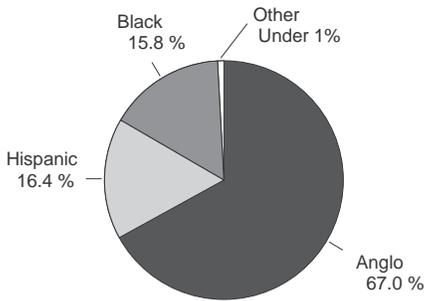


Demography

Estimated Population: 48,486
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 61

Population Per Square Mile: 46.1
Area in Square Miles: 1,052.2



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,693	1,781	3,474	7.2 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	3,358	3,622	6,980	14.4 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	8,943	10,314	19,257	39.7 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	5,759	5,906	11,665	24.1 %	22.4 %
65 +	4,088	3,022	7,110	14.7 %	9.8 %
Total	23,841	24,645	48,486	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	49.2 %	50.8 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	315	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	6,128	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	10,878	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	481	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	63.9 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	5.6 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 25,725	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	814	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	10,353	26.3 %
0 - 17 Years	2,265	18.5 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	8,113	17.8 %
0 - 17 Years	3,395	27.1 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	772		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	45	5.8 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	287	37.2 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	61	7.9 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	369	53.2 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 86.3	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	2	4.2	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	2.1	3.8
Gonorrhea	72	148.5	113.8
Chlamydia	141	290.8	313.3
AIDS	2	4.2	13.2
Pertussis	1	2.1	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	18	37.1	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵			Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths From All Causes	447	805.2	829.0	Diabetes	11	---	29.7
Cardiovascular Disease	177	312.1	290.7	Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	31	63.8	39.8
Heart Disease	138	243.5	219.3	Motor Vehicle Injury	10	---	16.4
Stroke	34	60.2	52.1	Homicide	1	---	6.4
All Cancer	91	164.6	179.4	Suicide	7	---	10.8
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	21	39.0	50.9	Alzheimer's	6	---	27.0
Female Breast Cancer	3	---	23.3	Influenza and Pneumonia	7	---	20.4
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	29	50.6	44.1	Infant Deaths	2	2.6	6.5
				Fetal Deaths	6	7.7	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.