

RUTHERFORD COUNTY HEALTH WATCH

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	Rutherford County	Tennessee
Population 2000	182,023	5,689,283
Population % change 1990-2000	+53.5%	+16.7%
Population % change 1990-2000 age 65 or older	+38.2%	+15.6%
White persons, percent (2000)	85.7%	80.2%
Black or African American persons, percent (2000)	9.5%	16.4%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent (2000)	2.8%	2.2%
Median household income, (1997) estimate	\$43,488	\$32,047
Households with persons under age 18, % 2000	40.9%	35.2%
Persons age 25+ with high school diploma or higher	71.4%	67.1%
Persons age 25+ with bachelor's degree or higher	15.6%	16%

US Census Data. Table provided by Tennessee Small Business Center at Middle Tennessee State University

American Cancer Society Quick Facts

	Rutherford County	Tennessee
Caucasian women ever had a mammogram	38%	62.8%
Black women ever had a mammogram	26%	58.4%
Mortality rate for breast cancer (1996 tumor registry)	28	24.8
Incidence rate for lung cancer	69.5	79.9
Incidence rate for prostate cancer	74.2	24.8
Death caused by cancer 1999	22.4%	22.2%
Death caused by diseases of the heart 1999	30.3%	30.3%
Death caused by accidents 1999	6.1%	4.9%

Mortality rates for the county were higher for both breast and lung cancer than the state or the national rates.

Breast cancer **incidence** is highest among Caucasian women. Breast cancer **mortality** is highest among Black women.

Black men are more than twice as likely to die of prostate cancer than men of other racial and ethnic groups.

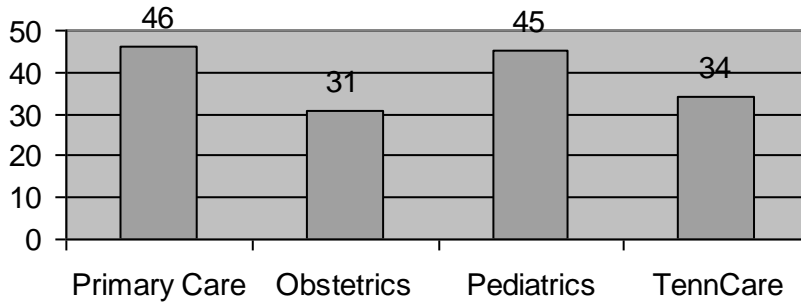


What does this mean?

- **More Caucasian women get breast cancer. More Black women die from breast cancer. There are many reasons, including fear of tests, which may cause this.**
- **Mammograms are important for all women.**
- **Rates in our county are too low for this important medical test.**

	Rutherford County	Tennessee
Pregnancy rate ages 10-17 all races	12.8	17.5
Pregnancy rate ages 10-17 white	12.2	13.4
Pregnancy rate ages 10-17 black	15.4	33.2
Percent births with adequate care	77.8%	74.4%
Percent births with no care	1.0%	1.3%
Infant deaths	12	597
Neonatal deaths	7	388
Total Infant Death rate	4.4	7.7

**1999 Rutherford County Ranking 1-95
(worst to best) Provider to Population Ratio**



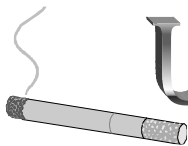
1999 Hospital Statistics

Rutherford County had 1.7 (TN 4.3) licensed beds and 1.1 (TN 3.3) staffed beds per 1,000 population.

1998 Nursing Home Statistics

Rutherford County had 64 licensed beds (TN 56) and 72.6 (TN 55.6) staffed beds per 1000 population of 65+.

TN Behavioral Risk Factor Survey 1998	White Males	Other Males	White Females	Other Females
Percentage of current smoking	28.0	41.4	22.9	19.4
Percentage of overweight	36.8	37.0	34.6	50.5
Percentage respondents who reported diabetes	5.2	6.7	6.1	7.7
Percentage who reported no physical activity	33.5	32.7	37.2	41.9
Percentage respondents fair or poor health	17.3	17.7	18.8	20.3
Percentage consuming 5+ fruits/vegetables	27.8	19.6	35.2	20.6



Up In Smoke

Nearly 3000 young people become regular smokers each day, which means 1,000,000 new smokers every year.

In 2000, 41.3% of TN high school students and 23.2% of TN middle school students reported using some form of tobacco on one or more days during the 30 days prior to the survey.

Cigarette smoking is by far the most important risk factor in the development of lung cancer.

Male (40%) and female (34%) high school dropouts have higher percentages of cigarette smoking.

The last Tennessee cigarette tax increase was in 1969, with the current state tax of 13 cents per pack, ranking 45th among all states.

KIDS AND TOBACCO

Over 55% of Tennessee students who are current smokers want to quit

More community based events to discourage tobacco use are greatly needed in Tennessee if our youth are to become tobacco free!

TennCare provides health insurance to 604,415 children under the age of 21. That's 38% of all Tennessee children. Rutherford County has 27,510 total enrolled in TennCare.

Summary Recommendations for Rutherford County: Our citizens still struggle with unhealthy habits such as tobacco use and sedentary lifestyles, which directly lead to unwanted health effects---cancer and heart disease.

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