



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 240,749
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 20
 Population Per Square Mile: 71.7
 Area In Square Miles: 3,356.8

Ethnicity	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent					Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Anglo	9,295	3.9%	45.8%		00 - 04	14,340	14,846	29,186	12.1%	7.9%		
Hispanic	229,273	95.2%	38.2%		05 - 14	20,011	20,341	40,352	16.8%	14.1%		
Black	299	0.1%	11.5%		15 - 44	56,467	57,071	113,538	47.2%	44.6%		
Other	1,882	0.8%	4.4%		45 - 64	21,341	19,563	40,904	17.0%	23.5%		
Relative % distribution					65+	9,912	6,857	16,769	7.0%	10.0%		
Anglo			3.9%		Total	122,071	118,678	240,749	100.0%	100.0%		
Hispanic			95.2%		County	50.7%	49.3%					
Black			0.1%		State	49.8%	50.2%					
Other			0.8%									

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	3,006	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	6,974	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	62,638	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	82,893	4,760,721			
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	7.6%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$23,294	\$38,609			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	77,572	35.8%	26.3%
0 - 17 Years	15,967	18.0%	16.2%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	73,466	30.9%	17.1%
0 - 17 Years	38,285	42.5%	24.3%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,764		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	409	7.1%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	3,081	53.5%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	362	6.3%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	3,771	67.4%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		102.1	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	36	14.3	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	6.6
Gonorrhea	50	20.8	116.1
Chlamydia	873	362.6	419.0
AIDS	11	4.4	9.2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	6	2.5	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	99	41.1	17.9

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,081	731.1	781.2	Accidents	72	34.8	40.0
Heart Disease	256	187.1	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	22	9.6	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	60	43.9	45.8	Diabetes	66	47.1	23.1
All Cancer	204	139.5	167.6	Alzheimer's	28	22.5	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	28	20.9	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	36	25.2	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	16	---	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	16	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	17	---	15.9	Suicide	14	---	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	8	---	19.9	Septicemia	32	22.5	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	28	22.1	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	32	19.9	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	22	16.6	18.2	Infant Deaths	27	4.7	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	30	5.2	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.