



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 322,876
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 14
 Population Per Square Mile: 386.3
 Area In Square Miles: 835.8

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	98,788	30.6%	30.6%	45.8%	00 - 04	12,817	13,256	26,073	8.1%	7.9%			
Hispanic	203,372	63.0%	63.0%	38.2%	05 - 14	21,789	22,246	44,035	13.6%	14.1%			
Black	12,914	4.0%	4.0%	11.5%	15 - 44	69,629	73,468	143,097	44.3%	44.6%			
Other	7,802	2.4%	2.4%	4.4%	45 - 64	38,510	36,607	75,117	23.3%	23.5%			
Relative % distribution					65+	19,756	14,798	34,554	10.7%	10.0%			
Anglo	[Bar chart showing 30.6%]			30.6%	Total	162,501	160,375	322,876	100.0%	100.0%			
Hispanic	[Bar chart showing 63.0%]			63.0%	County	50.3%	49.7%						
Black	[Bar chart showing 4.0%]			4.0%	State	49.8%	50.2%						
Other	[Bar chart showing 2.4%]			2.4%									

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	1,636	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	6,217	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	55,159	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	80,398	4,760,721			
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	7.6%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$37,162	\$38,609			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	72,710	26.0%	26.3%
0 - 17 Years	12,907	15.1%	16.2%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	63,272	19.9%	17.1%
0 - 17 Years	24,634	28.8%	24.3%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	4,856		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	303	6.2%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	2,561	52.7%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	439	9.0%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,916	61.5%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		69.7	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	11	3.4	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	3	0.9	6.6
Gonorrhea	462	143.1	116.1
Chlamydia	2,084	645.4	419.0
AIDS	19	5.9	9.2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	16	5.0	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	65	20.1	17.9

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,566	884.6	781.2	Accidents	135	43.2	40.0
Heart Disease	513	178.3	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	32	10.3	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	146	52.0	45.8	Diabetes	143	48.0	23.1
All Cancer	559	190.1	167.6	Alzheimer's	113	41.2	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	129	44.7	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	52	18.2	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	42	25.9	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	17	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	52	17.6	15.9	Suicide	31	10.0	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	25	21.5	19.9	Septicemia	45	15.2	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	119	42.8	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	68	21.8	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	80	28.4	18.2	Infant Deaths	26	5.4	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	14	---	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.