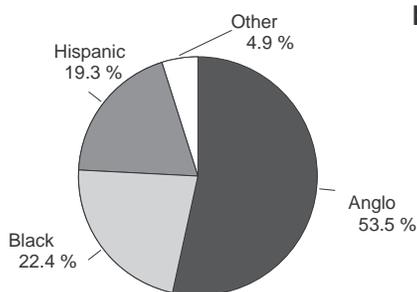


Demography

Estimated Population: 260,526
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 17

Population Per Square Mile: 245.8
Area in Square Miles: 1,059.7



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	12,529	13,036	25,565	9.8 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	18,431	19,178	37,609	14.4 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	60,387	65,281	125,668	48.2 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	25,593	24,119	49,712	19.1 %	22.4 %
65 +	12,696	9,276	21,972	8.4 %	9.8 %
Total	129,636	130,890	260,526	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	49.8 %	50.2 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	1,757	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	25,035	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	38,333	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	1,766	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	33.3 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	5.0 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 30,469	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	1,941	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	54,552	24.1 %
0 - 17 Years	17,349	21.4 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	33,102	13.5 %
0 - 17 Years	15,001	19.0 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,553		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	179	3.2 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	1,725	31.1 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	447	8.0 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	3,858	70.0 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 92.0	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	8	3.1	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	4	1.5	3.8
Gonorrhea	975	374.2	113.8
Chlamydia	2,229	855.6	313.3
AIDS	19	7.3	13.2
Pertussis	9	3.5	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	103	39.5	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	1,691	874.9	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	561	301.3	290.7
Heart Disease	444	238.0	219.3
Stroke	86	46.3	52.1
All Cancer	374	198.2	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	104	55.8	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	31	27.8	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	86	47.2	44.1
Diabetes	48	25.4	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	79	33.8	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	42	16.8	16.4
Homicide	22	7.8	6.4
Suicide	27	11.2	10.8
Alzheimer's	48	26.8	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	44	23.7	20.4
Infant Deaths	36	6.5	6.5
Fetal Deaths	31	5.6	5.5

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 Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

³ Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

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.