



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 293,315 Population Per Square Mile: 211.6
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 15 Area In Square Miles: 1,386.4

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	176,593	60.2%	47.4%	00 - 04	10,755	11,192	21,947	7.5%	8.0%
Hispanic	79,840	27.2%	36.8%	05 - 14	21,395	22,354	43,749	14.9%	14.3%
Black	26,776	9.1%	11.6%	15 - 44	58,320	66,845	125,165	42.7%	44.8%
Other	10,106	3.4%	4.1%	45 - 64	36,358	39,627	75,985	25.9%	23.0%
				65+	14,440	12,029	26,469	9.0%	9.8%
				Total	141,268	152,047	293,315	100.0%	100.0%
				County	48.2%	51.8%			
				State	49.9%	50.1%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State	
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	674	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	3,032	312,114	
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	15,851	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	34,323	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	67,263	25.3%	26.8%
Medicaid Covered Births	1,877	228,202	0 - 17 Years	16,883	19.9%	18.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	39.5%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty			
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.4%	All Ages	27,615	9.8%	16.3%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$34,529	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	10,233	12.6%	23.1%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	4,735		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	189	4.0%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,599	33.8%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	432	9.1%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,780	64.2%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		81.2	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	11	3.9	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	12	4.1	4.9
Gonorrhea	180	61.4	132.9
Chlamydia	645	219.9	354.7
AIDS	20	7.0	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	0.3	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	98	33.4	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,882	861.0	805.1	Accidents	103	39.0	42.2
Heart Disease	478	229.9	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	42	15.1	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	97	49.0	49.8	Diabetes	54	23.5	25.5
All Cancer	449	194.0	173.7	Alzheimer's	91	52.5	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	145	62.0	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	28	15.4	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	36	27.5	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	20	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	43	18.9	16.9	Suicide	28	9.8	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	19	---	21.9	Septicemia	34	14.8	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	103	48.2	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	30	10.6	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	45	20.6	17.0	Infant Deaths	29	6.1	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	20	---	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.**