



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 238,269
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 20
 Population Per Square Mile: 71.0
 Area In Square Miles: 3,356.8

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	9,361	3.9%	46.6%	00 - 04	14,349	14,848	29,197	12.3%	7.9%				
Hispanic	226,771	95.2%	37.5%	05 - 14	19,896	20,224	40,120	16.8%	14.2%				
Black	298	0.1%	11.6%	15 - 44	55,959	56,111	112,070	47.0%	44.7%				
Other	1,839	0.8%	4.3%	45 - 64	21,038	19,197	40,235	16.9%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	9,852	6,795	16,647	7.0%	9.9%				
Anglo			3.9%	Total	121,094	117,175	238,269	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic			95.2%	County	50.8%	49.2%							
Black			0.1%	State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other			0.8%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	3,761	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	6,183	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	55,750	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	78,810	4,508,948	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	4,494	224,937	0 - 64 Years	77,482	4261.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	74.8%	55.3%	0 - 17 Years	18,927	-15.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$22,831	\$37,809	All Ages	62,060	26.6%
			0 - 17 Years	31,072	35.4%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,933		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	429	7.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	2,989	50.4%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	444	7.5%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	3,609	68.1%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		106.0	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	40	16.8	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	5.8
Gonorrhea	120	50.4	129.8
Chlamydia	907	380.7	405.8
AIDS	9	3.8	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	0.8	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	177	74.3	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,137	776.9	808.8	Accidents	86	43.8	41.4
Heart Disease	279	206.9	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	34	16.6	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	79	57.0	49.4	Diabetes	64	44.7	25.4
All Cancer	219	151.5	172.4	Alzheimer's	26	20.7	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	34	25.6	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	30	22.8	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	16	---	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	11	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	17	---	16.4	Suicide	18	---	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	15	---	20.8	Septicemia	37	26.6	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	27	20.9	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	33	23.0	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	20	14.8	17.9	Infant Deaths	34	5.7	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	29	4.9	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.