



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 37,063 Population Per Square Mile: 33.3
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 79 Area In Square Miles: 1,114.5

Ethnicity	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent
Anglo	18,127	48.9%	48.2%
Hispanic	13,068	35.3%	36.1%
Black	4,610	12.4%	11.7%
Other	1,258	3.4%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
				Percent	Percent
00 - 04	1,358	1,427	2,785	7.5%	8.0%
05 - 14	2,653	2,806	5,459	14.7%	14.5%
15 - 44	7,333	7,476	14,809	40.0%	45.0%
45 - 64	4,543	4,727	9,270	25.0%	22.8%
65+	2,676	2,064	4,740	12.8%	9.8%
Total	18,563	18,500	37,063	100.0%	100.0%

County	50.1%	49.9%
State	50.0%	50.0%

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	178	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	5,407	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	8,786	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	374	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	69.3%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$24,175	\$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	655	304,217
Percent		
Without Health Insurance	Number	Percent
0 - 64 Years	8,650	27.1%
0 - 17 Years	1,656	16.6%
Persons Living Below Poverty	Number	Percent
All Ages	8,696	23.4%
0 - 17 Years	3,468	33.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	550		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	35	6.4%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	269	48.9%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight ¹	44	8.0%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	288	54.4%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		75.0	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.5
Gonorrhea	61	164.6	128.8
Chlamydia	104	280.6	320.4
AIDS	0	---	12.4
Pertussis	0	---	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	3	8.1	50.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State
Deaths from All Causes	326	866.5	805.1
Heart Disease	68	182.3	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	25	67.4	50.2
All Cancer	82	214.5	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	29	73.5	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	8	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	3	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	4	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	18	---	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	3	---	15.7

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State
Accidents	23	62.8	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12	---	16.2
Diabetes	10	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	8	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	10	---	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	3	---	6.0
Suicide	2	---	10.2
Septicemia	5	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	1	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	4	---	6.2
Fetal Deaths ¹	0	---	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.**