



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 286,773 Population Per Square Mile: 206.8
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 15 Area In Square Miles: 1,386.4

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	175,090	61.1%	48.2%	00 - 04	10,619	11,045	21,664	7.6%	8.0%
Hispanic	76,109	26.5%	36.1%	05 - 14	21,101	22,086	43,187	15.1%	14.5%
Black	26,075	9.1%	11.7%	15 - 44	57,713	65,745	123,458	43.1%	45.0%
Other	9,499	3.3%	4.0%	45 - 64	34,741	38,094	72,835	25.4%	22.8%
				65+	14,016	11,613	25,629	8.9%	9.8%
				Total	138,190	148,583	286,773	100.0%	100.0%
				County	48.2%	51.8%			
				State	50.0%	50.0%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	759	159,889	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	3,044	304,217
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	18,471	2,548,310	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	35,305	4,313,318	0 - 64 Years	61,497	23.7%
Medicaid Covered Births	1,984	223,128	0 - 17 Years	15,634	18.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	42.8%	56.6%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.9%	All Ages	33,363	12.1%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$32,953	\$35,162	0 - 17 Years	12,270	15.9%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	4,814		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	152	3.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,517	31.5%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	410	8.5%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	3,030	68.4%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		83.4	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	5	1.8	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	2.4	4.5
Gonorrhea	150	52.3	128.8
Chlamydia	451	157.3	320.4
AIDS	21	7.5	12.4
Pertussis	1	0.3	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	65	22.7	50.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,832	861.1	805.1	Accidents	125	46.3	40.7
Heart Disease	470	238.6	203.6	Motor Vehicle Accidents	56	20.1	16.2
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	77	39.0	50.2	Diabetes	56	26.3	26.5
All Cancer	434	191.9	176.7	Alzheimer's	59	35.3	27.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	129	56.8	49.5	Influenza and Pneumonia	36	17.2	18.0
Female Breast Cancer	36	29.5	22.8	Assault (Homicide)	6	---	6.0
Colorectal Cancer	53	24.0	17.1	Suicide	34	11.7	10.2
Male Prostrate Cancer	21	25.7	22.6	Septicemia	31	15.3	13.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	118	59.1	40.9	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	29	10.8	11.0
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	26	12.7	15.7	Infant Deaths	27	5.6	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	23	4.8	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.**