

Selected Facts for Harris County - 2000



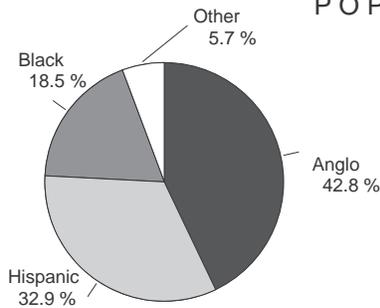
Demography

Census Population: 3,400,578

Population Per Square Mile: 1967.0

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 1

Area in Square Miles: 1728.8



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	137,348	144,013	281,361	8.3 %
5 - 14	267,604	279,997	547,601	16.1 %
15 - 44	809,776	834,036	1,643,812	48.3 %
45 - 64	342,971	331,938	674,909	19.8 %
65 +	148,997	103,898	252,895	7.4 %
Total	1,706,696	1,693,882	3,400,578	100.0 %
County	50.2 %	49.8 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	4.3 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	40,749	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	148,186	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	372,354	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 35,268	\$27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	503,234	15.0 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	188,861	19.6 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	310,363	13.0 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	812,628	26.2 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	250,243	25.1 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	562,385	26.8 %	26.3 %

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	Births ¹	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	63,325		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	3,181	5.0 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	20,136	31.8 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	4,658	7.4 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	10,782	18.0 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 78.2	State: 76.6	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	403	11.9	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	70	2.1	1.9
Gonorrhea	5,917	174.0	157.8
Chlamydia	12,218	359.3	329.7
AIDS	725	21.3	13.4
Hepatitis A	287	8.4	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	1,802	53.0	33.6

Mortality²

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	19,615	895.6	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	7,364	364.5	351.3
Heart Disease	5,434	265.2	263.1
Stroke	1,548	80.1	66.7
All Cancer	4,486	199.7	196.2
Lung Cancer	1,234	55.6	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	364	26.7	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	699	34.9	44.7

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Diabetes	608	28.3	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	1,047	34.4	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	471	14.2	18.5
Homicide	295	8.2	6.2
Suicide	322	10.0	10.4
Work-related Injury	68	2.7	3.1
Infant Deaths	312	4.9	5.7
Fetal Deaths ¹	332	5.2	5.6

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. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

² Mortality data reported for 2000 are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999. Since 1999, TDH has followed the National Center for Health Statistics guidelines for reporting mortality statistics that include coding data using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision and age adjustments using the 2000 Standard Population.

³ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population age 16+. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "-----".

Note

Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians	6,598	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	515	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	4,224	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	1,853	2,298
Registered Nurses	24,570	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	138	159
Dentists	1,567	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	2,170	2,811

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	59	475
Licensed Beds.	14,933	71,905
Staffed Beds.	11,095	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 207,221,354	\$ 828,002,930
Nursing Homes	72	1,160
Licensed Beds.	9,240	127,494

Some subcounty areas/populations in Harris County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area and some subcounty areas/populations in Harris County were designated as a Medically Underserved Area as of March 2002. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Harris County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 881

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents Yes

Children with Special Health Care Needs¹

Eligible children. 1,144
 Children served. 619
 Amount paid. \$ 4,866,482

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 468
 EMS personnel certified. 6,473

Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)

Family planning services available to county residents Yes

Food and Drug Safety

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited. 3,657

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 862,409

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 3,628
 Estimated cost of treatments \$ 2,754,168

Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services

Houston Department of Health & Human Services

TDH funding. \$ 13,952,975

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 20

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program 367

Primary Care Office¹

Reported clients served. 680

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations 2,547
 Certified mammography locations. 85

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Clients receiving one or more dental services 102,925

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case 2,861

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents Yes

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 231,583

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 20

¹Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

For information on sources of data, refer to the document *Texas Health Facts Data Sources, 2000*.