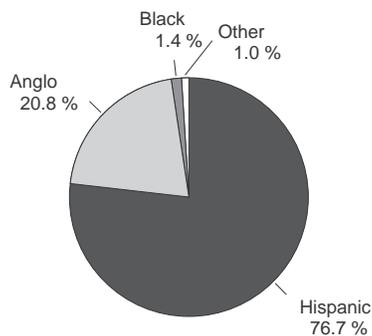


Demography

Estimated Population: 47,268
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 65

Population Per Square Mile: 14.9
Area in Square Miles: 3,170.4



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	2,165	2,242	4,407	9.3 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	3,757	3,894	7,651	16.2 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	9,961	10,098	20,059	42.4 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	5,027	4,578	9,605	20.3 %	22.4 %
65 +	3,049	2,497	5,546	11.7 %	9.8 %
Total	23,959	23,309	47,268	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	50.7 %	49.3 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	440	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	9,507	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	13,466	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	554	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	57.6 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	6.5 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 22,264	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	650	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	11,515	28.5 %
0 - 17 Years	2,651	18.3 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	12,123	26.0 %
0 - 17 Years	5,296	36.4 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	977		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	73	7.5 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	355	36.3 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	69	7.1 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	472	49.6 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 98.1	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	10	21.2	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	4.2	3.8
Gonorrhea	17	36.0	113.8
Chlamydia	150	317.3	313.3
AIDS	0	---	13.2
Pertussis	1	2.1	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	32	67.7	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	302	705.9	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	114	268.0	290.7
Heart Disease	91	214.0	219.3
Stroke	15	---	52.1
All Cancer	67	157.1	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	17	---	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	2	---	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	13	---	44.1
Diabetes	16	---	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	12	---	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	4	---	16.4
Homicide	2	---	6.4
Suicide	2	---	10.8
Alzheimer's	5	---	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	6	---	20.4
Infant Deaths	3	3.1	6.5
Fetal Deaths	5	5.1	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.