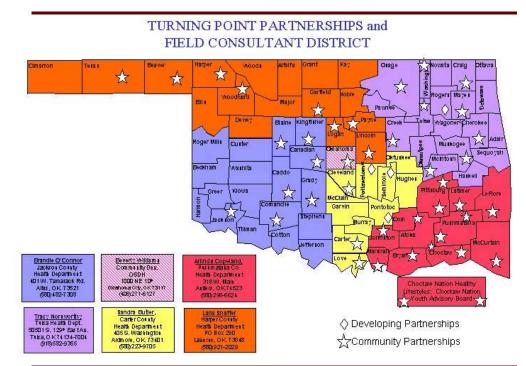


# A Look Back To Move Forward

## Muskogee 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 Muskogee 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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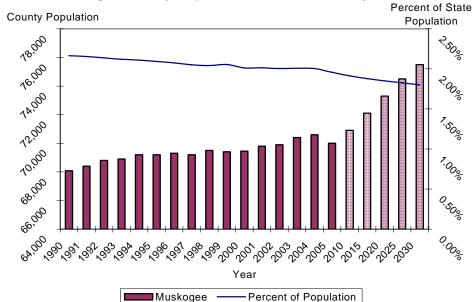
## **Demographics**

- Population estimates
  - 2% increase from 1990 to 2000 0 (68.078 to 69.451)
- 2% increase from 2000 to 2004 0
- Ranked 26<sup>th</sup> for growth in state 0

2000 Census

- Hispanic/Latino ethnicity = 3%
- Race
  - Whites = 64%0 Native Americans =15%
  - 0
  - Blacks =13% 0
  - Other/Multiple = 8%0
- Age
  - Under 5 = 7%0
  - Over 64 = 15%0
  - Median age = 37.0 years 0
- Housing units
  - Occupied = 26,458 (89%) 0
  - Vacant = 3,117 (11%)0
- Disability (ages 21 to 64) = 27.1%national = 19.2% state = 21.5%
- Individuals below poverty = 17.9%national = 12.4% state = 14.7%





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**Muskogee County.** 

### **Muskogee County Population Growth with Projections**

\* Vital Statistics, Health Care Information Systems, OSDH &

## **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 Muskogee 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 3,237 people in Muskogee County

and is 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 268.0 deaths a year, heart disease accounts for over \$99

million a year in medical costs in

Centers for Disease Control

Muskogee County.

Alzheimer's disease and the complications associated with it have increased from the 12<sup>th</sup> ranked cause of death (1983-1993) to the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked cause of death in persons 65 and older accounting for a 443% increase in deaths.

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

## Nutrition and Obesity

With the United States coming in as the most obese country in the world, health care costs related to obesity and poor nutrition are on the rise.

Of the 292 million people in the United States, 129 million are overweight or obese according to their body mass index (BMI). The number of obese (BMI > 29) and overweight (BMI 25-29) Oklahomans has been increasing at the

same rate as the nation, and health care costs are reflecting this downward spiral of health. For persons under the age of 65, on average, health care costs are \$395 more for obese individuals and are even greater for persons over the age of 65.

In 2001-2005, 27.9%



Sensible Foods - Sensible Portions 5 to 9 Fruits & Vegetables a Day

(19,601) of people in Muskogee County were considered obese which accounted for an additional \$7,742,395 in medical costs for the county. These costs are underestimated because they

do not take into account the percentage of obese or overweight persons who are over the age of 65.

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Rank	0-4	05-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	All Ages
	CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	UNINTENT. INJURY	UNINTENT. INJURY	UNINTENT. INJURY	UNINTENT. INJURY	HEART DISEASE	CANCER	HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE
٢	20	12	59	46	60	160	309	2429	2951
	PERINATAL PERIOD	LEGAL LEGAL	HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	CANCER	CANCER	CANCER	HEART DISEASE	CANCER	CANCER
2	16	3	24	22	53	122	289	1417	1929
c	SIDS	BRONCHITIS EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	SUICIDE	HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	HEART DISEASE	UNINTENT. INJURY	BRONCHITIS EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	BRONCHITIS EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	BRONCHITIS EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA
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4	14	2	4	14	23	22	34	439	501
	SEPTICEMIA (BLOOD POISONING)	CONGENITAL	CANCER	HEART DISEASE	HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	BRONCHITIS EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	STROKE	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA
5	4	1	4	12	17	20	24	380	419
	HEART DISEASE	PERINATAL PERIOD	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA	NН	ЛН	DIABETES MELLITUS	DIABETES MELLITUS	ATHERO- SCLEROSIS	UNINTENT. INJURY
9	З	-	2	6	15	20	22	196	385
	HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	SUICIDE	ANEMIA	DIABETES MELLITUS	LIVER DISEASE	LIVER DISEASE	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA	DIABETES MELLITUS	ATHERO- SCLEROSIS
7	З	1	-	5	14	19	16	140	203
	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA	ОТНЕК	BRONCHITIS EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	PNEUMONIA	STROKE	PNEUMONIA	LIVER DISEASE	ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE	DIABETES MELLITUS
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	ANEMIA		KIDNEY DISEASE	NON- CANCEROUS TUMOR	SEPTICEMIA (BLOOD POISONING)	HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	TWO CAUSES TIED	KIDNEY DISEASE	KIDNEY DISEASE
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Data s	Data source: Vital Statistics, Health Care	tistics, Health (		n Division, Okl	Information Division, Oklahoma State Department of Health	epartment of H	ealth		

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## **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 Muskogee County. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death from ages 5 to 44.

It is estimated that for every motor vehicle-related death \$1.1 million in economic costs are incurred. For Muskogee County which has an average of 12.2 motor vehicle-related deaths a

### **Tobacco Use**

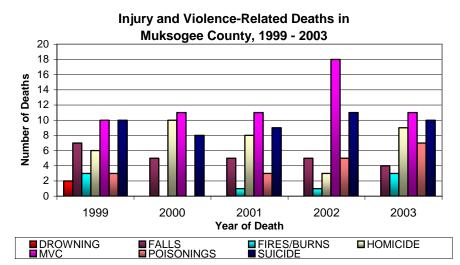
According to the 2005 State of the State's Health Report, tobacco use among Oklahomans has remained fairly stable from 1990 to 2002. Oklahoma has been consistently higher in its tobacco use than the nation and is 30% higher than the nation on the amount of tobacco consumed per capita (103 packs vs. 79 packs).

Tobacco use is no longer just the

year, that translates to almost \$14 million a year.

Violence-related injuries (homicide

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



\* *Vital Statistics*, Health Care Information Systems, OSDH &

Centers for Disease Control

problem of the individual but also the community as a whole. With health

care costs on the rise, targeting areas such as tobacco use is an effective way to control those costs.

In 2002, the CDC estimated that a person that used tobacco accrued over \$3,300 in health care costs per year. According to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, it is estimated that 25.6% (1,7985)

"Medical costs accumulated by those persons are over **\$59 million a year** for Muskogee County" of people in Muskogee County use tobacco of some sort. Medical costs accumulated by those persons are over \$59 million a year for Muskogee County.

\* *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System,* Health Care Information System, OSDH & American Diabetes Association, 2002

## Physical Activity, Wellness and Diabetes

The increasing inactivity of the U.S. population is contributing to an increase in numerous poor health-related outcomes. Physical inactivity robs the body of precious energy needed to function properly, in turn health declines and rates of various chronic diseases escalate.

According to the 2002-2004 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), it is estimated that 37.7% (26,486) of people in Muskogee County had no leisure activity in the past month at the time they were surveyed.

The BRFSS also indicated that 9.2% (6,463) of Muskogee County citizens have been diagnosed by a health professional as having dia-



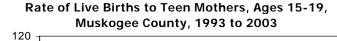
Increase activity gradually. Moderate exercise for 30 minutes 5 days a week. betes. In 2002, the per capita annual healthcare costs for people with diabetes was \$13,243 compared to \$2,560 for people without diabetes. Persons with diabetes accumulated health care costs of \$85,589,509.00 in one year for Muskogee County.

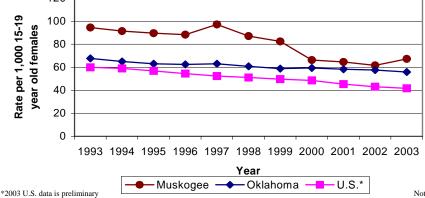
\* Sawhill V., *Policy Brief #8*, The Brookings Institute; *Vital Statistics*, Health Care Information Systems, OSDH & National Vital Statistics, Centers for Disease Control

## 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





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, Muskogee County had a teen birth rate of 67.3 in 2003 which was a 9% increase from 2002 (61.6) and a 29% decrease since 1993 (94.5).

With an average of 206 births per year, teen pregnancy costs the citizens of Mus-kogee County \$659,200.00 a year.

Note: 39 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, 17.9% of persons in Muskogee

\* U.S. Census Bureau

County for whom poverty status was known had an income below what was needed to live at the federal poverty level. Muskogee County is 22% above the state (14.7%) and 44% above the nation (12.4%) for persons with incomes below the federal poverty level.

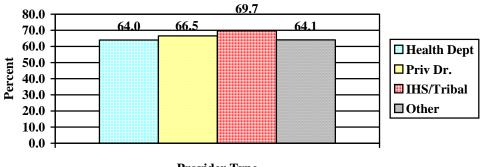
Income to Poverty Ratio, Muskogee County, 2000 Census						
Poverty level	Total	50% below	51% to 99% below	poverty level to 149% above	150% to 199% above	200% and above
Population	66,136	4,599	7,247	9,376	7,665	37,249
Cumulative Population		4,599	11,846	21,222	28,887	66,136
% of Total	100.0%	7.0%	11.0%	14.2%	11.6%	56.3%
Cumulative %		7.0%	17.9%	32.1%	43.7%	100.0%

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

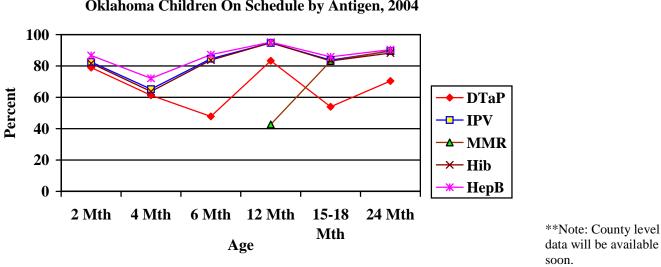


2003-04 Immunization Coverage Rates

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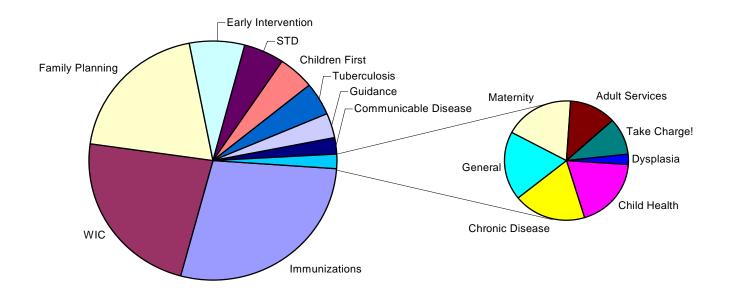






### Oklahoma Children On Schedule by Antigen, 2004

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



## Health Care Costs Summary

Cardiovascular Disease (Heart Disease) Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Death

- Average 268 deaths a year
- \$369,476.69 per death
- Total— \$99,019,752.92 a year

### Obesity

- 27.9% of population (19,601)
- \$395.00 in additional medical costs per person
- Total—\$7,742,395.00



- Average 12.2 deaths per year
- \$1,120,000.00 in economic costs per death
- Total—\$13,664,000.00 a year

### Tobacco Use

- 25.6% of population (1,7985)
- \$3,300.00 in health care costs
- Total \$59,350,500.00 a year

#### Diabetes

- 9.2% of population (6,463)
- \$13,243.00 in healthcare costs a year
- Total—\$85,589,509.00 a year

#### Teen Pregnancy

- Average of 206 births to teen mothers per year
- \$3,200.00 in costs for each birth a year
- Total—\$659,200.00 a year

### Grand Total for Muskogee County:

\$266,025,356.92

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### Looking Back to Move Forward

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## **Muskogee County Turning Point**

We want to say Thank You to the members of the Muskogee County Turning Point Coalition. You are doing a wonderful job!

- Muskogee Parks & Recreation
- Muskogee County Health Department
- DHS
- Muskogee Regional Medical Center
- MCHB
- Cherokee Nation Muskogee Health Center
- ECOMAA
- APRC
- Haskell Public Schools
- Muskogee Public Schools
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