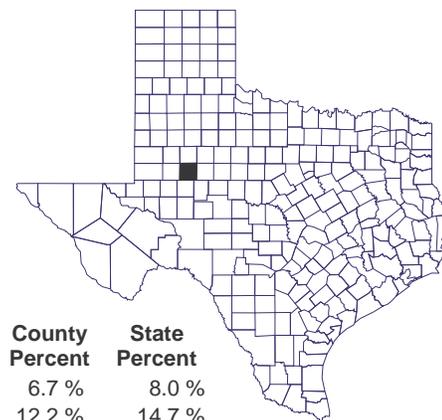


Selected Health Facts 2005

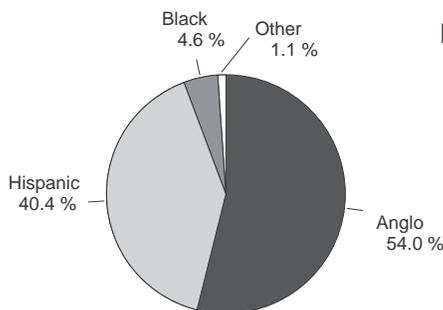
Howard County



Demography

Estimated Population: 33,082
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 88

Population Per Square Mile: 36.6
Area in Square Miles: 902.8



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,074	1,138	2,212	6.7 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	1,999	2,050	4,049	12.2 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	5,504	8,371	13,875	41.9 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	3,669	4,498	8,167	24.7 %	22.4 %
65 +	2,720	2,059	4,779	14.4 %	9.8 %
Total	14,966	18,116	33,082	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	45.2 %	54.8 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	284	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	4,214	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	7,357	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	326	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	71.3 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	5.3 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 24,382	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	441	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	5,184	22.3 %
0 - 17 Years	1,124	15.3 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	6,205	22.5 %
0 - 17 Years	2,294	30.6 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	479		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	37	7.7 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	224	46.8 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	42	8.8 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	315	66.3 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 87.0	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	3	9.1	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	26	78.6	113.8
Chlamydia	101	305.3	313.3
AIDS	5	15.1	13.2
Pertussis	0	---	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	11	33.3	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	393	1,045.7	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	143	373.5	290.7
Heart Disease	118	308.1	219.3
Stroke	18	---	52.1
All Cancer	69	185.6	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	22	58.3	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	3	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	28	74.0	44.1
Diabetes	14	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	8	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	2	---	16.4
Homicide	1	---	6.4
Suicide	6	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	14	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	11	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	8	16.7	6.5
Fetal Deaths	7	14.4	5.5

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 Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

³ Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

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.