



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 246,707
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 19
 Population Per Square Mile: 273.0
 Area In Square Miles: 903.6

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	106,813	43.3%	45.8%	00 - 04	8,478	8,804	17,282	7.0%	7.9%				
Hispanic	41,031	16.6%	38.2%	05 - 14	16,235	16,656	32,891	13.3%	14.1%				
Black	86,248	35.0%	11.5%	15 - 44	48,830	58,153	106,983	43.4%	44.6%				
Other	12,615	5.1%	4.4%	45 - 64	29,747	29,179	58,926	23.9%	23.5%				
Relative % distribution				65+	17,838	12,787	30,625	12.4%	10.0%				
Anglo	[Bar chart: 43.3%]			Total	121,128	125,579	246,707	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar chart: 16.6%]			County	49.1%	50.9%							
Black	[Bar chart: 35.0%]			State	49.8%	50.2%							
Other	[Bar chart: 5.1%]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	766	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	3,547	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	38,936	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	56,044	4,760,721	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 64 Years	51,524	25.2%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 17 Years	8,689	14.7%
Unemployment Rate	9.7%	7.6%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$37,139	\$38,609	All Ages	43,356	19.1%
			0 - 17 Years	15,651	26.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	3,613		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	168	4.6%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	1,865	51.6%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	383	10.6%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,121	67.4%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		74.0	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	6	2.5	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	158	64.0	6.6
Gonorrhea	514	208.3	116.1
Chlamydia	1,142	462.9	419.0
AIDS	33	13.9	9.2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	0.8	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	15	6.1	17.9

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,433	953.1	781.2	Accidents	126	49.9	40.0
Heart Disease	561	218.7	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	39	15.4	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	171	66.0	45.8	Diabetes	72	28.0	23.1
All Cancer	506	201.3	167.6	Alzheimer's	123	46.7	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	117	47.6	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	55	21.9	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	45	33.4	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	21	8.5	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	59	23.2	15.9	Suicide	27	10.2	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	35	35.8	19.9	Septicemia	38	15.1	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	115	45.4	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	28	11.1	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	59	23.5	18.2	Infant Deaths	30	8.3	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	22	6.1	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.