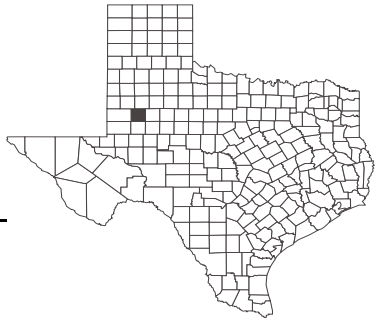
Health Facts Profile 2009

Dawson County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 13,938
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 148
Population Per Square Mile: 15.5
Area In Square Miles: 902.1

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	5,287	37.9%	45.8%
Hispanic	7,429	53.3%	38.2%
Black	1,155	8.3%	11.5%
Other	67	0.5%	4.4%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	37.9%
Hispanic	53.3%
Black	8.3%
Other	0.5%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	521	542	1,063	7.6%	7.9%
05 - 14	888	919	1,807	13.0%	14.1%
15 - 44	2,188	3,749	5,937	42.6%	44.6%
45 - 64	1,467	1,717	3,184	22.8%	23.5%
65+	1,136	811	1,947	14.0%	10.0%
Total	6,200	7,738	13,938	100.0%	100.0%
County	44.5%	55.5%			
State	49.8%	50.2%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	48	104,696
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	2,028	2,819,469
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	3,736	4,760,721
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	7.6%
Per Capita Personal Income	$27,409	$38,609

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	241	466,242

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	3,536	30.9%	26.3%
0 - 17 Years	625	19.2%	16.2%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	2,683	23.6%	17.1%
0 - 17 Years	1,027	31.6%	24.3%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	211		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	16	7.6%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	118	55.9%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	21	10.0%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	107	51.2%	58.6%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		96.4	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	0	---	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	6.6
Gonorrhea	11	78.9	116.1
Chlamydia	68	487.9	419.0
AIDS	0	---	9.2
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	0	---	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	---	17.9

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	139	884.0	781.2
Heart Disease	34	213.0	186.7
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	11	---	45.8
All Cancer	26	171.0	167.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	6	---	45.7
Female Breast Cancer	1	---	21.6
Colon, Rectum and Anus	3	---	15.9
Male Prostrate Cancer	0	---	19.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	6	---	43.4
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	2	---	18.2

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	7	---	40.0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	---	14.0
Diabetes	8	---	23.1
Alzheimer's	8	---	26.9
Influenza and Pneumonia	5	---	16.7
Assault (Homicide)	1	---	5.9
Suicide	1	---	11.4
Septicemia	2	---	15.0
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	3	---	11.6
Infant Deaths	1	---	6.0
Fetal Deaths[1]	0	---	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.**