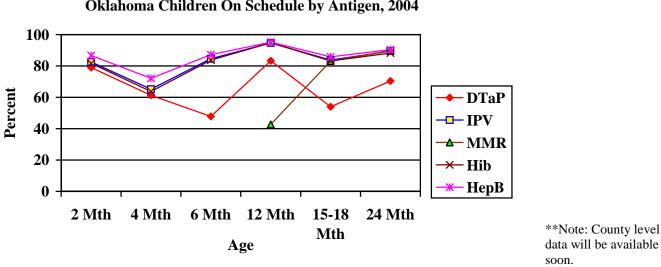


2003-04 Immunization Coverage Rates

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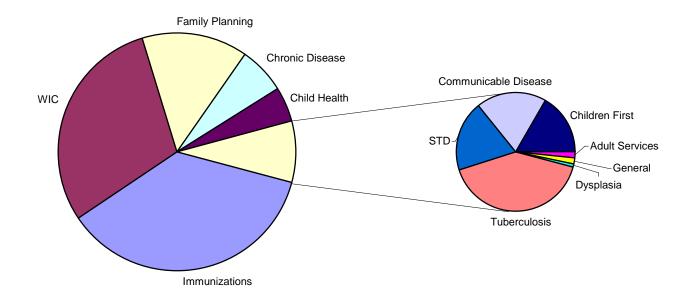






## Oklahoma Children On Schedule by Antigen, 2004

## Attended Appointments for Greer County Health Department, State Fiscal Year 05



### Health Care Costs Summary

### Cardiovascular Disease (Heart Disease)

- Average 33 deaths a year
- \$369,476.69 per death
- Total—\$12,192,730.77 a year

### Obesity

• Data Not Available At This Time

Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Death

- Average 1.8 deaths per year
- \$1,120,000.00 in economic costs per death
- Total—\$2,016,000.00 a year

#### Tobacco Use

• Data Not Available At This Time

#### Diabetes

• Data Not Available At This Time

### Teen Pregnancy

- Average of 13 births to teen mothers per year
- \$3,200.00 in costs for each birth a year
- Total—\$41,600.00 a year



# Grand Total for Greer County:

## \$14,250,330.77



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## Looking Back to Move Forward

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