



2008 State of the County Health Report

Greene County, North Carolina

Greene County Health Department and Healthy Greene are pleased to present the 2008 State of the County Health report. Greene County Health Department and Healthy Greene are responsible for producing a State of the County Health Report every year. The purpose of the report is to relate current information on the health status of the county. This report illustrates local demographics, leading causes of death, and other priority issues affecting our community. A formal community health assessment is undertaken every four years. To view the 2006 Greene County Community Health Assessment, go to www.co.greene.nc.us or call (252) 747-8183.

A healthy community begins with you! Greene County Health Department and Healthy Greene invite you to join our efforts to make Greene County a safe and healthy community for all residents.



Leading Causes of Death

Of the 929 deaths that occurred in Greene County during the five-year period 2002-2006, 51 percent were caused by heart disease, cancer, and stroke.

The five leading causes of death in Greene County from 2002-2006 and the number of deaths they caused were:

1. Heart Disease - 210 deaths
2. Cancer - 201 deaths
3. Stroke - 63 deaths
4. Diabetes - 47 deaths
5. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases - 37 deaths

In 2006, a community-wide survey was conducted as part of the community health assessment process. The top 12 health concerns for Greene County were identified...

1. Obesity/Overweight
2. Heart Disease
3. Diabetes
4. High Blood Pressure/Stroke
5. Cancer
6. Alcohol Abuse/Drug Addiction
7. Teen Pregnancy
8. Mental Illness/Depression
9. HIV/AIDS
10. Domestic Violence
11. Asthma
12. Dementia/Alzheimer's



*...a Healthy Carolinians
Partnership*

Healthy Greene is a community partnership dedicated to promoting wellness and improving the health and quality of life for all Greene County residents.

Healthy Greene was awarded certification as a Healthy Carolinians Partnership by the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians in 2002.

Healthy Greene currently addresses three priority areas:

1. Health Promotion
2. Injuries
3. Chronic Disease

Healthy Greene Partnership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Healthy Greene Coordinator at (252) 747-8183.

Teenage Pregnancy

In 2007, Greene County's teenage pregnancy rate was 75.4 pregnancies per 1,000 females aged 15-19; compared to the state rate of 63.0.

Teenage Pregnancy Rates, 2003 - 2007 Greene County		
Year	Total Pregnancies	Rate
2003	60	95.2
2004	50	82.8
2005	57	95.5
2006	42	66.7
2007	49	75.4



Overweight Children

North Carolina's 2010 Health Objective



Reduce the percent of children and adolescents who are overweight or obese.

NC 2010 Target - 10% for ages 2 - 4, 5 - 11, and 12 - 18.

Percent of Overweight Children (North Carolina Public Health sponsored WIC and Child Health Clinics)		2005	2006	2007
Ages 2 - 4	Greene County	15.9%	14.9%	14.9%
	NC	14.6%	15.2%	15.3%
Ages 5 - 11	Greene County	17.5%	22.8%	18.5%
	NC	24.5%	25.2%	24.9%
Ages 12 - 18	Greene County	15.9%	25.9%	28.0%
	NC	27.3%	29.5%	29.9%

Injury Prevention Update

♥ A total of 26 child passenger safety seats have been distributed so far in 2008 (to those parents meeting qualifications) through our distribution classes at the health department.

♥ Seatbelt percentage use for 2007 was 89%. To date, seatbelt percentage use for 2008 is 88%.

North Carolina's 2010 Health Objective

Increase use of safety belts.

NC 2010 Target - 92%

Infant Mortality

Over the five-year period of 2003-2007, Greene County had a rate of 14.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, compared to the state rate of 8.4.

Infant Deaths, 2003 - 2007 Greene County		
Year	Deaths	Rate
2003	4	16.7
2004	6	22.7
2005	4	14.9
2006	0	0.0
2007	5	19.2
2003-2007	19	14.9



