



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 740,014
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 8
 Population Per Square Mile: 471.4
 Area In Square Miles: 1,569.8

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	54,165	7.3%	45.8%	00 - 04	39,047	40,404	79,451	10.7%	7.9%				
Hispanic	676,905	91.5%	38.2%	05 - 14	60,380	62,000	122,380	16.5%	14.1%				
Black	2,097	0.3%	11.5%	15 - 44	169,930	170,384	340,314	46.0%	44.6%				
Other	6,847	0.9%	4.4%	45 - 64	70,041	62,847	132,888	18.0%	23.5%				
Relative % distribution				65+	36,254	28,727	64,981	8.8%	10.0%				
Anglo			7.3%	Total	375,652	364,362	740,014	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic			91.5%	County	50.8%	49.2%							
Black			0.3%	State	49.8%	50.2%							
Other			0.9%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	18,755	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	22,627	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	210,155	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	282,214	4,760,721	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 64 Years	247,348	37.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available	0 - 17 Years	47,394	18.0%
Unemployment Rate	10.6%	7.6%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$20,509	\$38,609	All Ages	258,259	35.2%
			0 - 17 Years	125,252	46.7%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	16,948		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	1,064	6.3%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	7,404	43.7%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	1,363	8.0%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	5,410	53.0%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		99.7	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	75	9.8	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	6.6
Gonorrhea	163	22.0	116.1
Chlamydia	3,132	423.2	419.0
AIDS	27	3.5	9.2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	72	9.7	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	139	18.8	17.9

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	3,567	647.8	781.2	Accidents	155	22.9	40.0
Heart Disease	935	176.0	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	79	10.8	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	186	34.9	45.8	Diabetes	129	24.0	23.1
All Cancer	675	123.8	167.6	Alzheimer's	60	11.9	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	129	24.1	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	160	29.3	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	44	14.6	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	34	4.9	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	56	10.3	15.9	Suicide	28	4.2	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	29	12.9	19.9	Septicemia	150	28.1	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	112	21.7	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	90	15.7	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	105	19.7	18.2	Infant Deaths	76	4.5	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	94	5.5	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.