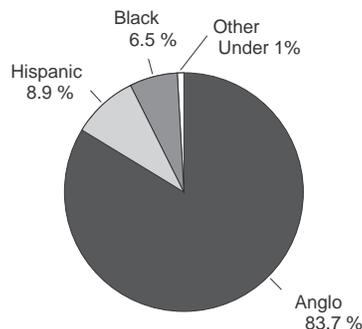


Demography

Estimated Population: 78,601
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 45

Population Per Square Mile: 89.9
Area in Square Miles: 874.2



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	2,329	2,454	4,783	6.1 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	4,770	5,383	10,153	12.9 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	13,777	14,165	27,942	35.5 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	10,760	10,415	21,175	26.9 %	22.4 %
65 +	7,773	6,775	14,548	18.5 %	9.8 %
Total	39,409	39,192	78,601	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	50.1 %	49.9 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	382	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	8,659	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	15,647	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	680	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	67.9 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	5.7 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 25,093	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	1,290	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	16,082	24.6 %
0 - 17 Years	3,078	17.0 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	14,275	18.2 %
0 - 17 Years	5,155	28.1 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	990		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	51	5.2 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	415	41.9 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	78	7.9 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	525	54.6 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 71.9	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	6	7.6	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	1.3	3.8
Gonorrhea	46	58.5	113.8
Chlamydia	146	185.7	313.3
AIDS	2	2.5	13.2
Pertussis	1	1.3	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	23	29.3	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	804	819.7	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	284	286.6	290.7
Heart Disease	204	206.3	219.3
Stroke	59	60.1	52.1
All Cancer	190	180.2	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	64	56.8	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	13	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	49	46.3	44.1
Diabetes	21	20.1	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	44	53.8	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	25	30.8	16.4
Homicide	2	---	6.4
Suicide	19	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	34	34.7	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	17	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	6	6.1	6.5
Fetal Deaths	7	7.0	5.5

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

Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth. Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44.

² Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

³ Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

⁴ Infant death rates are per 1,000 live births. Fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths. All other death rates were age-adjusted to the 2000 standard per 100,000 population. No age-adjusted rates were calculated if based on 20 or fewer deaths. Infant and fetal death rates were not calculated if 20 or fewer births or births plus fetal deaths occurred. Missing rates are indicated by "----".

⁵ Current mortality rates by cause are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999.

Refer to the Data Sources Document for more detail.