



### Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 246,121  
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 19  
 Population Per Square Mile: 272.4  
 Area In Square Miles: 903.6

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	109,111	44.3%	46.6%			00 - 04	8,423	8,763	17,186	7.0%	7.9%		
Hispanic	38,989	15.8%	37.5%			05 - 14	16,261	16,742	33,003	13.4%	14.2%		
Black	85,967	34.9%	11.6%			15 - 44	48,656	57,873	106,529	43.3%	44.7%		
Other	12,054	4.9%	4.3%			45 - 64	29,665	28,990	58,655	23.8%	23.3%		
Relative % distribution						65+	17,974	12,774	30,748	12.5%	9.9%		
Anglo				44.3%		Total	120,979	125,142	246,121	100.0%	100.0%		
Hispanic				15.8%		County	49.2%	50.8%					
Black				34.9%		State	49.9%	50.1%					
Other				4.9%									

### Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	1,107	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	3,192	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	29,560	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	53,507	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	2,562	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	71.6%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$36,071	\$37,809			

  

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	44,350	22.8%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	8,173	14.1%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	39,041	17.3%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	15,848	27.3%	22.5%

### Natality

	Births <sup>1</sup>	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	3,585		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	162	4.5%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,841	51.4%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight <sup>1</sup>	368	10.3%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester <sup>3</sup>	2,119	69.0%	58.4%
Fertility Rate <sup>1</sup>		73.7	76.8

### Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate <sup>2</sup>	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	7	2.9	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	141	57.3	5.8
Gonorrhea	542	220.2	129.8
Chlamydia	1,126	457.5	405.8
AIDS	58	24.2	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	0.4	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	14	5.7	32.2

### Mortality<sup>5</sup>

	Deaths <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>4</sup>			Deaths <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>4</sup>	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,586	1,009.9	808.8	Accidents	141	56.1	41.4
Heart Disease	653	254.7	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	52	20.6	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	168	64.7	49.4	Diabetes	57	22.2	25.4
All Cancer	495	193.9	172.4	Alzheimer's	137	52.0	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	135	53.1	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	78	30.3	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	25	17.7	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	24	9.2	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	56	22.1	16.4	Suicide	33	13.4	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	23	23.8	20.8	Septicemia	38	14.4	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	139	55.3	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	27	10.7	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	49	19.0	17.9	Infant Deaths	25	7.0	6.1
				Fetal Deaths <sup>1</sup>	20	---	5.6

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

<sup>3</sup> Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

<sup>4</sup> 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 "---".

<sup>5</sup> Current mortality rates by cause are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999.

Refer to the Data Sources Document for more detail.