



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 393,355
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 12
 Population Per Square Mile: 434.3
 Area In Square Miles: 905.8

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	46,400	11.8%	46.6%	00 - 04	20,637	21,484	42,121	10.7%	7.9%				
Hispanic	342,616	87.1%	37.5%	05 - 14	30,532	31,879	62,411	15.9%	14.2%				
Black	1,093	0.3%	11.6%	15 - 44	86,288	82,761	169,049	43.0%	44.7%				
Other	3,246	0.8%	4.3%	45 - 64	40,408	35,273	75,681	19.2%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	24,705	19,388	44,093	11.2%	9.9%				
Anglo			11.8%	Total	202,570	190,785	393,355	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic			87.1%	County	51.5%	48.5%							
Black			0.3%	State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other			0.8%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	8,944	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	10,005	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	97,012	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	134,090	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	5,946	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	71.3%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$21,387	\$37,809			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	122,531	35.9%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	27,025	20.8%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	130,014	33.5%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	58,192	44.1%	22.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	8,153		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	542	6.6%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	3,600	44.2%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	627	7.7%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	3,724	46.0%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		94.5	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	56	14.2	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	5.8
Gonorrhea	215	54.7	129.8
Chlamydia	1,205	306.3	405.8
AIDS	28	7.1	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	4	1.0	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	61	15.5	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,172	624.9	808.8	Accidents	87	24.0	41.4
Heart Disease	547	159.0	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	35	9.0	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	92	27.2	49.4	Diabetes	123	35.4	25.4
All Cancer	469	134.3	172.4	Alzheimer's	38	11.5	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	91	26.1	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	52	15.6	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	40	21.1	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	7	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	40	11.6	16.4	Suicide	25	7.1	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	21	14.9	20.8	Septicemia	44	12.5	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	68	19.6	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	73	21.1	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	65	18.7	17.9	Infant Deaths	37	4.5	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	47	5.7	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.