

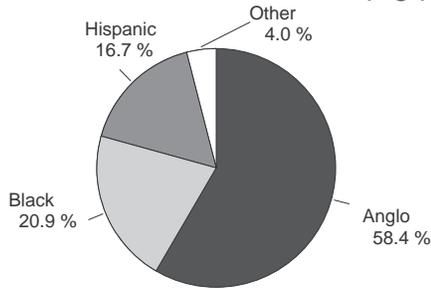
## Selected Facts for Bell County - 2000



### Demography

Census Population: 237,974      Population Per Square Mile: 224.6  
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 19      Area in Square Miles: 1,059.70

### POPULATION INFORMATION



Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	10,294	10,806	21,100	8.9 %
5 - 14	18,248	19,213	37,461	15.7 %
15 - 44	56,836	61,204	118,040	49.6 %
45 - 64	20,984	19,524	40,508	17.0 %
65 +	12,145	8,720	20,865	8.8 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,507</b>	<b>119,467</b>	<b>237,974</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
County	49.8 %	50.2 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

### Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	3.2 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	2,846	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	12,782	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	24,177	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 24,612	\$ 27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	27,607	12.1 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	10,950	16.3 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	16,341	10.2 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	48,945	25.4 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	16,387	23.4 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	32,558	26.5 %	26.3 %

### Nativity

	Births <sup>1</sup>	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,388		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	194	3.6 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	1,446	26.9 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight <sup>1</sup>	407	7.6 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care <sup>1</sup>	719	13.4 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate <sup>3</sup>	County: 94.8	State: 76.6	

### Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE <sup>3</sup>	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	7	----	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	3	----	1.9
Gonorrhea	835	350.9	157.8
Chlamydia	2,026	851.4	329.7
AIDS	25	10.5	13.4
Hepatitis A	119	50.0	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	135	56.7	33.6

### Mortality<sup>2</sup>

	Deaths <sup>1</sup>	RATE <sup>3</sup>	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	1,554	889.0	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	592	354.5	351.3
Heart Disease	493	295.1	263.1
Stroke	83	49.7	66.7
All Cancer	375	220.9	196.2
Lung Cancer	130	76.7	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	26	26.3	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	53	32.0	44.7

	Deaths <sup>1</sup>	RATE <sup>3</sup>	
		County	State
Diabetes	52	30.4	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	78	33.3	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	47	19.2	18.5
Homicide	13	----	6.2
Suicide	33	14.0	10.4
Work-related Injury	10	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	40	7.4	5.7
Fetal Deaths <sup>1</sup>	29	5.4	5.6

<sup>1</sup> All births and deaths are by county of residence. Low birth weight represents live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

<sup>2</sup> Mortality data reported for 2000 are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999. Since 1999, TDH has followed the National Center for Health Statistics guidelines for reporting mortality statistics that include coding data using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision and age adjustments using the 2000 Standard Population.

<sup>3</sup> Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population age 16+. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Note

**Health Professionals**

	County	State
<b>Direct Patient Care Physicians</b> . . . . .	468	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician. . . . .	508	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice. . . . .	4,327	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn. . . . .	2,105	2,298
<b>Registered Nurses</b> . . . . .	2,069	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse. . . . .	115	159
<b>Dentists</b> . . . . .	78	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist. . . . .	3,051	2,811

**Health Facilities**

	County	State
<b>Acute Care Hospitals</b> . . . . .	3	475
Licensed Beds. . . . .	961	71,905
Staffed Beds. . . . .	739	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments. . . . .	\$ 6,560,102	\$ 828,002,930
<b>Nursing Homes</b> . . . . .	16	1,160
Licensed Beds. . . . .	1,804	127,494

No areas/populations in Bell County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of March 2002. Some subcounty areas/populations in Bell County were designated as a Medically Underserved Area as of March 2002. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

**Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Bell County**

**Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program<sup>1</sup>**

Mammograms performed. . . . . 67

**Children's Health Services**

Children's health services available to county residents . . . . No

**Children with Special Health Care Needs<sup>1</sup>**

Eligible children. . . . . .97  
 Children served. . . . . .35  
 Amount paid. . . . . \$ 39,788

**Emergency Medical Services**

Emergency vehicles permitted. . . . . 35  
 EMS personnel certified. . . . . 686

**Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)**

Family planning services available to county residents . . . . Yes

**Food and Drug Safety**

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited. . . . . 249

**Immunization Division**

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). . . . . 31,636

**Kidney Health Care<sup>1</sup>**

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. . . . . .247  
 Estimated cost of treatments . . . . . \$ 162,452

**Bell County Public Health District**

TDH funding. . . . . \$ 2,303,777

**Milk and Dairy Products Division**

Establishments regulated. . . . . 1

**Oral Health Services<sup>1</sup>**

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program . . . . . 542

**Primary Care Office<sup>1</sup>**

Reported clients served. . . . . .0

**Radiation Control Program**

Health-related permit locations . . . . .120  
 Certified mammography locations. . . . . .4

**Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)<sup>1</sup>**

Clients receiving one or more dental services . . . . .4,349

**Tuberculosis Elimination Division<sup>1</sup>**

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case . . . . . .33

**Women's Health Services**

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents . . . . . Yes

**Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition<sup>1</sup>**

Clients receiving benefits. . . . . 24,845

**Zoonosis Control**

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. . . . . .2

<sup>1</sup>Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

For information on sources of data, refer to the document *Texas Health Facts Data Sources, 2000*.