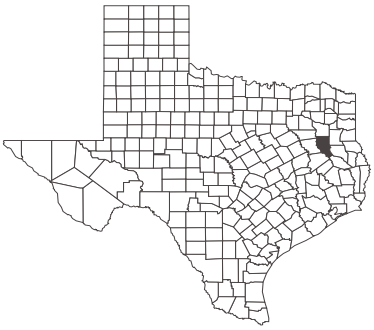
Selected Health Facts 2006

Cherokee County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 48,320
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 63
Population Per Square Mile: 45.9
Area In Square Miles: 1,052.2

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	32,121	66.5%	48.2%
Hispanic	8,219	17.0%	36.1%
Black	7,598	15.7%	11.7%
Other	382	0.8%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,679	1,761	3,440	7.1%	8.0%
05 - 14	3,315	3,599	6,914	14.3%	14.5%
15 - 44	8,872	10,244	19,116	39.6%	45.0%
45 - 64	5,782	5,946	11,728	24.3%	22.8%
65+	4,058	3,064	7,122	14.7%	9.8%
Total	23,706	24,614	48,320	100.0%	100.0%
County	49.1%	50.9%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	270	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	6,530	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	11,335	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	470	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	62.6%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$26,063	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	809	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	10,515	26.7%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	2,264	18.3%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	8,400	18.4%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	3,287	26.7%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	747		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	37	5.0%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	324	43.4%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	61	8.2%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	333	45.7%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		84.2	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	3	6.4	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.5
Gonorrhea	59	122.1	128.8
Chlamydia	136	281.5	320.4
AIDS	3	6.4	12.4
Pertussis	0	---	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	99	204.9	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	455	824.6	805.1
Heart Disease	121	213.6	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	27	47.9	50.2
All Cancer	104	186.9	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	33	59.9	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	7	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	9	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	8	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	18	---	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	7	---	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	38	79.4	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	---	16.2
Diabetes	14	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	11	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	6	---	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	0	---	6.0
Suicide	3	---	10.2
Septicemia	4	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	4	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	5	---	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	6	---	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 Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

3 Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

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.**