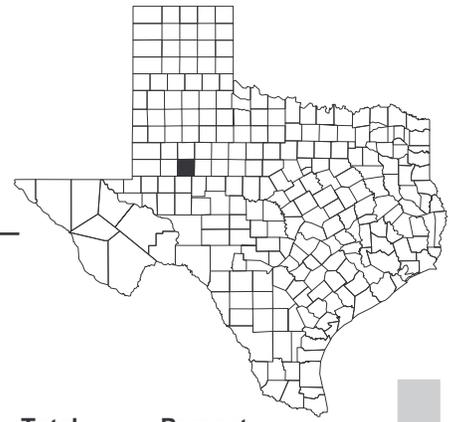
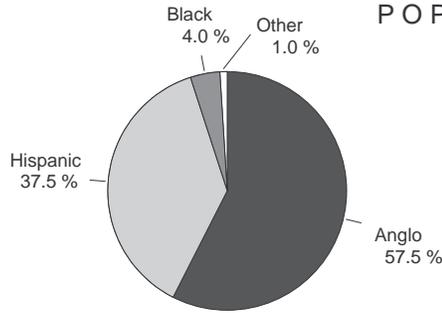


Selected Facts for Howard County - 2000



Demography

Census Population: 33,627 Population Per Square Mile: 37.2
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 80 Area in Square Miles: 902.8



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	985	1,013	1,998	5.9 %
5 - 14	2,241	2,402	4,643	13.8 %
15 - 44	5,934	8,991	14,925	44.4 %
45 - 64	3,415	3,748	7,163	21.3 %
65 +	2,847	2,051	4,898	14.6 %
Total	15,422	18,205	33,627	100.0 %
County	45.9 %	54.1 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	4.6 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	591	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	2,753	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	5,526	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 20,323	\$27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	5,366	18.6 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	1,974	24.7 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	3,343	16.0 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	6,915	26.0 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	2,219	25.3 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	4,696	26.4 %	26.3 %

Nativity

	Births ¹	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	482		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	64	13.3 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	202	42.1 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	55	11.4 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	156	34.1 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 81.2	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	14	----	157.8
Chlamydia	69	205.2	329.7
AIDS	7	----	13.4
Hepatitis A	1	----	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	32	95.2	33.6

Mortality²

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	397	1084.6	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	149	400.2	351.3
Heart Disease	115	308.7	263.1
Stroke	22	59.2	66.7
All Cancer	77	210.5	196.2
Lung Cancer	28	76.5	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	8	----	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	34	90.4	44.7

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Diabetes	11	----	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	24	71.9	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	12	----	18.5
Homicide	5	----	6.2
Suicide	5	----	10.4
Work-related Injury	3	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	1	----	5.7
Fetal Deaths ¹	4	----	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	48	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	701	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	4,804	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	2,967	2,298
Registered Nurses	286	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	118	159
Dentists	10	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	3,363	2,811

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals	1	475
Licensed Beds.	150	71,905
Staffed Beds.	122	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 0	\$ 828,002,930
Nursing Homes	3	1,160
Licensed Beds.	321	127,494

No areas/populations in Howard County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of March 2002. All of Howard County was 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 Howard County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 1

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents No

Children with Special Health Care Needs¹

Eligible children. 10
 Children served. 5
 Amount paid. \$ 8,035

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 8
 EMS personnel certified. 73

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. 165

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 8,100

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 26
 Estimated cost of treatments \$ 36,202

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 1

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program 197

Primary Care Office¹

Reported clients served. 0

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations 22
 Certified mammography locations. 2

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Clients receiving one or more dental services 949

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case 27

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents No

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 1,841

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 11

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*.