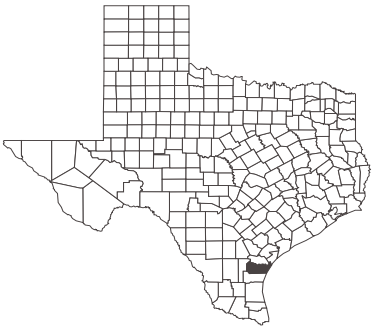
Selected Health Facts 2006

Nueces County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 318,651

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 14

Population Per Square Mile: 381.3

Area In Square Miles: 835.8

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	105,561	33.1%	48.2%
Hispanic	193,222	60.6%	36.1%
Black	12,993	4.1%	11.7%
Other	6,875	2.2%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	12,607	13,091	25,698	8.1%	8.0%
05 - 14	21,983	22,688	44,671	14.0%	14.5%
15 - 44	69,282	71,047	140,329	44.0%	45.0%
45 - 64	37,569	36,146	73,715	23.1%	22.8%
65+	19,786	14,452	34,238	10.7%	9.8%
Total	161,227	157,424	318,651	100.0%	100.0%
County	50.6%	49.4%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	2,937	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	52,096	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	74,202	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	3,323	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	65.8%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$31,984	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	4,832	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	65,753	23.3%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	12,284	14.3%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	68,991	21.8%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	26,051	30.1%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	4,961		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	279	5.6%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	2,203	44.4%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	464	9.4%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	2,929	59.5%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		71.6	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	34	10.7	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	2.2	4.5
Gonorrhea	436	136.8	128.8
Chlamydia	1,428	448.1	320.4
AIDS	35	11.0	12.4
Pertussis	15	4.7	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	58	18.2	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	2,477	872.0	805.1
Heart Disease	475	168.5	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	155	55.9	50.2
All Cancer	552	193.4	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	141	50.2	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	40	24.7	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	37	12.8	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	34	31.3	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	118	42.5	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	53	19.2	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	162	53.6	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	54	17.2	16.2
Diabetes	144	50.5	26.5
Alzheimer's	98	37.0	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	50	17.8	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	24	7.6	6.0
Suicide	28	9.1	10.2
Septicemia	37	13.3	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	45	14.9	11.0
Infant Deaths	32	6.5	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	31	6.2	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.**