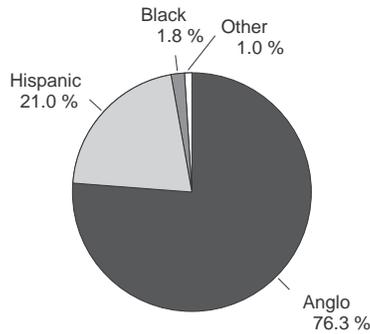


Demography

Estimated Population: 46,846
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 66

Population Per Square Mile: 42.4
Area in Square Miles: 1,106.1



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,262	1,343	2,605	5.6 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	2,526	2,717	5,243	11.2 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	7,440	7,523	14,963	31.9 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	6,435	5,668	12,103	25.8 %	22.4 %
65 +	6,686	5,246	11,932	25.5 %	9.8 %
Total	24,349	22,497	46,846	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	52.0 %	48.0 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	205	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	4,299	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	7,611	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	369	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	68.2 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	4.1 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 35,744	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	691	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	9,344	27.0 %
0 - 17 Years	1,911	19.4 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	6,427	14.5 %
0 - 17 Years	2,482	25.7 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	589		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	33	5.6 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	241	40.9 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	52	8.8 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	369	63.4 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 79.2	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	1	2.1	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	21	44.8	113.8
Chlamydia	77	164.4	313.3
AIDS	1	2.1	13.2
Pertussis	16	34.2	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	9	19.2	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	628	769.9	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	188	208.5	290.7
Heart Disease	135	151.1	219.3
Stroke	36	39.0	52.1
All Cancer	148	182.7	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	46	53.0	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	7	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	38	41.2	44.1
Diabetes	24	33.6	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	33	52.3	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	11	---	16.4
Homicide	0	---	6.4
Suicide	5	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	31	31.0	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	18	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	4	6.8	6.5
Fetal Deaths	1	1.7	5.5

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 Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

³ Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

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.