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St. Charles County Health Needs Assessment:

Overview

St. Charles County is the fourth most populous county and one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Missouri. Its population is characterized mainly by a relatively young, well-educated, wealthy and healthy population. This report details many St. Charles County socio-economic and health status indicators and compares those indicators with relative Missouri data. Generally St. Charles County tends to fair better than Missouri as a whole, yet this does not mean St. Charles County is free of concerns that affect its residents. Some health indicators, while better in St. Charles County than the state, show trends of getting worse within the county. For example, infant death rates in St. Charles County are lower than those of Missouri; however, recent Kids Count data show that rates have worsened from baseline comparison years.

Following is a list of areas that this assessment found to merit attention in St. Charles County. For more information on these indicators, please see their respective sections in this report.

Infant and Child Welfare:

High School Drop Out Rates: State rate is decreasing more rapidly than St. Charles County rate (see Chapter One, Education Section)

Low Birth Weight Babies: The rate of low birth weight babies changed for the worse from baseline comparison years (see Chapter 2, Kids Count data)

Child Abuse and Neglect: Rates have increased since baseline comparison years (see Chapter 2, Kids Count data)

Death Rates:

Infant and child: Death rates have increased from baseline comparison years (see Chapter 2, Kids Count Data)

African-American infant mortality is generally three times higher than Caucasian infant mortality in St. Charles County (see Chapter 2, Infant Mortality Section)

Females: Female death rates from lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are significantly higher for St. Charles County than for women of Missouri as a whole (see Chapter 2, Mortality Section)

Unintentional Injury Rates:

St. Charles County residents, especially certain age groups have higher rates of reported injuries in several injury categories (see Chapter 2, Unintentional Injury Section)