

Craven County

State of the County Health Report

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December 2015

Purpose

This 2015 State of the County Health Report provides an update on health concerns and actions being taken to address them. It uses the most recent data to highlight county demographics, the leading causes of morbidity and mortality, and progress toward addressing the leading health concerns identified in the 2014 Craven County Community Health Assessment. The Community Health Assessment is completed every three years. The three top prioritized health issues noted in the 2014 Community Health Assessment are: 1) Obesity, 2) Mental Health and 3) Substance Abuse. Other issues being addressed by Health Department initiatives are: Diabetes,

Teen Pregnancy, Adult and Pediatric Asthma, Tobacco Use and HIV & Sexually Transmitted Infections. This report reviews local demographics, health indicators including morbidity and mortality data, and priority issues affecting our community. Significant and emerging issues are highlighted along with new initiatives that address important public health concerns. Any ideas or suggestions that might help us improve health outcomes in the community are welcome and can be made by using the address in the back of this report. Any other comments or questions about the report are also welcome.

Craven County, NC: Promoting and Protecting Health

Demographics: Craven County and the State of North Carolina		
	Craven County	North Carolina
Population (2014 estimate)	104,510	9,943,964
Age		
Persons under 5 years (2014)	7.0%	6.1%
Persons under 18 years (2014)	22.5%	23.0%
Persons 65 years and over (2014)	17.1%	14.7%
Race		
White	72.2%	71.5%
African American	21.7%	22.1%
American Indian	0.6%	1.6%
Asian	2.6%	2.7%
Hispanic	7.1%	9.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.1%
Other/Two or more races	2.7%	2.1%
Other Indicators		
High school graduates, age 25+ (2009-2013)	87.2%	84.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, age 5+ (2009-2013)	7.7%	10.9%
Median household income (2014)	47,141	46,334
Persons below poverty level (2014)	16.6%	17.5%
Unemployment (2014)	6.0%	6.8%

Morbidity and Mortality

The leading causes of death in Craven County continue to be cancer, heart disease and cerebrovascular disease. Craven County has a higher age-adjusted

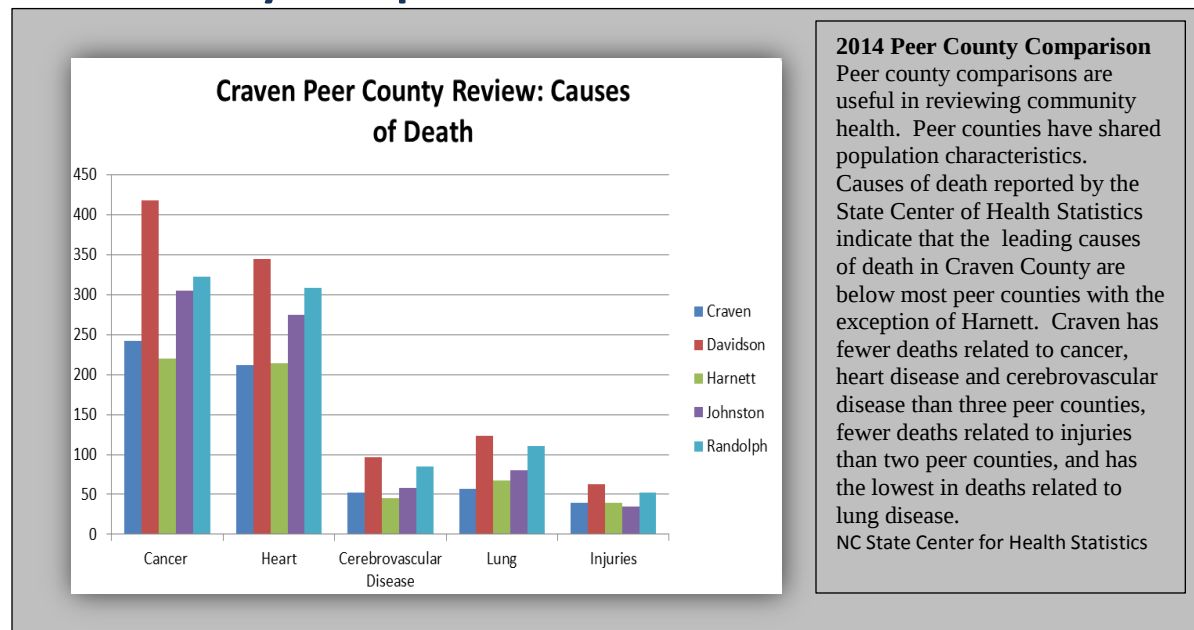
death rate (per 100,000 population) than the NC State averages in all categories. Cancer remains the top cause of death in Craven County.

Leading Causes of Death in Craven County vs. North Carolina 2010-2014

Cause of Death 2011	Craven County		North Carolina	
	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate
All Causes	N/A	949.6	N/A	838.6
Cancer	1	222.4	1	189.9
Heart Disease	2	197.7	2	177.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	53.2	4	45.4
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	4	52.4	3	49.3
Alzheimer's Disease	6	30.4	6	30.0
Other Unintentional injuries	5	32.3	5	30.4
Diabetes mellitus	7	28.1	7	24.2
Nephritis, nephritic syndrome, & Nephrosis	8	21.2	9	18.1
Pneumonia & influenza	9	20.9	8	18.5
Septicemia	10	15.1	10	14.0

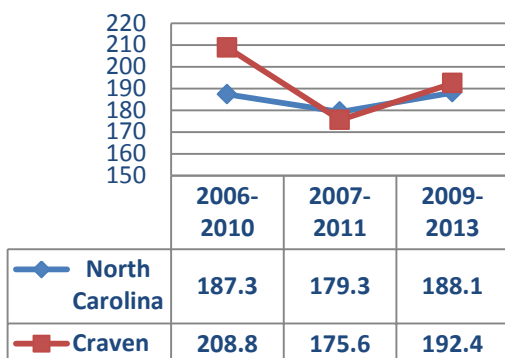
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Peer County Comparisons: Causes of Death

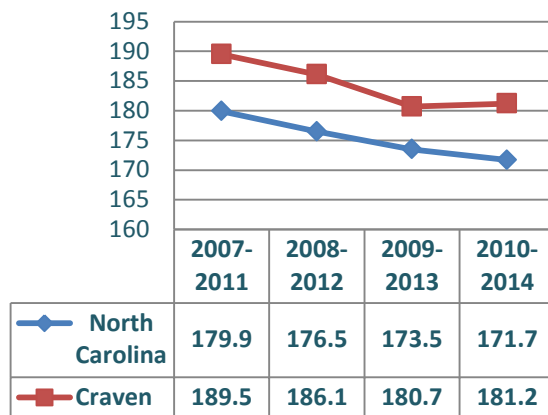


Trend Data for Key Health Indicators:

Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Death Rates per 100,000 Residents



Age-Adjusted Total Cancer Death Rates per 100,000 Residents



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Health Disparities

African Americans living in Craven County continue to suffer from higher rates of death due to the leading causes of illness than Caucasians with the exception of

chronic lower respiratory disease (See Table below).

Racial Disparity for the leading Causes of Death in Craven County & North Carolina 2010-2014

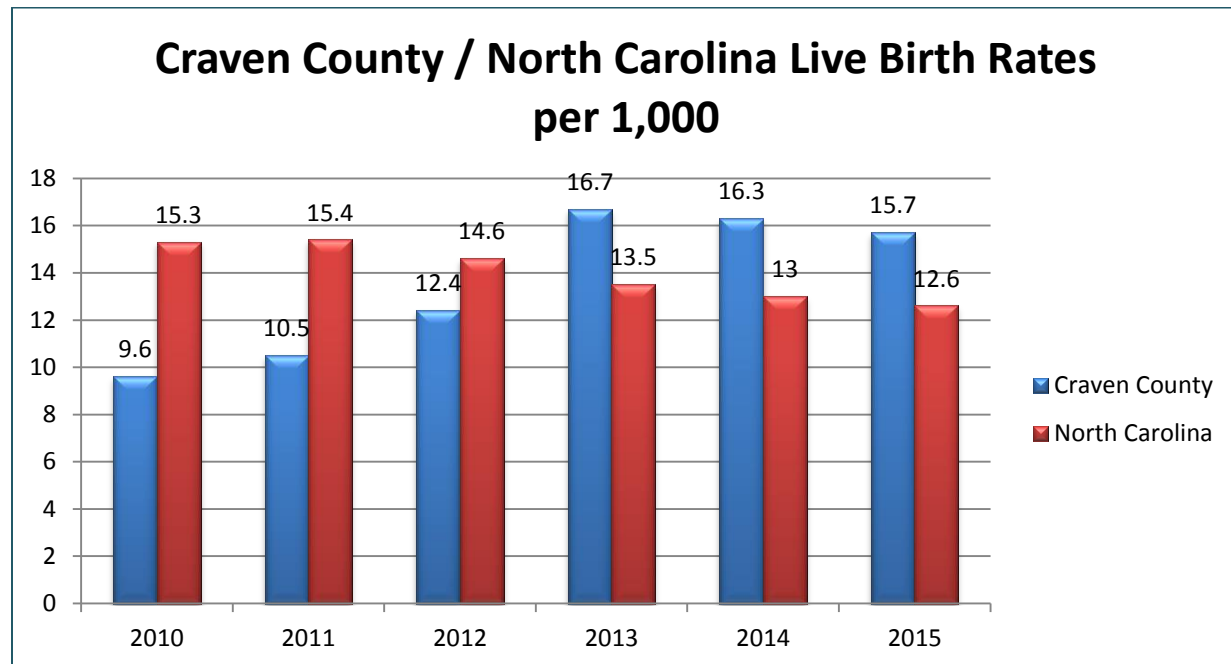
Cause of Death	Craven County		North Carolina		
	Caucasian Rate	African American, non-Hispanic Rate	Caucasian Rate	African American, non-Hispanic Rate	Disparity Ratio
All Causes	780.0	978.5	777.5	900.4	1.2
Cancer	178.6	216.0	169.9	199.4	1.2
Heart Disease	156.9	222.5	163.8	190.0	1.2
Cerebrovascular Disease	40.1	65.6	40.6	55.8	1.4
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	48.4	23.8	51.0	27.9	0.5
Unintentional Injuries	33.1	28.8	34.3	19.9	0.6

Per 100,000

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Craven County Live Birth Rates

Craven County / North Carolina Live Birth Rates Per 1,000, from 2010-2015. The current reports for the NC State Center for Health Statistics indicate that from 2013-2015 live birth rates have decreased.



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Infant Mortality

	Year	White Infant Deaths	Minority Infant Deaths	Total Deaths	White Rate	Minority Rate	Total Rate
Craven	2014	5	2	7	5.1	3.4	4.7
	2013	6	4	10	6.2	13.2	6.6
	2012	12	3	15	11.2	13.0	9.2
	2011	8	4	12	7.4	15.6	7.3
	2010	9	3	12	8.4	7.5	7.0
North Carolina	2009	9	7	16	7.4	15.4	9.5
	2014	345	515	860	5.1	12.8	7.1
	2013	366	466	832	5.5	12.5	7.0
	2012	369	514	883	5.5	24.8	7.4
	2011	369	497	866	5.5	23.5	7.2
	2010	362	492	854	5.3	22.9	7.0
	2009	487	519	1,006	5.4	14.1	7.9

Rates Per 1,000

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2006-2010 Cancer Incidence Rates Per 100,000 for Craven County / North Carolina

Lung and Prostate exceed the state rates.

Location	Colon/Rectal		Lung/Bronchus		Female Breast		Prostate		All Cancers	
	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate	Cases	Rate
North Carolina	20,240	38.5	37,831	70.9	45,146	157.9	33,115	130.6	256,989	483.4
Craven	209	34.6	516	81.7	455	144.1	391	132.0	2,971	485.7

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Obesity

Obesity continues to be a leading health issue in Craven County. According to the 2014 Community Health Assessment, 28.4% of respondents surveyed reported to being overweight or obese. Over the last few years, the Craven County Obesity rates have improved. The percentage of obese adults in Craven County has dropped from 34% to 30% (County Health Rankings and Roadmaps). In 2013 Craven County out of the 100 North Carolina Counties ranked at 76 in Health Behaviors which includes adult obesity. Since 2013, Craven County has improved in these areas and is now ranked at 51.

Obesity is a leading risk factor for chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and stroke as well as some cancers. Obesity is alarming because it may increase the risk for health problems, including some chronic diseases, and it is associated with excess morbidity and mortality. Four of the ten leading causes of death in the United States are related to obesity, including coronary heart disease, type II diabetes, stroke, and several forms of cancer.

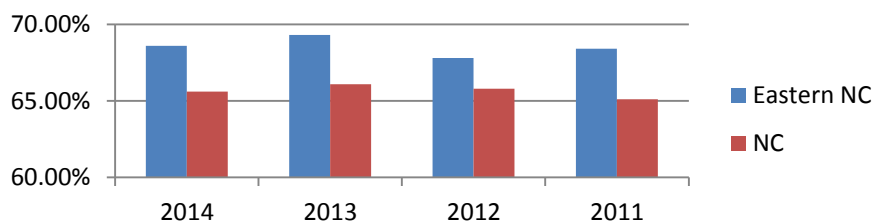
Healthy NC 2020 Objective

Healthy NC 2020 Objective	Eastern NC (Year)	NC (Year)	2020 Target
Increase the percentage of adults who are neither overweight nor obese	31.4% (2014)	34.4% (2014)	38.1%

Adults who have a body mass index greater than 25.00 (Overweight or Obese)		
Year	Eastern NC	NC
2014	68.6	65.6
2013	69.3	66.1
2012	67.8%	65.8%
2011	68.4	65.1

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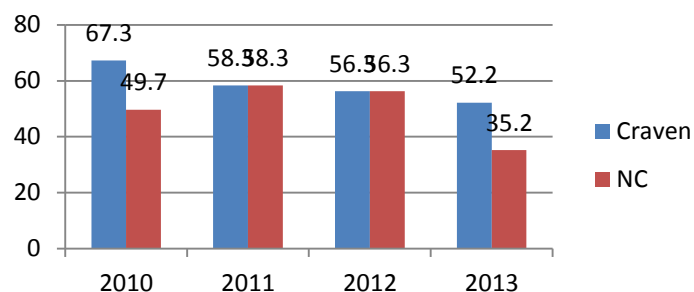


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Teen Pregnancies

In 2011, Craven County ranked 24th across the state for teenage (women age 15-19) pregnancy. For (2007-2012), Craven County had the 14th highest incidence rate of teen pregnancies out of all 100 counties. However, the teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 15-19 year old girls has dropped from 52.2 to 49.7 in 2014.

Teen Pregnancy Rates for Craven Compared to NC



Rates per 1,000

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The Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research at Duke University is partnering with the Craven County Health Department and other agencies to serve youth (ages 12-17) in Craven County with an exciting intervention called the Teen Outreach Program (TOP®). The overall purpose of this project is to implement an intensive teen pregnancy and HIV/STD prevention program, in collaboration with community-based partners, to effectively reduce and delay the behaviors which put one at risk for teen pregnancy and HIV/STDs. This funding is offered through PREPare for Success, a program administered by the North Carolina, Department of Health and Human Services, and Women's Health Branch. It is designed to educate and develop adolescents' skills to reduce risk behaviors.

HIV and AIDs Cases in Craven County

Craven County	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
HIV	12	11	8	12	10	13	8
AIDS	10	15	8	4	6	3	6

In the recent past, there has been a continuous decrease in HIV cases. This past year we identified 8 new individuals. HIV Disease includes all newly diagnosed HIV infected individuals by the date of first report, but does not include inmates at prisons outside of Craven County, as they are now counted as residents of that county.

Total HIV: 74

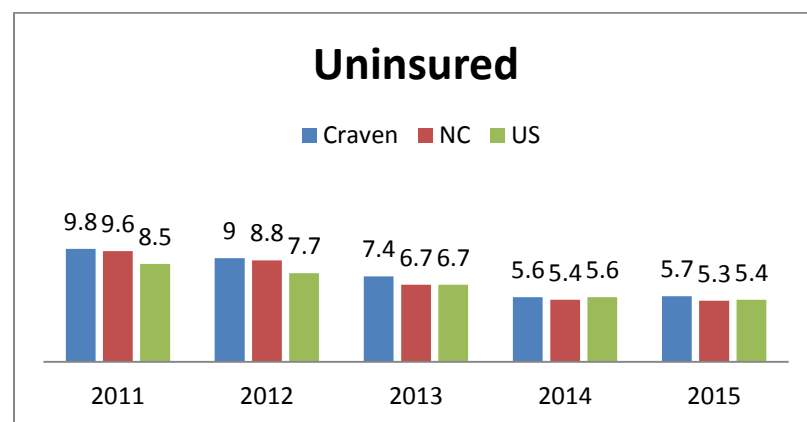
Total AIDS: 52

Tobacco Use

According to the 2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, 20.5% of respondents in Eastern NC report they smoke compared to the rate of 19.1% for NC.

23.9% respondents in Eastern NC reported they smoked in 2011 compared to 21.8% for NC.

Uninsured



North Carolina Institute of Medicine

The uninsured rate has dropped since the most significant change to the U.S. healthcare system called the Affordable Care Act—the provision requiring most Americans to carry health insurance took effect at the beginning of 2014. Access to quality health care is essential for the achievement of health equity and improving the health of the whole community.

Employment

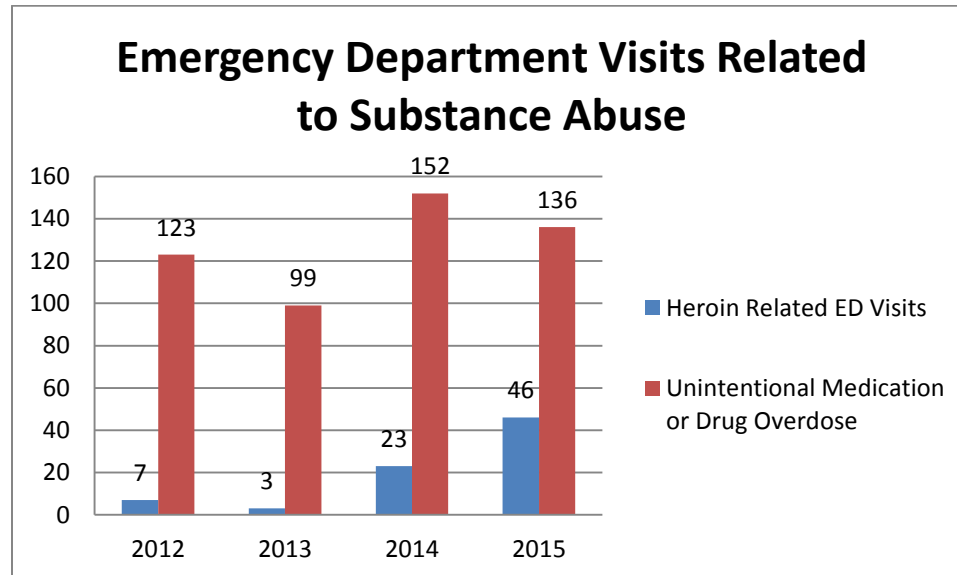
Unemployment Rate			
	2013	2014	2015
United States	6.7%	5.6%	5.4%
North Carolina	10.5%	9.5%	8.0%
Craven County	11.0%	9.7%	9.0%

NC County Health Rankings

Substance Abuse:

Baseline:

There were 7 heroin emergency related visits in 2012, 3 heroin emergency related visits in 2013, 23 heroin emergency related visits in 2014 and 46 heroin related emergency room visits in 2015. Emergency department visits in Craven County related to heroin have more than tripled since 2012.



- May 2014 there were 158 providers that registered with the North Carolina Controlled Substance Reporting System (NCCSRS). The statewide reporting system was established by North Carolina law to improve the state's ability to identify people who abuse and misuse prescription drugs classified as Schedule II-V controlled substances. It is also meant to assist clinicians in identifying and referring for treatment patients who are misusing controlled substances.
- 2013 there were 16 accidental poisonings related to medication.
- 2014 Alcohol Purchase Survey Results: Craven County, 63% of surveyed store clerks properly asked for identification during the first round of surveys. Stores with clerks who failed to ask for identification properly were re-surveyed in late June and early July. Forty-three percent properly asked for identification from the surveyors during the second round. Thus, of Craven County's initial 44 stores, 18% failed the surveys two times.

Substance Abuse among Our Youth

Pride Surveys:

Pride Surveys were completed in Craven, Jones, Carteret, Onslow and Pamlico County Schools. Pride Surveys are a helpful resource which assists local schools in measuring the number of students who participate in alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Additionally, Pride Surveys can measure behavior on many crucial issues that can affect learning: family, discipline, safety, activities, gangs, and more. (NC Centers for Prevention Resources)

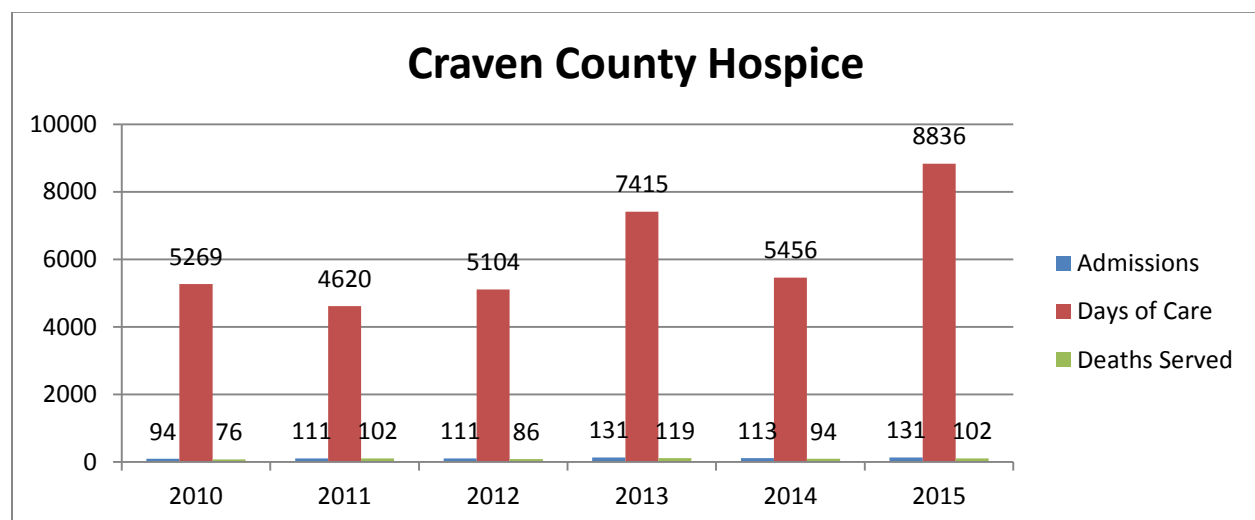
% of 9-12th Graders Reporting 30-Day Drug Use By County In Pride Surveys 2013

Location	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescriptions
Carteret	20.8	32.4	23.7	8.4
Craven	14.6	28.0	17.3	7.9
Jones	7.8	6.3	4.6	3.0
Pamlico	27.5	36.3	17.5	8.8

Nationally, among people 35 to 54 years old, unintentional poisoning caused more deaths than motor vehicle crashes (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and nearly nine million 12-17 year olds report that they can get prescription drugs illegally in a day and 5 million report that they can get them within one hour (National Center on Addiction and Drug Use, Columbia University).

End of Life Care

Access to end of life care in Craven County continues to be a concern and challenge for the future. Although there has been concern for hospice provider's not reaching patients and families who need hospice support in a timely manner, the Craven County Hospice days of care have increased by 61% with a median length of stay at 30 days. However, the total days of care in Craven County decreased from 37,424 in 2013 to 26,399 in 2014 and therefore there continues to be a need to educate our community about the hospice benefit. It is extremely difficult for patients and families to take advantage of the full scope of services hospice has to offer when patients are only under hospice care for a short period of time.



NC Medical State Facilities Plan

Progress Made Toward Current Initiatives

2014 – 2016 GOALS

Goal 1: Reduce the incidence of obese adults in Craven County from 34% to 30% of the population.

Goal Met 2015: The percentage of obese adults in Craven County has dropped from 34% to 30% (County Health Rankings and Roadmaps).

Strategy 1: Maintain the Local Strides website and have a staff member update the Craven County information on a continuous basis.

Strategy 2: Work with local Parks and Recreation staff to enhance parks and programs that will increase physical activity for children and adults.

- Since opening the sand volleyball courts at Creekside in 2013, Craven County Recreation & Parks have hosted several tournaments, school practices and games, clinics and lots of open play dates utilizing all 4 courts. For this upcoming year, they again have several tournaments already scheduled and anticipate a lot of league play and usage by the public. They are already talking about an expansion to include 4 more courts and a picnic shelter which would allow them to host even larger tournaments. They have also recently opened an 18 hole disc golf course at Creekside Park which has attracted lots of participants. Craven County Recreation & Parks have hosted several tournaments there and have more scheduled for the future. The course is open daily year round and players will cover just over 1 1/2 miles by walking 18 holes. Disc golf, like the sand volleyball can be played by youths and adults.
- In the fall of 2014, Craven County Recreation & Parks installed outdoor fitness equipment in an area beside their 1/4 mile walking trail at Creekside. This equipment has been well received by the public and is utilized daily. The walking trail was a perfect location for this equipment as it was already a draw for the public looking for a place to exercise.
- Other future plans for Creekside include adding a new inclusive playground that will offer many opportunities for all kids to play and get exercise at the same time. This is an \$886,000 project that will be completed by June of 2016. There are also 3 tennis courts planned for this spring which will again add to the many opportunities the public will have in our parks to play and have fun.

Strategy 3: Work with local school systems to implement an evidenced based youth obesity prevention program.

Goal 2: Reduce our teen pregnancy rate from 56.3 to 50 per 1,000.

Goal Met 2015: The teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 15-19 year old girls has dropped from 52.2 to 49.7 in 2014. (NC Center for Health Statistics)

Strategy 1: Partner with the Duke University Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research to submit a grant proposal for funding from the NC DHHS to continue the Teen Outreach Program.

Strategy 2: Support the Teen pregnancy coalition to develop and implement strategies to address teen pregnancy in Craven County.

Goal 3: Reduce the rate of asthma related hospital admissions from 90.7 to 85.6 per 100,000.

Goal Met: The 2013 inpatient hospitalization rates for asthma per 100,000 residents: All ages total rate 68.9. Ages 0-14 rate 84.2.

Strategy 1: Partner with case managers of Community Care Plan, Merci Clinic and CCHD to identify adults with un- or under-managed asthma.

- Educate health care providers about current asthma management protocols.
- Educate patients to properly recognize and manage asthma symptoms.

Strategy 2: Conduct triggers assessments of patient's residences using *Healthy Homes* standards.

Goal 4: Submit an application to become a Federally Qualified Health Center for 2014/2015 funding cycle

Goal Met: The FQHC application was submitted in the fall of 2014. Craven County Health Department was the first Health Department to become a Federally Qualified Health Center May 1, 2015.

Strategy 1: Contract with a successful federal grant writer

Strategy 2: Assist in development of the application

Strategy 3: Arrange the necessary partner board for a public entity application

Goal 5: Expand the Animal Control Shelter by 2015

Initial construction bids came back higher than money allotted for the project. County Commissioners decided to dedicate more funding and place the project out for bid after January 2016.

Strategy 1: Have project approved on the County's capital improvement plan.

Strategy 2: Contract with an outside source that plans and builds such facilities.

Strategy 3: Develop a construction plan to be approved by the Board of Health and the County Manager

Goal 6: Submit a certificate of need application for an in-patient hospice house in conjunction with Carolina East

Strategy 1: Work with hospital staff and consultants to provide the necessary information for submission of the application for 2014.

Strategy 2: Research successful business models and develop an operational budget for the initial year of operation. Be prepared to hire and implement operational plan in the event that the project is funded through capital campaign fund raising efforts.

Goal 7: Reduce rate of Infant Mortality from 9.2 to 7.4

Goal Met: 2014 Infant Mortality rate was reduced to 4.7 in the year of 2014

Strategy 1: Care Coordination staff will work to increase the amount of expectant mothers that receive prenatal care prior to 14 weeks.

Strategy 2: Ensure access to care through our high risk clinic and the Brody School of Medicine OB/GYN clinic.

Goal 8: Decrease the percentage of adults who are current smokers from 22.1% to 20%.

Almost there: According to the 2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, 20.5% of respondents in Eastern NC report they smoke compared to the rate of 19.1% for NC.

Strategy 1: Work with tobacco prevention and control program to provide resource material directly related to cessation, referral to local cessation program provided by Coastal Carolina Health Care (Dr. Preston), and referral to state Quitline.

Strategy 2: Provide clinical counseling training to staff that treat and or provide care to adults utilizing services.

Strategy 3: Educate local leaders, business owners, policy makers on the effects of tobacco. Keep in mind that the greatest assets to any agency or functioning system is their employees. Healthy employees provide higher productivity yielding a higher return on investment.

Strategy 4: Invite local and state tobacco prevention and control staff to present at meetings.

Environmental Health Progress

- The goal of the Food, Lodging and Institution (FLI) section is to protect the health of the public by ensuring food safety and sanitation in regulated establishments. The “Ten Essential Services of a Health Department” lists 100% compliance with regards to mandated inspection frequency for FLI establishments as a requirement for all Health Departments. Craven County Environmental Health is currently meeting this mandate.
- The FLI section is enrolled in the FDA Retail Regulatory Program Standards which establishes set criteria for standards of excellence for continual improvement. These nine Program Standards are designed to help food regulatory programs enhance the services provided to the public. When applied in the intended manner, the Program Standards should:
 - Identify program areas where an agency can have the greatest impact on retail food safety
 - Promote wider application of effective risk-factor intervention strategies
 - Assist in identifying program areas most in need of additional attention
 - Provide information needed to justify maintenance or increased resources
 - Lead to innovations in program implementation and administration
 - Improve industry and consumer confidence in food protection programs by enhancing uniformity within and between regulatory agencies

Since enrolling in the program, the FLI section is one of only three counties in North Carolina to meet the requirements of four of the nine standards.

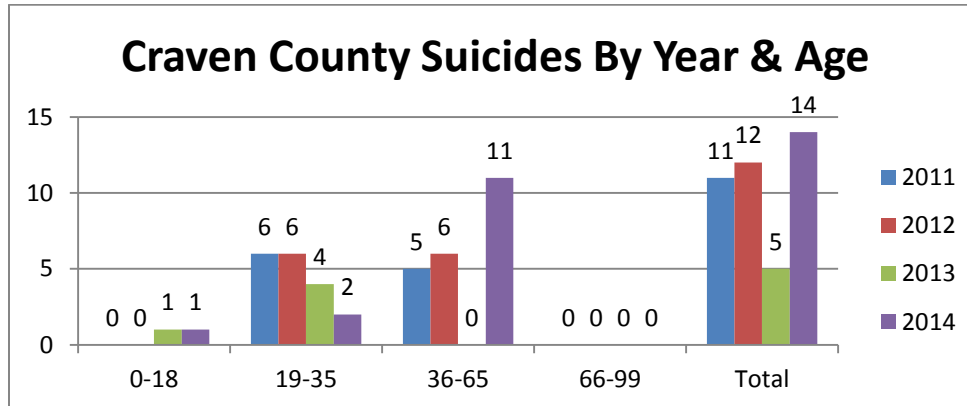
- Craven County’s Children’s Environmental Health Section addresses residential environments that are adversely affecting the health of children, including lead-based paint hazards, residuals from methamphetamine laboratories, and asthma triggers. During 2014, Craven County saw a dramatic rise in the number of children with elevated blood lead levels above 10 µg/dl; two children were confirmed as lead poisoned with blood lead levels at or above 20 µg/dl. The section conducts lead poisoning investigations in Lenoir, Pamlico and Jones Counties, and this jump was not seen in any of these counties. Most of these children were exposed through a family member’s job renovating old homes or had renovation work done in their residence. We are developing a program to pilot with the City of New Bern Inspections Department to help the NC Health Hazards Control Unit enforce regulations which require that only Certified Renovators work for compensation in residences and child-occupied facilities built before 1978.
- Craven County has been addressing childhood asthma since 1995 and adult asthma since 2008 by teaching asthma management classes, conducting home assessments and recommending and providing products to reduce the patient’s exposure to asthma

triggers. In previous years, Craven's hospitalization rates for Ages 65+ were above the state rate as well as our peer counties. Compared to the National Healthy People 2020 goals and North Carolina statistics, Craven County has reduced the hospitalization rates for each of the age ranges (0-4, 5-64, and 65+) significantly. In 2013, Craven's hospitalization rates with a primary diagnosis of asthma were better than our peer counties in all age categories.

- Individuals that are infected with rabies virus and exhibiting signs of the disease almost always die. The goal of the Animal Rabies Control Section is to promote public health by attempting to isolate the human populace from the rabies virus that cycle in the wild. This is accomplished primarily through two measures. The first is to keep stray animals off the streets. These strays may have come in contact with wild animals that are exposed to the rabies virus. This way the potential for them to spread the virus to humans is greatly reduced. The second method is to ensure the timely vaccination for rabies virus of domesticated dogs, cats and ferrets that people keep as their pets. Keeping these animals current on their vaccinations helps to reduce the possibility of these animals being exposed to the virus in the wild, thereby reducing the potential for exposure of the owners and their families to the virus. Our Shelter Supervisor and all of our Animal Control officers are certified rabies vaccinators. This allows our staff to vaccinate animals with 1-year rabies vaccinations prior to their adoption or their being reclaimed by their owners from our shelter. Implementation of this measure has and will continue to reduce the amount of time spent by staff in the legal follow-up of adopted animals that did not receive their vaccination as required by law after being adopted from the shelter.
- This year we investigated expansion of the Craven Pamlico Animal Services Center, CPASC. Currently there are times when because of lack of sufficient space we have to turn owners away that wish to turn in their animals. The population of Craven County now exceeds 100 thousand residents and with the increase in population of humans comes an increase in the number of pets. Pets that are not spayed or neutered produce more offspring so these populations will continue to grow in the future.
- All animals that are now adopted from our shelter are now implanted with identification chips. The ID chips we use are universal chips that are readily recognizable not only in the US but also overseas. With the large transient military population of our county we decided it best to go with this universal chip when we implemented this program. Use of the chip has and should continue to assist us in our future attempts to reunite owners with lost pets.

Emerging Issues:

Suicide Rates:



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Suicide is a major health problem in North Carolina and Craven County. Suicide rates among middle-aged Americans have risen sharply in the past decade, prompting concern that the baby boomer generation because of their easy access to prescription painkillers and experienced years of economic worry are particularly vulnerable to self-inflicted harm. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more people die of suicide than in car accidents. The suicide rate for middle-aged Craven County residents has risen 120 % since 2011. Suicide has become the second leading cause of death for ages 20-39 years of age (North Carolina County Health Data Book 2016).

Zika Virus

For decades, the mosquito-transmitted Zika virus was mainly seen in equatorial regions of Africa and Asia, where it caused a mild, flu-like illness and rash in some people. About 10 years ago, the picture began to expand with the appearance of Zika outbreaks in the Pacific islands. Then, last spring, Zika popped up in South America, where it has so far infected more than 1 million Brazilians and been tentatively linked to a steep increase in the number of babies born with microcephaly, a very serious condition characterized by a small head and brain. Zika's disturbing march may not stop there (Kraemer et al. eLife 2015;4:e08347).

In our area we have at least one of two mosquitoes that have thus far been identified as carrying this emerging virus. There is the potential for this disease to become established in our region as visitors visit areas where the virus is currently spreading and return back to our area.

Asthma

Although our goal was met in improving asthma related hospitalizations, the rate of asthma hospitalizations for the African American population is significantly higher than the Caucasian subset. A more in-depth examination of inequities underlying asthma prevalence will be needed

to address opportunities for asthma related health improvement among African Americans in Craven County.

New Initiatives:

Federally Qualified Health Center

In 2016 the Craven County Health Department will expand its Adult Primary Care Clinic. The Health Department was designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in May of 2015. FQHC status allows Craven County Health Department & Community Health Center to enable more individuals and families to have access to the affordable, quality health care that health centers provide which includes funding towards primary care services, enhanced reimbursements from Medicaid and Medicare, federal student loan repayments for medical providers that choose to work for us and 340B pricing on prescription medications.

New Inpatient Hospice Update:

Although the 2014-2016 current initiatives projected beginning the process of building a Hospice facility, this has been delayed. The Health Department continues to work towards growing their current Home Hospice program to insure sustainability of the inpatient unit.

The agreement between the CarolinaEast Medical Center and CarolinaEast Foundation to build and equip a freestanding inpatient hospice unit remains.

We are working hard to increase our home hospice caseload utilizing a marketing campaign. This campaign is geared toward educating our community about hospice and promoting community engagement. Most newly opened hospice facilities in the state take at least 2 to 3 years to build occupancy and to break even. It is imperative that we grow our home hospice prior to building an inpatient unit to ensure the unit is not a financial burden to the community.

Substance Abuse

- Promote the safe disposal of medications in efforts to decrease misuse/abuse and poisoning and eliminate the potential for medications to be leached into our environment.
- Assist with take back events offered in the community.
- Provide support of the local Coastal Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention (CCSAP) in efforts to decrease underage drinking and decrease the abundance of prescriptions medications available which are being diverted for abuse within Craven County.

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Distribution Plan

This SOTCH report shall be distributed to the public within sixty (60) days of NC DHHS approval.

The report will be distributed via the following methods:

- The report will be posted on the Craven County Web site
- The Craven County Board of Health and County Commissioners will receive a copy
- The Community Partners linked to the Community Health Assessment Process shall receive copies of the report
- A copy of the report will be provided and available at the Craven County Library
- A synopsis of the report will be released in the local newspaper (The Sun Journal)
- Other methods identified by staff and community partners

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