



Demography / Population

Estimated Population:	555,206	Population Per Square Mile:	14.0
Number of counties:	30	Area In Square Miles:	39,746.4

Ethnicity	Total	Region		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	Region		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	274,184	49.4%	45.8%	00 - 04	21,934	22,919	44,853	8.1%	7.9%				
Hispanic	246,921	44.5%	38.2%	05 - 14	37,280	38,792	76,072	13.7%	14.1%				
Black	25,906	4.7%	11.5%	15 - 44	108,832	116,729	225,561	40.6%	44.6%				
Other	8,195	1.5%	4.4%	45 - 64	67,943	66,788	134,731	24.3%	23.5%				
Relative % distribution				65+	41,697	32,292	73,989	13.3%	10.0%				
Anglo	[Bar chart showing 49.4%]			Total	277,686	277,520	555,206	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar chart showing 44.5%]			Region	50.0%	50.0%							
Black	[Bar chart showing 4.7%]			State	49.8%	50.2%							
Other	[Bar chart showing 1.5%]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State		Region	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	19,565	104,696	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	9,184	466,242
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	62,290	2,819,469			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	119,044	4,760,721			
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available			
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.6%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$38,184	\$38,609			

	Number	Region	Percent	State
Without Health Insurance				
0 - 64 Years	131,529	27.8%	26.3%	
0 - 17 Years	27,409	18.3%	16.2%	
Persons Living Below Poverty				
All Ages	84,533	15.9%	17.1%	
0 - 17 Years	33,284	22.2%	24.3%	

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	9,459		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	640	6.8%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	4,550	48.1%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	819	8.7%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	6,089	64.7%	58.6%
Fertility Rate ¹		86.9	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Region	Rate ²	State
Tuberculosis	12	2.2	5.9	
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	1.3	6.6	
Gonorrhea	659	118.7	116.1	
Chlamydia	2,616	471.2	419.0	
AIDS	27	4.9	9.2	
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	42	7.6	13.5	
Varicella (Chickenpox)	153	27.6	17.9	

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴		Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴		
		Region	State		Region	State	
Deaths from All Causes	4,710	795.5	781.2	Accidents	271	48.5	40.0
Heart Disease	1,102	184.1	186.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	120	21.9	14.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	257	43.0	45.8	Diabetes	164	27.2	23.1
All Cancer	934	157.1	167.6	Alzheimer's	187	30.9	26.9
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	246	41.3	45.7	Influenza and Pneumonia	122	20.8	16.7
Female Breast Cancer	68	21.6	21.6	Assault (Homicide)	28	4.7	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	84	14.1	15.9	Suicide	82	15.8	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	60	23.7	19.9	Septicemia	77	13.0	15.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	369	61.7	43.4	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	92	16.4	11.6
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	75	12.7	18.2	Infant Deaths	59	6.2	6.0
				Fetal Deaths ¹	28	3.0	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.