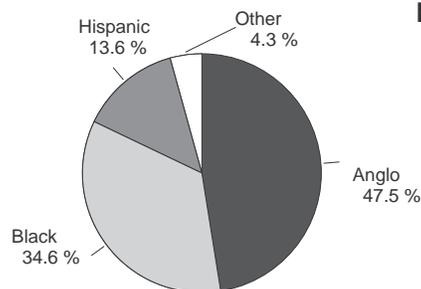


Demography

Estimated Population: 247,322
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 19

Population Per Square Mile: 273.7
Area in Square Miles: 903.6



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	8,304	8,604	16,908	6.8 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	16,789	17,152	33,941	13.7 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	49,221	58,190	107,411	43.4 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	28,962	28,378	57,340	23.2 %	22.4 %
65 +	18,710	13,012	31,722	12.8 %	9.8 %
Total	121,986	125,336	247,322	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	49.3 %	50.7 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	2,593	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	34,735	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	52,275	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	1,824	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	52.9 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	7.8 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 29,172	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	3,262	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	43,155	22.1 %
0 - 17 Years	8,227	13.8 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	45,305	19.7 %
0 - 17 Years	17,870	29.3 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	3,293		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	165	5.0 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	1,552	47.1 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	336	10.2 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	2,215	72.9 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 66.9	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	15	6.2	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	0.8	3.8
Gonorrhea	277	112.0	113.8
Chlamydia	478	193.3	313.3
AIDS	27	11.2	13.2
Pertussis	1	0.4	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	8	3.2	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	2,604	1,013.6	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	945	365.9	290.7
Heart Disease	709	274.6	219.3
Stroke	175	67.5	52.1
All Cancer	508	198.2	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	147	57.7	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	32	22.6	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	126	49.1	44.1
Diabetes	91	35.4	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	123	49.2	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	45	17.8	16.4
Homicide	34	13.9	6.4
Suicide	23	9.2	10.8
Alzheimer's	112	42.7	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	71	27.7	20.4
Infant Deaths	24	7.3	6.5
Fetal Deaths	31	9.3	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.