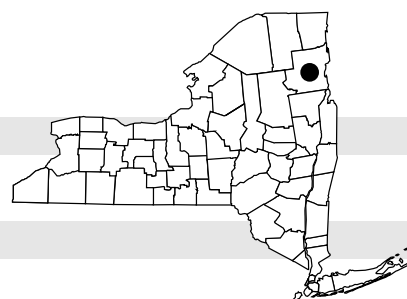


1996 Community Health Indicators

Essex



	County		State	
Demographics				
Population	38,300		18,506,400	
Population Density	21		392	
Access to and Delivery of Health Care				
Pediatric Asthma (age 0-4) Hospitalizations	3	114.8	11,056	840.7
Early Prenatal Care	234	76.2%	170,768	70.4%
Education				
High School Grads Receiving Regents Diploma (1995-96)	40.7%		39.6%	
Births				
Very Low Birthweight (less than 1,500 grams)	4	1.0%	4,007	1.5%
Mental Health				
Self-Inflicted Injury (age 10+)	21	63.9	8,538	53.8
High School Students' Suicide Attempts	N/A			7.0%
Nutrition/Physical Activity				
Cardiovascular Heart Disease Mortality (1994-96)	168	439.8	74,900	406.2
Adult Population Participating in Physical Activity 3+/wk	N/A			13.9 %
Adult Population Consuming 5+ Daily Servings of Fruits and Vegetables	N/A			25.4 %
Work Environment				
Worker-Related Injury Mortality (1994-96)	<1	2.0	374	4.7
Sexual Activity				
Adolescent Pregnancies (15-19)	71	67.4	50,496	88.5
High School Students Who Ever Had Sexual Intercourse	N/A			43.0 %
Alcohol Abuse				
Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicle Accidents - Number Killed or Injured	65	169.7	10,828	58.5
High School Students Who Drink Heavily (5+ drinks on one occasion in past month)	N/A			31.0 %
Tobacco Use				
Lung Cancer Mortality (1994-96)	33	85.5	9,915	53.8
High School Students Who Are Regular Smokers (smoked at least 20 days in last month)	N/A			19.0 %
Unintentional Injury				
Non-Motor Vehicle Mortality (1994-96)	10	27.1	2,500	13.6
Violent and Abusive Behavior				
Assault-Related Hospitalizations	6	15.7	10,259	55.4
High School Students Carrying a Weapon in the Past Month	N/A			17.0 %