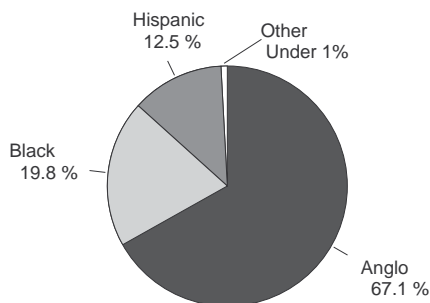


Demography

Estimated Population: 25,466
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 99

Population Per Square Mile: 32.1
Area in Square Miles: 794.1



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	912	953	1,865	7.3 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	1,804	1,790	3,594	14.1 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	4,783	4,898	9,681	38.0 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	3,148	2,997	6,145	24.1 %	22.4 %
65 +	2,422	1,759	4,181	16.4 %	9.8 %
Total	13,069	12,397	25,466	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	51.3 %	48.7 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	212	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	3,652	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	6,015	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	225	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	57.7 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	5.9 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 24,232	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	345	326,621
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	6,137	27.4 %
0 - 17 Years	1,487	21.6 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	5,263	20.3 %
0 - 17 Years	1,887	27.8 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	365		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	23	6.3 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	162	44.4 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	35	9.6 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	195	58.6 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 76.3	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	10	39.3	113.8
Chlamydia	43	168.9	313.3
AIDS	1	3.9	13.2
Pertussis	1	3.9	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	1	3.9	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	304	963.6	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	116	360.7	290.7
Heart Disease	91	288.0	219.3
Stroke	17	---	52.1
All Cancer	70	216.9	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	19	---	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	1	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	18	---	44.1
Diabetes	16	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	22	81.1	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	13	---	16.4
Homicide	3	---	6.4
Suicide	5	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	6	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	5	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	3	8.2	6.5
Fetal Deaths	0	0.0	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.