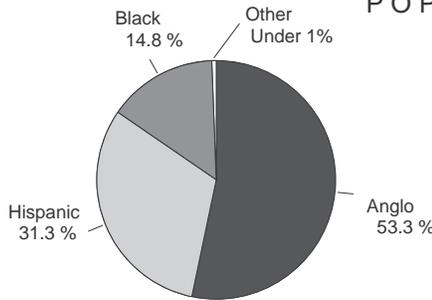


Selected Facts for Wharton County - 2000



Demography

Census Population: 41,188 Population Per Square Mile: 37.8
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 66 Area in Square Miles: 1090.1



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	1,417	1,470	2,887	7.0 %
5 - 14	3,154	3,500	6,654	16.2 %
15 - 44	8,495	8,556	17,051	41.4 %
45 - 64	4,449	4,425	8,874	21.5 %
65 +	3,408	2,314	5,722	13.9 %
Total	20,923	20,265	41,188	100.0 %
County	50.8 %	49.2 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	4.7 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	135	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	2,056	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	5,445	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 23,212	\$ 27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	6,703	16.5 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	2,140	18.5 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	4,534	15.7 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	9,089	25.8 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	3,041	25.2 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	6,048	26.2 %	26.3 %

Nativity

	Births ¹	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	622		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	44	7.1 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	261	42.0 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	39	6.3 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	232	38.4 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 73.2	State: 76.6	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	3	----	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	----	1.9
Gonorrhea	55	133.5	157.8
Chlamydia	129	313.2	329.7
AIDS	0	----	13.4
Hepatitis A	0	----	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	2	----	33.6

Mortality²

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	345	765.1	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	137	298.6	351.3
Heart Disease	109	237.0	263.1
Stroke	21	46.7	66.7
All Cancer	76	171.5	196.2
Lung Cancer	19	----	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	5	----	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	12	----	44.7

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Diabetes	22	49.7	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	13	----	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	10	----	18.5
Homicide	1	----	6.2
Suicide	5	----	10.4
Work-related Injury	1	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	2	----	5.7
Fetal Deaths ¹	6	----	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 Physicians64	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	644	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	2,423	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	2,832	2,298
Registered Nurses	231	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	178	159
Dentists	19	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	2,168	2,811

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals	2	475
Licensed Beds.	210	71,905
Staffed Beds.	170	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 0	\$ 828,002,930
Nursing Homes	4	1,160
Licensed Beds.	445	127,494

No areas/populations in Wharton County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of March 2002. All of Wharton County was 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 Wharton County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 33

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents No

Children with Special Health Care Needs¹

Eligible children. 22
 Children served. 12
 Amount paid. \$ 67,120

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 10
 EMS personnel certified. 98

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. 132

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 8,934

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 45
 Estimated cost of treatments \$ 40,641

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 0

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program 50

Primary Care Office¹

Reported clients served. 76

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations 29
 Certified mammography locations. 2

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Clients receiving one or more dental services 1,137

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case 6

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents No

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 2,808

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 0

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*.