



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 56,353 Population Per Square Mile: 52.6
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 56 Area In Square Miles: 1,070.8

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	34,819	61.8%	47.4%	00 - 04	1,613	1,679	3,292	5.8%	8.0%
Hispanic	8,030	14.2%	36.8%	05 - 14	2,929	3,142	6,071	10.8%	14.3%
Black	12,992	23.1%	11.6%	15 - 44	7,928	18,168	26,096	46.3%	44.8%
Other	512	0.9%	4.1%	45 - 64	5,794	8,202	13,996	24.8%	23.0%
				65+	3,851	3,047	6,898	12.2%	9.8%
				Total	22,115	34,238	56,353	100.0%	100.0%
				County	39.2%	60.8%			
				State	49.9%	50.1%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	225	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	558	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	5,057	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	10,934	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	7,757	21.7%
Medicaid Covered Births	406	228,202	0 - 17 Years	1,756	15.7%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	60.9%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.4%	All Ages	7,890	18.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$23,399	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	2,599	23.4%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	661		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	35	5.3%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	324	49.0%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	69	10.4%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	381	59.6%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		83.4	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.9
Gonorrhea	66	117.1	132.9
Chlamydia	153	271.5	354.7
AIDS	3	7.0	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	1.8	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	24	42.6	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	545	948.0	805.1	Accidents	29	48.7	42.2
Heart Disease	125	219.2	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	17	---	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	18	---	49.8	Diabetes	9	---	25.5
All Cancer	143	247.4	173.7	Alzheimer's	29	51.7	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	44	77.5	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	9	---	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	7	---	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	6	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	16	---	16.9	Suicide	17	---	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	8	---	21.9	Septicemia	12	---	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	25	45.6	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	8	---	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	4	---	17.0	Infant Deaths	5	---	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	1	---	5.4

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

³ Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

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.**