



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 1,618,284
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 4
 Population Per Square Mile: 1,297.9
 Area In Square Miles: 1,246.8

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	497,898	30.8%	46.6%	00 - 04	63,694	66,203	129,897	8.0%	7.9%				
Hispanic	942,256	58.2%	37.5%	05 - 14	113,729	118,821	232,550	14.4%	14.2%				
Black	127,229	7.9%	11.6%	15 - 44	356,203	361,230	717,433	44.3%	44.7%				
Other	50,901	3.1%	4.3%	45 - 64	192,776	176,772	369,548	22.8%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	98,330	70,526	168,856	10.4%	9.9%				
Anglo	[Bar]			Total	824,732	793,552	1,618,284	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar]			County	51.0%	49.0%							
Black	[Bar]			State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other	[Bar]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	6,480	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	27,232	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	182,221	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	334,581	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	16,571	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	60.1%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$35,090	\$37,809			

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	27,329		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	1,469	5.4%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	12,282	44.9%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	2,531	9.3%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	16,352	69.4%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		76.7	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	81	5.0	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	187	11.6	5.8
Gonorrhea	2,908	179.7	129.8
Chlamydia	8,869	548.0	405.8
AIDS	196	12.1	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	53	3.3	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	462	28.5	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	10,722	738.3	808.8	Accidents	735	48.2	41.4
Heart Disease	2,361	164.6	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	206	12.8	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	651	45.8	49.4	Diabetes	385	27.0	25.4
All Cancer	2,231	154.7	172.4	Alzheimer's	299	21.4	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	521	36.8	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	184	12.9	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	162	19.8	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	155	9.3	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	204	13.9	16.4	Suicide	153	9.5	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	99	18.6	20.8	Septicemia	195	13.4	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	484	34.6	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	234	15.6	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	273	19.2	17.9	Infant Deaths	178	6.5	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	171	6.2	5.6

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.