



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 319,881 Population Per Square Mile: 382.7
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 14 Area In Square Miles: 835.8

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	103,218	32.3%	47.4%	00 - 04	12,704	13,194	25,898	8.1%	8.0%
Hispanic	196,542	61.4%	36.8%	05 - 14	21,832	22,429	44,261	13.8%	14.3%
Black	12,959	4.1%	11.6%	15 - 44	69,346	71,815	141,161	44.1%	44.8%
Other	7,162	2.2%	4.1%	45 - 64	37,978	36,325	74,303	23.2%	23.0%
				65+	19,732	14,526	34,258	10.7%	9.8%
				Total	161,592	158,289	319,881	100.0%	100.0%
Anglo	[Bar chart showing 32.3%]			County	50.5%	49.5%			
Hispanic	[Bar chart showing 61.4%]			State	49.9%	50.1%			
Black	[Bar chart showing 4.1%]								
Other	[Bar chart showing 2.2%]								

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	2,542	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	4,697	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	48,987	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	77,028	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	64,543	22.8%
Medicaid Covered Births	3,336	228,202	0 - 17 Years	11,105	12.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	67.0%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	All Ages	60,350	19.1%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$33,970	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	23,603	27.7%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,038		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	311	6.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	2,331	46.3%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	506	10.0%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,964	61.8%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		72.7	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	16	5.0	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	6	1.9	4.9
Gonorrhea	503	157.2	132.9
Chlamydia	1,585	495.5	354.7
AIDS	22	6.9	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	10	3.1	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	171	53.5	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,490	872.7	805.1	Accidents	117	38.8	42.2
Heart Disease	534	190.1	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	29	9.5	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	141	51.5	49.8	Diabetes	143	49.4	25.5
All Cancer	510	175.9	173.7	Alzheimer's	101	37.6	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	123	42.8	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	41	14.3	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	43	26.9	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	23	6.8	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	46	15.7	16.9	Suicide	44	14.4	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	21	17.6	21.9	Septicemia	35	12.4	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	121	43.5	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	53	17.5	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	60	21.7	17.0	Infant Deaths	34	6.7	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	26	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.**