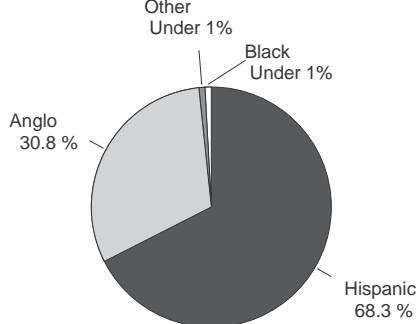


Demography

Estimated Population: 26,669
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 96

Population Per Square Mile: 17.1
Area in Square Miles: 1,556.6



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,179	1,226	2,405	9.0 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	2,096	2,247	4,343	16.3 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	5,385	5,221	10,606	39.8 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	2,983	2,757	5,740	21.5 %	22.4 %
65 +	1,983	1,592	3,575	13.4 %	9.8 %
Total	13,626	13,043	26,669	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	51.1 %	48.9 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	229	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	7,010	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	9,009	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	384	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	84.6 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	6.1 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 23,164	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	442	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	5,509	24.0 %
0 - 17 Years	1,351	17.3 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	6,761	25.8 %
0 - 17 Years	3,119	39.1 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	466		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	37	7.9 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	239	51.3 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	42	9.0 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	313	67.7 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 86.5	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	9	33.7	113.8
Chlamydia	118	442.5	313.3
AIDS	0	---	13.2
Pertussis	0	---	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	22	82.5	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	212	752.0	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	56	197.3	290.7
Heart Disease	38	133.2	219.3
Stroke	15	---	52.1
All Cancer	50	181.3	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	11	---	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	3	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	8	---	44.1
Diabetes	13	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	12	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	5	---	16.4
Homicide	4	---	6.4
Suicide	1	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	2	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	6	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	6	12.9	6.5
Fetal Deaths	4	8.5	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.