



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 246,103 Population Per Square Mile: 272.4
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 19 Area In Square Miles: 903.6

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	111,763	45.4%	47.4%	00 - 04	8,404	8,717	17,121	7.0%	8.0%
Hispanic	37,080	15.1%	36.8%	05 - 14	16,391	16,828	33,219	13.5%	14.3%
Black	85,709	34.8%	11.6%	15 - 44	48,654	57,793	106,447	43.3%	44.8%
Other	11,551	4.7%	4.1%	45 - 64	29,485	28,852	58,337	23.7%	23.0%
				65+	18,166	12,813	30,979	12.6%	9.8%
				Total	121,100	125,003	246,103	100.0%	100.0%
Anglo	[Bar chart]			County	49.2%	50.8%			
Hispanic	[Bar chart]			State	49.9%	50.1%			
Black	[Bar chart]								
Other	[Bar chart]								

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	1,281	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	2,736	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	29,801	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	53,078	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	44,588	22.7%
Medicaid Covered Births	2,566	228,202	0 - 17 Years	7,545	12.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	70.0%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.4%	All Ages	38,641	17.1%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$33,795	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	14,202	24.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	3,615		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	157	4.3%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,810	50.1%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	382	10.6%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,373	71.2%	62.1%
Fertility Rate ¹		Rate	Rate
		74.3	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	10	4.2	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	41	16.7	4.9
Gonorrhea	585	237.7	132.9
Chlamydia	894	363.3	354.7
AIDS	65	27.1	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0	---	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	0.4	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,462	962.1	805.1	Accidents	134	53.4	42.2
Heart Disease	613	238.5	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	57	22.5	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	171	65.7	49.8	Diabetes	55	21.8	25.5
All Cancer	485	191.5	173.7	Alzheimer's	101	37.8	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	147	58.0	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	60	23.3	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	49	34.9	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	32	12.8	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	37	14.9	16.9	Suicide	29	11.9	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	33	32.8	21.9	Septicemia	35	13.7	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	121	47.3	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	37	14.6	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	70	27.3	17.0	Infant Deaths	22	6.1	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	21	5.8	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.**