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Health Status Report 1991-1995

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A message from the director

This document describes the changing nature of health status in Maricopa County since 1990. I am sending it to you for your information in the hopes that the information contained in the Executive Summary and the data in the remainder of the report might be of interest to you as you perform your responsibilities.

The information in this report reflects not only the health status of the population in Maricopa County, the most populous county in Arizona and the fastest growing county in the United States, but also the dedicated work of nurses, physicians, communicable disease investigators, health educators, epidemiologists and statisticians and the support staff who have worked very hard to accumulate, compile, organize and print the material, while laboring to promote, preserve and protect the health of the individuals and communities in this county.

This report will be followed by a series of annual reports that will provide a comprehensive portrait of our county's changing health status. These data help those of us who work for the Maricopa County Department of Public Health to measure our progress in reducing the risk factors associated with disease, disability and death in this region. These data are milestones, which allow us to measure our success in achieving the goals and objectives set by our planning process. We hope that the information included in this series of reports will help those who work in local health departments to use our information as benchmarks to show your own successes. For those who develop policy for state and local health, we hope that these reports will provide the information you need to define your goals for public health, and the objectives that might be met through the expenditure of public funds to improve the health of your community.

I invite you to read this report, use it, share it with colleagues and be critical of it. To improve this product, we would appreciate your criticism and comments. Improving the people's health is a collaborative process; helping us create a better summary of the health status of the population in Maricopa County will help all of us do a better job in improving the public's health.

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Preface

The World Health Organization defines health as "a state of complete well-being, physical, social, and mental, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."¹ If we accept this definition, then any report attempting to measure the health status of a population should measure the quality of life as well as the frequency of disease, mortality and risk factors adverse to health.

This five year health status report (1991-1995) is the first one that the Maricopa County Department of Public Health produces covering at one time morbidity, mortality, risk factors and socioeconomic information, as well as some health care utilization indicators. It is the first step towards a systematized comprehensive yearly report on the health of the county residents. Some topics, though not covered here, will be covered in future reports, such as environmental quality, nutrition and domestic violence. Some of these omissions were inevitable because the data did not exist; for example, there is no centralized collection of information in the county on domestic violence that does not result in death. Some omissions were caused by delays in the availability of the information. Other omissions were deliberate, responding to the lack of staff and time to include everything we would ideally want to include in a "comprehensive" report. In the coming years, as the production of this report becomes a systematized routine, we will be able to make it truly comprehensive.

Health status assessment is intended to measure changes and trends in the health of the population and in its living conditions, whether the changes have been brought about deliberately or accidentally. This process is a tool for good planning, helping to target interventions towards the most pressing, important and/or urgent problems. It allows evaluation of programs and of progress toward goals. It facilitates comparisons of areas and populations to establish priorities and set expectations. Finally, it gives the community a picture of where we are and the direction in which we are moving.

For the five-year period 1991-1995, the most important and influential factor in determining the state of the people's health has been population growth. Maricopa County has been growing at a rate of four to five percent per year. This is the equivalent of moving a city of 100,000 inhabitants into the county every year, with all the problems accompanying such a population. Ultimately, every chronic, acute or infectious disease, every issue related to injuries and safety, as well as everything related to health care utilization will suffer the impact of the rapidly expanding population. Every public health function is critically affected by this phenomenon: the protection of the food and the water supply; the maintenance of high immunization levels; the control of communicable diseases; safety on the highways; violence prevention and the management of biologic or other emergencies that might threaten the population's safety.

This report is addressed to many users. The Maricopa County Department of Public Health will use it to plan programs, to target problem areas, to decide priorities, to evaluate previous work and to identify health problems. The Division of Epidemiology will use it to establish surveillance, analyses and research priorities based on what we see as adverse indicators of health, unexplained findings and puzzles. Businesses and corporations can use it to aid in making decisions about community work, as well as about expansion or about relocation to the county. Students can use it as an aid in their community assessment or evaluation of health problems. Service organizations and institutions can use it to focus programs upon specific target areas. It can be used to assess needs or to support funding requests.

^{1.} As quoted in the The Future of Public Health, Institute of Medicine National Academy Press, Washington D.C., 1988. pg 39.

Maricopa County is very diverse, both geographically and in the composition of its population. No single report can encompass everything in every detail. You might need more information about specific health problems. You might need more information about a neighborhood, a city and an unincorporated collection of census tracts. You might need information about a specific population group. You can contact the Division of Epidemiology and request a special report for a specific purpose. If we can provide you with the information, we will. If not, we will help guide you in your search for information by referring you to the agencies or institutions that can provide those data. Much of the information in this report will be available soon on the Department's Web page.

We hope this report will be useful to you. We have included a form at the end of this report for you to send us your comments. Even if it takes a little time and trouble, we would greatly appreciate your making the effort to let us know your reactions. The whole point of the report is to fulfill your information and analyses needs. We would like to know what those specific needs are.

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Introduction

Maricopa County, as well as other areas in Arizona, experienced exceptional demographic growth from 1990 to 1995. The Census figures for these two years show a net increase of 20 percent in the total population, and up to 50 percent in minority groups (see Figure 1). The increase has been greatest among children under 20 years old (28 percent) and among those 30-59 years of age (31 percent). Maricopa County's population pyramid (see Figure 2, page 2) is becoming more and more similar to that of the United States, with greater proportions of the population distributed in the middle age range, but still with higher percentages of young children than the national figures.

The geographic distribution of the population also has changed. Although all health status areas grew in total population, Glendale, Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa and the West County grew at faster rates. The Scottsdale health status area increased by 34 percent and the Mesa Area by 28 percent in the five intercensal years. The percentage share of the county population decreased for the city of Phoenix and increased for all other areas (see Table 1, page 3).





Figure 2 Maricopa County Population Pyramid Biologic Environment Population Distribution: 1995









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Area	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	% Increase since 1990
Sun City	29,863	43.0	39,667	57.0	69,530	27.7	21
Glendale	123,356	49.7	124,687	50.3	248,043	9.7	24
North Phoenix	246,005	50.1	244,625	49.9	490,630	19.2	15
Central Phoenix	198,476	50.5	194,400	49.5	392,876	15.2	12
South Phoenix	111,488	53.1	98,602	46.9	210,090	8.2	9
Scottsdale/N.E.	102,032	48.6	108,091	51.4	210,123	8.2	34
Tempe/Ahwatukee	111,966	51.7	104,667	48.3	216,633	8.5	25
Mesa/East Valley	295,822	49.9	296,923	50.1	592,745	23.2	28
West/Valley	58,122	52.0	53,755	48.0	111,877	4.4	22
Indian Reservations	4,444	48.2	4,774	51.8	9,218	0.4	12
Total	1,281,574	50.2	1,270,191	49.8	2,551,765	99.9	20

Table 11995 population by health status area

Natality

Births increased by 10 percent during the period 1991 - 1995. Minorities, including African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and Native Americans, have significantly higher birth and fertility rates than Whites, in some cases three times higher (see Table 2 and Figure 3, page 4). Hispanics made up 34 percent of births in 1995 (see Table 3, page 4) although they comprise just 20 percent of the total population. Other minorities follow a similar pattern. Teenage births continue to be of concern in Maricopa County. Compared to the most recent available U.S. data, the fertility rates of Hispanic/Latino adolescents in Maricopa County are above the national average (Table 2) and account for most of the increase in the total county adolescent fertility rates. These high rates of pregnancies and live births among adolescents is worrisome for both medical and socioeconomic reasons.

by age and race/etimicity												
Age 10 - 14						15 -	17			18 -	19	
Race/Ethnicity	w	н	в	Total	w	Н	В	Total	W	н	В	Total
M.C. 1995	0.5	5.1	3.4	1.8	23.3	128.3	61.4	49.5	74.3	256.7	157.7	120.4
U.S. 1995	0.4	2.7	4.3	1.3	22.0	72.9	72.1	36.0	66.1	157.9	141.9	89.1

Table 2 Births per 1,000 women by age and race/ethnicity



Figure 3 Birth* and fertility** rates Maricopa County, 1995

Table 3Resident number of births by race/ethnicity of mother and year,
Maricopa County

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
TOTAL	39,907 (100.0)	40,077 (100.0)	40,392 (100.0)	42,313 (100.0)	44,020 (100.0)
Non Hispanic White	25,071 (62.8)	24,723 (61.7)	24,532 (60.7)	24,852 (58.7)	25,495 (57.9)
Hispanic	11,238 (28.2)	11,809 (29.5)	12,282 (30.4)	13,662 (32.3)	14,909 (33.9)
Non Hispanic Black	1,846 (4.6)	1,775 (4.4)	1,711 (4.2)	1,772 (4.2)	1,627 (3.7)
Native American	1,104 (2.8)	1,071 (2.7)	1,086 (2.7)	1,112 (2.6)	1,076 (2.4)
Asian	630 (1.6)	709 (1.8)	754 (1.9)	868 (2.1)	867 (2.0)
Other	18 (<0.1)	10 (<0.1)	27 (0.1)	47 (0.1)	46 (0.1)

The percent of deliveries without prenatal care in Maricopa County also have been consistently higher than the national average. A comparison of Maricopa County figures with the latest available U.S. figures shows that a higher percentage of mothers of all ethnicities except Asian did not receive prenatal care in the first trimester (see Table 4). In 1995, 8.3 percent more mothers did not get prenatal care in the first trimester than nationally. By age, the mothers most at risk for not having prenatal care in the first trimester are teenage mothers and those age 40 years and older.

The percentage of deliveries paid by Medicaid through the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) has increased over time, from 34 percent in 1991 to 43 percent in 1995.

The total low birthweight rate in Maricopa County is moderate, 6.6 percent. It is below the national average, but has shown some tendency to increase over the five year period (see Figure 4, page 6). The major reason for this low rate is the small percentage of all births in Maricopa County born to African American mothers. As shown in Figure 5 (page 6), African-American births have twice the low birthweight rate of white infants (13.7 percent). This results in higher infant mortality and morbidity. All other ethnic groups have comparably low rates. This same pattern is also evident among premature births (see Table 5, page 7).

Table 4 Percent of women giving birth with no prenatal care during the first trimester by race/ethnicity Maricopa County, 1987-1995 and U.S., 1987-1995

	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
Race/ethnicity	US%	%MC								
White	18.3	20.2	18.2	20.7	17.3	21.4	16.7	18.7	16.3	17.4
Hispanic	40.0	37.9	41.7	43.6	43.3	46.3	42.2	45.5	41.3	42.7
Black	40.0	37.6	39.6	41.2	40.1	45.6	39.3	40.3	38.1	40.7
Native American	42.4	47.1	41.9	55.6	42.1	61.8	42.1	59.4	40.1	52.9
Asian	25.0	23.0	24.5	23.5	25.2	27.7	24.9	19.5	24.7	20.3
Total	24.0	25.4	24.1	27.8	24.5	29.9	24.2	28.0	23.8	26.6

	1992		1993		1994		19	95
Race/ethnicity	US%	%MC	US%	%MC	US%	%MC	US%	%MC
White	15.1	15.3	14.4	16.9	17.2	17.2	16.4	17.6
Hispanic	37.9	37.7	35.2	40.7	32.7	41.3	30.9	41.3
Black	36.0	35.2	33.9	35.7	31.7	34.3	29.6	34.5
Native American	37.9	46.9	36.6	43.7	34.8	46.9	33.3	44.3
Asian	23.4	17.3	22.4	21.0	20.3	23.3	20.1	18.4
Total	22.3	23.7	21.1	25.8	19.8	26.6	18.7	27.0



Figure 4 Percent low birthweight births* by year, 1987-1995 Maricopa County, Arizona and United States

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Arizona Department of Health Services. *Low birthweight births = < 2,500 grams.





Percent of live births with low birth weight

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Total	7.9	8.3	8.8	8.9	8.8
Hispanic	8.2	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.7
Black	14.4	13.4	15.1	13.8	15.6
Native American	8.4	6.6	7.4	7.6	9.1
Asian	7.0	8.3	8.8	9.8	8.0
White	7.3	7.8	8.4	8.6	8.5

Table 5Percent premature deliveries (<37 weeks) by year and ethnicity</td>

Figure 6 shows the percent of low birthweight babies among deliveries in 1993 by ethnicity and place of birth of the mother. As is the case in the U.S. as a whole, mothers born outside the U.S. have generally a better outcome (lower percentage of small babies) than those born in the U.S., regardless of ethnicity. The exception to this pattern in the county are White/Anglo mothers born outside the U.S. or Mexico. In Maricopa County, mothers born in Mexico have the lowest percentage of low birthweight babies. This pattern is most likely the consequence of two main phenomena, the "healthy immigrant" effect (immigrants are generally healthy, because it takes health to migrate), and the benefit of some cultural traits among mothers born elsewhere (social support systems, traditional diets, low proportions of smokers and others).





Mortality

Infant mortality in Maricopa County is consistently below that of the U.S. and slightly higher than the rest of Arizona (see Figure 7). However, when the infant mortality rate is adjusted for ethnic/racial composition to the distribution of the U.S. birth cohort, the Maricopa County rates become the same or higher than the national ones. This means that if Maricopa County were to have the same percentage of White/Anglo mothers, African-American mothers, Hispanic mothers and so forth as the U.S., given the infant mortality rates each ethnic group has in the county, the overall infant mortality rate would be higher than the nation's.

The highest infant mortality rates in the county occur among African-Americans (see Figure 8, page 9), who had a rate of 15.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births for 1995. Native Americans (9.3) and Hispanics (7.9) follow in distant second and third places.

Table 6 (page 9) shows progress toward Year 2000 Objectives related to infant health.

Geographically infant mortality also is not evenly distributed. The health status areas of South and Central Phoenix, Glendale and the West County show considerably higher rates than the average for the whole county. Conversely, Scottsdale, Tempe and Mesa show the lowest rates (see Figures 9 and 10, page 10). These differences follow the socioeconomic and ethnic composition of each area, with those areas having the lowest income, lowest socioeconomic levels, and the least access to health care (as measured by lack of insurance coverage), showing the highest infant mortality.



Figure 7 Infant mortality, 1987-1995 Maricopa County, Arizona, United States, Year 2000 goal



Figure 8 Infant mortality rates by race/ethnicity Maricopa County, 1991-1995

Because Whites and Mexican-Americans have low infant mortality nationally, Year 2000 Objectives for these populations have not been specified.

Table 6Year 2000 Objectives to reduce infant mortality
and Maricopa County rates, 1987-1995

		Maricopa County crude mortality rates*								
Objective number	Year 2000 national objectives	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
14.1	Reduce the infant mortality rate to $\leq 7/1,000$	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.9	8.3	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.4
14.1a	among Blacks ≤ 11/1,000	19.4	25.9	18.8	20.0	14.6	19.9	19.9	16.4	15.4
14.1b	among American Indians $\leq 8.5/1,000$	8.9	9.6	9.0	11.9	10.1	3.7	7.4	11.7	9.3
14.1d	Reduce the neonatal mortality rate to $\leq 4.5/1,000$ live births	6.4	6.4	5.7	5.7	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.8
14.1e	among Blacks ≤7/1,000 live births	13.8	20.6	11.6	12.4	9.8	9.1	12.3	9.0	6.8
14.1g	Reduce the postneonatal mortality rate to $\leq 2.5/1,000$ live births	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.6	2.6	2.9	2.6
14.1h	among Blacks $\leq 4/1,000$ live births	5.6	5.3	7.2	7.6	4.8	10.8	7.6	7.3	8.6
14.1i	among American Indians $\leq 4/1,000$ live births	4.0	4.4	4.5	5.5	4.5	1.9	1.8	7.2	3.7

*Some rates might not add due to rounding.



Figure 9 Infant mortality, selected health status areas Maricopa County, 1987-1995

Figure 10 Infant mortality, selected health status areas Maricopa County, 1987-1995



The single largest group of causes of death among infants is congenital anomalies. This group is followed by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) as the next largest cause of death. Although the percentage of infant deaths attributable to SIDS changes over the years, the general trend has been a decreasing one, from 19.8 percent in 1991 to 13.3 percent in 1995. For more details, see Table 7. years of potential life lost. Heart disease, cancer and respiratory illnesses are among the leading causes of death as measured by both years of potential life lost and mortality rates. Unintentional injuries, homicide, suicide and AIDS are especially important among people under 45 years of age, because together with mortality related to substance abuse, they comprise 57 percent of all deaths in this age group. Figures 12-17 (pages 12-15) show mortality rates by cause for specific age groups.

Figure 11 shows the leading causes of death by

number of deaths by cause, 1987-1995									
Cause of death	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Infectious diseases	4	9	10	5	4	10	7	7	9
Neoplasms	2	5	4	2	4	1	1	0	4
Endocrine deficiencies	3	2	3	4	4	1	1	5	3
Blood diseases	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Nervous system/mental disorders	5	3	6	6	3	5	2	3	10
Circulatory system	11	5	8	5	5	10	2	8	8
Respiratory system	6	10	13	7	12	13	13	19	14
Digestive system	3	0	0	1	8	2	2	5	6
Genitourinary system	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
Skin and bone diseases	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Congenital anomalies	246	256	225	255	212	217	233	218	209
SIDS	71	78	74	50	66	58	34	42	43
III-defined diseases	0	3	6	5	4	5	6	2	4
Unintentional injuries	11	9	10	15	7	15	11	17	8
Intentional injuries	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	5	4
Other injuries	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
County total	367	382	361	357	333	342	317	332	324

Table 7Maricopa County infant mortalitynumber of deaths by cause, 1987-1995



Figure 11 Total years of potential life lost by selected cause of death Maricopa County, 1995

⁽⁾ Number = Rank as cause of death.





Rate per 100,000 population.



Figure 13 Leading causes of death by age (age 20-24) Maricopa County, 1995

Figure 14 Leading causes of death by age (age 25-34) Maricopa County, 1995



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Rate per 100,000 population.



Figure 15 Leading causes of death by age (age 35-44) Maricopa County, 1995

Figure 16 Leading causes of death by age (age 45-64) Maricopa County, 1995



Rate per 100,000 population



Figure 17 Leading causes of death by age (age 65+) Maricopa County, 1995

Homicides increased sharply in 1994 and 1995 to 13.9 per 100,000 (see Figure 18). The national rate in 1993 was 10.6. The year 2000 Objective is 7.2. The rates of homicide for non residents have been relatively stable. The increases among teenagers have been acute, with adolescents showing rates three times as high as those of the general population (see Figure 19, page 16).

The mortality rates due to different types of trauma among adolescents are higher than the rates for all other ages. Figures 19-22 (pages 16-17) show death rates by age for homicides, unintentional injuries, alcohol related automobile deaths, and suicides. These causes need to be examined in the light of total mortality for minors (see Figures 23, 24 and 25, pages 18-19), especially because Arizona and Maricopa county rates are above the national ones.





Figure 19 Adolescent (age 15-19) and County total homicide death rates Maricopa County, 1989-1995

Figure 20 Adolescent (age 15-19) and total all unintentional injury death rates Maricopa County, 1989-1995





Figure 21 Adolescent (age 15-19) and total alcohol related automobile death rates Maricopa County, 1989-1995

Figure 22 Adolescent (age 15-19) and total suicide death rates Maricopa County, 1989-1995





Figure 23 Childhood (age 1-4) mortality Maricopa County and United States, 1990-1995

U.S data available through 1994.

Figure 24 Childhood (age 5-14) mortality Maricopa County, 1989-1995



U.S data available through 1994.



Figure 25 Childhood (age 1-19) mortality Maricopa County and Arizona, 1990-1995

Year 2000 objectives for trauma mortality are considerably lower than the county's 1995 rates:

Cause of death	MC 1995 rates (per 100,000)	Yr. 2000 Objective
Unintentional injuries	38.2	29.3
Motor vehicle (alcoh)	19.1	14.2
Motor vehicle (alcoh) adolesc.	29.0	26.8
Homicide	13.9	07.2
Suicide	16.7	10.5
Suicide (adolescents)	19.3	08.2

Figures 26 and 27 show U.S. and County mortality rates for AIDS by selected ethnicity, sex and age categories. Although the local rates generally are slightly below the national rates, the increases among minority males have followed the national pattern. Rates nationally for Native American males, however, are considerably lower (16.1 per 100,000 for those between 25 and 44 years of age) than the local rates for all ages (24.7). The numbers, however, are small. These rates pre-date the new drug regimens beginning in 1995.

Between 15 percent and 16 percent of deaths in Maricopa County are attributable to tobacco use (see Table 8, page 21). An estimated 25 percent of the population smokes.

Figure 26 AIDS mortality rates by race/ethnicity and sex United States, 1990 and 1994 (all ages)



Figure 27 AIDS mortality rates by race/ethnicity and sex Maricopa County, 1990, 1992 and 1994 (all ages)



Table 8Tobacco attributable deathsMaricopa County, 1990-1996

	Year							
Cause of Death	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995		
Lung cancer (total)	1,065	1,143	1,191	1,203	1,234	1,222		
87 percent tobacco related*	927	994	1,036	1,047	1,074	1,063		
Coronary heart disease (total)	3,991	3,830	4,008	4,456	4,517	4,628		
21 percent tobacco related*	838	804	842	936	949	972		
COPD (total)	874	898	928	1,027	1,038	1,152		
82 percent tobacco related*	717	736	761	842	851	944		
Total tobacco related deaths (non-infant)	2,482	2,434	2,639	2,825	2,874	2,979		
Infant mortality (total)	358	334	343	317	333	324		
10 percent tobacco related*	36	33	34	32	33	32		
Total percent of deaths tobacco related	15.9	16.0	15.6	15.6	15.3	15.6		
Grand total tobacco related deaths and rate**	2,518	2,567	2,673	2,857	2,907	3,011		
	118.7	117.6	119.7	125.0	124.3	118.0		
Deaths due to all causes and rate**	15,814	16,075	17,085	18,320	19,001	19,340		
	745.2	736.7	764.9	801.7	812.6	797.7		

*Percent of total deaths attributable to tobacco. Health United States 1992 and Healthy People 2,000 Review. **Rate per 100,000 people, 1990 and 1995 Census and 1991-1996 population estimates.

Communicable Disease Morbidity

Reported morbidity in Maricopa County during the period 1991 to 1995 decreased for most communicable diseases. Vaccine preventable diseases decreased significantly after relatively large epidemics in 1989-1990 (see Figure 28, page 22). Haemophilus Influenza type b disease decreased dramatically after the introduction of vaccine in the late 1980s. Meningococcal disease, serotype C, showed unprecedented increases during 1993 (see Figures 29 and 30, page 23). After an intensive community vaccination campaign for children ages two through nine in Central Phoenix, these rates began to decrease, returning to the usual endemic levels in 1996.



Figure 28 Incidence and rates* of vaccine preventable disease Maricopa County, 1989-1995

*Per 100,000 population DES population estimates.

Figure 29 Meningitis cases and case rates* (Meningococcal disease and H. Influenzae Meningitis) Maricopa County, 1987-1995



*Per 100,000 population DES population estimates.



Figure 30

*All serogroups, ** per 100,000 population DES estimates. @Does not include 1993-1995 data.

Tuberculosis rates are below those of the state and the country (see Figure 31). The trend since 1992

has been a slight increase, after a consistent decline during the period 1984-1991.


Syphilis and gonorrhea rates have decreased since 1990, with syphilis showing a slight increase in 1995. This increase continued during 1996 and 1997. Both chlamydia

and gonorrhea rates have shown much higher rates among teenagers than among adults. Chlamydia rates have not decreased during this period (see Figures 32-34).









Figure 34 Chlamydia rates by selected age groups Maricopa County, 1989-1995

Surveillance data for self-limiting diseases not preventable by vaccine, such as Hepatitis A and enteric infections are incomplete for the period 1992 - 1995, due to reductions in surveillance staff. It is not possible to unequivocally state that the reductions observed in the rates are real rather than artifactual (see tables 9a, page 26, and 9b, page 27).

	198	87	. 198	38	198	39	199	90	19	91
	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
Enteric Diseases	2148	108.7	2159	106.3	2007	96.0	2428	114.5	1830	83.9
Amebiasis	36	1.8	28	1.4	27	1.3	20	0.9	55	2.5
Cholera	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	384	19.4	413	20.3	421	20.1	495	23.3	419	19.2
Giardiasis	802	40.6	763	37.5	746	35.7	659	31.1	447	20.5
Salmonellosis	297	15.0	307	15.1	319	15.3	389	18.3	368	16.9
Shigellosis	625	31.6	644	31.7	490	23.4	840	39.6	528	24.2
Typhoid fever	1	0.1	4	0.2	4	0.2	16	0.8	4	0.2
Other	3	0.2	0	0	0	0	10	0.5	9	0.4
Vaccine Preventable	210	10.6	503	24.8	538	25.7	361	17.0	188	8.6
Measles	0	0	5	0.2	142	6.8	154	7.3	46	2.1
Mumps	97	4.9	102	5.0	75	3.6	82	3.9	66	3.0
Pertussis	21	1.1	297	14.6	240	11.5	63	3.0	57	2.6
Rubella	4	0.2	0	0	0	0	21	1.0	2	0.1
Other Vaccine Preventable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	88	4.5	99	4.9	81	3.9	41	1.9	17	0.8
Central Nervous System	256	13.0	169	8.3	146	7.0	202	9.5	108	4.9
Aseptic meningitis	131	6.6	56	2.8	52	2.5	132	6.2	53	2.4
Primary enceph	10	0.5	9	0.4	4	0.2	6	0.3	5	0.2
Post-viral enceph	1	0.1	1	*** *	0	0	0	0	1	*** *
Meningococcal meningitis	13	0.7	8	0.4	10	0.5	5	0.2	10	0.5
Haemophilus infl. mening.	56	2.8	58	2.9	50	2.4	23	1.1	9	0.4
Other bacterial meningitis	24	1.2	16	0.8	15	0.7	17	0.8	11	0.5
Other	21	1.1	21	1.0	15	0.9	19	0.9	19	0.9
Viral Hepatitis	2131	107.8	1863	91.7	2000	95.7	1233	58.1	828	37.9
Hepatitis A	1381	69.9	1371	67.5	1557	74.5	843	39.7	722	33.1
Hepatitis B	618	31.3	425	20.9	388	18.6	334	15.7	81	3.7
Hepatitis Non-A,B	117	5.9	60	3.0	43	2.1	51	2.4	7	0.3
Other	15	0.8	7	0.3	12	0.6	5	0.2	18	0.8
Zoonoses	20	1.0	24	1.2	15	0.7	18	0.8	14	0.6
Coccidioidomycosis	154	7.8	162	8.0	173	8.3	155	7.3	210	9.6
All other conditions	13	0.7	34	1.7	34	1.6	22	1.0	33	1.5
Total Acute diseases	4932	249.5	4914	241.8	4913	235.1	4420	208.3	3211	147.2

Table 9aGeneral communicable diseasesdiagnoses by year, 1987-1991

Rates are per 100,000 estimated population based on DES projections and 1990 Census.

Table 9b General communicable diseases diagnoses by year, 1992-1995

	19	92	19	93	19	94	19	95
	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
Enteric Diseases	1641	71.8	1183	50.6	1032	44.1	1408	55.2
Amebiasis	74	3.2	55	2.4	41	1.8	51	2.1
Cholera	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	418	18.3	314	13.4	247	10.6	284	11.7
Giardiasis	404	17.7	284	12.2	247	10.6	243	10.0
Salmonellosis	326	14.4	218	9.3	219	9.4	291	12.1
Shigellosis	416	18.2	309	13.2	273	11.7	517	21.4
Typhoid fever	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	3	0.1
Other	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.2	19	0.7
Vaccine Preventable	142	6.7	60	3.1	103	4.4	80	3.3
Measles	0	0	3	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1
Mumps	39	1.7	11	0.5	25	1.1	19	0.7
Pertussis	101	4.4	46	2.0	77	3.3	56	2.3
Rubella	2	0.1	0	0	0	0	3	0.1
Other Vaccine Preventable	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Nervous System	112	4.9	199	8.6	108	4.6	131	5.1
Aseptic meningitis	79	3.5	126	5.4	53	2.3	63	2.7
Primary enceph	2	0.1	3	0.1	0	0	3	0.1
Post-viral enceph	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Meningococcal meningitis	17	0.7	63	2.7	43	1.8	39	1.7
Haemophilus infl. meningitis	4	0.2	5	0.2	12	0.5	2	0.1
Other bacterial meningitis	0	0	1	0.1	0	0	12	0.5
Other	10	0.5	1	0.1	0	0	11	0.4
Viral Hepatitis	930	40.7	565	24.2	676	28.9	666	27.8
Hepatitis A	819	35.8	532	22.8	636	27.2	566	23.4
Hepatitis B	104	4.6	28	1.2	37	1.6	61	2.5
Hepatitis Non-A,B	3	0.1	3	0.1	0	0	36	1.5
Other	4	0.2	2	0.1	3	0.1	3	0.1
Zoonoses	16	0.7	3	0.1	20	1.0	18	0.7
Coccidioidomycosis	294	12.9	316	13.5	310	13.3	398	15.6
All other conditions	28	1.8	22	1.0	56	2.2	350	13.7
Total Acute diseases	3163	139.4	2348	101.3	2305	98.5	3051	127.1

Rates are per 100,000 estimated population based on DES projections and 1990 Census.

Tables 10 and 11 (pages 29-30) show year 2000 Objectives and rates for the county for most sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS. The rates in

Maricopa County are below both the current national rates and year 2,000 objectives. One notable exception is chlamydia.

Table 10Year 2000 Objectives to reduce sexually transmitted diseasesMaricopa County rates by year of diagnosis, 1987-1995

			Maricop	a County	/ crude r	norbidity	/ rates p	er 100,00	00	
Objective Number	Year 2000 National Objectives	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
18.0	Reduce the incidence of AIDS to no more than 43.0 cases per 100,000	11.3	13.0	17.8	18.6	18.6	22.3	18.9	15.9	13.9
19.1	Reduce gonorrhea to an incidence of no more than 225 cases per 100,000	203.2	180.9	193.5	155.3	142.5	149.2	135.9	120.8	125.4
19.1a	among Blacks≤ 1,990/100,000	2200.0	2155.4	2600.6	1880.0	1908.6	1847.4	1566.8	1324.2	1058.2
19.1b	among Adolescents aged $15-19 \le 1,123/100,000$	705.0	580.9	702.6	502.2	561.1	386.5	284.5	490.1	351.1
19.2	Reduce Chlamydia trachomatis infections, as measured by a decrease in the incidence of nongonococcal urethritis to \leq 170/100,000	50.8	91.1	141.2	217.4	239.7	257.6	237.8	230.7	233.9
19.3	Reduce primary and secondary syphilis to an incidence of \leq 10/100,000	8.5	4.4	15.0	23.7	12.2	6.5	2.3	1.3	1.7
19.3a	among Blacks ≤ 188/100,000	68.9	35.6	217.4	274.6	112.4	61.7	15.1	11.1	29.2
19.4	Reduce congenital syphilis to an incidence of \leq 50/100,000	0.0	0.0	28.1	62.1	40.1	47.4	19.8	30.7	13.6

Table 11aMaricopa County incidence of reported casesof sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, 1987-1991

Disease	19 #	987 Rate	1 #	988 Rate	1 #	989 Rate	19 #	990 Rate	19 #	991 Rate
Total Syphilis	482	24.4	404	19.9	625	29.9	932	43.9	627	28.7
Congenital Syphilis	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	0.5	25	1.2	16	0.7
Primary Syphilis	87	4.4	49	2.4	175	8.4	298	14.0	160	7.3
Secondary Syphilis	82	4.1	40	2.0	138	6.6	206	9.7	106	4.9
Other Syphilis	313	15.8	315	15.5	301	14.4	403	19.0	345	15.8
Gonorrhea	4016	203.2	3675	180.9	4043	193.5	3295	155.3	3109	142.5
Chlamydia	1004	50.8	1851	91.1	2950	141.2	4614	217.4	5231	239.7
Herpes Genitalis	894	45.2	833	41.0	919	44.0	1123	52.9	1085	49.7
Urethritis	1824	92.3	2019	99.4	1596	76.4	1860	87.6	2012	92.2
Vaginitis	889	45.0	1053	51.8	1024	49.0	1557	73.4	1107	50.7
Other	88	4.5	145	732	188	9.0	352	16.7	336	15.4
Total STD's	9197	465.3	9980	491.1	11345	542.8	13773	647.1	13507	619.0
AIDS	224	11.2	264	13.2	371	18.6	394	18.8	406	18.8

Count and rate by year of diagnosis

Rates are per 100,000 estimated population based on DES projections and 1990 and 1995 Census.

Table 11bMaricopa County incidence of reported casesof sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, 1992-1995

Disease	19 #	92 Rate	19 #	993 Rate	199 #)4 Rate	19 #	95 Rate	
Total Syphilis	431	19.3	320	12.0	214	8.6	279	11.2	
Congenital Syphilis	19	0.9	8	0.3	13	0.6	6	0.2	
Primary Syphilis	70	3.1	21	0.9	20	0.9	30	1.2	
Secondary Syphilis	76	3.4	32	1.4	10	0.4	14	0.5	
Other Syphilis	266	11.9	259	11.3	171	7.3	229	9.0	
Gonorrhea	3332	149.2	3113	135.9	2825	120.8	3201	125.4	
Chlamydia	5753	257.6	5449	237.8	5395	230.7	5968	233.9	
Herpes Genitalis	1239	55.5	1085	47.4	1200	51.3	1566	61.4	
Urethritis	2346	105.0	1288	56.2	7	0.3	6	0.2	
Vaginitis	1086	48.6	552	24.1	229	9.8	12	0.5	
Other	80	3.6	82	3.6	33	1.4	199	7.8	
Total STD's	14267	631.8	11889	570.1	9903	424.4	11231	449.2	
AIDS	499	22.3	433	18.9	354	15.9	337	13.9	

Count and rate by year of diagnosis

Rates are per 100,000 estimated population based on DES projections and 1990 and 1995 Census.

Behavioral risk factors

The data to measure these risk factors comes from the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, a national survey sponsored by the CDC. Unfortunately, the sample sizes are designed for statewide estimates and not for specific county estimates.

Until 1992, Maricopa County sponsored its own Behavioral Risk Factor Survey. After that year, due to budget cuts, it has not been repeated. The data presented here are the results of the 1991 survey. The estimates for 1992 were not significantly different from 1991.

The response rate of the survey was more than 80 percent and the geographic distribution was repre-

sentative of county population. These data are consistent with other sources and surveys, the CDC has validated the questionnaire and the results show high reliability.

Smoking

Figures 35 through 41 show the distribution of smokers by different population characteristics. Non-Hispanic Whites, males, middle aged people and those with lower income and education were the groups with the highest prevalence of smoking. Hispanic mothers smoked during pregnancy at a rate two thirds lower than other mothers did. These data should help focus some of the tobacco reduction activities in the county.





Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census population. Other = Asian, Native American and unknown



Figure 36 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent current smokers by sex for U.S., Arizona and Maricopa County

Figure 37 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent current smokers among females of Maricopa County and Arizona





Figure 38 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent current smokers among males of Maricopa County and Arizona



Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census population. Current smokers among unknowns of Arizona = 10.7 percent

> Figure 39 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent current smokers by income for Maricopa County and Arizona





Figure 40 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent current smokers by educational status for Maricopa County and Arizona



Source: Maricopa County Department of Public Health Division of Epidemiology and Data Services

Drinking

Figures 42 through 50 show data on chronic and binge drinking as well as drinking and driving. The patterns for these three activities are not the same. Whites have the largest percentage of chronic drinkers, Blacks and Hispanics have the largest percentages of binge drinkers. The highest prevalence of people who drink and drive are in the "other" category, the majority of whom in the Maricopa County survey are Native Americans. This correlates well with death rates from automobile accidents with alcohol involvement. Males drink and drive and engage in chronic and binge drinking about three times as often as females. An interesting pattern is the U-shaped curve of female chronic drinkers in Maricopa County, showing higher prevalence of chronic drinking at ages 25 and younger and 65 and older. Males don't show this pattern. The unemployed and the retired are more likely to be chronic drinkers.

Figure 42 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent chronic drinking by race/ethnicity for Maricopa County and Arizona



Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census. Other = Asian, Native America and unknown



Figure 43 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent binge drinking by race/ethnicity for Maricopa County and Arizona

Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census population. Other = Asian, Native American and unknown

Figure 44 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent drinking and driving by ethnicity for Maricopa County and Arizona



Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census population. Other = Asian, Native American and unknown

Figure 45 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent chronic drinking by sex for U.S., Maricopa County and Arizona









Figure 47 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent drinking and driving by sex for U.S., Maricopa County and Arizona





Figure 49 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent chronic drinking among males of Maricopa County and Arizona



Figure 50 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent chronic drinking by employment status for Maricopa County and Arizona



Other risk factors

Figure 51 describes the percent of people using seat belts always by race/ethnicity. The percentages range from a low of 63.9 for African Americans to a high of 74.6 for Whites and 83.6 for "others."

Figure 52 shows the percentage of people by ethnic group who reports not having spent any time in leisure activities. Hispanics have the highest rates of no leisure time activity.

Figure 51 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent seat belt use by race/ethnicity for Maricopa County and Arizona



Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census population. Other = Asian, Native American and unknown.

Figure 52 Maricopa County behavioral risk factor surveillance 1991 percent no leisure time activity by ethnicity for Maricopa County and Arizona



Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census population. Other = Asian, Native American and unknown

Socioeconomic data

Most of the data in this section are derived from the Socioeconomic information by Health Status Area 1990 Census. The 1995 Census did not include socio- Tables 12-17b describe socioeconomic indicators for the enin the methods section.

economic variables. The quality of the data is discussed tire county and for each Health Status Area. Area 5 (South Phoenix and Guadalupe) is the area showing the lowest socioeconomic status levels. Area 6, covering Scottsdale, Paradise Valley and Fountain Hills, show the highest indicators.

Table 12Maricopa County 1990education by ethnicity - total county

Race Education	Whi Whi	ite %	Hispi #	anic %	# Bla	ck %	Native #	Amer. %	¥	sian %	# t	her %	오 #	tal %
< 9th grade	64374	5.4	49435	31.2	3422	8.6	2187	12.1	2202	10.7	26824	33.9	60066	7.4
9th thru 11th grade	122662	10.3	28426	18.0	6322	16.0	3814	21.0	2018	9.8	14989	18.9	149805	11.1
High school graduate	308136	26.0	34355	21.7	8592	21.7	4985	27.5	3211	15.6	17331	21.9	342255	25.5
Some college	325731	27.4	27244	17.2	12017	30.3	4497	24.8	3531	17.2	12840	16.2	358616	26.7
AA degree	87954	7.4	7356	4.6	3403	8.6	1248	6.9	1578	7.7	3213	4.1	97396	7.2
BS-BA degree	188860	15.9	7838	5.0	4112	10.4	939	5.2	4712	22.9	2826	3.6	201449	15.0
Graduate degree	89425	7.5	3658	2.3	1765	4.5	461	2.5	3321	16.1	1152	1.5	96124	7.1
Total	1187142	100.0	158312	100.0	39633	100.0	18131	100.0	20573	100.0	79175	100.0	1344654	100.0
% of Total		88.3		11.8		2.9		1.3		1.5		5.9		100.0

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mean per capita income (in dollars) by race, ethnicity and health status area Maricopa County 1990 Table 13

87,529 100.0 44,975 100.0 20,980 100.0 53,625 100.0 115,258 100.0 41,132 100.0 41,763 100.0 22,640 100.0 552,909 100.0 123,112 100.0 1,895 100.0 Total Poverty 20,378 97.1 108,968 94.5 78,422 89.6 29,824 72.5 43,461 96.6 39,325 94.2 504,404 91.2 91.9 114,673 93.1 18,952 83.7 1,100 58.0 Above Level 49,301 **All Families** Poverty Below 6,290 5.5 11,308 27.5 2,438 5.8 8,439 6.9 3,688 16.3 48,505 8.8 Level 602 2.9 4,324 8.1 1,514 3.4 795 42.0 10.4 9,107 Poverty 20,225 96.4 53,475 46.4 11,914 29.0 260,864 47.2 56,605 42.0 46.0 8,410 37.1 528 27.9 Above 45.4 61.7 With No Children 22,527 39,738 27,760 19,682 47.1 Level Poverty Below Level 10,183 1.8 841 1.6 1,619 1.8 579 2.8 647 1.5 1,666 1.4 1,654 4.0 575 1.3 1,763 1.4 705 3.1 134 7.1 Poverty 10,542 46.6 243,540 44.0 55,493 48.1 17,910 43.5 19,643 47.0 Above Level 153 0.7 26,774 49.9 38,684 44.2 15,701 34.9 58,068 47.2 572 30.2 With Children Poverty Below Level 7,488 8.6 38,322 6.9 23 0.1 3,483 6.5 4,624 4.0 9,654 23.5 939 2.1 1,791 4.3 6,676 5.4 2,983 13.2 661 34.9 #% #% #% #% #% #% #% #% #% #% #% Families Area Total 5 2 ო ഹ ശ ω ດ 4 \sim ~

Poverty level as defined in 1990 census, considering income and family size. This table represents families, not households

Table 14 Maricopa County households 1990 primary language spoken and linguistic isolation by health status area

Poverty level as defined in 1990 census, considering income and family size. Population figures in 1990 are slightly higher than this total due to data suppression by the U.S.Census Bureau in certain census tracts to protect confideniality.

Tarrini		rty Status, p					y neurin sta	
Race Area	White	Black	Native American	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non- Hispanic	Total
1	19,985	16,580	21,723	17,415	7,352	10,448	19,987	19,934
2	14,434	11,851	9,973	11,437	7,561	8,525	14,584	13,669
3	16,743	14,620	9,055	12,668	10,153	11,107	16,808	16,443
4	15,405	8,787	7,376	12,566	7,390	7,871	15,573	14,050
5	9,178	7,100	4,579	8,780	5,482	5,459	10,094	7,669
6	26,760	19,643	11,058	20,359	12,356	13,440	26,956	26,358
7	17,722	12,073	8,588	11,193	9,415	11,076	17,490	16,865
8	14,297	11,160	7,579	13,654	7,922	8,315	14,509	13,772
9	12,225	9,167	6,628	7,136	6,026	5,741	13,048	10,510
10	12,589	0	3,773	9,000	4,520	3,170	5,568	5,270
Total	16,182	9,546	6,660	12,503	7,008	7,608	16,375	14,970

Table 15Maricopa County population 1990families by poverty status, presence of children (under 18 years) and by health status area

Poverty level as defined in 1990 census, considering income and family size. This table represents families, not households

Maricopa County population 1990 distribution of people by health status area and income as a percent of poverty level* Table 16

Total	33309	72793	163729	141248	58586	68250	68146	171507	28112	2482	808162
Households	4.1	9.0	20.3	17.5	7.2	8.4	8.4	21.2	3.5	0.3	
Other	1799	2998	8079	6164	1641	3722	3050	6305	931	917	35606
Not Isolated	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.4	2.8	5.5	4.5	3.7	3.3	36.9	4.4
Other	268	345	979	1093	294	374	204	723	228	70	4476
Isolated	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	2.8	0.6
Asian	6	836	1234	1466	191	386	1235	1438	228	5	7025
Not Isolated	0.02	1.15	0.75	1.04	0.33	0.57	1.81	.84	0.81	0.20	0.9
Asian Isolated	0.00	182 0.25	328 0.20	635 0.45	76 0.13	50 0.07	543 0.80	362 0.21	51 0.18	0.00	2227 0.3
Spanish	309	7093	8075	15849	17912	2614	5236	12881	5947	137	76053
Not Isolated	0.9	9.7	4.9	11.2	30.6	3.8	7.7	7.5	21.2	5.5	9.4
Spanish	48	1205	1139	3570	6626	328	658	2301	1531	19	17425
Isolated	0.1	1.7	0.7	2.5	11.3	0.5	1.0	1.3	5.4	0.8	2.2
English	30879	60134	143895	112471	31846	60776	57220	147497	19298	1334	665350
	92.7	82.6	87.9	79.6	54.4	89.0	84.0	86.0	68.6	53.7	82.3
Language Area	~	2	e	4	5	9	7	8	o	10	Total

*Poverty level as defined in 1990 census, considering income and family size.

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G	%	91.8	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	* ***	0.6	0.8	0.1	3.5	0.3	* ***	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	* . **	0.0	* ***	0.1	* . * ***	0.3	100.0	7.7
	#	137292	1320	110	142	234	259	8562	861	1221	75	5244	398	26	190	168	254	301	95	394	150	73	0	02	128	68	379	149514	
5	%	54.9	0.2	* ***	* ***	* ***	* ***	* ***	0.1	0.3	* ***	42.7	* ***	* ***	* ***	* ***	*** *	* ***	* ***	* ***	* ***	* * ***	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	100.0	8.8
	#	94144	394	18	46	46	34	85	230	519	21	73281	55	16	9	62	50	65	65	37	51	50	101	143	1684	96	259	171575	
4	%	81.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	* ***	13.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	* * **	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.3	100.0	16.6
	#	263432	1940	173	172	171	483	182	821	1344	103	43679	573	236	363	163	493	436	878	1950	234	193	6	398	3262	757	827	323272	
e	%	91.1	0.7	* . ***	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	* . ***	4.4	0.3	* ***	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	100.0	20.2
	#	358807	2739	132	359	275	492	792	1862	2063	109	17283	1169	126	418	614	883	416	307	719	362	299	255	490	841	840	1073	394025	
2	%	85.5	0.7	* . **	0.2	* . **	* ***	0.2	0.4	0.3	* . **	10.5	0.2	* ***	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	* ***	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	100.0	9.4
	#	156304	1227	26	310	90	46	373	648	563	79	19130	340	84	124	206	301	199	267	581	139	223	44	586	236	235	429	182790	
-	%	94.3	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	* ***	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	* ***	* ***	0.0	0.1	100.0	2.9
	#	53940	697	58	45	204	17	0	268	257	0	519	445	45	63	322	95	0	0	0	155	0	0	20	12	0	66	57228	
Area	Language	English	German	Yiddish	Other-German	Scandinavian	Greek	Indic	Italian	French	Portuguese	Spanish	Polish	Russian	South Slavic	Other - Slavic	Other - Euro	Arabic	Tagalog	Chinese	Hungarian	Japanese	Mon-Khmer	Korean	Native American	Vietcong	Other	Total	% of Total

Table 17bMaricopa County census 1990people by language spoken at home and health status area

Area		7		8		6		10	F	otal
Language	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
English	141659	87.7	374021	88.6	57220	68.8	5203	71.1	1642022	84.1
German	1007	0.6	2637	0.6	575	0.7	7	0.1	12543	0.6
Yiddish	27	* ***	13	* ***	9	* ***	0	0.0	563	* ***
Other-German	117	0.1	271	0.1	74	0.1	0	0.0	1536	0.1
Scandinavian	146	0.1	496	0.1	62	0.1	9	0.1	1730	0.1
Greek	133	0.1	152	* . ***	S	* . * ***	0	0.0	1621	0.1
Indic	517	0.3	708	0.2	50	0.1	0	0.0	2769	0.1
Italian	339	0.2	980	0.2	128	0.2	0	0.0	6137	0.3
French	749	0.5	1574	0.4	307	0.4	14	0.2	8611	0.4
Portuguese	92	0.1	263	0.1	33	* . * ***	0	0.0	775	* ***
Spanish	10683	6.6	34021	8.1	23355	28.1	305	4.2	227500	11.6
Polish	234	0.1	454	0.1	81	0.1	0	0.0	3749	0.2
Russian	74	* ***	182	* ***	12	* ***	0	0.0	801	* ***
South Slavic	66	0.1	465	0.1	ი	* . * **	0	0.0	1737	0.1
Other - Slavic	129	0.1	235	0.1	52	0.1	0	0.0	1968	0.1
Other - Euro	475	0.3	358	0.1	16	* . * ***	9	0.1	2931	0.2
Arabic	317	0.2	351	0.1	∞	* . * **	0	0.0	2093	0.1
Tagalog	216	0.1	495	0.1	169	0.2	0	0.0	2792	0.1
Chinese	1553	1.0	1141	0.3	171	0.2	0	0.0	6546	0.3
Hungarian	53	* ***	247	0.1	13	* ***	2	0.1	1411	0.1
Japanese	297	0.2	381	0.1	125	0.2	13	0.2	1654	0.1
Mon-Khmer	266	0.2	72	* . ***	0	0.0	0	0.0	747	* ****
Korean	691	0.4	479	0.1	96	0.1	0	0.0	2973	0.2
Native American	513	0.3	916	0.2	499	0.6	1732	23.7	9823	0.5
Vietcong	449	0.3	450	0.1	22	* ***	0	0.0	2917	0.1
Other	743	0.5	977	0.2	71	0.1	23	0.3	4847	0.2
Total	161578	100.0	422339	100.0	83159	100.0	7316	100.0	1952796	100.0
% of Total		8.3		21.6		4.3		0.4		100.0

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Health insurance coverage and utilization

Three indicators of health care access and utilization are the percentage of people without health insurance, the percentage of births occurring in hospital and the rate of cesarean sections by method of payment. In the tables and figures presented in volume II, other indicators are offered. Figure 53 shows health insurance coverage by sex for Maricopa County, the U.S. and Arizona for 1991. These proportions did not change significantly throughout the five intercensal years. Approximately 15-16 percent of adults had no health care coverage. The proportions for children were estimated at similar levels.





Based on a sample of 1,444, weighted by age, sex and ethnicity to Maricopa County 1990 census population. Denominator includes entire sample

Table 18 shows the percentage of births in 1991 and 1995delivered in hospital. Ninety-nine percent of deliveries

took place in hospital in 1991, and slightly less, 98.6 in 1995.

Year	1991	1995
Hospital delivery	39,418 99.0	43,404 98.6
Non-hospital delivery	407 1.0	620 1.4
Total	39,825*	44,024

Table 18Maricopa County percentage of births in 1991 and 1995delivered in hospital

*82 observations missing

Tables 19 and 20 show the number and percentage of cesarian deliveries by method of payment in 1991 and 1995. It is interesting to note that in both years the high-

est percentage of primary cesarian deliveries took place among those with private insurance coverage, and the lowest among those classified as "self-pay."

Table 19Number and percentage of caesarian deliveries by method of payment (1991)

Insurance	AHCCCS*	IHS**	Private Ins.	Self	Unknown	Total
Primary Caesarian	1,391	40	2667	437	59	4594
delivery	10.2	8.5	13.3	8.4	10.0	11.5
Secondary Caesarian delivery	798	22	1524	183	29	2556
	5.9	4.7	7.6	3.6	5.0	6.4
All other methods of delivery	11,388	409	15,901	4,559	500	32,757
	83.9	86.8	79.1	88.0	85.0	82.1
Total	13,577	471	200,092	5,179	588	39,907
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*AHCCCS Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

**IHS - Indian Health Service

Insurance	AHCCCS*	IHS**	Private Ins.	Self	Unknown	Total
Primary Caesarian	1,685	35	2,698	145	44	4,607
delivery	9.0	10.7	12.1	6.8	7.3	10.5
Secondary Caesarian delivery	989	12	1,392	86	18	2,497
	5.3	3.7	6.3	4.0	3.0	5.7
All other methods of delivery	16,076	279	18,121	1,901	543	36,920
	85.7	85.6	81.6	89.2	89.7	838
Total	18,750	326	22,211	2,132	605	44,024
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 20Number and percentage of caesarian deliveries by method of payment (1995)

*AHCCCS Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

**IHS - Indian Health Service

Methods

Data Sources and Limitations

This report includes information from many sources. Table 21 (page M-3) lists the types of data used and their sources. The quality and reliability of the data are variable.

All mortality and natality data are subject to errors of transcription beginning with the medical record, and including coding error and data entry errors. These errors should be controlled by constant quality review at all points through close monitoring, continuous training and periodic sample surveys. Unfortunately, Arizona does not yet have all these quality assurance measures in place, either at the county or at the state level. Thus, the degree to which information on the certificates is a valid and accurate reflection of the characteristics of the decedent, causes of death, characteristics of the newborn or parental and pregnancy characteristics is, at this point, unknown. No studies have been done estimating the proportion of birth or death events actually covered by our vital record, although given the medical and vital registration system, it is assumed to be (and probably is) very high. This is an important pending evaluation, especially in a state with relatively large minority populations and many isolated, sparsely populated areas. Miscounts and misclassifications in the vital record as well as in

disease registers in other states have been shown to exceed 33 percent for specific populations.²

However, there are some indications of a relatively high percentage of random errors originating in transcription and data entry. For example, just 82 percent of prenatal care visits listed in the birth certificates agreed with the medical record in a pilot study done in 1993 in one Maricopa County hospital. Pima County found that in recent years up to 80 percent of certificates had at least one data entry error. However, these errors do not seem to be systematic and, thus, although they affect the precision of the measurement, they should allow for monitoring of trends. Efforts are underway to evaluate the birth certificate registration system as part of the implementation of the Electronic Birth Certificate system in 1998-1999.

Although death is one of the more easily measurable events in health statistics, the data still are fraught with problems. Primary among these is the misclassification of causes of death. Since 1994 new procedures have been in place in Maricopa County to assure the quality of the data. Although this process is not yet complete, there is some evidence derived from procedural reviews as well as from the decrease in the rates of ill-defined conditions that indicate the quality of the death certificates has improved.

Frost F. et al. Racial Misclassification of Native Americans in a SEER Registry. J. Natl. Cancer Inst. 1992; 84: 957-961. Sugarman, J.R. et al. Racial Misclassification of American Indians: its effect on injury rates in Oregon, 1989-1990. AJPH 1993; 83:681-684.

Table 21Types of data and sources

Type of data	Source of data
Demographic data	Based on the 1990 United States Census and the 1995 Arizona Special Census.
Natality data	Based on birth certificates, as reported by the Arizona Department of Health Services.
Mortality data	Based on death certificates, as reported by the Arizona Department of Health Services.
Morbidity data	Based on survey data or cases of diseases reportable by law, some registry data and some patchwork information collected for some ar- eas of the county by non-health organizations such as police depart- ments, fire departments and community coalitions. Each source is speci- fied when the data are presented.
Risk factors	Derived from birth certificates, the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (B.R.S.F.) and other surveys.
Socioeconomic measures	Based on the 1990 U.S. Census, as well as some birth and death certificate information.
National morbidity And mortality data	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics.
Year 2000 national health objectives	Healthy People 2000, DHHS, PHS.

Population estimates and data sources

All health measures used in this report depend on population figures as denominators. We have used population information from the 1990 and 1995 Census and estimates for intercensal years provided by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES).

Both the 1990 and 1995 census in Maricopa County had undercounts of populations, especially for those in some rural areas, minority and immigrant populations and homeless people. Additionally, the 1995 census was disrupted by the federal budget crisis, causing unexpected staff turnover and interruptions in data collection, recruitment and training of census workers. Thus, the population of Maricopa County is probably slightly larger than the census counts.

DES estimates for intercensal years are re-evaluated periodically. Additionally DES periodically adjusts for overcounts and undercounts of Census figures. The differences in these adjustments are minimal (in the order of 100 people for the entire state and fewer than 700 per city in the county). We have chosen to maintain denominator estimates for each year and not change them, because rates computed with one estimate may not be the same when computed with a more recent estimate for that same year. We have listed the estimates used for each year and their sources in Table 22). These estimates are not necessarily the most recent ones produced by DES but they are the ones used by the Department of Public Health in computing health statistics for previously published reports. The estimates are anchored by 1980, 1985, 1990, and 1995 Census figures.

This report uses denominator estimates developed by the MCDPHS for age, sex and race/ethnicity for specific geographic areas within the county, based on Census data and DES estimates. The census figures used in this report are uncorrected for over-counts or under-counts. We have used census data as they appear, without modifying any of the imputed or assigned values. We have used the tables reflecting total counts and not estimates derived from a sample whenever possible.

Even in census years, the total population of the county might vary slightly from one table to another, depending on the geographical divisions examined. This is a result of suppression of some types of data (age, sex, ethnicity, for example) at the level of small Census tracts in order to protect the confidentiality of the responses and the privacy of the respondents.

Throughout this report, Maricopa County, Arizona and U.S. health statistics are compared to each other. When they refer to the entire population, these comparisons use crude rates, not age-adjusted ones. The adult population of Maricopa County is slightly younger than that of Arizona, which is, in turn, slightly younger than that of the United States. Thus, some differences in crude disease rates would be expected even if all the age-specific rates were equal. Generally speaking, the population of Maricopa County should have lower crude disease rates than either the population of Arizona or the U.S. because it is slightly younger.

When comparisons are made to rates that are National Objectives for the Year 2000, some care must be taken in

Table 22 Population estimates Maricopa County, 1980-1995*

Year	Population	Source
1980	1,509,175	1980 Census
1983	1,642,300	8/86 DES Estimate
1984	1,726,398	6/89 DES Estimate
1985	1,837,912	1985 Special Census
1986	1,909,998	6/89 DES Estimate
1987	1,976,600	9/91 DES Estimate
1988	2,032,000	9/91 DES Estimate
1989	2,089,900	9/91 DES Estimate
1990	2,122,101	1990 Census
1991	2,181,950	10/92 DES Estimate
1992	2,233,700	10/92 DES Estimate
1993	2,238,263	3/93 DES Projection
1994	2,285,200	5/93 DES Projection
1995	2,551,765	1995 Special Census

*Estimates are as of July 1 of each year.

Sources: 1980 and 1990 U.S. Census, 1985 and 1995 Special Census Data and Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Estimates and Projections. the interpretation. The numerators for Maricopa County rates were chosen to match the ICD-9 codes specified in Healthy People 2000 (see Table 23). Many of the general population rates designated as Year 2000 Objectives are age-standardized to the 1940 U.S. population. However, as previously mentioned, Maricopa County rates are not standardized to any population. Standardization was not carried out because of the many methodologic problems regarding standardization of rates among radically different populations, including the population chosen as a standard and the effects of standardization on the presentation of data.³ These issues cannot be discussed here; refer to the footnote for more information.

Despite these potential problems in comparisons, population rates for Maricopa County were not age-adjusted because the Health Status Report of the county should reflect real rates. Instead, whenever appropriate and feasible, age specific, sex-specific and race/ethnic specific rates are presented.

Cause-of-Death Group	ICD - 9 Codes
Alcohol - related motor vehicle crashes	E810.0-E819.9
Breast cancer (female)	174.0-174.9
Cancer (all sites)	140.0-208.9
Cervical cancer	180.0-180.9
Child abuse	E967.0-E967.9, E968.4
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	490.0-496.9
Cirrhosis	571.0-571.6
Colocrectal cancer	153.0-154.3, 154.8, 159.0-159.9
Coronary heart disease	410.0-414.9, 402.0, 402.9, 429.2
Drowning	E830.0-E830.0, E832.0-E832.9, E910.0-E910.9
Drug abuse related deaths	292.0-292.9, 304.0-304.9, 305.2-305.9, 850.0-858.9, 950.0-950.5,
	962.0, 890.0-895.4
Falls and fall-related injuries	E880.0-E888.9, E922.0-E922.3, E922.8-E922.9, E955.0-E955.4,
Unintentional firearm injuries	E965.0-E965.4, E970.0, E985.0-E985.4
Homicide	E960.0-E969.9
Lung cancer	162.2-162.9
Motor vehicle crashes (non-alcohol)	E810.0-E825.9
Residential fires	E890.0-E899.9
Stroke	430.0-438.9
Suicide	E950.0-E959.9
Unintentional injuries (all)	E800.0-E949.9

Table 23Definitions of Healthy People 2000 grouped cause-of-death databy international classification of disease codes, ninth revision

3. Feinlib M., Zarati, A.O., eds. Reconsidering Age Adjustment Procedures: Workshop proceedings. NCHS, Vital Health Stat 4 (29). 1992.

Health Status Areas Definitions

Among the reference tables included in this report are tables defining zip codes, health status areas, nursing districts and Maricopa Association of Governments Planning districts in terms of census tracts. Some of these definitions are approximate, because the boundaries of the larger areas do not always match those of the census tracts. We have published these tables to facilitate the use of census and health data to people or institutions for whom the census tract is not a meaningful unit to define an area, even though it is the basic building block of numerator and denominator data.

Demography, socioeconomic status, geographic consid-

erations and political divisions were the elements that entered into the definition of the 10 Health Status Areas in the county. For purposes of health status analyses we have divided the county into the following areas: (1) Sun City, (2) Glendale, (3) North Phoenix, (4) Central Phoenix, (5) South Phoenix, (6) Scottsdale/Paradise Valley, (7) Tempe/Ahwatukee, (8) Mesa/Gilbert, (9) West Maricopa County, and (10) the three Native American Reservations (Gila River Indian Community, Salt River/ Pima Indian Community and Fort McDowell Indian Community). See Figure 54. One Census tract (303.43) was changed since the previous Health Status Report, from area 3 to area 6.



Figure 54 Maricopa County's 10 health status areas

Definitions: Population Attributes, Risk Factors and Health Indicators

Attributes, risk factors and health indicators are different yet related measures describing a population and its health status. Additional definitions of health-related, technical or epidemiologic words and concepts are found in the Glossary. Please refer to it as necessary when examining the information in this report.

Attributes are any characteristics that describe a population or an individual, such as demographic ones (age, sex, race, ethnicity), geographic ones (place of residence or birth), health-related characteristics (people with high blood pressure, people immunized against tetanus, etc.). In parts of this report we will examine groups of people defined by specific attributes (for example, teenage women residents in Chandler who had deliveries in 1991). We can better focus our analyses of health and disease in this manner. Risk factors are population or individual attributes that are associated with diseases or health-related conditions. Some risk factors are modifiable, such as a high fat diet. Others are not, such as female sex as a risk factor for breast cancer, or older age for some diseases. Not all risk factors are causative, some are only associated with a disease, and can be identified only as markers for disease not as causes of disease. Risk factors can be environmental, behavioral, genetic, biological and others.

Health indicators and/or indices are statistical/numerical measures such as infant mortality, incidence rates of a disease, or composite scales of several indicators that reflect the health status of people in a community.

Statistical Calculations and Definitions

Some statistical measures of health and disease will be used repeatedly throughout this report. The one used most frequently is the rate. The traditional definition of an incidence rate in epidemiology, also referred to as risk, is a proportion ranging from 0 to 1, in which the numerator represents individuals who have developed the disease or condition within a specified time period (cases) and the denominator represents all individuals at risk for the condition, (including the cases) during that time period. The more exact definition of rate (change in disease status per person-time unit, instantaneously, computed by using calculus integrals and derivatives from which incidence density functions are derived) will not be used in this report. For our purposes of evaluation and comparison, the traditional rate suffices.⁴

A rate enables comparisons among areas and populations because it measures the number of events in a specific time period among a specific defined number of people. It would be impossible to compare the births in 1990 in the entire U.S. (4,158,212) to the births in Maricopa County (40,230) unless we specified that in the U.S. there were 16.7 births per 1000 population during 1990, whereas in Maricopa County there were 19.0 births per 1000 population during the same year. We can then evaluate whether Maricopa County has higher or lower general fertility than the U.S. This measure can be further refined (as can any rate) by looking at it not just by population in general, but, for example, by age and ethnicity of the mother, and thus narrowing the description further.

Another measure, similar to a rate, is a ratio. All rates are ratios, but not all ratios are rates. In a ratio, the events in the numerator are not necessarily included in the denominator. For example, the fetal death ratio is the ratio of fetal deaths to live births. Sometimes ratios are called rates and used as rates even though they truly are not.

In a few tables in this report only counts of events are used and not rates. The reasons vary, sometimes because there have not been any population changes, so using rates

^{4.} See, for example, Kleinbaum, D.G., Kupper, L.L., and Morgenstein, H. Epidemiologic Research 1982. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York.
would not add anything to the analysis. At other times because either a defined denominator for the cases cannot be identified or the changes in the underlying population are unknown. For all rates published in this report, the raw data also are published, so that anyone can do the specific calculations. We have not included confidence intervals in the tables. They can be calculated easily from the data provided.