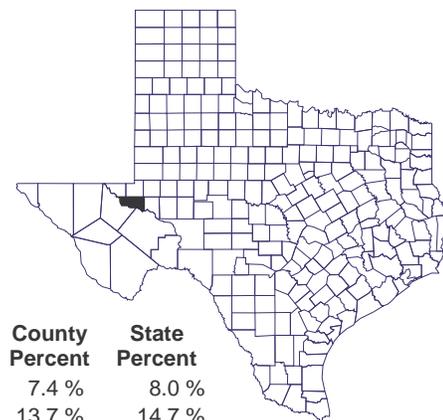


Selected Health Facts 2005

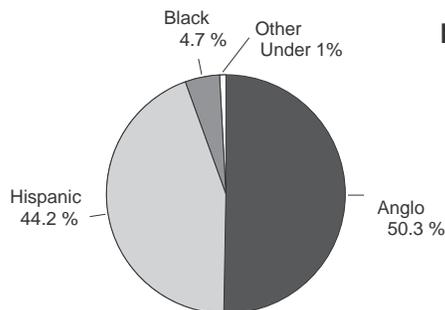
Ward County



Demography

Estimated Population: 10,449
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 163

Population Per Square Mile: 12.5
Area in Square Miles: 835.5



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	376	401	777	7.4 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	679	748	1,427	13.7 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	1,958	2,118	4,076	39.0 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	1,334	1,241	2,575	24.6 %	22.4 %
65 +	880	714	1,594	15.3 %	9.8 %
Total	5,227	5,222	10,449	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	50.0 %	50.0 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	144	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	1,641	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	2,637	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	116	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	72.0 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	5.5 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 23,637	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	193	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	2,002	23.7 %
0 - 17 Years	439	16.6 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	1,867	19.0 %
0 - 17 Years	683	26.5 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	154		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	10	6.5 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	80	51.9 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	13	8.4 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	121	79.6 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 78.7	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	3	28.7	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	9.6	3.8
Gonorrhea	1	9.6	113.8
Chlamydia	20	191.4	313.3
AIDS	0	---	13.2
Pertussis	0	---	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	0	---	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	97	808.5	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	43	349.7	290.7
Heart Disease	36	295.9	219.3
Stroke	4	---	52.1
All Cancer	22	176.8	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	9	---	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	1	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	9	---	44.1
Diabetes	4	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	1	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	1	---	16.4
Homicide	1	---	6.4
Suicide	0	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	3	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	0	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	0	0.0	6.5
Fetal Deaths	1	6.5	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.