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2011 Stokes County State of the County Health Report

The Stokes County Health Department has just released their 2011 State of the County Health Report also known as SOTCH report. This report gives a current update of Stokes's County health issues as it relates to the 2008 Stokes's County Community Health Assessment. The Community Health Assessment is completed every four years and the 2012 Stokes County Community Health Assessment is scheduled to be completed by December 2012. Between the four year periods, the SOTCH report tracks current health issues as reported by the state and based on the finding of the current community health assessment.

The 2011 State of the County Health Report shows the following concerns and trends for Stokes County:

- As of August 2011 the unemployment rate for Stokes county was 9.8% down from 10.5% as reported in 2009
- Top five leading causes of death for Stokes County
 - All Cancers
 - Heart Disease
 - Chronic lower respiratory disease
 - Cancer of the trachea, bronchus and lung
 - Strokes
- Obesity rate for 2-18 year olds stand at 23% compared to the NC rate of 18%
- Suicide rates for Stokes County as of 2009 is 19.2 per 100,000
- Access to care for primary care physicians and dentist are still very low compared to the state averages. In 2008 for every 10,000 individuals there are only 3 primary care physicians in Stokes County compared to NC averages of 9 primary care physicians per 10,000 individuals. For dentist, Stokes County has 1.9 dentists for every 10,000 individuals compared to NC 4.3 dentist per 10,000 individuals.

If you would like to view the current 2011 Stokes County State of the County Health Report or the 2008 Community Health Assessment, all branches of stokes County Library has a copy, Stokes County Health Department, at our website at <http://www.stokesfhc.com/> or locate us on Face book.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Stokes County Health Department and Family Health Center at 593-2400.

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