



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 1,579,414 Population Per Square Mile: 1,266.8
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 4 Area In Square Miles: 1,246.8

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	496,885	31.5%	47.4%	00 - 04	62,604	64,986	127,590	8.1%	8.0%
Hispanic	911,181	57.7%	36.8%	05 - 14	111,793	116,706	228,499	14.5%	14.3%
Black	123,902	7.8%	11.6%	15 - 44	349,596	353,633	703,229	44.5%	44.8%
Other	47,446	3.0%	4.1%	45 - 64	186,450	170,402	356,852	22.6%	23.0%
				65+	95,346	67,898	163,244	10.3%	9.8%
				Total	805,789	773,625	1,579,414	100.0%	100.0%
				County	51.0%	49.0%			
				State	49.9%	50.1%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	8,190	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	21,170	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	182,360	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	327,333	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	328,707	22.8%
Medicaid Covered Births	16,602	228,202	0 - 17 Years	71,860	15.7%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	60.6%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.4%	All Ages	254,880	16.4%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$34,163	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	102,413	23.1%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	27,565		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	1,421	5.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	11,673	42.3%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	2,592	9.4%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	18,058	73.8%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		78.8	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	72	4.6	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	153	9.7	4.9
Gonorrhea	2,473	156.6	132.9
Chlamydia	8,087	512.0	354.7
AIDS	222	14.1	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	42	2.7	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	683	43.2	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	10,713	762.9	805.1	Accidents	676	45.3	42.2
Heart Disease	2,519	181.5	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	175	11.1	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	600	43.6	49.8	Diabetes	448	32.3	25.5
All Cancer	2,270	162.7	173.7	Alzheimer's	265	19.6	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	489	35.5	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	171	12.4	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	171	21.1	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	139	8.6	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	214	15.4	16.9	Suicide	151	9.7	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	109	21.3	21.9	Septicemia	183	13.2	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	486	35.9	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	224	15.4	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	232	17.0	17.0	Infant Deaths	162	5.9	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	141	5.1	5.4

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 Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

³ Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

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.**