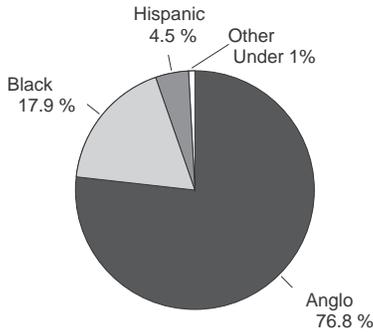


Demography

Estimated Population: 35,489
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 81

Population Per Square Mile: 37.9
Area in Square Miles: 937.4



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,158	1,218	2,376	6.7 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	2,357	2,443	4,800	13.5 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	6,715	6,806	13,521	38.1 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	4,654	4,505	9,159	25.8 %	22.4 %
65 +	3,150	2,483	5,633	15.9 %	9.8 %
Total	18,034	17,455	35,489	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	50.8 %	49.2 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	343	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	5,966	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	9,070	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	364	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	77.9 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	8.0 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 24,363	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	562	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	5,810	20.1 %
0 - 17 Years	1,145	13.3 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	6,561	19.0 %
0 - 17 Years	2,549	28.6 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	448		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	23	5.1 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	193	43.1 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	49	10.9 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	290	67.3 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 66.7	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	2	5.7	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	44	124.0	113.8
Chlamydia	94	264.9	313.3
AIDS	1	2.9	13.2
Pertussis	0	---	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	2	5.6	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	365	878.8	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	149	356.8	290.7
Heart Disease	125	300.7	219.3
Stroke	18	---	52.1
All Cancer	75	172.3	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	24	53.8	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	4	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	21	47.6	44.1
Diabetes	10	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	17	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	7	---	16.4
Homicide	1	---	6.4
Suicide	5	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	6	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	12	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	5	11.2	6.5
Fetal Deaths	4	8.8	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.