



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 269,073 Population Per Square Mile: 253.9
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 17 Area In Square Miles: 1,059.7

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	141,113	52.4%	48.2%	00 - 04	12,832	13,351	26,183	9.7%	8.0%
Hispanic	53,422	19.9%	36.1%	05 - 14	19,008	19,825	38,833	14.4%	14.5%
Black	60,944	22.6%	11.7%	15 - 44	62,031	67,054	129,085	48.0%	45.0%
Other	13,594	5.1%	4.0%	45 - 64	26,908	25,417	52,325	19.4%	22.8%
				65+	13,067	9,580	22,647	8.4%	9.8%
				Total	133,846	135,227	269,073	100.0%	100.0%
				County	49.7%	50.3%			
				State	50.0%	50.0%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	1,388	159,889	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	1,831	304,217
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	25,995	2,548,310	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	40,744	4,313,318	0 - 64 Years	53,661	21.8%
Medicaid Covered Births	1,933	223,128	0 - 17 Years	12,048	13.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	31.4%	56.6%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.9%	All Ages	31,989	12.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$32,612	\$35,162	0 - 17 Years	15,314	19.4%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	6,115		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	212	3.5%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,836	30.0%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	491	8.0%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	4,695	76.3%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		98.6	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	4	1.5	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	0.7	4.5
Gonorrhea	1,004	373.1	128.8
Chlamydia	2,418	898.6	320.4
AIDS	6	2.2	12.4
Pertussis	4	1.5	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	169	62.8	50.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,691	849.0	805.1	Accidents	73	28.9	40.7
Heart Disease	483	249.4	203.6	Motor Vehicle Accidents	40	15.2	16.2
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	91	47.1	50.2	Diabetes	74	39.0	26.5
All Cancer	399	203.9	176.7	Alzheimer's	57	30.5	27.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	122	64.4	49.5	Influenza and Pneumonia	41	21.3	18.0
Female Breast Cancer	31	26.9	22.8	Assault (Homicide)	13	---	6.0
Colorectal Cancer	38	19.0	17.1	Suicide	20	---	10.2
Male Prostrate Cancer	21	26.9	22.6	Septicemia	21	10.9	13.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	53	27.9	40.9	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	20	9.8	11.0
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	20	10.4	15.7	Infant Deaths	34	5.6	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	35	5.7	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 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.**