



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 284,408
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 17
 Population Per Square Mile: 268.4
 Area In Square Miles: 1,059.7

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	140,431	49.4%	45.8%	00 - 04	12,965	13,521	26,486	9.3%	7.9%				
Hispanic	61,383	21.6%	38.2%	05 - 14	20,174	21,144	41,318	14.5%	14.1%				
Black	66,629	23.4%	11.5%	15 - 44	64,617	69,888	134,505	47.3%	44.6%				
Other	15,965	5.6%	4.4%	45 - 64	29,863	28,288	58,151	20.4%	23.5%				
Relative % distribution				65+	13,690	10,258	23,948	8.4%	10.0%				
Anglo	[Bar chart: 49.4%]			Total	141,309	143,099	284,408	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar chart: 21.6%]			County	49.7%	50.3%							
Black	[Bar chart: 23.4%]			State	49.8%	50.2%							
Other	[Bar chart: 5.6%]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	151	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	2,975	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	29,487	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	49,380	4,760,721	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 64 Years	49,852	19.8%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 17 Years	10,201	12.2%
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	7.6%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$39,839	\$38,609	All Ages	42,158	15.3%
			0 - 17 Years	17,337	20.7%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,975		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	189	3.2%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	2,026	33.9%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	541	9.1%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	3,967	71.7%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		92.5	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	6	2.1	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	8	2.8	6.6
Gonorrhea	1,172	412.1	116.1
Chlamydia	3,420	1,202.5	419.0
AIDS	9	3.1	9.2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	31	10.9	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	63	22.2	17.9

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,791	827.7	781.2	Accidents	92	35.6	40.0
Heart Disease	418	200.3	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	34	12.0	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	73	34.4	45.8	Diabetes	48	21.9	23.1
All Cancer	400	189.9	167.6	Alzheimer's	64	31.9	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	122	59.5	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	33	15.2	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	30	25.8	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	19	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	36	16.0	15.9	Suicide	31	11.1	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	15	---	19.9	Septicemia	25	12.3	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	103	52.3	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	19	---	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	31	14.5	18.2	Infant Deaths	51	8.5	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	45	7.5	5.2

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.**