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# **Letter to the Community**

Releasing
these findings
is a crucial
step in building
a healthier
community.

Dr. Martha Buchanan
 Director, Knox County
 Health Department

To effectively respond to the health needs of our community, we must have a deep understanding of the challenges we face. This report, which outlines the priority health issues for Knox County, is the culmination of more than one and half years of data collection and evaluation. This extensive process, based on a national model, involved dozens of partners and thousands of residents.

We are uniquely positioned to conduct this work because of our expertise in this area, namely in our epidemiology division. Even so, we devote time and resources to this for a variety of reasons. This assessment is not only a crucial part of our own strategic approach to improve health, but it also informs the work of our partners, medical providers, nonprofits and many others. In addition, we produce this report in support of the Community Health Council's health improvement plan, which brings together a diverse group of organizations from across the community.

The Community Health Assessment draws on data and information gathered from four assessments recommended under the national Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) framework. All of the information gathered from the assessments was then synthesized by our epidemiologists, resulting in the 14 topic areas outlined. The topic areas were determined either by statistical relevance using a variety of valid sources, or were cited repeatedly during key informant interviews and focus groups.

As you'll read in this report, some groups of people have higher rates of certain diseases compared to others. We have noted these differences when they are statistically significant. It is important to recognize these disparities because race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status and other social factors can play a major role in an individual's health. Therefore, to improve the health of everyone in our community, we must be aware of and address these social determinants of health.

This is the second Community Health Assessment we've conducted; the first was in 2010. As part of our commitment to improving the health of our community, we plan to release a similar assessment every few years, and we hope they serve as useful tools and references for all readers. If you have any questions or suggestions for future reports, please contact our Director of Community Assessment at 865-215-5095.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martha Buchanan

Director, Knox County Health Department

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# **Knox County Health Department**

# **Community Health Assessment: Health Priorities**

#### Introduction

The 2014-2015 Community Health Assessment was conducted by the Knox County Health Department in support of Together Healthy Knox, an initiative of the Community Health Council. Created in part to guide a community health improvement process, the council is an independent entity made up of various community members that serves the City of Knoxville, Knox County and the Town of Farragut.

This assessment details the priority health issues for Knox County after consideration of all the data collected. The Community Health Council will select four top issues from this assessment to integrate into a Community Health Improvement Plan.

#### Methodology

In 2014, the Knox County Health Department held monthly meetings with partner agencies to organize and coordinate the assessment data collection process (12 focus groups, 26 key informant interviews, a quality of life survey with more than 2,000 responses, etc.). Once the qualitative assessments were underway, the meetings were used to review the 2010 Knox County Community Health Assessment to determine any new data needs. Additionally, the Knox County Health Department epidemiology staff reviewed local and state health assessments for methodology and data collection comparisons. Information from the Behavior Risk Factor Survey (BRFS), conducted every three years in Knox County, and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), conducted every two years in Knox County public middle and high schools, was combined with local birth, mortality and disease prevalence data. To set a benchmark, the data were compared to the applicable targets outlined in Healthy People 2020, a national set of standards created to improve health. The health department's epidemiology staff also noted areas of limitation in which County-level data were not available. All data were evaluated to reveal the health issues for Knox County. These health issues were then narrowed down to 14 topic areas that represent the priority health issues for Knox County. Public input on a summary of this assessment was sought in person and online in June 2015. Obesity, nutrition and physical activity were most commonly cited as major community issues.

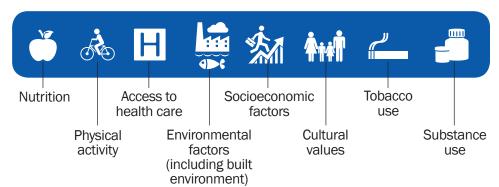


#### **Community Description**

Approximately 448,644 individuals reside in Knox County based on 2014 estimates. Since 2010, the population has increased nearly four percent. The average Knox County resident is 37 years old and 14 percent of the population is over 65 years old. The makeup of Knox County is slightly more female than male and predominantly white. Black individuals make up nearly 10 percent of Knox County's population with individuals of other races and ethnicities making up five percent. The median annual household income for Knox County residents is \$47,694 with 14.6 percent of all residents living below poverty level. Approximately 1 in 5 children in Knox County are living below the poverty level. More than 93 percent of Knox County residents completed high school, and 33 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Approximately 13 percent of Knox County residents report living with some type of disability.

#### **GRAPHICS KEY**

The symbols below represent contributing factors to the health issues described in this report. Look for these symbols in this report to learn about root causes of health issues in Knox County.



The Knox County Health Department epidemiology staff identified the following health priorities for the county, based on all data collected. This information was presented to the Community Health Council for review.

TOPIC AREAS IDENTIFIED	HEALTH PRIORITIES
Access to Health Services	Increase health coverage for Knox County residents (emphasis on unemployed)
Cancer	<ul> <li>Decrease lung cancer mortality</li> <li>Increase radon awareness</li> </ul>
Diabetes	See obesity, nutrition, physical activity
Environmental Health	Increase access and availability of safe greenways, sidewalks and parks
Food Access	<ul> <li>Increase access and availability of healthy food versus unhealthy food</li> <li>Address potential misconceptions around perceived cost of healthy food versus unhealthy food</li> </ul>
Heart Disease	See obesity, nutrition, physical activity
Injury and Violence	<ul> <li>Decrease bullying among adolescents</li> <li>Decrease poisoning deaths (especially those related to opioid and meth use)</li> </ul>
Maternal, Infant and Child Health	<ul> <li>Increase the number of women receiving adequate preconception/prenatal care</li> <li>Decrease Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) incidence</li> </ul>
Mental Health	<ul> <li>Increase access to mental health services</li> <li>Decrease depression/suicidal thoughts among adolescents</li> </ul>
Obesity, Nutrition, Physical Activity	<ul> <li>Decrease screen time in youth</li> <li>Increase availability of physical education in schools</li> <li>Decrease unhealthy food choices</li> </ul>
Oral Health	<ul> <li>Increase access to oral health services for youth, the unemployed and those unable to work</li> </ul>
Reproductive and Sexual Health	Increase birth control education
Substance Use	<ul><li>Decrease opioid abuse</li><li>Decrease marijuana use and binge drinking in youth</li></ul>
Tobacco Use	Decrease tobacco use, particularly in youth and pregnant women

**Access to Health Services** 

# **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

- Increase health care coverage for Knox County residents (emphasis on unemployed)
- Impact of the Affordable Care Act

# **Benchmark**

**Persons with medical insurance:** 



**72**%

have private insurance

- Healthy People 2020 target: 100 percent
- Knox County: 86.4 percent

#### Have health insurance:

87.6% 86.4% 87.6% STABLE

# Unable to see a doctor due to cost:

15.4% 13.3%

**Significant Facts** 

66% of Knox County adults aged 40+ reported having insurance for eye care.

43.8 percent

of unemployed

adults reported

to see a doctor

in the past year

(compared to

Source: BRFS, 2014

15.9 percent

of employed

adults).

due to cost

they were unable

Source: BRFS, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014



# 15.5% of the unemployed do not have health employed insurance do not have healtl insurance

Of those insured ...

have public

health insurance (Medicare. TennCare, Medicaid)

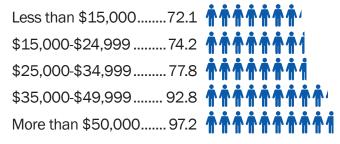
Source: BRFS, 2014

# **Disparities**

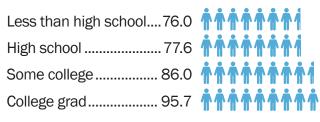
Percent of adults who reported they have health coverage:



#### **Household Income**



#### Education



Source: BRFS, 2014

months due to cost:

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#### Education

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Some college 18.2	1
College grad7.0	

Source: BRFS, 2014

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# 15.8 percent of Knox County adults

(14.9 percent white, 16.9 percent black) reported that they couldn't see a doctor in the past year due to cost. This is more than three times higher than the Healthy People 2020 target of reducing the proportion of persons who are unable to obtain or delay in obtaining necessary medical care (4.2 percent). Source: BRFS, 2014

think a healthy community is where everyone can get health care, whether it's mental health care or physical, but ... where everyone can get some health care.

- Focus Group, 2014

#### **POSITIVES/RESOURCES**



Source: BRFS, 2014

- Hospitals/physicians per capita
- TennCare system
- Knox County Indigent Care Program
- City of Knoxville Office on Homelessness
- · Cherokee Health Systems integrated care
- InterFaith Health Clinic
- The Free Medical Clinic
- Knox Area Project Access













# **Cancer**

# **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

- Lung cancer mortality
- See Obesity, Tobacco, Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Radon awareness

#### **Benchmarks**

#### **Death rates for all types of cancer**



Healthy People 2020 target: 179.3 deaths per 100,000

• **Knox County**: 197.5 deaths per 100,000

• White: 211.0 per 100,000

• Black: 151.5 per 100,000

#### Lung cancer death rate



• Healthy People 2020 target: 45.5 deaths per 100,000

- **Knox County:** 58.9 deaths per 100,000 (disparities evident)
- Smoking causes approximately 90 percent of all lung cancer
- Radon continues to be a risk for lung cancer in Knox County.

#### **Breast cancer death rate**



• **Healthy People 2020 target**: 20.7 deaths per 100,000 females

Knox County: 22.7 deaths per 100,000 females

#### **Colorectal cancer death rate**



• Healthy People 2020 target: 14.5 deaths per 100,000

• Knox County: 15.2 deaths per 100,000

Sources: Health Information Tennessee. 2009: 2010-2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# Screening for cervical, **Contributing Factors** H M L

colorectal, and breast cancers

helps find these diseases at an early, often highly treatable stage.

Knox County adults met the Healthy People 2020 target for breast cancer and colon cancer screening.

**All Cancer** 

Mortality

Tobacco use

Genetics

Per 100,000

206.7

2011

Tennessee Department of Health

**Causes of Cancer Include** 

Environmental carcinogens (including)

Poor diet and physical inactivity

Source: American Cancer Society website, 2015

Sun and UV exposure

Radiation exposure

radon exposure)

Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment,

Sources: 2010-2013 vital records provided by the

TREND: STABLE

193.1

2012

# **Disparities**

Black male White males

Lung cancer mortality is greatest among black males (95.8 deaths per 100,000) compared to white males (79.5 per 100,000). However, lung cancer mortality is greater among whites than blacks in general.

Black female White females • Breast cancer mortality is greater among black females (27.6 deaths per 100,000) compared to white females (22.4 per 100,000).

Black male White males

 Colon cancer mortality is greater among black males (25.6 deaths per 100,000) compared to white males (19.4 deaths per 100,000).



• Males experience a greater mortality from **colon cancer** than females (19.8 deaths per 100,000 males compared to 11.9 deaths per 100,000 females).

Source: Health Information Tennessee, 2009

#### **Knox County Rates of Diagnosis** Per 100,000

All cancer..... ... 165.5 Prostate cancer..... All childhood cancer (0-19 years) ....... .... 156.5 Lung cancer..... ..39.1 Colorectal cancer... ..30.0 Skin melanoma..... .12.6 Pancreatic cancer.

Source: Cancer in Tennessee, 2007-2011



Cancer (all types) was the leading cause of death in Knox County in 2013.

Source: 2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health



You're never going to have equality in health unless you get people out of poverty.

- Focus Group, 2014



- The number of adults who reported they smoked is gradually decreasing in Knox County.
- American Cancer Society
- Hospitals and oncologists in community for treatment
- Cancer Support Community of East Tennessee
- Reported cancer screening rates in Knox County meets Healthy People 2020 targets.

# **Diabetes**

### **Prevalence**

Male Female White Black 111% 10.1% 10.9% 112.6%

**Percent of Knox County adults who reported they were** diagnosed with diabetes during their lifetime:

Source: BRFS, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014

### **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

- Rising number of Type 2 diabetes in Knox County Youth
- See Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity

Mortality (Deaths per 100,000 population)

**Total population** 

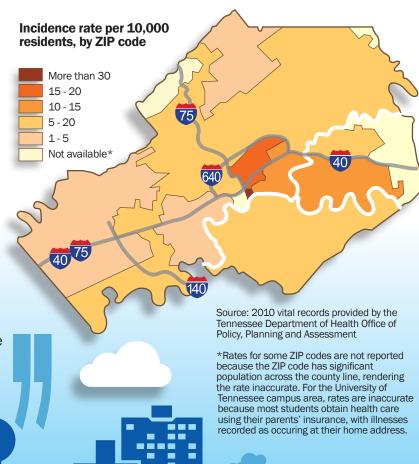
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We should also mention affordable medications for people that require them ... I have Type 1 diabetes. I spend lots of money on medications and pump supplies and things in a year. I have no choice. To survive, to live another day, I must buy these things. So I am at the mercy of a whole lot of systems, insurance companies, physicians, on what I can take, what I can't, what is regulated. - Focus Group, 2014

# **Diabetes Hospitalizations, 2010**



#### **Benchmarks**



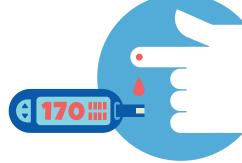
The proportion of adults with diabetes who perform self-blood glucose monitoring at least once daily.

- Healthy People 2020 target: 70.4 percent
- Knox County: 65 percent



The proportion of persons with diagnosed diabetes who receive formal diabetes education.

- Healthy People 2020 target: 62.5 percent
- Knox County: 51 percent



The prevalence of diabetes. especially in the **African-American** community, was cited as a **critical health issue** in the key informant interviews.

Source: Kev informant interviews, 2014

37% of Quality of Life survey respondents chose diabetes as an important health problem among Knox

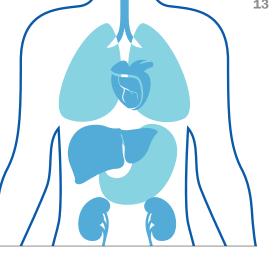
County adults.

 Quality of Life **Survey. 2014** 

# **Complications**

complications including heart disease, blindness, kidney failure and lower-extremity amputations. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. and the eighth leading cause of death in Knox County.

Diabetes can cause serious health



# **Disparities**

#### **Household Income**

Percent of adults who reported they were diagnosed with diabetes



#### Education

Less than high school.. ....18.7 High school ...... Some college .... College graduate.

Source: BRFS, 2014

#### **POSITIVES/RESOURCES**

- Hospitals/physicians in area
- YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program
- Knox County Health Department diabetes management classes
- Community awareness

# **Contributing Factors**





























































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**Environmental Health** 

# Health Priorities and Areas of Concern

- Access and availability of safe greenways, sidewalks
- Built environment factors contributing to poor health



Only 23 percent of individuals
live within one-half mile of a
park in Knox County. Data
show a lack of access to
parks contributes to a
sedentary lifestyle and
obesity.

**Percentage of Knox County** 

population with park access

(within 0.5 mile of a park),

by tract

More than 90%

40.1% - 90%

10.1% - 40%

10% or less

No access



• Air Quality
Knox County
has met Healthy
People 2020
goals in 2013
and 2014.
Prior to that,
air quality was
slowly improving
despite a growing
population.

Source: ESRI/OSM 2013



• Drinking water
In the past
decade, there
have been
no reported
waterborne
disease outbreaks
connected to
any of our utility
providers in Knox
County.



• Waterways
Since 2004, 500
miles of waterways
have been added
to the region's
list of impaired
waterbodies in
East Tennessee,
meaning they
are not safe for
swimming or
fishing.

Source: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and ET Index Livability Report Card 2015, Plan East Tennessee

# Safety

The Knox County Health Department performed an analysis of automobile-pedestrian and automobile-bicycle crashes in Knox County that occurred Dec. 2006 - June 2011, based on data provided by the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).

# In that time period, there were 494 crashes involving pedestrians or bicyclists.

Of those: • 348 crashes involved pedestrians

- 145 crashes involved cyclists
- 1 crash involved both

Given the relatively small percentage of pedestrians and bicyclists in Knox County the statistics reinforce the importance for everyone to safely share our roads.

Source: Pedestrian/Bicycling Crash Data Assessment for Knox County, Tennessee, 2012

# **Contributing Factors**





# **Housing Disparities**

**29.7 percent** of housing in Knox County meets one or more of these four conditions:

- Lack of complete plumbing
- Lack of complete kitchen facilities
- Gross rent or selected owner costs are greater than 30 percent of household income
- More than one person per room is living in the household

These factors can contribute to poor health in multiple ways.

Source: Economic Research Service of USDA, 2007-2011 or Knox County Community Health Status Indicators, 2015



# Drinking water demand

While there is a sufficient water supply available in East Tennessee at present, there is a rapidly increasing demand for drinking water that must be addressed in planning for the future.

### **Benchmarks**

- Knox County meets several goals for healthy drinking water supplies addressed in *Healthy People 2020*.
- Knox County also meets the Healthy People 2020 target for air quality, which aims to reduce the number of days the Air Quality Index (a figure created to measure outdoor air pollution) exceeds 100. In 2013 and 2014, Knox County Air Quality Management's monitoring stations recorded no days with AQI over 100.

Source: ET Index Livability Report Card 2015, Plan East Tennessee



# Walkability

A 2014 study found that, excluding the elderly, residents of neighborhoods with greater walkability had on average 13 percent lower development of diabetes over 10 years versus those in less walkable neighborhoods. Obesity was also lowest in the most walkable neighborhoods.

 People living in highly walkable neighborhoods are three times more likely to walk or bicycle and half as likely to drive as a means of transportation.



- A 2013 survey by the National Association of Realtors found that
   8 in 10 Americans prefer being in a community that offers sidewalks and good places to walk.
- Six in 10 prefer a neighborhood featuring a mix of houses, shops and services within an easy walk versus a neighborhood that requires a car for every errand. Prices are higher and time to sell shorter for homes with sidewalks.

Sources: National Association of Realtors' National Community Preferences Survey, October 2013; Diabetes.org website, Do "Walkable Neighborhoods Reduce Obesity, Diabetes?" June 2014; Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization, April 2013



- Multiple greenways and parks in the area
- City of Knoxville Complete Streets Ordinance
- Safe Routes to School Partnership
- Legacy Parks Foundation
- Knox and Blount counties and a portion of Anderson County are now considered to be in attainment, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declaration that the area complies with key air-pollution standards.

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# **Food Access**

# **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

- Access and availability of healthy food versus unhealthy food
- Potential misconceptions around perceived cost of healthy food versus unhealthy food

### **Benchmarks**

• Diet Choices/Food Deserts

Knox County high school students surveyed consistently eat fewer fruits and vegetables than state or national averages, a risk factor for obesity. In the YRBS, when high school students were asked if they ate five or more servings of fruit or vegetables during the previous week, the percent answering "yes" consistently fell 1-2 percent below state percentages and 4-5 percent below national percentages.

According to the USDA, food deserts are communities without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. The low-income neighborhoods shaded in dark green on the map at right have less access to markets where their families can obtain fresh fruits and vegetables.

**Contributing Factors** 









39 percent

of Knox County students qualify for free or reducedcost breakfast and lunch.

Source: Knox County Schools, 2015

11.5 percent

of Knox County households received SNAP benefits (food stamps) in 2013.

Source: American Community Survey, 2013

11.3 percent

of individuals in Knox County are low-income and do not live close to a grocery store.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service, 2012



Areas defined by census tract. Source: USDA Economic Research Service, 2014



weight management

Additional information on food choice behaviors of Knox County residents and students are reported in the section on *Nutrition and Physical Activity*, pages 26-27.

#### PRODUCTION OF AND ACCESS TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



Percentage of cropland acreage harvested for fruits and vegetables (vegetables + orchards + berries)	2.4	0.6	0.30
Percentage of total land acreage harvested for fruits and vegetables (vegetables + orchards + berries)	0.4	0.1	0.03
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Food Access			
	2.5	1.5	1.60

Sources: USDA Ag Census 2012; CDC State Indicator Report on Fruits and Vegetables, 2013

# **Disparities**

18.2% of black adults versus 13.1 percent of white adults reported always or usually feeling stressed about preparing nutritional meals.

38.9% of those with income less than \$15,000 per year reported being stressed about preparing nutritious meals and 4.2 percent of those with income greater than \$50,000 per year report the same.

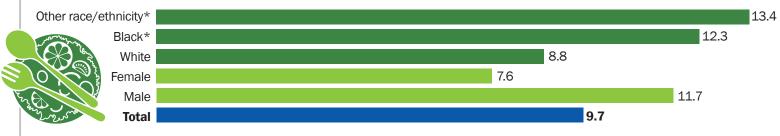
**37.2%** of adults unable to work reported always or usually feeling stressed about preparing nutritious meals.

Source: BRFS, 2014

# High schoolers and green vegetables

**Food Production** 

Percentage of high school students surveyed who ate green salad, carrots or other vegetables (excluding potatoes) three or more times per day during the seven days before the survey, 2013:



\* Limited reliability – interpret with extreme caution

Source: High School YRBS, 2013

Tenn. Knox County

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- Emergency food resources
- Knox County Schools Nutrition Program
- Increase in farmers markets and those that accept SNAP/EBT.
- The Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council is the oldest municipal food policy council in the U.S., formed in 1982 as a result of efforts of the then Department of Planning at the University of Tennessee.



**Heart Disease** 

# **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

- See Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity.
- Race, income and education disparities for hypertension and heart disease

**Adults who reported they** have had a heart attack: 28.6%

**Adults who reported** 

they have hypertension:

2011

**√FACT** 

Diseases of the

second leading

cause of death in

Source: 2013

vitals records

provided by the

Office of Policy,

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Assessment. Tennessee

of Health

heart are the

Knox County.

TREND:

STABLE

Source: BRFS, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014

# **Benchmarks**



**Coronary heart disease deaths** 

- Healthy People 2020 target: 103.4 deaths per 100,000
- Knox County: 133.5 deaths per 100,000

Source: Health Information Tennessee, 2012



**Proportion of adults with hypertension** 

- Healthy People 2020 target: 29.9 percent
- Knox County: 33.4 percent

Source: BRFS, 2014

... the less economically secure you are, the more stress you're under on a constant daily basis, at your job, at home and wherever. And that in and of itself then becomes a contributor to all sorts of bad health conditions and so on.

-Focus Group, 2014

# **Contributing Factors**





















compared to 14.2 percent of individuals who are unable to

1.9% of individuals who are

employed reported having

had a heart attack ...

Males were more likely to report having a heart attack than females.

Males

Females •

Sources: BRFS, 2014

# **Disparities**

# **Education**

Individuals who did not achieve a high school education were most likely to report

being told by a health professional that they had angina or coronary heart disease (11 percent) than college graduates (5.2 percent).



No high school diploma

College graduates

#### Wealth

Individuals who had an annual household income less than

\$15,000 were most likely to report having a heart attack (8.4 percent) than individuals with a household income greater than \$50,000 (2.9 percent).



Wealthie

Poorer

# Diabetes

- Poor diet
- Excessive weight

**Key Risk Factors** 

• High blood pressure

High LDL cholesterol

Smoking

About half of Americans have at least

one the following three risk factors:

 Physical inactivity Obesity Excessive alcohol

These medical conditions put people at higher risk for heart disease:

use

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Heart Disease Facts, 2015



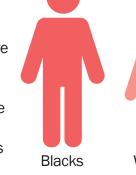
#### **POSITIVES/RESOURCES** Hospitals/physicians in area

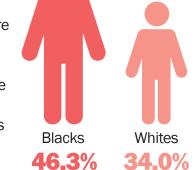
- Awareness in community

# Race

Source: BRFS, 2014

Blacks (46.3 percent) were more likely to report that they were told by a health professional that they have hypertension than whites (34 percent) or individuals of other races/ethnicities (13.9 percent).





Whites

Others

# Injury and Violence

# **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

Bullying among adolescents

- Poisoning deaths (often related to opioid and meth use)
- Falls among adults 65 and older
- Motor vehicle accidents

# **Prevalence - Youth Violence**

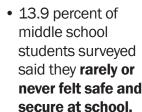
 1 in 5 high school students surveyed reported being bullied.

· Nearly half of



**13.9**%

middle school students surveyed reported being bullied.



Broken down by race:

Source: High School and Middle School YRBS, 2013

# **Contributing Factors**

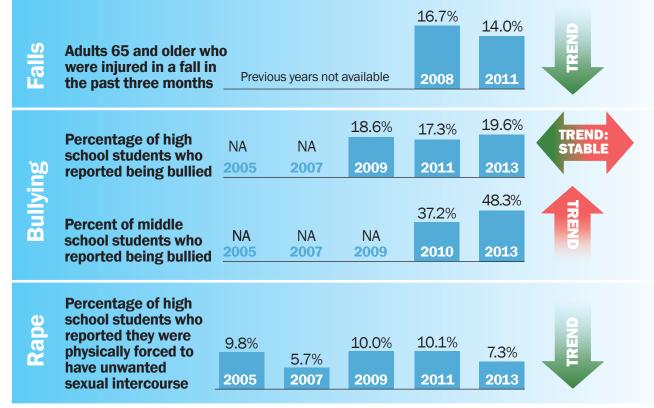






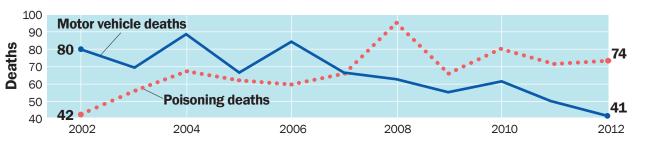


**Accidents** are the third leading cause of death in Knox County after cancer and heart disease. The majority of these accidents are related to poisonings and motor vehicle incidents.



Sources: BRFS, 2008, 2011; High School and Middle School YRBS, for appropriate years; 2010-2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health

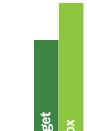
Poisoning deaths (often related to opioid and meth use) have **Surpassed** motor vehicle deaths (ages **12** and older).



Source: Health Information Tennessee for appropriate years

# **Benchmarks - Injury**

#### Poisoning deaths among all persons



13.2 deaths per 100,000

Knox County
(2007-2009, 3 year average):
17.4 deaths per 100,000
deaths due to accidental

Healthy People 2020 target:

(2007-2009, 3 year average 17.4 deaths per 100,000 deaths due to accidental poisoning and exposure to noxious substances.

#### **Unintentional injuries**



• Healthy People 2020 target: 36.4 deaths per 100,000

• **Knox County:** 52.6 deaths per 100,000

Sources: High School and Middle School YRBS, 2013; Health Information Tennessee, 2009; 2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health

# **Reported Crimes**

Knox County Sheriff's Office and Knoxville Police Department

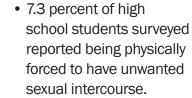
Crime 2010 2014

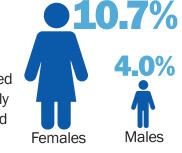
Domestic violence......3,772...3,922 Crimes against persons ..7,517 ... 7,169

Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, 2010, 2014

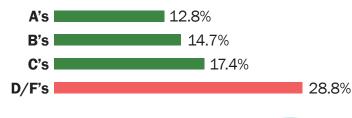
# **Disparities**

#### **Youth Violence**



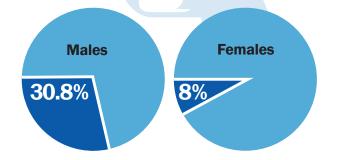


• Students receiving grades of mostly D's or F's were most likely to report being electronically bullied.



### Going armed

 Percentage of high school students surveyed who reported they had carried a weapon (gun, knife or club) in the past 30 days:



 Percentage of high school students surveyed who reported being

reported being bullied: 20.5%

Whites

13.5%
Blacks

22.3%
Other races

**82.2%** of middle school students surveyed reported having been in a physical fight.

# **√FAC1**

In 2013, more juveniles were arrested for simple assault than any other crime committed by juveniles.

Source: Middle and High School YRBS, 2013

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- Metropolitan Drug Commission
- Law enforcement community
- Education about bullying is available to Knox County Schools teachers
- Knoxville-Knox County Senior Safety Task Force
- ers Knox County Health Department's Senior Fall Prevention Program

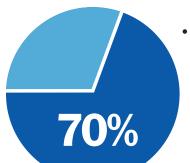
**Preterm Births** 

# **Maternal, Infant and Child Health**

### **Health Priorities** and Areas of Concern

- Barriers or gaps in service for preconception care/prenatal care access
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) and substance use among pregnant women

### **Prevalence**



• In 2013, 70 percent of new mothers in **Knox County received** adequate prenatal care.

- In 2014, there were 20.2 reported **NAS cases** per 1,000 live births in Knox County. The state average is 12.3.
- There were 4.3 substantiated child abuse and neglect cases per 1,000 youth in 2013, down from 6 cases/ 1,000 youth in 2009.

Sources: 2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health: Tennessee Department of Health Maternal and Child Health Division, 2014; Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, 2009

# **Contributing Factors**

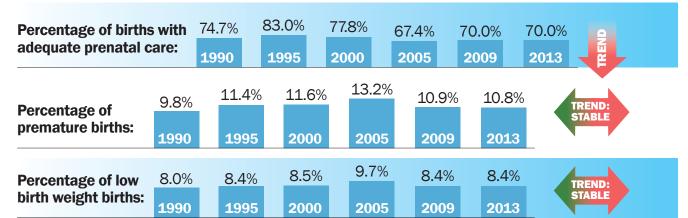






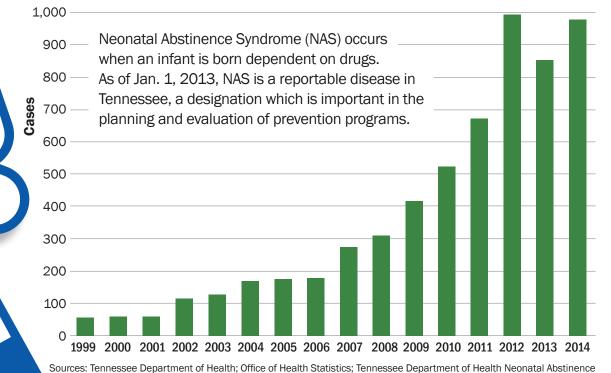






Sources: Vital records provided by Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health; Health Information Tennessee for appropriate years

# **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in Tennessee, 1999-2014**



Syndrome Weekly Surveillance Summary, 2013 and 2014; Hospital Discharge Data System (HDDS) and Birth Statistical System. Analysis includes inpatient hospitalizations with age less than one, and any diagnosis of drug withdrawal syndrome of newborn (ICD-9-CM 779.5). HDDS records may contain up to 18 diagnoses. Infants were included if any of these diagnosis fields were coded 779.5. Note that these are discharge-level data and not unique patient data

# **Disparities**

were born with a low birth weight at nearly twice the

### **Benchmarks**



### **Low Birth Weight**

- Healthy People 2020 target: 7.8 percent
- Knox County: 8.4 percent (2013)



#### Proportion of women who receive early and adequate prenatal care

- Healthy People 2020 target: 77.6 percent
- **Knox County:** 70 percent (2013)



#### **Total preterm births**

- Healthy People 2020 target: 11.4 percent
- **Knox County:** 10.8 percent (2013)

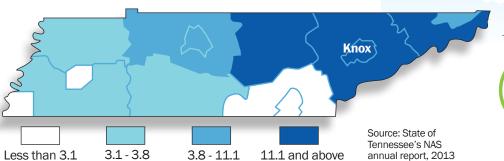


#### **Infant mortality rate**

- Healthy People 2020 target: 6.0/1,000 live births
- **Knox County:** 4.9/1,000 live births (2013)

# Distribution of NAS Cases by Region, 2013

As percentage of total infants born in 2013



Non-Hispanic black women were at greater risk for having a low birth weight child and/or pre-term delivery compared to women of other races/ethnicities.

Sources: 2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department

reterm birth (birth before 37 weeks gestation) is the leading cause of newborn death in the U.S. Infant mortality is higher for infants born with inadequate prenatal care. Babies who survive an early birth often have breathing problems, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities and other lifelong problems. Even babies born just a few weeks early have higher rates of hospitalization and illness than full-term infants. In addition, preterm births cost the nation more than \$26 billion annually, according to the Institute of Medicine.

- Premature births accounted for 16.9 percent of all infant deaths in the U.S. in 2010.
- That same year, the rate of infant deaths due to prematurity and low birth weight was 145.9 deaths /100,000 live births for Tennessee, compared to 103.8 deaths /100,000 live births in the U.S.

# **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome**

In addition to the human cost, the average monetary cost to stabilize a newborn with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) is \$62.973 versus \$7,258 to stabilize a newborn not suffering withdrawals. The Tennessee Department of Health estimates that from January to October 13, 2013, NAS cost the state \$36,771,900.

- In the 2014 state NAS report, Knox County had the highest percentage (11 percent) of NAS cases.
- In 2014, 36.6 percent of NAS cases in Knox County were attributed to illicit drug use, 27.7 percent were attributed to prescription drugs, and 35.7 percent are a combination of the two.

Source: Prescription for Success: Statewide Strategies to Prevent and Treat the Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic in Tennessee. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Surveillance Annual Report, 2014: March of Dimes Peristats, 2014.

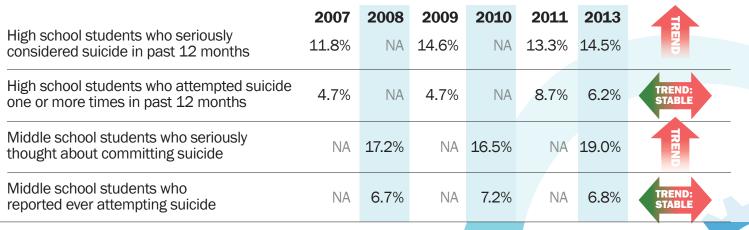


- Metropolitan Drug Commission
- · Great Starts and Susannah's House treatment programs
- East Tennessee Children's Hospital
- Area prenatal care providers
- Local child abuse prevention agencies

# **Mental Health**

### **Health Priorities** and Areas of Concern

- Access to mental health services
- Depression/suicidal thoughts among adolescents



Sources: High School and Middle School YRBS, 2013

#### **Benchmarks**

Suicide attempts by adolescents

• Healthy People 2020 target: 1.7 percent of adolescents attempting suicide.

• Knox County: 6.2 percent of high school students surveyed reported they attempted suicide in the past 12 months.

# YOUTH WHO CONSIDERED SUICIDE



**14.5%** • Knox County:

14.5 percent of high school students and 19 percent of middle school students surveyed reported seriously considering suicide.

# **▼FACT**

### **Intentional self-harm**

was the ninth leading cause of death in 2009.

Sources: High School and Middle School YRBS, 2013;

KnoxHMIS 2014 Annual Report/2013-2014 Biennial

Sources: Health Information Tennessee, 2009

Homeless Management have received treatment for a mental illness while homeless.

**62**%

Percent of those in the Knox Information System who —

17.2 percent of individuals who did not complete high school reported they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their lives compared to 3.7 percent of individuals who graduated from college.-No High School Diploma **Days of Poor Mental Health College Grad's Days of Poor Mental Health** 

**Disparities** 

20%

**17.2**%

Individuals with a household income less than \$15,000 reported more days of **poor** mental health\* in the past 30 days (10.3 days) compared to individuals whose income was greater than \$50,000 (2.7

20 percent of individuals with a household

days

income less than \$15,000 reported feeling dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their lives.

Source: BRFS, 2014

 Individuals who did not complete high school reported more days of poor mental

days).

health in the past 30 days (10 days) compared to those who graduated from college (4.2 days).

Source: BRFS, 2014

of U.S. adults (estimated) are considered to be in a state of optimal mental health. There is emerging evidence that positive mental health is associated with improved health outcomes.

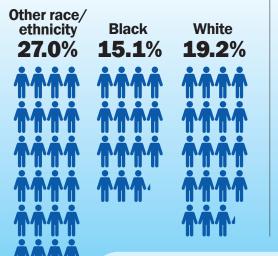
East Tennessee is home to more than one million residents, of whom 26.2 percent will need mental health treatment in any single year, and 51 percent will need mental health treatment in their lifetime according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

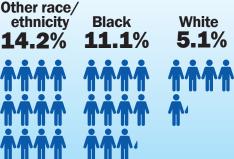
Fewer than four of every ten people in need of mental health treatment receive care in any given year.

Untreated mental illness will worsen over time leading to impairment and disability. Mental illness is the leading cause of disability in people ages 15-44.

Sources: World Health Organization, Strengthening Mental Health Promotion, Geneva, WHO (Fact Sheet 220), 2001; Mental Health Association of East Tennessee

 Middle school students surveved reported seriously thinking about suicide:





Middle school students surveyed

reported ever attempting suicide:

• Middle school and high school females were more likely to report seriously thinking about suicide than males.

Source: Middle School YRBS, 2013

\* On the survey instrument, poor mental health days were described as those that included stress, depression and problems with emotions.

- Cherokee Health Systems
- · Helen Ross McNabb Center
- Mental Health Association of East Tennessee































































# **Nutrition and Physical Activity**

# **Health Priorities** and Areas of Concern

- Physical education in schools
- Vegetable and fruit consumption by children/adolescents
- Access to healthy foods
- Screen time in youth
- See Environmental Health

### **Prevalence**

- 35.8 percent of high school students surveyed reported playing video games or using the computer for non-academic purposes for three or more hours on an average school day.
- 17.8 percent of high school students surveyed reported they attended physical education classes every day during the school week.
- Only 9.7 percent of high school students surveyed reported eating vegetables three or more times per day during the seven days before the survey.
- 23.8 percent of high school students surveyed report watching TV for three or more hours on an average school day.
- **56.5 percent** of high school students surveyed played on at least one sports team in the previous year.

Sources: High School YRBS, 2013

**High school students surveyed** who reported attending physical education classes every day during the school week:

17.3%

**High school students surveyed** who played video games or used the computer for something other than school work for three or more hours on an average

26.2% 18.9% 18.7% No 2009 2011 2013

**Knox County adults who reported** no leisure time physical activity in the past 30 days:

school day:

21.1% 21.4% data

**Knox County adults who reported** they always or usually stress about having enough money to



Sources: YRBS, BRFS for appropriate years

pay for nutritious meals:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than

in health care costs can be linked to lack of physical activity.

> Source: CDC Preventing Obesity and Chronic Diseases Through Good Nutrition and Physical Activity, 2008



# **Disparities**

**21.6**% of female middle school students surveyed reported fasting 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight versus **11.3 percent** of male middle school students.

This was also more common in students reporting D's and F's (27.6 percent) versus students reporting A's (**12.7 percent**). Source: Middle School YRBS, 2013

• Adults earning less than \$15,000 per year reported they were always or usually stressed about preparing nutritious meals at a far greater rate than those with incomes between

\$35,000 and \$49.999. Wealthier



of adults with less than a high school education reported no leisure time activity in past 30 days.

**13.2%** of adults with a college degree reported the same.

Most of the health problems I see cash to make good food choices.

-Focus Group, 2014 ▼

28.9% of black adults reported no leisure time physical activity in the past 30 days.

20.6% of white adults reported the same.

Source: BRFS, 2014



- · Increase of farmers markets and farmers accepting SNAP
- Greenways/parks in the community
- Events to increase physical activity in the community (races, Let's Move event)
- Passing of the Urban Agriculture Zoning Ordinance
- Knox County Health Department Nutrition Education Activity Training (NEAT) program

















**Obesity** 

# **Health Priorities** and Areas of Concern

- See Nutrition and Physical Activity
- See Food Access
- See Environmental Health

### **Prevalence**



# **13.5 percent** of high school students

- surveyed were obese, based on self-reported height and weight.
- **24.0 percent** of middle school students surveyed described their weight to be slightly overweight or overweight.
- **45.3 percent** of middle school students surveyed reported they are trying to lose weight.

Source: High School and Middle School YRBS, 2013

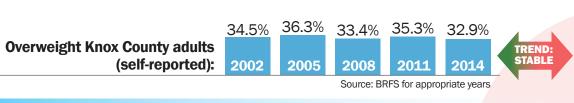


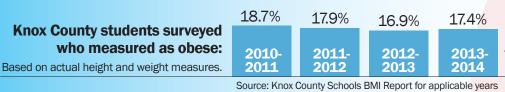
### Adults

- 28.6 percent of Knox County adults are obese based on self-reported height and weight.
- 32.9 percent of Knox County adults are overweight based on selfreported height and weight.

Source: BRFS, 2014

### 21.1% 24.4% 28.3% 27.6% 28.6% **Trends Obese Knox County adults** (self-reported): 2002 Source: BRFS for appropriate years





17.4% of students assessed in grades K, 2, 4, 8 and 10 were obese

### **Benchmarks**

**Proportion of children and adolescents** ages 2 to 19 who are obese

- Healthy People 2020 target: 14.5 percent
- **Knox County:** 17.4 percent

**Proportion of adolescents age 12 to 19** who are obese

- Healthy People 2020 target: 16.1 percent
- Knox County: 13.5 percent (self-reported data only)

Proportion of adults who are obese

- Healthy People 2020 target: 30.5 percent
- Knox County: 28.6 percent (self-reported data only)

Sources: Knox County Schools BMI report, 2013-2014; YRBS, 2013; BRFS, 2014 Proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight

- Healthy People 2020 target: 33.9 percent
- **Knox County:** 38.5 percent (self-reported data only)

# **Disparities**

High school males surveyed were more

**Males** 

likely than females to be obese

· Female middle school

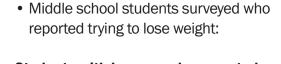
students surveyed were more

**Females** 

Source: High School and Middle School YRBS, 2013

likely than males to report

trying to lose weight.



**Students with lower grades reported** trying to lose weight more often than students with higher grades.



Grades: A's 42.9% **11111** 

Source: Middle School YRBS, 2013

 College graduates were more likely than those with less than a high school education to report being at a healthy weight.

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College graduates 👤 👤 👤 

Less than high school

31.3%

Source: BRFS, 2014

**besity rates for** children have tripled in fewer than 30 years.

**Females** 

9%

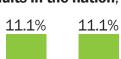
Males

32%

According to The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America. Tennessee now has the fourth-highest

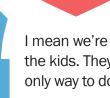
obesity rate among adults in the nation. 33.7 percent in 2014,

rising from 11.1 percent in 2004.



Obesity-related health issues include but are not limited to hypertension, heart disease, stroke, certain cancers, asthma, diabetes and osteoarthritis.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Obesity: Halting the epidemic by making health easier; USDHHS, 2011; Trust for America's Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; The State of Obesity, 2014



I mean we're talking about obesity and, you know, problems with the kids. They've got to get out. They've got to do things, and the only way to do that is to require them. I'm a firm believer in that.

- Focus Group, 2014





#### **POSITIVES/RESOURCES:**

33.7%

- Childhood Obesity Coalition
- Parks/recreation areas/greenways in community
- Farmers markets
- Knox County Health Department's Project Diabetes grant work

















# **Oral Health**

## **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

- Access to oral health services for the unemployed and those unable to
- Disparities in receiving oral health services
- Dental health in youth

#### **Prevalence**

 Percent of Knox County adults over 65 who reported they had all teeth extracted due to infection, tooth decay or gum disease:

21.4% M

 Percent of Knox County adults who reported visiting a dentist in the past year:

62.7% **\*\*\*\***\*\*\*\*

Knox County dentist/resident ratio:

55.8/100,000

# **Contributing Factors**



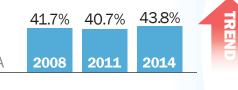


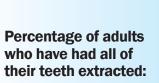


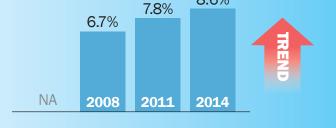


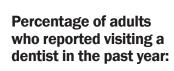
### **Trends**

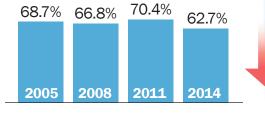
Percentage of adults who have had one or more tooth extractions due to infection:

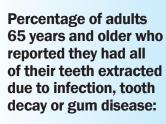


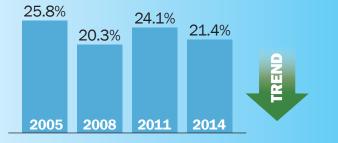












Sources: BRFS for appropriate years

ncome, health status and oral health literacy are some of the barriers to accessing oral health care.

Poor dental health impacts the quality of life for those affected. Pain, diet, social interaction, speech, physical appearance and self-esteem are issues that many face.



# **Disparities**

Percent of adults over 65 who reported they had all teeth extracted:

**Black non-Hispanic** 





58.8%

 Percent of adults over 65 with less than a high school education who reported they had all teeth extracted compared to 6.7 percent of those with a college degree.

 Percent of adults reporting they visited a dentist in the past year:





**Black** 







who reported seeing a dentist within the past year.



 Adults with household income greater than \$50,000



Adults with household income less than \$15,000

Source: BRFS, 2014

- Comparable number of dentists per 100,000 residents with other Tennessee metropolitan areas
- Knox County Health Department dental clinic and in-school sealant program
- Elgin Foundation Dental Program at Knox County's Community Schools







Chlamvdia

# Reproductive and Sexual Health

# **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

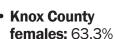
- Birth control education
- Increase in sexually transmitted infection rates

### **Benchmarks**

• Percentage of males and females 15-17 who have never had sexual intercourse:



 Healthy People 2020 target females: 80.2%





 Healthy People **2020** target males: 79.2%

 Knox County males: 61.2 %

 The proportion of sexually active males and females ages 15-19 who used a condom at last intercourse:



 Healthy people **2020** target **females:** 55.6%





 Healthy People **2020** target males: 81.5%

 Knox County males: 61.7%

- The proportion of males and females who received formal instruction on sexually transmitted diseases before they are 18 years old:
- Healthy People 2020 target, females: 95.8%
- Healthy People 2020 target, males: 93.8%
- **Knox County**: 89.9 percent among high school students

Source: High School YRBS, 2013

# **Contributing Factors**

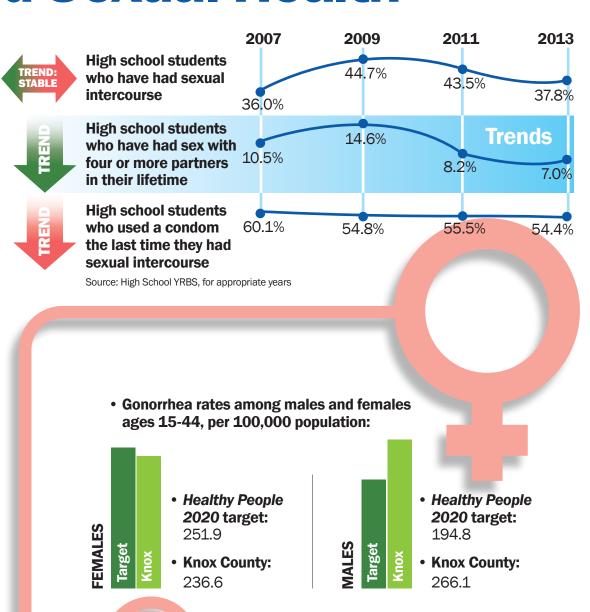












Sources: Knox County Patient Reporting Investigating Surveillance

Manager (PRISM) data, 2013

# **Disparities**

• Knox County high school students who reported grades of mostly D's or F's were most likely to report having sexual intercourse with one or more people during the past three months compared to students making mostly A's.





Grades: A's



Source: High School YRBS, 2013

• In 2013, **30.9 percent of white infants** were born to unmarried women while **75.4 percent of black infants** were born to unmarried

30.9%

**75.4**%

They hear everybody

talking about it, and they

think it's some big great

thing, and it can be, but

when you're 12, 13 and

14 years old you're not ready

for the consequences ... and

the kids need that in school. I

think it should be a class, and

you can consent to take it or

not. - Focus Group, 2014

Source: 2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health

• Sexually active students reporting condom use:

9th Graders



Seniors



Source: High School YRBS, 2013

### among whites. **CHLAMYDIA: BLACKS & WHITES, 2013** (Rate per 100,000 people) Ages 6.332 15-19 952 20-24 1.519 4.797 25-29 30-34 35-39 Chlamydia incidence is stable over the past 40-44 several years, but remains consistently 45-54 32

**CHLAMYDIA: BLACKS VS. WHITES** 

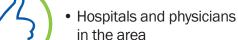
Incidence rates of chlamydia are greatest among

of 15 and 34. The incidence of chlamydia among

black females and males between the ages

blacks is six times greater than incidence





 Lisa Ross Birth and Women's Center

 Health department programs to track, prevent and treat sexually transmitted infections.

Source: Knox County Patient

Reporting Investigating Surveillance Manager data (PRISM), 2013

 Knox Adolescent Partners in Prevention Initiative (KAPPI)

· Women's Health Clinic at the **Knox County Health Department** 

high in teens and

young adults.

# **Substance Use**

# **Health Priorities and Areas of Concern**

- · Marijuana access/use among youth
- Opioid access and use
- Binge drinking among youth

#### **Benchmarks**

 Proportion of adolescents who reported using alcohol or any illicit drugs in the past 30 days



• Healthy People 2020 target: 16.6 percent

• Knox County: 29.8 percent report alcohol use; 23.3 percent report marijuana use

 Proportion of adolescents who reported using marijuana in the past 30 days



• Healthy People 2020 target: 6 percent

Knox County 23.3 percent

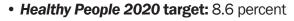
• Proportion of students who reported being offered, given or sold illegal drugs on school property



• Healthy People 2020 target: 20.4 percent

Knox County: 22.5 percent

 Proportion of adolescents ages 12 to 17 who reported engaging in binge drinking in the past month



Knox County: 18.3 percent

Sources: High School YRBS, 2013

# **Contributing Factors**







# **High school students** 19.3% 18.3% 16.5% Reported binge drinking in TREND: STABLE the past 30 days: 19.5% Reported non-medical use of prescription drugs: Were offered, given or sold 19.6% 20.7%

Reported marijuana use in the past 30 days:

illegal drugs on school

property year before:

2009 2011 2013

Source: YRBS for appropriate years.

# **Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)**

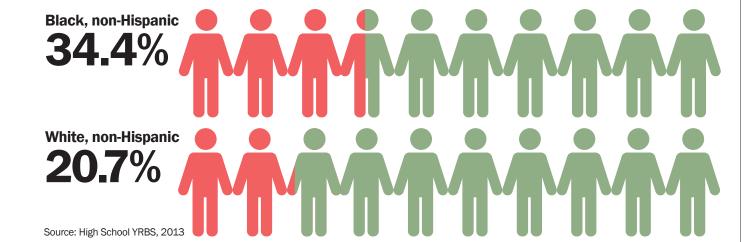
From 2000 to 2010, there was a 10-fold increase in NAS cases in Tennessee. East Tennessee has the highest NAS rates in the

> In 2014, 36.6 percent of NAS cases in Knox County were attributed to illicit drug use, 27.7 percent were attributed to prescription drugs, and 35.7 percent are a combination of the two.

Department of Health, 2013-2014

# **Disparities High School Students**

34.4 percent of black, non-Hispanic high school students surveyed reported using marijuana in the past 30 days. In contrast, 20.7 percent of white, non-Hispanic students surveyed reported the same.



47.1 percent of high

school students surveyed

who reported grades of

mostly D's and

F's reported

alcohol in the

past 30 days

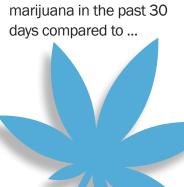
compared

to ...

drinking

# 40.3 percent of

high school students surveyed who reported grades of mostly D's and F's reported using



grades of mostly A's.

Source: High School YRBS, 2013

**11 percent** of students who reported 21.8 percent

of students who reported grades of mostly A's.

**37.4 percent** of high school students surveyed who reported grades of mostly D's and F's reported taking prescription drugs not prescribed to them compared to ...



**8.9 percent** of students who reported grades of mostly A's.

**ennCare** paid \$78 million in claims for people with drug-related diagnoses in FY 2011 (an increase of 20 percent over FY 2010) with an average per-member, per-year payment of \$8,122.

The costs associated with a TennCare member with drug abuse-related diagnosis is twice that of the average TennCare member.

Source: Actuarial Review of the TennCare Program, January 2012



• Tennessee ranks No. 2 per capita in the number of Schedule II controlled substances (medications with a high potential for abuse) prescribed in the United States, with the 8th highest drug overdose mortality rate (16.9 per 100,000 people).

Source: Prescription Drug Abuse: Strategies to Stop the Epidemic, 2013 Report; 2007-2008 Novartis Pharmacy Benefit, Trust for America's Health



- Metropolitan Drug Commission
- Law enforcement agencies
- Coalition for medication collection events.
- Area treatment facilities

# **Tobacco Use**

# **Health Priorities** and Areas of Concern

- Tobacco use, particularly in youth and pregnant women
- Increased use of e-cigarettes and vaping products

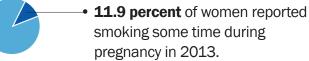
### **Prevalence High school students** surveved



- **9.9 percent** reported using smokeless tobacco in past 30 days.
- **17.6 percent** reported smoking cigars in past 30 days.
- **54.4 percent** of those who smoked reported cessation attempts year before survey.

# **Knox County Adults**

21.2 percent of adults reported smoking cigarettes some days or every day.



Sources: BRFS, 2014; High School YRBS, 2013; 2013 vital records provided by the Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of

# **Contributing Factors**









# High school students Adults reporting surveyed who smoking some reported smoking in days or every day the past 30 days 24.4% 21.5% 20.4% 22.2% 18.9% 12.7% 9.1% 8.5% High school students who reported they use smokeless tobacco • 17.4 percent of male high school students surveyed reported using smokeless tobacco products in past 30 days.

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

18.2%

11.4%

17.8%

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. e-cigarette use among middle and high school students

18.2%

**4** 9.9%

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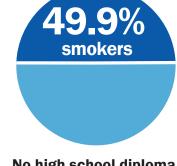
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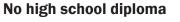
from 2013 to 2014. The 2015 Knox County YRBS will collect data about e-cigarette use. Previously, local data were not available.

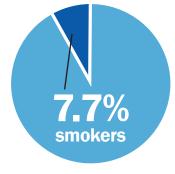
Sources: National Youth Tobacco Survey

# **Disparities**

 Almost half of adults with less than a high school education reported they were smokers while only 7.7 percent of college graduates reported they were smokers.







**College graduates** 

 Percent of adults who reported they were smokers:

Sources: BRFS, 2014

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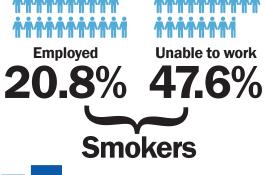


 Adults who were unable to work reported they were smokers at more than

# twice the proportion

of employed adults.

Sources: BRFS, 2014



Moms who smoke

during pregnancy are at a greater risk for having a low birth weight and/ or preterm delivery compared to moms who do not smoke during pregnancy.

cancer, heart disease, stroke and respiratory illnesses to name a few, but the list is exhaustive as tobacco use impacts every organ of the body. Half of all current smokers who continue smoking will die from a tobacco-related illness.

obacco use increases the risk of

Diseases of the respiratory system are the No. 1 reason for hospitalization among children 1-9 years old. Secondhand smoke

exposure has a significant impact on the occurrence of respiratory illness, especially among youth.

Sources: Maternal and Child Health Bureau Child Health USA,



- Non-Smoker Protection Act
- Tobacco settlement funding for prevention efforts
- Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine
- Smoke-Free Knoxville Coalition



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