



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 2,387,963
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 2
Population Per Square Mile: 2,714.8
Area In Square Miles: 879.6

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	800,410	33.5%	46.6%	00 - 04	100,593	104,517	205,110	8.6%	7.9%				
Hispanic	960,244	40.2%	37.5%	05 - 14	172,745	180,026	352,771	14.8%	14.2%				
Black	485,755	20.3%	11.6%	15 - 44	541,465	596,581	1,138,046	47.7%	44.7%				
Other	141,554	5.9%	4.3%	45 - 64	253,730	250,981	504,711	21.1%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	108,754	78,571	187,325	7.8%	9.9%				
Anglo	[Bar]			Total	1,177,287	1,210,676	2,387,963	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar]			County	49.3%	50.7%							
Black	[Bar]			State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other	[Bar]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	8,629	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	44,978	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	212,200	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	455,811	4,508,948	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	27,382	224,937	0 - 64 Years	679,421	31.2%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	62.4%	55.3%	0 - 17 Years	147,934	22.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$44,829	\$37,809	All Ages	409,612	17.3%
			0 - 17 Years	171,467	25.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	43,213		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	2,260	5.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	21,831	50.5%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	3,566	8.3%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	21,538	51.0%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		79.8	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	220	9.2	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	214	9.0	5.8
Gonorrhea	5,070	212.3	129.8
Chlamydia	13,495	565.1	405.8
AIDS	585	24.5	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	192	8.0	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	683	28.6	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴		Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State		County	State
Deaths from All Causes	13,964	820.0	808.8	Accidents	745	35.6
Heart Disease	3,213	195.3	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	278	12.2
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	843	53.4	49.4	Diabetes	402	23.6
All Cancer	2,998	176.6	172.4	Alzheimer's	456	31.0
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	776	46.8	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	272	16.8
Female Breast Cancer	252	25.6	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	227	9.0
Colon, Rectum and Anus	279	16.7	16.4	Suicide	213	9.6
Male Prostrate Cancer	124	21.1	20.8	Septicemia	226	14.2
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	649	42.2	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	183	9.2
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	307	18.7	17.9	Infant Deaths	290	6.7
				Fetal Deaths ¹	269	6.2

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.