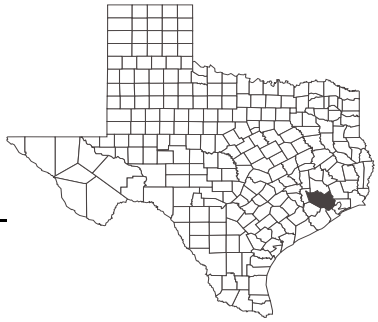
Health Facts Profile 2009

Harris County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 4,044,032
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 1
Population Per Square Mile: 2,339.2
Area In Square Miles: 1,728.8

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	1,262,951	31.2%	45.8%
Hispanic	1,746,864	43.2%	38.2%
Black	735,083	18.2%	11.5%
Other	299,134	7.4%	4.4%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	31.2%
Hispanic	43.2%
Black	18.2%
Other	7.4%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	169,913	176,231	346,144	8.6%	7.9%
05 - 14	282,459	294,554	577,013	14.3%	14.1%
15 - 44	931,003	984,872	1,915,875	47.4%	44.6%
45 - 64	450,364	443,292	893,656	22.1%	23.5%
65+	175,356	135,988	311,344	7.7%	10.0%
Total	2,009,095	2,034,937	4,044,032	100.0%	100.0%
County	49.7%	50.3%			
State	49.8%	50.2%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	8,402	104,696
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	397,385	2,819,469
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	760,559	4,760,721
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.6%
Per Capita Personal Income	$48,337	$38,609

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	93,850	466,242

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	1,046,478	28.6%	26.3%
0 - 17 Years	216,237	18.7%	16.2%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	686,928	17.1%	17.1%
0 - 17 Years	288,722	24.9%	24.3%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	72,328		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	3,108	4.3%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	32,035	44.3%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	6,409	8.9%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	36,219	53.5%	58.6%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		77.7	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	396	9.9	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	327	8.1	6.6
Gonorrhea	5,170	127.8	116.1
Chlamydia	16,733	413.8	419.0
AIDS	715	17.8	9.2
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	234	5.8	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	523	12.9	17.9

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	21,843	788.5	781.2
Heart Disease	4,876	188.8	186.7
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	1,214	49.3	45.8
All Cancer	4,777	167.7	167.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	1,206	43.3	45.7
Female Breast Cancer	381	23.0	21.6
Colon, Rectum and Anus	462	16.3	15.9
Male Prostrate Cancer	202	20.5	19.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	887	35.4	43.4
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	546	20.7	18.2

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	1,362	38.9	40.0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	467	11.6	14.0
Diabetes	641	23.0	23.1
Alzheimer's	440	20.1	26.9
Influenza and Pneumonia	424	16.3	16.7
Assault (Homicide)	452	10.6	5.9
Suicide	447	11.6	11.4
Septicemia	551	20.3	15.0
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	374	10.9	11.6
Infant Deaths	473	6.5	6.0
Fetal Deaths[1]	417	5.7	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.**