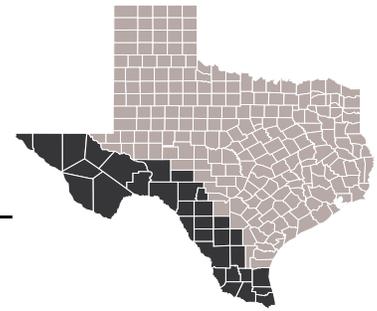


Border Area (32)



Demography / Population

Estimated Population:	2,472,030	Population Per Square Mile:	37.3
Number of counties:	32	Area In Square Miles:	66,259.9

Ethnicity	Total	Region		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	Region		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	258,908	10.5%	10.5%	46.6%	46.6%	00 - 04	125,224	130,129	255,353	10.3%	10.3%	7.9%	7.9%
Hispanic	2,158,165	87.3%	87.3%	37.5%	37.5%	05 - 14	191,196	197,289	388,485	15.7%	15.7%	14.2%	14.2%
Black	26,694	1.1%	1.1%	11.6%	11.6%	15 - 44	550,695	557,135	1,107,830	44.8%	44.8%	44.7%	44.7%
Other	28,263	1.1%	1.1%	4.3%	4.3%	45 - 64	252,233	224,812	477,045	19.3%	19.3%	23.3%	23.3%
Relative % distribution						65+	138,159	105,158	243,317	9.8%	9.8%	9.9%	9.9%
Anglo			10.5%			Total	1,257,507	1,214,523	2,472,030	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Hispanic			87.3%			Region	50.9%	49.1%					
Black			1.1%			State	49.9%	50.1%					
Other			1.1%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State		Region	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	44,365	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	61,108	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	568,076	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	822,403	4,508,948	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	37,400	224,937	0 - 64 Years	764,110	39.4%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	71.6%	55.3%	0 - 17 Years	162,737	27.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$23,246	\$37,809	All Ages	720,629	29.8%
			0 - 17 Years	327,557	40.2%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	51,975		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	3,569	6.9%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	22,987	44.2%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	4,276	8.2%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	25,786	56.8%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		94.4	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		Region	State
Tuberculosis	284	11.6	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	9	0.4	5.8
Gonorrhea	1,153	46.6	129.8
Chlamydia	9,285	375.6	405.8
AIDS	243	9.9	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	41	1.7	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	988	40.0	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		Region	State			Region	State
Deaths from All Causes	13,810	696.2	808.8	Accidents	658	29.2	41.4
Heart Disease	3,300	171.1	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	275	11.3	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	828	43.3	49.4	Diabetes	668	34.1	25.4
All Cancer	2,818	141.5	172.4	Alzheimer's	346	19.0	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	537	27.2	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	330	17.2	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	218	19.6	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	102	4.2	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	251	12.7	16.4	Suicide	173	7.7	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	161	20.6	20.8	Septicemia	371	18.9	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	545	28.8	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	386	18.9	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	357	18.4	17.9	Infant Deaths	261	5.0	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	311	5.9	5.6

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.