Health & Well-Being

What we know about Scott County...

Birth, marriage, death, disease, and accidents are among the vital statistics collected to help measure the health and well-being of the population. Scott County had 347 births in 1996, a change of 54 births from five years earlier in 1992 (18.4 percent increase). Of those live births, 74 were to teen mothers under age 20 — or 21.3 percent of all births in the county. Most births occurred to women between the ages of 20 to 29 (48.1 percent) and 30 to 39 (15.0 percent). There was 1 birth to women age 40 and older in 1996, and 1 in 1992. The number of teen pregnancies in 1995 was 67, compared to 60 (18.1 percent) in 1990. There were 253 marriages in 1996, and 175 in 1990.

Among Scott County two-year old children in 1996, 79 percent had been fully immunized. Scott County had 235 deaths in 1996. Of those deaths, 82 (34.9 percent) were due to heart disease and 55 (23.4 percent) due to cancer. Motor vehicle accidents claimed 7 lives in 1996.

Sadly, in fiscal year 1997, 348 Scott County children were reported abused and 472 neglected; of those, 76 were substantiated as physical abuse, 56 as sexual abuse, and 139 as neglect. The percent of cases substantiated was 37.9 percent for abuse and 29.4 percent for neglect. The rate of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children under age 18 in Scott County was 46.5 in 1997, compared to 42.0 in 1996.

### Births by Age of Mother

- **Under 20**: 59 (1992), 74 (1996)
- **20 to 29**: 186 (1992), 167 (1996)
- **30 to 39**: 47 (1992), 52 (1996)
- **40 plus**: 1 (1992), 1 (1996)

Questions to ponder...

Are low-cost health services such as immunization for children available to the working poor? What programs can help children and teens at risk? Are services available to help mothers of newborns? Do schools or other organizations provide education to children on drug and alcohol abuse? Is there a safety-net available to abuse victims?