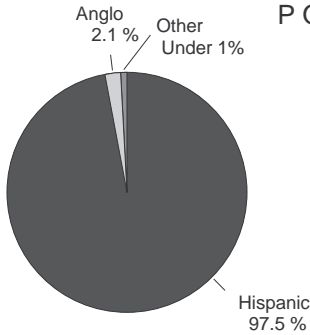


Selected Facts for Starr County - 2000



Demography

Census Population: 53,597 Population Per Square Mile: 43.8
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 54 Area in Square Miles: 1223



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	2,655	2,914	5,569	10.4 %
5 - 14	5,506	5,721	11,227	20.9 %
15 - 44	12,271	11,414	23,685	44.2 %
45 - 64	4,689	4,028	8,717	16.3 %
65 +	2,483	1,916	4,399	8.2 %
Total	27,604	25,993	53,597	100.0 %

	County	State
County	51.5 %	48.5 %
State	50.4 %	49.6 %

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	22.3 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	5,432	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	18,403	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	23,774	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 9,740	\$27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	27,042	50.9 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	11,831	59.4 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	15,167	45.7 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	21,360	35.2 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	8,163	30.5 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	13,197	38.8 %	26.3 %

Nativity

	Births ¹	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	1,459		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	143	9.8 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	269	18.4 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight ¹	94	6.4 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ¹	487	34.1 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate ³	County: 118.9	State: 76.6	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	7	----	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	----	1.9
Gonorrhea	5	----	157.8
Chlamydia	93	173.5	329.7
AIDS	0	----	13.4
Hepatitis A	2	----	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	8	----	33.6

Mortality²

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	249	700.8	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	97	285.3	351.3
Heart Disease	74	217.3	263.1
Stroke	16	----	66.7
All Cancer	41	123.4	196.2
Lung Cancer	9	----	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	1	----	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	5	----	44.7

	Deaths ¹	RATE ³	
		County	State
Diabetes	14	----	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	15	----	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	9	----	18.5
Homicide	6	----	6.2
Suicide	4	----	10.4
Work-related Injury	2	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	9	----	5.7
Fetal Deaths ¹	3	----	5.6

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. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

² Mortality data reported for 2000 are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999. Since 1999, TDH has followed the National Center for Health Statistics guidelines for reporting mortality statistics that include coding data using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision and age adjustments using the 2000 Standard Population.

³ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population age 16+. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Note

Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians . . . . .	.12	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	4,466	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	7,657	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	0	2,298
Registered Nurses . . . . .	.63	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	851	159
Dentists . . . . .	.5	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	10,719	2,811

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	1	475
Licensed Beds. . . . .	.44	71,905
Staffed Beds. . . . .	.44	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 1,464,481	\$ 828,002,930
Nursing Homes	1	1,160
Licensed Beds.	100	127,494

All of Starr County was designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area and as a Medically Underserved Area as of March 2002. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Starr County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program¹

Mammograms performed. 119

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents Yes

Children with Special Health Care Needs¹

Eligible children.57
 Children served.26
 Amount paid. \$ 61,848

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency vehicles permitted. 10
 EMS personnel certified. 69

Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)

Family planning services available to county residents Yes

Food and Drug Safety

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited. 193

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 41,666

Kidney Health Care¹

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments.89
 Estimated cost of treatments \$ 27,995

Milk and Dairy Products Division

Establishments regulated. 0

Oral Health Services¹

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program 325

Primary Care Office¹

Reported clients served. 25

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations9
 Certified mammography locations.0

Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)¹

Clients receiving one or more dental services 8,696

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case 12

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents Yes

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition¹

Clients receiving benefits. 9,403

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 0

¹Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

For information on sources of data, refer to the document *Texas Health Facts Data Sources, 2000*.