

# Canton City Health Department Monthly Report – April 2006

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has looked at physical dating violence among high school students and has arrived at some alarming conclusions. Physical, sexual or psychological violence within a dating relationship was studied among students in grades 7 – 12 during an eighteen month period in 1994-1995. The prevalence of victimization from physical and psychological dating violence was estimated at 12% and 20%, respectively. Not only were these students at risk for injury and possibly death, but they were more likely to engage in risky sexual behaviors, unhealthy dieting behaviors, illegal substance use and suicidal attempts. In 2003, the CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey was analyzed for the prevalence of physical dating violence among high school students and the association with five risk behaviors. This study indicated that students with this type of dating experience were likely to engage in four out of five high risk behaviors. The five risk behaviors used were sexual intercourse, attempted suicide, episodic heavy drinking of alcohol, illegal substance use and physical fighting. This information should make us aware of such victimization and that we need to do whatever we can to offer prevention programs that teach our children healthy dating relationship behaviors. Programs to build high esteem and self confidence should be offered in our community. Our youth also need to be taught the possible consequences of these risky behaviors. No person should be subjected to such abuse and our youth need to know this. Without intervention, individuals involved in this type of dating violence are likely to carry this on into adulthood and the family setting. In May, 2006 the CDC is launching Choose Respect, a national initiative designed to prevent dating violence and encourage persons aged 11-14 years to have healthy, respectful relationships. More information will be forthcoming from CDC and I would encourage churches, community leaders and school officials to seriously look at this issue and see what each of us can do to encourage our youth to make intelligent and appropriate decisions. More information will be available from the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



## Vital Statistics

### Leading Causes of Death - Canton City

Disease	Month	YTD
Heart Disease	058	169
Cancer (All Types)	020	115
Flu/Pneumonia	020	079
Stroke	014	047
Emphysema	004	008
Diabetes	003	005
All Other Causes	067	270

### Births and Deaths - Residents and Non-Residents

Births Registered	328	1,412
Deaths Registered	186	693
Single Parent Births	139	580
Teenage Births (age 11-19)	037	152

### Births and Deaths - City of Canton Residents

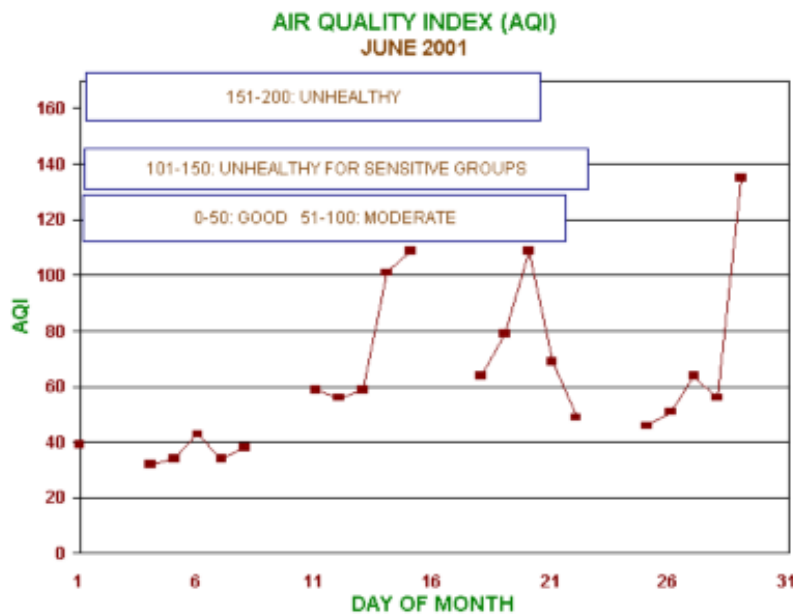
Births Registered	108	442
Deaths Registered	063	235
Single Parent Births	070	289
Teenage Births (11-19)	023	090

## AIDS Statistics

	Month			1982 - Present		
	HIV Infected*	AIDS Deaths	AIDS Deaths Year-To-Date	HIV Infected	AIDS Cases	AIDS Deaths
<b>Canton City</b>	01	00	01	168	122	088
<b>Stark County**</b>	01	00	01	228	202	149

\*Includes HIV, Non-AIDS, and AIDS.

\*\*Includes Alliance, Canton & Massillon



## Nursing Statistics

### Selected Reportable Diseases

Disease	Month	YTD
Chlamydia	037	233
Campylobacter	000	003
Congenital Herpes Simplex	000	001
Cryptosporidiosis	001	002
Encephalitis	000	000
Giardia	002	005
Gonorrhea	025	126
Haemophilus Influenza	000	001
Hepatitis A	000	000
Hepatitis B	000	001
Hepatitis C	000	000
Legionella	000	000
Meningitis	000	003
Meningococcal Disease	000	000
Pertussis	000	000
Salmonella	003	007
Shigella	000	000
Syphilis	001	002
Tuberculosis	000	001
Other mycobacterium	001	001
Varicella	001	025

### Average Daily Pollen Count

Week	Pollen	Mold
1	160	2,960
2	260	2,200
3	330	2,280
4	440	2,010

