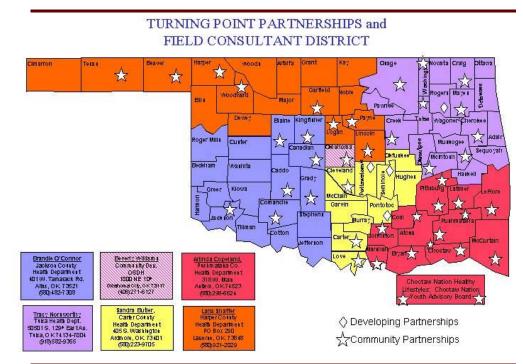


# A Look Back To Move Forward

# Washita 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 Washita 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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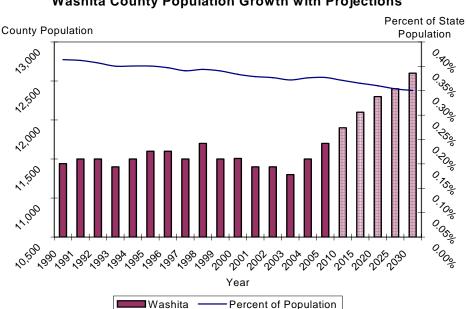
## **Demographics**

#### \* U.S. Census Bureau

- Population estimates
  - 1% increase from 1990 to 2000 0 (11,441 to 11,508)
- No change from 2000 to 2004 0
- Ranked 41<sup>st</sup> for growth in state 0

2000 Census

- Hispanic/Latino ethnicity = 4%
- Race
  - Whites = 92%0 Native Americans =3%
  - 0
  - Blacks =0% 0
  - Other/Multiple = 4%0
- Age
  - Under 5 = 6%0
  - Over 64 = 19%0
- Median age = 39.2 years 0
- Housing units
  - Occupied = 4,506 (83%)0
  - Vacant = 946 (17%)0
- Disability (ages 21 to 64) = 18.6% national = 19.2% state = 21.5%
- Individuals below poverty = 15.5%national = 12.4% state = 14.7%



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\$23 million a year in

medical costs in

Washita 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 Washita 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 653 people in Washita County and

is still the leading cause of death among all age groups. According the Centers for Disease Control, almost \$400,000 is spent on each heart diseaserelated death. With an average of 61.6 deaths a year, heart disease accounts for almost

\$23 million a year in medical costs

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

in Washita County.

Alzheimer's disease and the complications associated with it have increased from the 11<sup>th</sup> ranked cause of death (1983-1993) to the 5<sup>th</sup> ranked cause of death in persons 65 and older accounting for a 538% 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 2002-2004, 21.8%



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

(2,452) of people in Washita County were considered obese which accounted for an additional \$968,540 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.

## Washita County Population Growth with Projections

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

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Valla	0-4	+I-CO	13-24	+C-C7	50-44	40-04	+0-CC	+00	All Ages
	UNINTENT. INJURY	KIDNEY DISEASE	UNINTENT. INJURY	UNINTENT. INJURY	HEART DISEASE	CANCER	HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE
1	4	1	11	5	6	20	51	601	676
	PERINATAL PERIOD	SUICIDE	CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	SUICIDE	CANCER	HEART DISEASE	CANCER	CANCER	CANCER
2	3	1	2	3	6	15	39	259	327
	CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	UNINTENT. INJURY	SUICIDE	CANCER	UNINTENT. INJURY	UNINTENT. INJURY	UNINTENT. INJURY	STROKE	STROKE
3	1	1	2	2	5	9	8	93	101
	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA		HEART DISEASE	HEART DISEASE	NON- CANCEROUS TUMOR	STROKE	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA
4	1		1	1	1	2	7	61	69
	SEPTICEMIA (BLOOD POISONING)		HOMICIDE/ LEGAL	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA	STROKE	CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	STROKE	ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE	UNINTENT. INJURY
5	1		1	1	1	2	4	51	62
9			KIDNEY DISEASE 1	отнек 1	CONGENITAL ANOMALIES 1	BRONCHITIS/ EMPHYSEMA/ ASTHMA 1	DIABETES MELLITUS 3	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA 42	ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE 52
7					HIV 1	DIABETES MELLITUS 1	NON- CANCEROUS TUMOR 2	DIABETES MELLITUS 40	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA 45
8					LIVER DISEASE	INFLUENZA/ PNEUMONIA 1	LIVER DISEASE 2	ATHERO- SCLEROSIS 37	DIABETES MELLITUS 44
б					suicide 1	suicide 1	FIVE CAUSES TIED 1	KIDNEY DISEASE 24	ATHERO- SCLEROSIS 37
10						VIRAL HEPATITIS 1		UNINTENT. INJURY 19	kidney disease 26
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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 Washita County. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death from ages 15 to 34.

It is estimated that for every motor vehicle-related death \$1.1 million in economic costs are incurred. For Washita County which has an average of 2.6 motor vehicle-related deaths a year,

# Tobacco Use

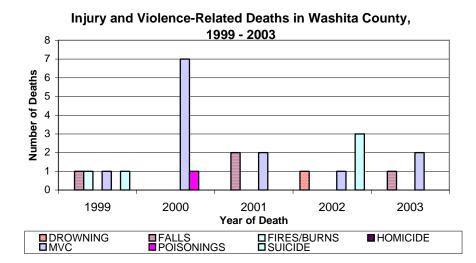
According to the 2005 State of the State's Health Report, tobacco use among Oklahomans has remained fairly stable from 1990 to 2002. Oklahoma has been consistently higher in its tobacco use than the nation and is 30% higher than the nation on the amount of tobacco consumed per capita (103 packs vs. 79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

Tobacco use is no longer just the

that translates to almost \$3 million a year.

Violence-related injuries (homicide

and suicide) in Washita County are ranked in the top 10 in five 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 23.1% (2,598)

"Medical costs accumulated by those persons are almost **\$9 million a year** for Washita County" of people in Washita County use tobacco of some sort. Medical costs accumulated by those persons are almost \$9 million a year for Washita 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 24.2% (2,722) of people in Washita County had no leisure activity in the past month at the time they were surveyed.

The BRFSS also indicated that 4.6% (517) of Washita County citizens have been diagnosed by a health professional as having diabe-



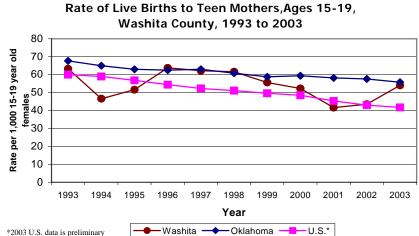
Increase activity gradually. Moderate exercise for 30 minutes 5 days a week. tes. In 2002, the per capita annual healthcare costs for people with diabetes was \$13,243 compared to \$2,560 for people without diabetes. Persons with diabetes accumulated health care costs of \$6,846,631.00 in one year for Washita 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, Washita County had a teen birth rate of 54 in 2003 which was a 24% increase from 2002 (43.5) and a 15% decrease since 1993 (63.3).

With an average of 24 births per year, teen pregnancy costs the citizens of Washita County \$76,800.00 a year.

Note: 5 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, 15.5% of persons in Washita

\* 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. Washita County is 5% above the state (14.7%) and 25% above the nation (12.4%) for persons with incomes below the federal poverty level.

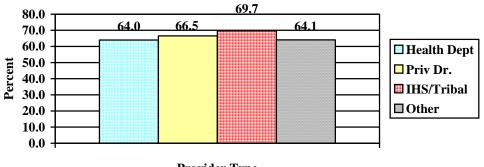
Income to Poverty Ratio, Washita County, 2000 Census							
Poverty level	Total	50% below	51% to 99% below	poverty level to 149% above	150% to 199% above	200% and above	
Population	11,245	772	971	1,548	1,436	6,518	
Cumulative Population		772	1,743	3,291	4,727	11,245	
% of Total	100.0%	6.9%	8.6%	13.8%	12.8%	58.0%	
Cumulative %		6.9%	15.5%	29.3%	42.0%	100.0%	

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

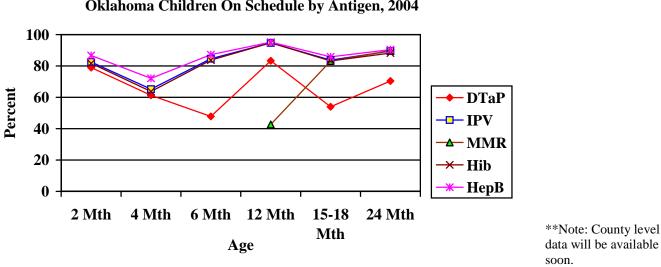


2003-04 Immunization Coverage Rates

4:3:1:3:3 Coverage by Location of Shots, Oklahoma, 2004







## Oklahoma Children On Schedule by Antigen, 2004

# **County Health Department Usage**

#### 100% 90% 80% 70% Percent of Visits\* 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Adult Services Child Health Early Family Maternity STD Tuberculosis WIC Intervention Planning **Health Service** BECKHAM CADDO **CUSTER** ■ KIOWA ROGER MILLS

## Health Services Sought in Surrounding Counties by Washita County Residents for SFY 05

# Health Care Costs Summary

Cardiovascular Disease (Heart Disease)

- Average 62 deaths a year
- \$369,476.69 per death
- Total— \$22,907,554.78 a year

## Obesity

- 21.8% of population (2,452)
- \$395.00 in additional medical costs per person
- Total—\$968,540.00



Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Death

- Average 2.6 deaths per year
- \$1,120,000.00 in economic costs per death
- Total—\$2,912,000.00 a year

## Tobacco Use

- 23.1% of population (2,598)
- \$3,300.00 in health care costs
- Total—\$8,573,400.00 a year

#### Diabetes

- 4.6% of population (517)
- \$13,243.00 in healthcare costs a year
- Total—\$6,846,631.00 a year

## Teen Pregnancy

- Average of 24 births to teen mothers per year
- \$3,200.00 in costs for each birth a year
- Total—\$76,800.00 a year

Grand Total for Washita County:

\$42,284,925.78

WASHITA COUNTY



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## Looking Back to Move Forward

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