



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 288,154 Population Per Square Mile: 723.1
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 16 Area In Square Miles: 398.5

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	168,459	58.5%	46.6%	00 - 04	10,087	10,494	20,581	7.1%	7.9%				
Hispanic	65,522	22.7%	37.5%	05 - 14	18,719	19,383	38,102	13.2%	14.2%				
Black	43,065	14.9%	11.6%	15 - 44	59,330	58,593	117,923	40.9%	44.7%				
Other	11,108	3.9%	4.3%	45 - 64	39,653	39,069	78,722	27.3%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	18,591	14,235	32,826	11.4%	9.9%				
Anglo	[Bar chart: 58.5%]			Total	146,380	141,774	288,154	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar chart: 22.7%]			County	50.8%	49.2%							
Black	[Bar chart: 14.9%]			State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other	[Bar chart: 3.9%]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	873	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	3,136	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	22,779	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	43,418	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	2,590	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	60.0%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$40,711	\$37,809			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	53,694	21.2%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	10,772	14.6%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	33,874	11.9%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	11,858	16.1%	22.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	4,211		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	176	4.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,806	42.9%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	365	8.7%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,638	63.9%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		71.0	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	15	5.2	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	29	10.1	5.8
Gonorrhea	416	144.4	129.8
Chlamydia	1,022	354.7	405.8
AIDS	36	12.5	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	11	3.8	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	111	38.5	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,416	881.5	808.8	Accidents	158	56.3	41.4
Heart Disease	484	176.7	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	53	18.0	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	148	56.8	49.4	Diabetes	63	23.4	25.4
All Cancer	566	198.7	172.4	Alzheimer's	68	27.1	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	153	52.5	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	47	17.9	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	41	26.3	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	22	7.3	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	55	19.0	16.4	Suicide	46	16.1	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	24	24.0	20.8	Septicemia	42	15.2	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	133	50.7	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	49	15.5	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	61	22.4	17.9	Infant Deaths	23	5.5	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	13	---	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.