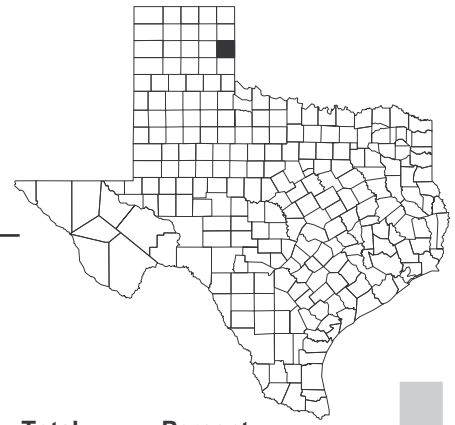
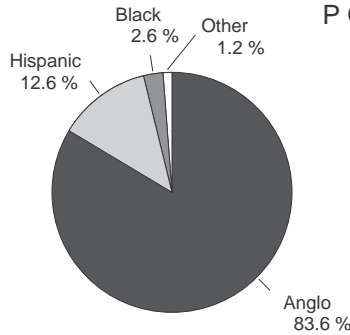


## Selected Facts for Wheeler County - 2000



### Demography

Census Population: 5,284      Population Per Square Mile: 5.8  
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 201      Area in Square Miles: 914.3



### POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	164	153	317	6.0 %
5 - 14	343	392	735	13.9 %
15 - 44	928	870	1,798	34.0 %
45 - 64	663	668	1,331	25.2 %
65 +	654	449	1,103	20.9 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>5,284</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
County	52.1 %	47.9 %		
State	50.4 %	49.6 %		

### Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	3.5 %	4.2 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	110	341,691
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	349	1,372,616
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Eligibles	814	2,710,892
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 29,946	\$27,752

	Number	PERCENT	
		County	State
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All ages	667	13.0 %	15.4 %
Less than 18 years	173	13.3 %	20.2 %
18 years and over	491	12.8 %	13.3 %
Persons Without Health Insurance			
Less than 65 years	972	23.2 %	25.7 %
Less than 19 years	298	22.6 %	24.6 %
19 to 64 years	674	23.5 %	26.3 %

### Natality

	Births <sup>1</sup>	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	55		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	3	5.5 %	5.7 %
Unmarried Mothers	16	29.1 %	30.6 %
Low Birth Weight <sup>1</sup>	1	1.8 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care <sup>1</sup>	10	19.2 %	21.2 %
Fertility Rate <sup>3</sup>	County: 59.3	State: 76.6	

### Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE <sup>3</sup>	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	0	----	7.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	----	1.9
Gonorrhea	1	----	157.8
Chlamydia	3	----	329.7
AIDS	0	----	13.4
Hepatitis A	0	----	9.3
Varicella (chickenpox)	0	----	33.6

### Mortality<sup>2</sup>

	Deaths <sup>1</sup>	RATE <sup>3</sup>	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	66	769.2	890.0
Cardiovascular Disease	28	297.0	351.3
Heart Disease	24	262.0	263.1
Stroke	2	----	66.7
All Cancer	9	----	196.2
Lung Cancer	2	----	56.1
Female Breast Cancer	1	----	25.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	3	----	44.7

	Deaths <sup>1</sup>	RATE <sup>3</sup>	
		County	State
Diabetes	5	----	31.1
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	5	----	38.7
Motor Vehicle Injury	2	----	18.5
Homicide	0	----	6.2
Suicide	0	----	10.4
Work-related Injury	0	----	3.1
Infant Deaths	1	----	5.7
Fetal Deaths <sup>1</sup>	0	----	5.6

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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
<b>Direct Patient Care Physicians</b> . . . . .	6	31,769
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician. . . . .	881	656
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice. . . . .	1,057	3,789
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn. . . . .	0	2,298
<b>Registered Nurses</b> . . . . .	38	131,205
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse. . . . .	139	159
<b>Dentists</b> . . . . .	2	7,417
Ratio of Population per Dentist. . . . .	2,642	2,811

**Health Facilities**

	County	State
<b>Acute Care Hospitals.</b> . . . . .	2	475
Licensed Beds. . . . .	83	71,905
Staffed Beds. . . . .	57	56,688
Disproportionate share hospital payments. . . . .	\$ 0	\$ 828,002,930
<b>Nursing Homes</b> . . . . .	2	1,160
Licensed Beds. . . . .	154	127,494

Some subcounty areas/populations in Wheeler County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of March 2002. No areas/populations in Wheeler County were designated 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 Wheeler County**

**Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program<sup>1</sup>**

Mammograms performed. . . . . 8

**Children's Health Services**

Children's health services available to county residents . . . . No

**Children with Special Health Care Needs<sup>1</sup>**

Eligible children. . . . . 10  
 Children served. . . . . 6  
 Amount paid. . . . . \$ 44,659

**Emergency Medical Services**

Emergency vehicles permitted. . . . . 4  
 EMS personnel certified. . . . . 36

**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. . . . . 44

**Immunization Division**

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). . . . . 419

**Kidney Health Care<sup>1</sup>**

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. . . . . 14  
 Estimated cost of treatments . . . . . \$ 9,743

**Milk and Dairy Products Division**

Establishments regulated. . . . . 0

**Oral Health Services<sup>1</sup>**

Children receiving dental care in the fee for service program . . . . . 19

**Primary Care Office<sup>1</sup>**

Reported clients served. . . . . 0

**Radiation Control Program**

Health-related permit locations . . . . . 7  
 Certified mammography locations. . . . . 0

**Texas Health Steps (EPSDT)<sup>1</sup>**

Clients receiving one or more dental services . . . . . 138

**Tuberculosis Elimination Division<sup>1</sup>**

Persons evaluated for TB disease after contact with a TB case . . . . . 0

**Women's Health Services**

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents . . . . . No

**Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition<sup>1</sup>**

Clients receiving benefits. . . . . 287

**Zoonosis Control**

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. . . . . 0

<sup>1</sup>Data 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*.