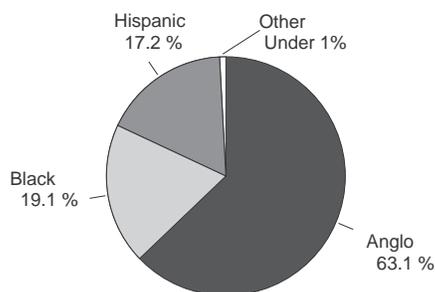


Demography

Estimated Population: 24,831
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 100

Population Per Square Mile: 31.3
Area in Square Miles: 793.6



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	801	823	1,624	6.5 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	1,539	1,516	3,055	12.3 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	4,461	5,446	9,907	39.9 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	3,039	3,767	6,806	27.4 %	22.4 %
65 +	1,679	1,760	3,439	13.8 %	9.8 %
Total	11,519	13,312	24,831	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	46.4 %	53.6 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	118	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	2,611	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	4,116	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	178	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	53.9 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	6.1 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 22,337	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	294	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	5,509	27.6 %
0 - 17 Years	1,217	21.0 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	3,986	17.7 %
0 - 17 Years	1,361	23.6 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	346		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	14	4.0 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	176	50.9 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	35	10.1 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	186	59.6 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 77.6	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	1	4.5	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	54	217.5	113.8
Chlamydia	79	318.2	313.3
AIDS	1	4.5	13.2
Pertussis	3	12.1	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	9	36.2	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	244	914.4	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	77	290.1	290.7
Heart Disease	66	247.2	219.3
Stroke	5	---	52.1
All Cancer	64	229.3	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	16	---	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	5	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	12	---	44.1
Diabetes	12	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	27	106.0	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	15	---	16.4
Homicide	2	---	6.4
Suicide	2	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	3	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	3	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	2	5.8	6.5
Fetal Deaths	4	11.4	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.