

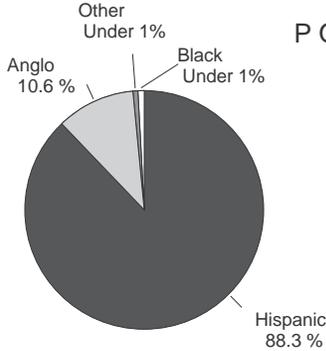


Selected Facts for Hidalgo County - 2000



Demography

Census Population: 569,463 Population Per Square Mile: 362.8
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 7 Area in Square Miles: 1569.8



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	28,712	29,426	58,138	10.2 %
5 - 14	55,001	56,593	111,594	19.6 %
15 - 44	130,016	123,106	253,122	44.4 %
45 - 64	48,789	42,546	91,335	16.0 %
65 +	30,422	24,852	55,274	9.7 %
Total	292,940	276,523	569,463	100.0 %
County	51.4 %	48.6 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	13.6 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	30,022	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	130,830	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	190,474	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 13,344	\$ 27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	201,865	35.9 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	90,126	45.5 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	111,034	30.5 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	173,769	35.0 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	61,488	30.9 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	112,281	37.8 %	26.3 %

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	Births ¹	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	15,359		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	966	6.3 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	3,978	25.9 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	969	6.3 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	5,416	36.3 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 118.1	State: 76.6	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	80	14.0	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	5	----	1.9
Gonorrhea	100	17.6	157.8
Chlamydia	1,527	268.1	329.7
AIDS	45	7.9	13.4
Hepatitis A	74	13.0	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	106	18.6	33.6

Mortality²

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	2,724	646.1	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	967	243.0	351.3
Heart Disease	784	197.3	263.1
Stroke	133	33.1	66.7
All Cancer	605	143.2	196.2
Lung Cancer	127	30.0	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	47	20.9	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	106	27.0	44.7

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Diabetes	163	38.6	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	150	28.1	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	104	18.5	18.5
Homicide	26	4.5	6.2
Suicide	24	4.9	10.4
Work-related Injury	5	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	77	5.0	5.7
Fetal Deaths ¹	67	4.4	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

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Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians	595	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	957	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	4,706	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	3,171	2,298
Registered Nurses	2,266	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	251	159
Dentists87	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	6,546	2,811

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals	9	475
Licensed Beds.	1,475	71,905
Staffed Beds.	1,376	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 20,992,090	\$ 828,002,930
Nursing Homes	15	1,160
Licensed Beds.	1,680	127,494

All of Hidalgo County was designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area and 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 Hidalgo County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 2,096

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents Yes

Children with Special Health Care Needs¹

Eligible children. 596
 Children served. 253
 Amount paid. \$ 1,245,312

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 117
 EMS personnel certified. 528

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. 798

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 420,282

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 719
 Estimated cost of treatments \$ 623,472

Hidalgo County Health Department

TDH funding. \$ 1,707,993

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 6

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program 390

Primary Care Office¹

Reported clients served. 4,402

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations 274
 Certified mammography locations. 12

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Clients receiving one or more dental services 63,030

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case 566

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents Yes

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 89,672

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 4

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*.