



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 748,596
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 6
 Population Per Square Mile: 738.9
 Area In Square Miles: 1,013.1

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	90,121	12.0%	46.6%	00 - 04	35,289	36,657	71,946	9.6%	7.9%				
Hispanic	624,637	83.4%	37.5%	05 - 14	53,098	54,682	107,780	14.4%	14.2%				
Black	19,808	2.6%	11.6%	15 - 44	167,863	173,135	340,998	45.6%	44.7%				
Other	14,030	1.9%	4.3%	45 - 64	83,051	71,434	154,485	20.6%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	43,065	30,322	73,387	9.8%	9.9%				
Anglo			12.0%	Total	382,366	366,230	748,596	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic			83.4%	County	51.1%	48.9%							
Black			2.6%	State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other			1.9%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	7,539	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	17,306	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	139,534	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	208,742	4,508,948	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	8,768	224,937	0 - 64 Years	213,839	32.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	62.8%	55.3%	0 - 17 Years	42,881	19.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$28,071	\$37,809	All Ages	183,824	25.2%
			0 - 17 Years	79,951	35.1%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	14,054		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	889	6.3%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	6,251	44.5%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	1,264	9.0%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	7,901	58.0%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		83.7	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	67	9.0	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	0.9	5.8
Gonorrhea	539	72.0	129.8
Chlamydia	3,344	446.7	405.8
AIDS	63	8.4	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	0.3	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	178	23.8	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	4,524	757.8	808.8	Accidents	214	31.7	41.4
Heart Disease	884	152.4	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	83	11.2	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	335	58.9	49.4	Diabetes	209	35.4	25.4
All Cancer	987	162.8	172.4	Alzheimer's	166	30.7	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	174	28.9	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	60	10.0	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	81	23.1	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	20	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	105	17.4	16.4	Suicide	63	9.0	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	75	32.4	20.8	Septicemia	88	14.7	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	234	41.4	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	133	20.8	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	101	17.0	17.9	Infant Deaths	74	5.3	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	83	5.9	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.