

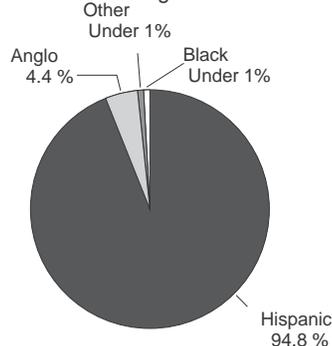
Demography

Estimated Population: 228,354

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 20

Population Per Square Mile: 68.0

Area in Square Miles: 3,356.8



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	14,092	14,584	28,676	12.6 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	19,747	20,032	39,779	17.4 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	53,591	52,515	106,106	46.5 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	19,805	17,710	37,515	16.4 %	22.4 %
65 +	9,722	6,556	16,278	7.1 %	9.8 %
Total	116,957	111,397	228,354	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	51.2 %	48.8 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	4,963	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	55,297	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	72,959	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	4,483	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	74.8 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	6.0 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 19,342	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	5,280	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	83,988	39.9 %
0 - 17 Years	22,015	26.4 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	67,930	30.8 %
0 - 17 Years	33,122	40.3 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,941		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	418	7.0 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	1,936	32.6 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	452	7.6 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	3,398	57.6 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 110.9	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	42	18.4	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	31	13.6	113.8
Chlamydia	509	222.9	313.3
AIDS	16	7.0	13.2
Pertussis	2	0.9	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	136	59.6	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	1,085	769.7	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	384	298.5	290.7
Heart Disease	312	243.2	219.3
Stroke	56	42.5	52.1
All Cancer	206	148.1	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	44	32.0	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	19	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	25	19.9	44.1
Diabetes	73	54.9	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	65	31.5	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	32	13.9	16.4
Homicide	26	10.3	6.4
Suicide	9	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	9	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	30	24.7	20.4
Infant Deaths	33	5.6	6.5
Fetal Deaths	26	4.4	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.