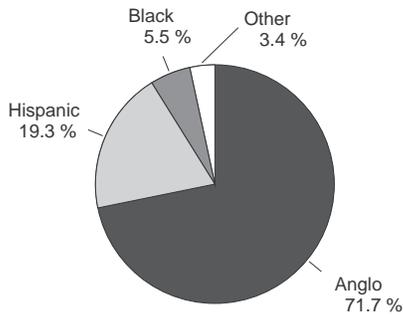


Demography

Estimated Population: 330,740
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 13

Population Per Square Mile: 294.6
Area in Square Miles: 1,122.8



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	12,014	12,516	24,530	7.4 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	26,783	28,555	55,338	16.7 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	75,105	77,217	152,322	46.1 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	35,993	35,920	71,913	21.7 %	22.4 %
65 +	15,049	11,588	26,637	8.1 %	9.8 %
Total	164,944	165,796	330,740	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	49.9 %	50.1 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	805	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	15,543	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	31,400	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	1,505	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	27.4 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	4.6 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 31,697	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	3,527	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	54,555	17.0 %
0 - 17 Years	13,977	13.9 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	19,663	6.0 %
0 - 17 Years	7,563	8.2 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,470		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	133	2.4 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	1,133	20.7 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	401	7.3 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	4,214	77.7 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 72.8	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	7	2.1	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	2.1	3.8
Gonorrhea	174	52.6	113.8
Chlamydia	530	160.2	313.3
AIDS	16	4.9	13.2
Pertussis	248	75.0	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	319	96.5	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	1,465	627.4	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	419	187.0	290.7
Heart Disease	294	131.5	219.3
Stroke	95	42.1	52.1
All Cancer	335	141.9	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	95	41.2	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	21	15.3	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	76	35.4	44.1
Diabetes	36	15.6	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	83	28.7	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	37	11.9	16.4
Homicide	4	---	6.4
Suicide	22	7.6	10.8
Alzheimer's	67	30.8	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	37	16.7	20.4
Infant Deaths	26	4.8	6.5
Fetal Deaths	27	4.9	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.