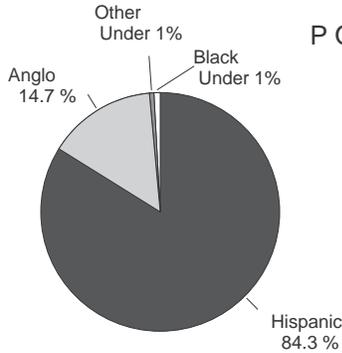


Selected Facts for Cameron County - 2000



Demography

Census Population: 335,227 Population Per Square Mile: 370.1
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 11 Area in Square Miles: 905.8



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	15,479	16,265	31,744	9.5 %
5 - 14	30,995	32,081	63,076	18.8 %
15 - 44	75,041	68,377	143,418	42.8 %
45 - 64	32,109	27,505	59,614	17.8 %
65 +	21,094	16,281	37,375	11.1 %
Total	174,718	160,509	335,227	100.0 %
County	52.1 %	47.9 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	8.7 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	18,235	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	72,444	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	107,327	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 14,906	\$ 27,752

	Number	County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	109,288	33.1 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	47,842	43.1 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	60,872	27.8 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	103,474	34.5 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	36,392	30.9 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	67,082	36.8 %	26.3 %

Nativity

	Births ¹	County	State
Total Live Births	8,314		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	560	6.7 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	2,234	26.9 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	502	6.0 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	3,021	37.1 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate ³ County:	110.8	State:	76.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	County	State
Tuberculosis	60	17.9	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	6	----	1.9
Gonorrhea	120	35.8	157.8
Chlamydia	1,121	334.4	329.7
AIDS	15	----	13.4
Hepatitis A	30	8.9	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	149	44.4	33.6

Mortality²

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Deaths From All Causes	1,808	646.7	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	682	248.8	351.3
Heart Disease	508	185.5	263.1
Stroke	119	43.0	66.7
All Cancer	417	148.9	196.2
Lung Cancer	83	29.3	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	45	29.2	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	57	20.6	44.7

	Deaths ¹	County	State
Diabetes	82	29.3	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	71	23.8	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	37	11.8	18.5
Homicide	13	----	6.2
Suicide	22	7.8	10.4
Work-related Injury	3	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	30	3.6	5.7
Fetal Deaths ¹	33	4.0	5.6

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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
Direct Patient Care Physicians	401	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	836	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	7,982	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	2,588	2,298
Registered Nurses	1,482	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	226	159
Dentists55	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	6,095	2,811

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	6	475
Licensed Beds.	1,097	71,905
Staffed Beds.	839	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 19,185,390	\$ 828,002,930
Nursing Homes	12	1,160
Licensed Beds.	1,255	127,494

All of Cameron County was designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of March 2002. Some subcounty areas/populations in Cameron 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 Cameron County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 1,208

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents Yes

Children with Special Health Care Needs¹

Eligible children. 366
 Children served. 170
 Amount paid. \$ 448,702

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 31
 EMS personnel certified. 500

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. 543

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 233,480

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 462
 Estimated cost of treatments \$ 392,820

Cameron County Health Department

TDH funding. \$ 1,386,280

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 0

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program 38

Primary Care Office¹

Reported clients served. 1

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations 159
 Certified mammography locations. 9

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Clients receiving one or more dental services 34,927

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case 369

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents Yes

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 47,639

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 1

¹Data 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*.