



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 547,284 Population Per Square Mile: 20.0
Number of counties: 30 Area In Square Miles: 27,333.3

Ethnicity	Total	Region		Age	Females	Males	Total	Region	
		Percent	State Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	402,757	73.6%	48.2%	00 - 04	18,358	19,205	37,563	6.9%	8.0%
Hispanic	98,494	18.0%	36.1%	05 - 14	34,304	35,331	69,635	12.7%	14.5%
Black	35,641	6.5%	11.7%	15 - 44	104,679	120,713	225,392	41.2%	45.0%
Other	10,392	1.9%	4.0%	45 - 64	65,986	63,921	129,907	23.7%	22.8%
				65+	48,735	36,052	84,787	15.5%	9.8%
				Total	272,062	275,222	547,284	100.0%	100.0%
Anglo	[Bar chart showing 73.6%]			Region	49.7%	50.3%			
Hispanic	[Bar chart showing 18.0%]			State	50.0%	50.0%			
Black	[Bar chart showing 6.5%]								
Other	[Bar chart showing 1.9%]								

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State		Region	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	3,269	159,889	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	6,314	304,217
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	59,492	2,548,310			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	105,605	4,313,318	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	4,398	223,128	0 - 64 Years	102,181	23.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	57.9%	56.6%	0 - 17 Years	21,820	17.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$29,046	\$35,162	All Ages	89,146	17.8%
			0 - 17 Years	31,534	24.6%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	7,713		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	452	5.9%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	3,165	41.0%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	676	8.8%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	5,181	69.7%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		73.7	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		Region	State
Tuberculosis	12	2.3	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	5	0.9	4.5
Gonorrhea	769	140.5	128.8
Chlamydia	1,469	268.4	320.4
AIDS	27	5.1	12.4
Pertussis	8	1.5	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	207	37.8	50.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		Region	State			Region	State
Deaths from All Causes	5,873	895.2	805.1	Accidents	303	52.4	40.7
Heart Disease	1,489	219.9	203.6	Motor Vehicle Accidents	120	21.6	16.2
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	404	58.9	50.2	Diabetes	206	31.9	26.5
All Cancer	1,284	198.3	176.7	Alzheimer's	197	27.5	27.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	374	56.9	49.5	Influenza and Pneumonia	125	18.2	18.0
Female Breast Cancer	86	24.8	22.8	Assault (Homicide)	22	4.1	6.0
Colorectal Cancer	135	20.8	17.1	Suicide	66	12.0	10.2
Male Prostrate Cancer	59	21.7	22.6	Septicemia	60	9.0	13.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	374	55.8	40.9	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	80	13.5	11.0
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	93	13.8	15.7	Infant Deaths	67	8.7	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	40	5.2	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.**