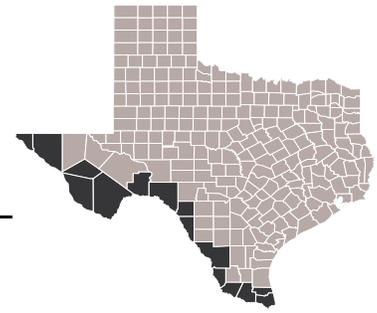


Border Area (15)



Demography / Population

Estimated Population:	2,360,734	Population Per Square Mile:	68.0
Number of counties:	15	Area In Square Miles:	34,717.1

Ethnicity	Total	Region		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	Region		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	222,342	9.4%	45.8%	00 - 04	120,360	124,869	245,229	10.4%	7.9%				
Hispanic	2,085,473	88.3%	38.2%	05 - 14	181,977	187,988	369,965	15.7%	14.1%				
Black	24,511	1.0%	11.5%	15 - 44	529,973	534,708	1,064,681	45.1%	44.6%				
Other	28,408	1.2%	4.4%	45 - 64	241,008	212,929	453,937	19.2%	23.5%				
Relative % distribution				65+	129,223	97,699	226,922	9.6%	10.0%				
Anglo			9.4%	Total	1,202,541	1,158,193	2,360,734	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic			88.3%	Region	50.9%	49.1%							
Black			1.0%	State	49.8%	50.2%							
Other			1.2%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State		Region	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	39,237	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	68,752	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	595,484	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	815,134	4,760,721	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 64 Years	723,405	35.1%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 17 Years	135,553	17.2%
Unemployment Rate	10.0%	7.6%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$24,101	\$38,609	All Ages	708,128	30.5%
			0 - 17 Years	333,221	41.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	49,181		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	3,201	6.5%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	22,223	45.2%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	4,006	8.1%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	22,728	55.6%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		92.8	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		Region	State
Tuberculosis	257	10.6	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	13	0.6	6.6
Gonorrhea	922	39.1	116.1
Chlamydia	9,551	404.6	419.0
AIDS	121	5.0	9.2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	116	4.9	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	446	18.9	17.9

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		Region	State			Region	State
Deaths from All Causes	12,820	686.8	781.2	Accidents	620	28.8	40.0
Heart Disease	3,114	171.7	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	258	11.0	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	679	37.6	45.8	Diabetes	545	29.7	23.1
All Cancer	2,602	139.0	167.6	Alzheimer's	317	18.6	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	465	25.3	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	392	21.2	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	184	17.5	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	86	3.7	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	254	13.6	15.9	Suicide	152	7.0	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	127	17.2	19.9	Septicemia	360	19.6	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	481	27.1	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	367	18.8	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	372	20.2	18.2	Infant Deaths	220	4.5	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	276	5.6	5.2

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.