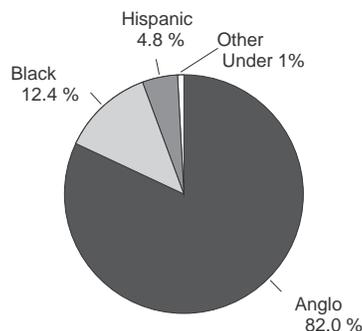


Demography

Estimated Population: 24,583
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 101

Population Per Square Mile: 43.1
Area in Square Miles: 570.7



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	644	680	1,324	5.4 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	1,556	1,732	3,288	13.4 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	4,240	4,418	8,658	35.2 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	3,606	3,582	7,188	29.2 %	22.4 %
65 +	2,134	1,991	4,125	16.8 %	9.8 %
Total	12,180	12,403	24,583	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	49.5 %	50.5 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	259	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	3,620	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	5,179	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	170	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	69.7 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	6.2 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 24,885	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	291	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	5,526	26.6 %
0 - 17 Years	1,020	18.4 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	5,009	20.4 %
0 - 17 Years	1,816	32.0 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	270		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	14	5.2 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	121	44.8 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	12	4.4 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	153	57.1 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 63.7	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	1	4.1	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	4.1	3.8
Gonorrhea	4	16.3	113.8
Chlamydia	16	65.1	313.3
AIDS	0	---	13.2
Pertussis	2	8.1	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	2	8.1	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	231	830.5	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	79	300.2	290.7
Heart Disease	58	217.3	219.3
Stroke	12	---	52.1
All Cancer	53	162.7	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	22	66.5	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	4	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	12	---	44.1
Diabetes	6	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	18	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	11	---	16.4
Homicide	3	---	6.4
Suicide	5	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	4	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	2	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	2	7.4	6.5
Fetal Deaths	3	11.0	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.