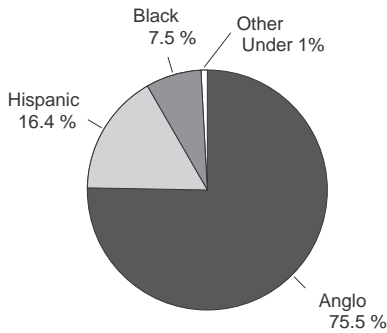


Demography

Estimated Population: 34,319
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 83

Population Per Square Mile: 35.7
Area in Square Miles: 962.4



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,167	1,227	2,394	7.0 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	2,296	2,427	4,723	13.8 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	6,216	6,469	12,685	37.0 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	4,324	4,380	8,704	25.4 %	22.4 %
65 +	3,203	2,610	5,813	16.9 %	9.8 %
Total	17,206	17,113	34,319	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	50.1 %	49.9 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	305	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	4,100	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	6,870	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	308	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	61.4 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	6.2 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 24,380	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	598	326,621
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	8,118	27.4 %
0 - 17 Years	1,778	20.5 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	6,264	18.2 %
0 - 17 Years	2,331	27.1 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	486		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	28	5.8 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	198	40.7 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	45	9.3 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	299	62.9 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 78.2	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	30	87.4	113.8
Chlamydia	53	154.4	313.3
AIDS	3	8.7	13.2
Pertussis	3	8.7	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	12	35.0	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	398	917.5	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	140	315.4	290.7
Heart Disease	108	243.2	219.3
Stroke	26	58.7	52.1
All Cancer	76	173.0	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	19	---	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	7	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	33	73.3	44.1
Diabetes	12	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	14	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	7	---	16.4
Homicide	0	---	6.4
Suicide	5	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	14	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	11	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	5	10.3	6.5
Fetal Deaths	5	10.2	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.