



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 49,261
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 62
Population Per Square Mile: 48.9
Area In Square Miles: 1,007.7

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	29,311	59.5%	46.6%	00 - 04	1,767	1,856	3,623	7.4%	7.9%				
Hispanic	11,501	23.3%	37.5%	05 - 14	3,488	3,763	7,251	14.7%	14.2%				
Black	7,851	15.9%	11.6%	15 - 44	9,450	10,480	19,930	40.5%	44.7%				
Other	598	1.2%	4.3%	45 - 64	5,939	5,890	11,829	24.0%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	3,761	2,867	6,628	13.5%	9.9%				
Anglo	[Bar chart: 59.5%]			Total	24,405	24,856	49,261	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar chart: 23.3%]			County	49.5%	50.5%							
Black	[Bar chart: 15.9%]			State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other	[Bar chart: 1.2%]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	141	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	605	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	5,556	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	11,229	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	452	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	64.8%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$27,177	\$37,809			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	11,615	28.3%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	2,126	17.2%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	8,854	18.5%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	3,327	26.8%	22.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	709		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	44	6.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	363	51.2%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	58	8.2%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	303	43.2%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		75.0	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	1	2.0	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	5.8
Gonorrhea	97	196.9	129.8
Chlamydia	262	531.9	405.8
AIDS	4	8.1	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	2.0	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2	4.1	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	520	983.4	808.8	Accidents	23	47.3	41.4
Heart Disease	101	190.2	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	17	---	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	22	41.0	49.4	Diabetes	26	49.0	25.4
All Cancer	120	227.2	172.4	Alzheimer's	40	75.1	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	37	70.5	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	5	---	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	11	---	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	1	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	11	---	16.4	Suicide	6	---	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	5	---	20.8	Septicemia	8	---	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	37	69.5	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	8	---	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	8	---	17.9	Infant Deaths	5	---	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	5	---	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.