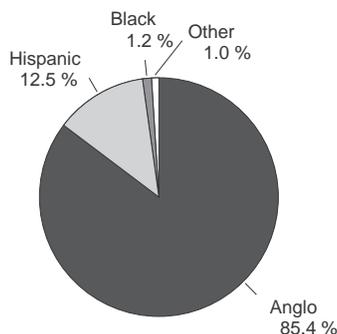


Demography

Estimated Population: 55,237
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 56

Population Per Square Mile: 61.1
Area in Square Miles: 904.6



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,734	1,815	3,549	6.4 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	4,080	4,317	8,397	15.2 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	11,305	12,027	23,332	42.2 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	7,003	7,006	14,009	25.4 %	22.4 %
65 +	3,231	2,719	5,950	10.8 %	9.8 %
Total	27,353	27,884	55,237	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	49.5 %	50.5 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	125	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	3,343	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	7,515	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	397	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	58.6 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	4.7 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 25,899	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	764	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	13,471	26.5 %
0 - 17 Years	2,714	18.7 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	5,891	10.7 %
0 - 17 Years	2,224	15.7 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	716		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	23	3.2 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	218	30.4 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	58	8.1 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	457	67.1 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 63.3	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	6	10.9	113.8
Chlamydia	53	96.0	313.3
AIDS	2	3.7	13.2
Pertussis	2	3.6	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	18	32.6	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	425	896.1	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	136	308.8	290.7
Heart Disease	102	230.9	219.3
Stroke	24	55.1	52.1
All Cancer	96	184.6	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	26	51.1	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	5	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	24	48.8	44.1
Diabetes	15	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	35	63.3	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	21	36.5	16.4
Homicide	3	---	6.4
Suicide	10	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	13	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	5	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	6	8.4	6.5
Fetal Deaths	4	5.6	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.