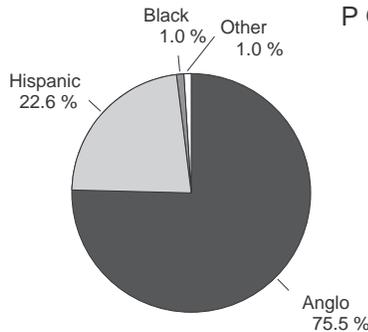


Selected Facts for Comal County - 2000



Demography

Census Population: 78,021 Population Per Square Mile: 139.0
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 42 Area in Square Miles: 561.5



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	2,333	2,531	4,864	6.2 %
5 - 14	5,636	5,856	11,492	14.7 %
15 - 44	15,301	15,137	30,438	39.0 %
45 - 64	9,998	9,661	19,659	25.2 %
65 +	6,532	5,036	11,568	14.8 %
Total	39,800	38,221	78,021	100.0 %
County	51.0 %	49.0 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	2.5 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	366	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	2,141	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	5,642	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 28,880	\$ 27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	6,585	8.6 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	2,257	11.5 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	4,221	7.4 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	14,168	22.3 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	3,974	21.9 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	10,194	22.4 %	26.3 %

Nativity

	Births ¹	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	1,081		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	44	4.1 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	276	25.6 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	54	5.0 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	186	17.3 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 70.6	State: 76.6	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	3	----	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	----	1.9
Gonorrhea	29	37.2	157.8
Chlamydia	83	106.4	329.7
AIDS	4	----	13.4
Hepatitis A	6	----	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	28	35.9	33.6

Mortality²

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	639	722.6	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	221	248.4	351.3
Heart Disease	150	168.7	263.1
Stroke	53	59.5	66.7
All Cancer	151	167.7	196.2
Lung Cancer	40	44.2	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	11	----	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	23	25.6	44.7

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Diabetes	31	34.6	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	23	29.8	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	7	----	18.5
Homicide	3	----	6.2
Suicide	5	----	10.4
Work-related Injury	2	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	5	----	5.7
Fetal Deaths ¹	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. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

² Mortality data reported for 2000 are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999. Since 1999, TDH has followed the National Center for Health Statistics guidelines for reporting mortality statistics that include coding data using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision and age adjustments using the 2000 Standard Population.

³ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population age 16+. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Note

Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians	102	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	765	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	3,001	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	3,060	2,298
Registered Nurses	357	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	219	159
Dentists	29	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	2,690	2,811

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	1	475
Licensed Beds.	132	71,905
Staffed Beds.	123	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 0	\$ 828,002,930
Nursing Homes	4	1,160
Licensed Beds.	596	127,494

Some subcounty areas/populations in Comal County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of March 2002. No areas/populations in Comal County were designated as a Medically Underserved Area as of March 2002. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Comal County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 29

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents No

Children with Special Health Care Needs¹

Eligible children. 24
 Children served. 10
 Amount paid. \$ 24,081

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 14
 EMS personnel certified. 271

Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)

Family planning services available to county residents Yes

Food and Drug Safety

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited. 198

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 14,084

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 72
 Estimated cost of treatments \$ 91,434

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 0

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program 13

Primary Care Office¹

Reported clients served. 0

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations 59
 Certified mammography locations. 1

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Clients receiving one or more dental services 1,208

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case 23

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents No

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 3,037

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 5

¹Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

For information on sources of data, refer to the document *Texas Health Facts Data Sources, 2000*.