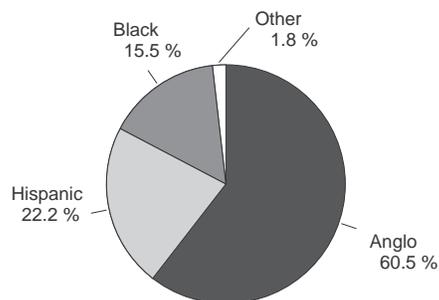


Demography

Estimated Population: 222,313
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 21

Population Per Square Mile: 213.4
Area in Square Miles: 1,041.9



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	8,171	8,495	16,666	7.5 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	14,623	15,424	30,047	13.5 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	50,595	50,688	101,283	45.6 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	24,102	22,747	46,849	21.1 %	22.4 %
65 +	16,184	11,284	27,468	12.4 %	9.8 %
Total	113,675	108,638	222,313	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	51.1 %	48.9 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	2,388	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	26,592	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	41,668	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	1,973	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	59.0 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	5.0 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 27,091	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	2,275	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	45,253	23.8 %
0 - 17 Years	9,231	16.4 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	40,400	18.9 %
0 - 17 Years	13,684	24.1 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	3,408		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	212	6.2 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	1,158	34.0 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	307	9.0 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	1,879	59.6 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 67.4	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	6	2.7	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	37	16.6	3.8
Gonorrhea	457	205.6	113.8
Chlamydia	903	406.2	313.3
AIDS	16	7.2	13.2
Pertussis	48	21.6	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	171	76.9	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	2,012	887.4	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	690	300.0	290.7
Heart Disease	488	213.4	219.3
Stroke	156	67.1	52.1
All Cancer	433	196.1	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	146	67.8	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	28	22.6	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	92	41.0	44.1
Diabetes	88	39.8	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	86	39.1	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	41	19.0	16.4
Homicide	13	---	6.4
Suicide	24	12.1	10.8
Alzheimer's	76	30.7	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	54	22.6	20.4
Infant Deaths	27	7.9	6.5
Fetal Deaths	27	7.9	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.