Birth, marriage, death, disease, and accidents are among the vital statistics collected to help measure the health and well-being of the population. Kosciusko County had 1,070 births in 1996, a change of 24 births from five years earlier in 1992 (2.3 percent increase). Of those live births, 145 were to teen mothers under age 20 — or 13.6 percent of all births in the county. Most births occurred to women between the ages of 20 to 29 (59.1 percent) and 30 to 39 (26.1 percent). There were 12 births to women age 40 and older in 1996, and 15 in 1992. The number of teen pregnancies in 1995 was 172, compared to 172 (13.8 percent) in 1990. There were 666 marriages in 1996, and 647 in 1990.

Among Kosciusko County two-year old children in 1996, 58 percent had been fully immunized. Kosciusko County had 517 deaths in 1996. Of those deaths, 150 (29.0 percent) were due to heart disease and 143 (27.7 percent) due to cancer. Motor vehicle accidents claimed 21 lives in 1996.

Sadly, in fiscal year 1997, 185 Kosciusko County children were reported abused and 210 neglected; of those, 44 were substantiated as physical abuse, 56 as sexual abuse, and 114 as neglect. The percent of cases substantiated was 54.1 percent for abuse and 54.3 percent for neglect. The rate of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children under age 18 in Kosciusko County was 11.4 in 1997, compared to 13.4 in 1996.