Birth, marriage, death, disease, and accidents are among the vital statistics collected to help measure the health and well-being of the population. Switzerland County had 83 births in 1996, a change of -9 births from five years earlier in 1992 (-9.8 percent decrease). Of those live births, 8 were to teen mothers under age 20 — or 9.6 percent of all births in the county. Most births occurred to women between the ages of 20 to 29 (59.0 percent) and 30 to 39 (19.3 percent). There were 2 births to women age 40 and older in 1996, and 1 in 1992. The number of teen pregnancies in 1995 was 15, compared to 15 (15.2 percent) in 1990. There were 48 marriages in 1996, and 43 in 1990.

Among Switzerland County two-year old children in 1996, 60 percent had been fully immunized. Switzerland County had 91 deaths in 1996. Of those deaths, 24 (26.4 percent) were due to heart disease and 24 (26.4 percent) due to cancer. Motor vehicle accidents claimed 1 life in 1996.

Sadly, in fiscal year 1997, 42 Switzerland County children were reported abused and 108 neglected; of those, 11 were substantiated as physical abuse, 10 as sexual abuse, and 49 as neglect. The percent of cases substantiated was 50.0 percent for abuse and 45.4 percent for neglect. The rate of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children under age 18 in Switzerland County was 33.5 in 1997, compared to 33.0 in 1996.