



Community Health Review

Blue Ash

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Births and Deaths

Hamilton County Public Health facilitates the collection of birth and death data in the community. This information is used for the issuance of birth and death certificates, but it is also a valuable tool for measuring the health status of your community. This information was used to identify the occurrence of critical birth outcomes and associated risk factors. These are outlined in Table 1 and include low-weight births, preterm births, infant deaths, late prenatal care, and teen births. Listed below are selected 2009 birth statistics for your community.

Number of Births: 108
 Birth Rate: 9 per 1000 residents
 Number of Girls: 48
 Number of Boys: 60

Table 1. Adverse Birth Outcomes and Associated Risk Factors in Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio, and the United States

	Blue Ash (2009)	Blue Ash (2006-2008)	Hamilton County*	Ohio*	US**
Number of Births	108	314	11,373	144,568	4,131,019
Adverse Birth Outcomes					
Low birth weight (<2500 grams)	6.5%	9.9%	10.1%	8.6%	8.2%
Pre-term births (<37 weeks)	8.3%	13.7%	14.0%	12.1%	12.2%
Risk Factors					
Medical risk factors during pregnancy	33.3%	35.4%	36.2%	28.4%	-
Mother's age (<20 yrs)—teen births	6.5%	7.0%	11.1%	10.8%	10%
Mother's age (>34 yrs)	10.2%	22.6%	11.8%	11.6%	14.2%

The health issues facing a community are often reflected in local mortality rates and primary causes of death. The mortality rate for your community is shown in Table 2 below; rates for Hamilton County, Ohio and the United States are provided for comparison. Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL), a measure of premature and possibly preventable death, is also included in Table 2. The YPLL is calculated by summing all years of life lost under the age of 75. The standardized mortality ratio (SMR), also presented in Table 2, is a health indicator for a community that reflects expected versus observed mortality. An SMR greater than 100% is an indicator of higher than expected death in a community. The primary causes of death of residents in your community are depicted in Figure 1 below.

Table 2. Death Statistics in Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio and the United States

	†Blue Ash (2009)	†Blue Ash (2006-2008)	Hamilton County*	Ohio*	US***
Number of Deaths	105	269	7,505	107,062	2,423,712
†Death rate (per 1000 residents)	8.6	7.3	9.3	9.3	8.0
Years of Potential Life Lost	793	1,840	-	-	-
Standardized Mortality Ratio	88%	74%	-	-	-
Infant Deaths	0	1	113	1,109	-

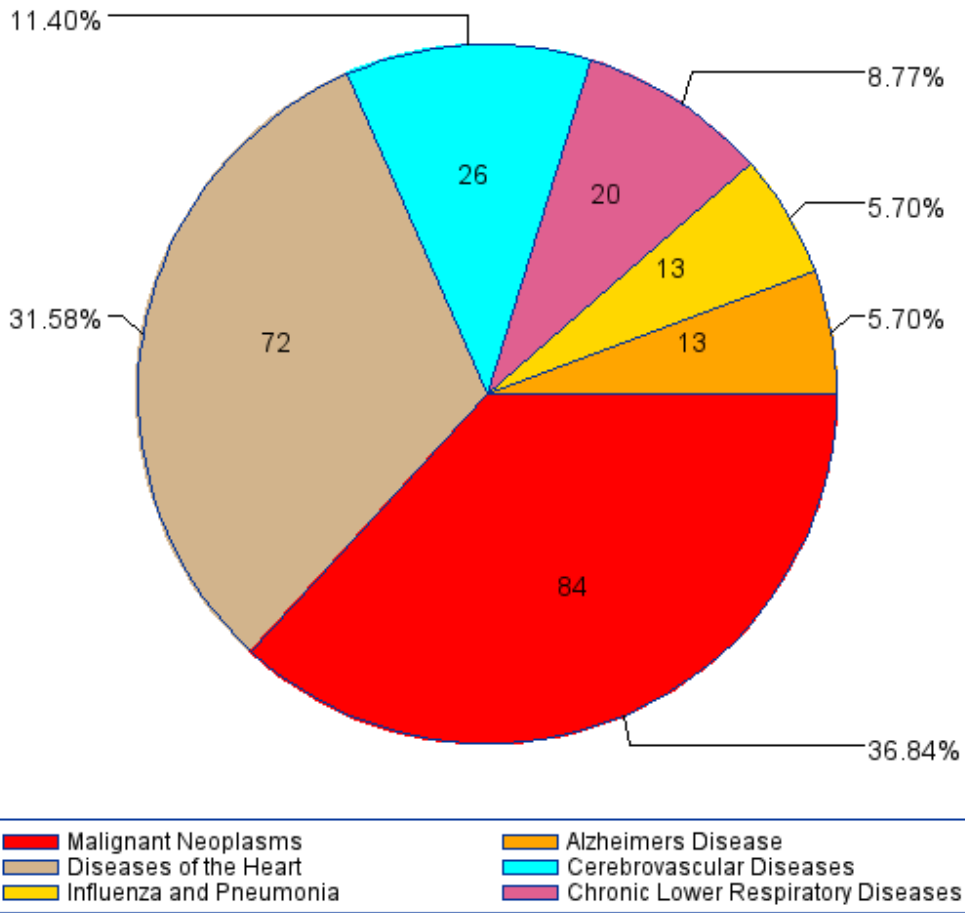
*Ohio Department of Health Vital Statistics (2009)

**National Vital Statistics Reports, Volume 59, Number 3, December 21, 2010 (Preliminary Data for 2009)

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† Rates derived from less than 20 events are considered unreliable for statistical comparison.

Figure 1. Primary Causes of Death in Blue Ash, Ohio – 2006-2009



Injury

Injury, a largely preventable and predictable health outcome, is a pressing public health issue in Hamilton County. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “injury is a leading killer in all 50 states”.¹ Injury remains a leading cause of death in Hamilton County and non-fatal injuries contribute to an even larger community burden in terms of populations affected and healthcare costs. By examining injury trends, Hamilton County Public Health can identify emerging problems and help support community initiatives to prevent injury. Injuries are described by mechanism, or what caused the injury such as a fall or motor vehicle accident. The prevalence and mechanisms of injury rates can vary by community and populations within the community.

The most common mechanisms of injury in Hamilton County are falls, motor vehicle accidents, and struck by/against*. The 2008-2009 age-specific rates of these injuries in your community and the county are displayed in Table 3. Over a two year period (2008-2009), there were 1,533 injuries in your community that resulted in emergency department visits, hospitalizations, or deaths. Death was the result of 14 injuries while all other injuries were non-fatal (Table 4). Figure 2 displays injury trends observed from 2004 to 2009 for the abovementioned mechanisms of injury.

Table 3. Top Three Mechanisms of Injury in Blue Ash and Hamilton County, 2008-2009

Mechanism of Injury	Age Group	Blue Ash Rate (2008-2009) <i>(per 1,000 residents)</i>	Hamilton County Rate (2008-2009) <i>(per 1,000 residents)</i>
Falls	0-19 years old	62.8	68.4
	20-64 years old	26.6	39.8
	65 or greater	81.7	112.2
Motor Vehicle Related	0-19 years old	14.2	17.3
	20-64 years old	12.0	24.2
	65 or greater	8.6	8.6
Struck by/against*	0-19 years old	43.6	53.1
	20-64 years old	12.9	27.2
	65 or greater	8.1	9.5

Table 4. Injury Related Deaths, Blue Ash, 2004-2009

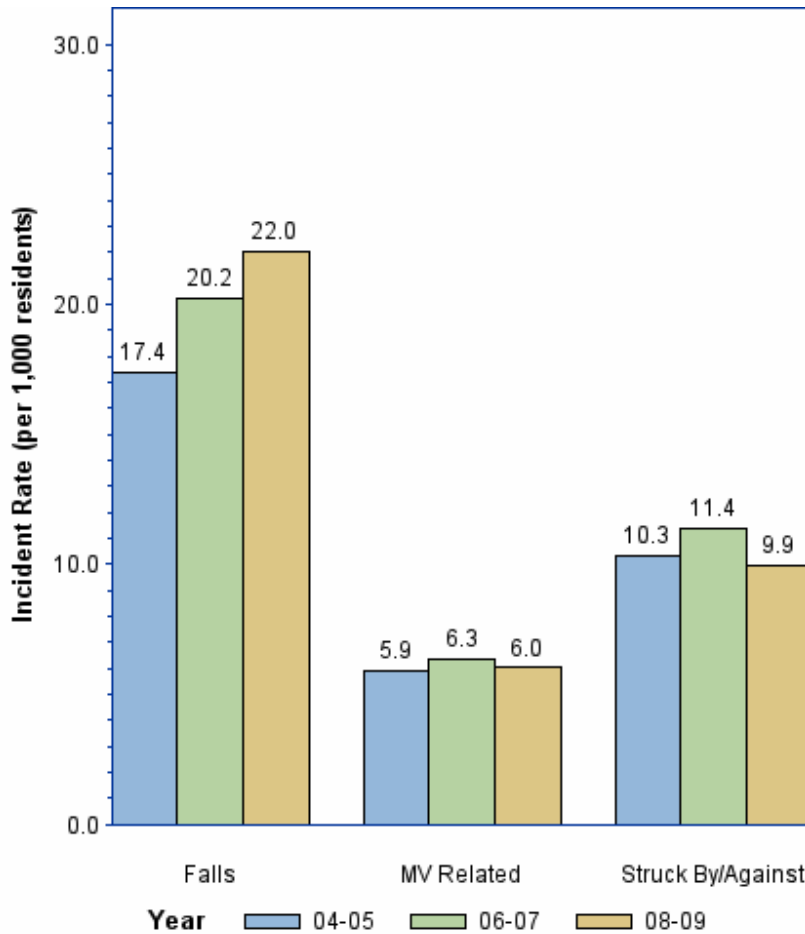
Mechanism of Injury	Year Group			Total
	2004-2005	2006-2007	2008-2009	
Fall	1	5	4	10
Fire	0	0	2	2
Firearm	0	3	0	3
MV Related	0	1	3	4
Poisoning	3	0	2	5
Struck by, against	0	1	0	1
Suffocation	0	0	3	3
Total	4	10	14	28

* Injury resulting from being struck by (hit) or crushed by a human, animal, or inanimate object or force other than a vehicle or machinery; injury caused by striking (hitting) against a human, animal, or inanimate object or force other than a vehicle or machinery.

Reference

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Injury Response. (2010). Core Violence and Injury Prevention Program (Core VIPP). Retrieved June 2, 2011 from <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/stateprograms/index.html>

Figure 2. Injury Rate for the Top Mechanisms of Injury by Year Group in Blue Ash, Ohio – 2004-2009



Note: Falls, motor vehicle related, and struck by/against were the top mechanisms of injury for Hamilton County. Injury rates in these categories for each municipality were calculated for each year. Years were aggregated into 2-year groupings. The rate displayed is the mean of the 2 year group.

Communicable Disease

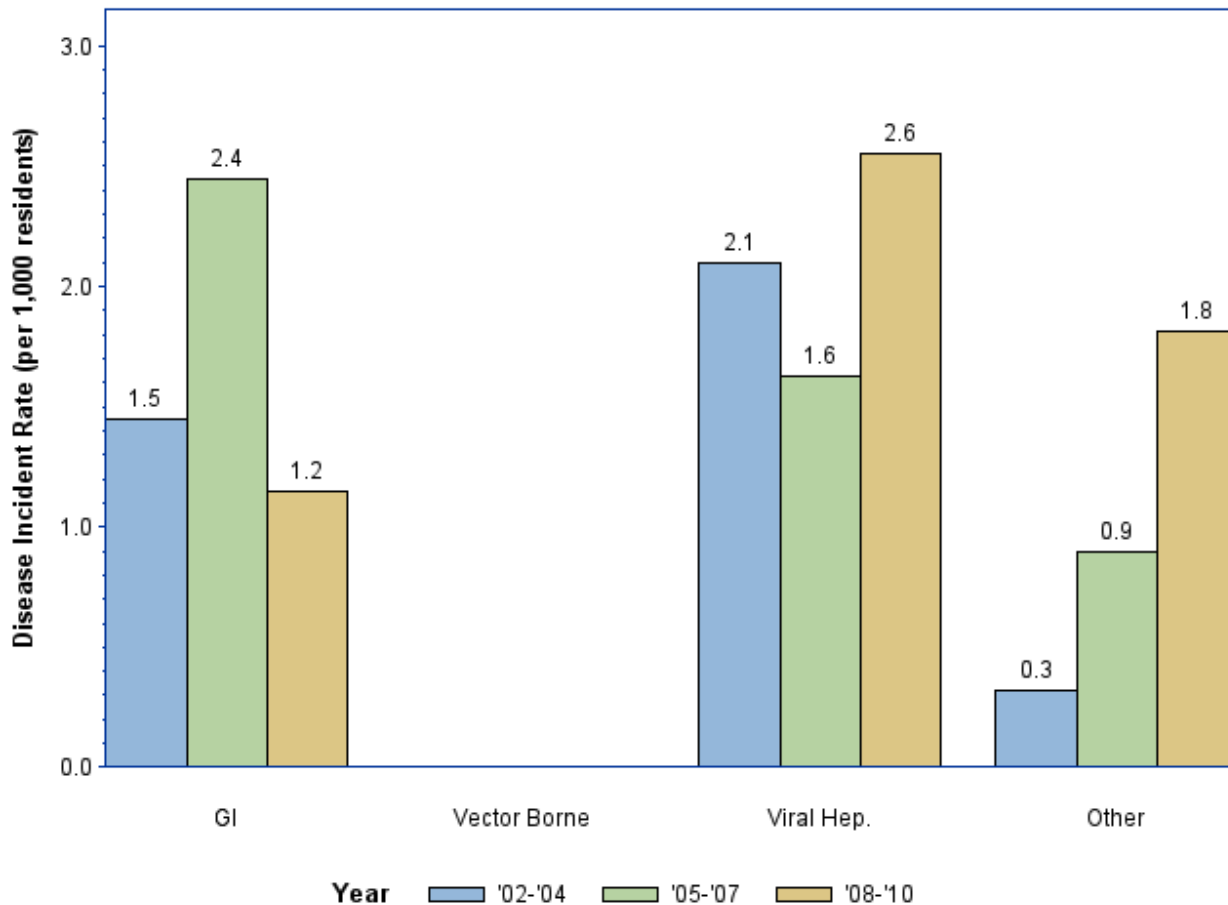
Communicable diseases are caused by several types of infectious agents that can be spread to humans and, therefore, present a threat to public health. These diseases often cause serious illnesses and some have the potential to compromise our food and water supplies resulting in community outbreaks. Traditionally, these diseases are transmitted by person-to-person contact, contaminated food or water, and/or contact with insects and animals that harbor disease. Hamilton County Public Health tracks these diseases daily in order to investigate sources of infection, detect trends, educate the public, and implement control measures and policies to prevent spread. Below is an overview of the reportable communicable diseases that affected your community during the nine year period between 2002-2010 (Table 5, Figure 3).

Table 5. Communicable Disease Statistics in Blue Ash and Hamilton County, Ohio, 2002-2010

	Incidence Rate 2002-2004 <i>(per 1,000 residents)</i>		Incidence Rate 2005-2007 <i>(per 1,000 residents)</i>		Incidence Rate 2008-2010 <i>(per 1,000 residents)</i>	
	Blue Ash	Hamilton County	Blue Ash	Hamilton County	Blue Ash	Hamilton County
GI	1.5	0.8	2.4	2.9	1.2	1.4
Vector Borne	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Viral Hepatitis	2.1	4.0	1.6	4.6	2.6	3.8
STI	-	-	-	-	3.2	23.0
Other	0.3	1.2	0.9	2.0	1.8	2.4

Notes: Disease Type is comprised of diseases that normally fall into one of the following four categories: Gastrointestinal Diseases (GI), Animal/Vector-borne Diseases, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), and Other. Incidence Rate was omitted (-) for years in which no data were available. Years were aggregated into 3-year groupings. Rates shown are rounded to the nearest tenth for presentation.

Figure 3. Reportable Communicable Diseases by Disease Type and Year Group in Blue Ash, Ohio — 2002-2010



Notes: Disease Type is comprised of diseases that normally fall into one of the following four categories: Gastrointestinal Diseases (GI), Viral Hepatitis, Animal/Vector-borne Diseases, and Other. Disease Types for which no data is displayed indicates zero incidences. Years were aggregated into 3-year groupings.

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