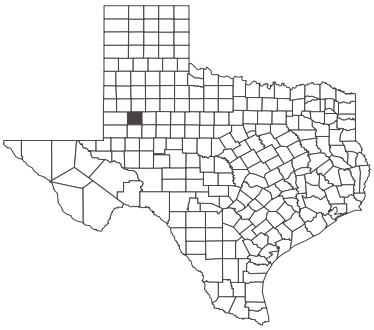
Selected Health Facts 2006

Dawson County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 14,192
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 144
Population Per Square Mile: 15.7
Area In Square Miles: 902.1

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	5,592	39.4%	48.2%
Hispanic	7,342	51.7%	36.1%
Black	1,193	8.4%	11.7%
Other	65	0.5%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	527	542	1,069	7.5%	8.0%
05 - 14	877	915	1,792	12.6%	14.5%
15 - 44	2,276	3,894	6,170	43.5%	45.0%
45 - 64	1,474	1,713	3,187	22.5%	22.8%
65+	1,141	833	1,974	13.9%	9.8%
Total	6,295	7,897	14,192	100.0%	100.0%
County	44.4%	55.6%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	137	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	2,137	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	3,583	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	132	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	63.8%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$21,117	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	218	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	2,447	24.9%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	591	18.3%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	2,797	23.6%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	1,102	32.8%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	200		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	13	6.5%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	77	38.5%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	22	11.0%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	95	44.8%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		87.9	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.5
Gonorrhea	19	133.9	128.8
Chlamydia	57	401.6	320.4
AIDS	0	---	12.4
Pertussis	0	---	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	---	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	132	828.3	805.1
Heart Disease	33	203.3	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	9	---	50.2
All Cancer	16	---	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	2	---	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	2	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	2	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	0	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	7	---	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	1	---	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	11	---	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	---	16.2
Diabetes	11	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	9	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	2	---	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	0	---	6.0
Suicide	0	---	10.2
Septicemia	3	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	2	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	3	---	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	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] 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.**