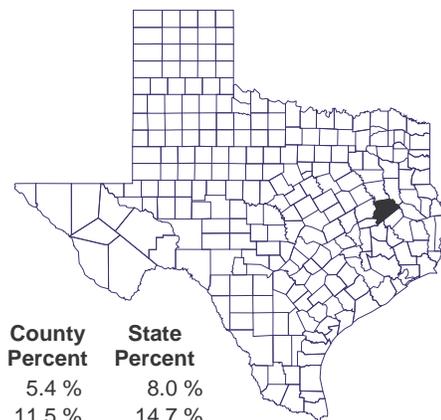


Selected Health Facts 2005

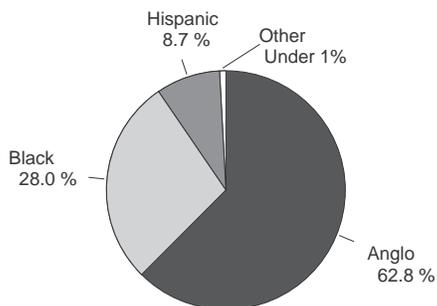
Houston County



Demography

Estimated Population: 23,330
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 104

Population Per Square Mile: 19.0
Area in Square Miles: 1,230.9



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	616	650	1,266	5.4 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	1,306	1,371	2,677	11.5 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	3,737	5,284	9,021	38.7 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	2,803	3,372	6,175	26.5 %	22.4 %
65 +	2,373	1,818	4,191	18.0 %	9.8 %
Total	10,835	12,495	23,330	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	307	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	3,156	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	4,887	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	150	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	64.9 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	6.5 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 21,849	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	211	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Percent
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	3,910	24.3 %
0 - 17 Years	744	16.3 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	5,463	27.1 %
0 - 17 Years	1,787	37.3 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	250		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	14	5.6 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	123	49.2 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	22	8.8 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	150	60.5 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 66.9	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	3	14.4	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	32	137.2	113.8
Chlamydia	57	244.3	313.3
AIDS	3	14.4	13.2
Pertussis	3	12.9	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	2	8.6	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	311	981.4	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	85	259.6	290.7
Heart Disease	65	200.4	219.3
Stroke	15	---	52.1
All Cancer	92	287.3	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	32	99.9	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	7	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	25	76.5	44.1
Diabetes	11	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	14	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	3	---	16.4
Homicide	1	---	6.4
Suicide	2	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	11	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	17	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	2	8.0	6.5
Fetal Deaths	2	7.9	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.