

2008

## STATE OF THE COUNTY HEALTH REPORT

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### MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR LENOIR COUNTY

#### **2007 Ten leading causes of deaths by % of total deaths**

1. Diseases of heart
2. Cancer
3. Cerebrovascular Disease
4. Chronic lower respiratory diseases
5. Diabetes mellitus
6. Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis
7. Atherosclerosis
8. Motor vehicle injuries
9. All other unintentional injuries
10. Alzheimer's disease

1. Diseases of the heart accounted for 26.9% of deaths in the county. There were 185 deaths attributed to this category.
2. Cancer accounted for 22.3% of county deaths. There were 153 deaths attributed to this category.
3. Cerebrovascular Disease accounted for 6.8% of county deaths. There were 47 deaths associated with this disease.
4. Chronic lower respiratory diseases accounted for 5.1% of county deaths. There were 35 deaths associated with this disease.
5. Diabetes Mellitus accounted for 3.8% of deaths in the county. There were 26 deaths associated with this disease.
6. Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis accounted for 3.3% of deaths in the county. There were 23 deaths associated with this disease.

7. Atherosclerosis accounted for 3.2% of deaths in the county. There were 22 deaths associated with this disease.
8. Motor vehicle injuries accounted for 2.3% of deaths in the county. There were 16 deaths associated with this disease.
9. All other unintentional injuries accounted for 2.2% of deaths in the county. There were 15 deaths associated with this disease.
10. Alzheimer's disease accounted for 1.7% of deaths in the county. There were 12 deaths associated with this disease.  
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease accounted for 1.7% of deaths in the county. There were 12 deaths associated with this disease.  
Influenza and pneumonia accounted for 1.7% of deaths in the county. There were 12 deaths associated with this disease.

## MORBIDITY STATISTICS

### January through December 2008

**This data was obtained from patients in the Lenoir County Health Department.**

#### **HIV/AIDS**

- Lenoir County had 23 newly diagnosed cases of HIV disease.
- Lenoir County had 11 newly diagnosed cases of AIDS disease.

#### **Chlamydia**

- In Lenoir County there were 295 diagnosed cases of chlamydia.

#### **Gonorrhea**

- Lenoir County had 163 diagnosed cases of gonorrhea.

#### **Syphilis**

- There were 14 diagnosed cases of syphilis.

#### **Interesting facts about Lenoir County**

- Lenoir County ranks **6<sup>th</sup> in the state** for HIV disease cases.
- Lenoir County ranks **8<sup>th</sup> in the state** for the AIDS cases. Lenoir County is tied with Bertie County.

## **COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

Lenoir County will be making major strives to increase the health of its residents through a variety of programs and partnerships. Although, the focus has still been the four areas of concentration stemming from our 2007 Health Assessment are Obesity, Diabetes, Infant Mortality, Teen Pregnancy, and Communicable Disease. Lenoir County has been actively developing partnerships with business, school system, Cooperative Extension, Parks and Recreation and Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

### **Collaborations:**

- Due to staffing issues, Lenoir County Health Department had to stop attending the SAFE Kids meeting. But in 2009 the Health Educator will start back attending these meetings.
- Lenoir County Health Department is one of the partners of the Alliance, which is a coalition of community organizations with the intent of making the lives of Lenoir County citizens better. The Alliance is formerly a certified Health Carolinians Task Force.
- Lenoir County Health Department's Social Worker is one of the board members for the Lenoir County's One-on-One, a CBO targeting at-risk youth.
- Lenoir County Health Department's WIC in partnership with Cooperative Extension held cooking demonstrations in the health department to teach people about healthy eating. This was open to the clients, public and the staff. This class was held from January 2008 to January 2009.
- Lenoir County Health Department's Child Health Nurse is on the Interagency Council, an interdisciplinary council focusing on child health issues in day care settings.
- Lenoir County Health Department's WIC director helps conduct a diabetes series at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in collaboration with Kinston Community Health and Lenoir Memorial Hospital.
- One of Lenoir County Health Department's Child Health Nurse is on the Lead Council.
- One of Lenoir County Health Department's Child Health Nurse is on the Partnership for Children for Lenoir, Greene, and Jones Counties.
- Lenoir County Health Department is represented on the Child Fatality Review Team by the Director of Nursing or Health Director.

- Lenoir County Health Department is represented on the School Health Advisory Council by the Health Director and the Director of Nursing.
- Due to staffing issues, Lenoir County Health Department had to stop attending the Asthma Coalition meetings. But in 2009 the Health Educator will start back attending these meetings.