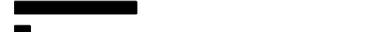


Demography / Population

Estimated Population:	758,730	Population Per Square Mile:	62.9
Number of counties:	15	Area In Square Miles:	12,059.7

Ethnicity	Total	Region		Age	Females	Males	Total	Region	
		Percent	State					Percent	State
Anglo	487,505	64.3%	45.8%	00 - 04	24,403	25,443	49,846	6.6%	7.9%
Hispanic	93,247	12.3%	38.2%	05 - 14	48,505	50,209	98,714	13.0%	14.1%
Black	159,032	21.0%	11.5%	15 - 44	143,704	159,835	303,539	40.0%	44.6%
Other	18,946	2.5%	4.4%	45 - 64	97,549	96,215	193,764	25.5%	23.5%
Relative % distribution				65+	63,296	49,571	112,867	14.9%	10.0%
Anglo				Total	377,457	381,273	758,730	100.0%	100.0%
Hispanic				Region	49.7%	50.3%			
Black				State	49.8%	50.2%			
Other									

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State		Region	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	2,341	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	10,609	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	114,810	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	167,813	4,760,721			
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	7.6%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$34,097	\$38,609			

	Number	Region	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	157,472	25.4%	26.3%
0 - 17 Years	27,185	15.1%	16.2%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	134,450	18.9%	17.1%
0 - 17 Years	47,716	26.6%	24.3%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	10,526		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	538	5.1%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	5,139	48.8%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	999	9.5%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	6,040	61.6%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		73.2	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		Region	State
Tuberculosis	15	2.0	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	187	24.6	6.6
Gonorrhea	955	125.9	116.1
Chlamydia	2,486	327.7	419.0
AIDS	63	8.4	9.2
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	49	6.5	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	76	10.0	17.9

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		Region	State			Region	State
Deaths from All Causes	7,901	922.5	781.2	Accidents	476	62.0	40.0
Heart Disease	1,886	217.6	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	187	24.3	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	594	68.2	45.8	Diabetes	199	22.5	23.1
All Cancer	1,690	192.2	167.6	Alzheimer's	335	38.6	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	489	55.0	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	154	18.3	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	114	24.9	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	57	7.6	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	162	18.5	15.9	Suicide	116	15.0	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	102	28.5	19.9	Septicemia	132	15.8	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	515	58.6	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	88	10.3	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	163	18.9	18.2	Infant Deaths	70	6.7	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	52	4.9	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.