



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 260,258 Population Per Square Mile: 289.3
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 18 Area In Square Miles: 899.5

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	151,083	58.1%	47.4%	00 - 04	9,897	10,252	20,149	7.7%	8.0%
Hispanic	82,481	31.7%	36.8%	05 - 14	16,394	17,082	33,476	12.9%	14.3%
Black	20,601	7.9%	11.6%	15 - 44	60,405	62,824	123,229	47.3%	44.8%
Other	6,093	2.3%	4.1%	45 - 64	28,469	26,259	54,728	21.0%	23.0%
				65+	16,802	11,874	28,676	11.0%	9.8%
				Total	131,967	128,291	260,258	100.0%	100.0%
				County	50.7%	49.3%			
				State	49.9%	50.1%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	1,214	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	2,390	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	28,578	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	49,058	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	60,032	26.4%
Medicaid Covered Births	2,747	228,202	0 - 17 Years	10,363	15.5%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	63.6%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.4%	All Ages	43,636	17.4%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$30,212	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	14,189	21.9%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	4,323		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	273	6.3%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,803	41.7%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	481	11.1%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,435	58.1%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		71.6	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	5	1.9	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	5	1.9	4.9
Gonorrhea	389	149.5	132.9
Chlamydia	1,106	425.0	354.7
AIDS	4	1.5	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	5	1.9	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	238	91.4	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,108	888.2	805.1	Accidents	108	45.1	42.2
Heart Disease	490	206.8	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	36	14.4	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	119	50.3	49.8	Diabetes	76	32.3	25.5
All Cancer	453	194.0	173.7	Alzheimer's	43	18.0	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	125	53.6	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	40	16.8	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	32	24.5	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	16	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	41	17.4	16.9	Suicide	31	11.5	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	16	---	21.9	Septicemia	59	25.3	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	131	56.4	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	31	13.4	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	39	17.0	17.0	Infant Deaths	23	5.3	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	18	---	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.**