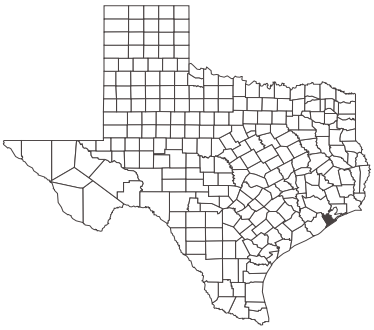
Selected Health Facts 2006

Galveston County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 282,126

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 16

Population Per Square Mile: 708.0

Area In Square Miles: 398.5

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	169,016	59.9%	48.2%
Hispanic	60,562	21.5%	36.1%
Black	42,551	15.1%	11.7%
Other	9,997	3.5%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	9,925	10,328	20,253	7.2%	8.0%
05 - 14	18,831	19,532	38,363	13.6%	14.5%
15 - 44	58,789	57,871	116,660	41.4%	45.0%
45 - 64	37,952	37,497	75,449	26.7%	22.8%
65+	17,920	13,481	31,401	11.1%	9.8%
Total	143,417	138,709	282,126	100.0%	100.0%
County	50.8%	49.2%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	1,532	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	28,381	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	42,902	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	2,573	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	64.2%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$36,701	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	2,507	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	56,457	22.4%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	11,563	15.7%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	38,933	14.0%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	13,453	18.9%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	4,126		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	160	3.9%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,765	42.8%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	357	8.7%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	2,546	61.0%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		70.2	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	17	6.0	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	2.5	4.5
Gonorrhea	497	176.2	128.8
Chlamydia	912	323.3	320.4
AIDS	62	22.0	12.4
Pertussis	7	2.5	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	149	52.8	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	2,348	890.3	805.1
Heart Disease	545	209.0	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	138	55.4	50.2
All Cancer	588	216.2	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	175	64.5	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	36	23.4	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	63	23.8	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	31	33.3	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	110	43.1	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	43	16.7	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	136	48.5	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	47	16.7	16.2
Diabetes	67	25.0	26.5
Alzheimer's	71	29.7	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	31	12.1	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	16	---	6.0
Suicide	37	12.7	10.2
Septicemia	46	17.5	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	35	11.7	11.0
Infant Deaths	23	5.6	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	21	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] 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.**