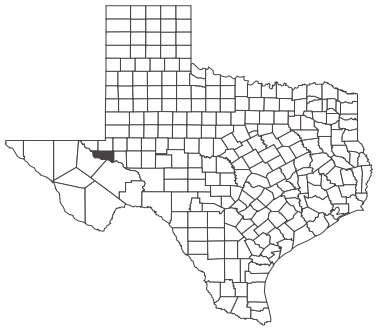
Selected Health Facts 2006

Ward County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 10,369
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 164
Population Per Square Mile: 12.4
Area In Square Miles: 835.5

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	5,164	49.8%	48.2%
Hispanic	4,625	44.6%	36.1%
Black	489	4.7%	11.7%
Other	91	0.9%	4.0%

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Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	385	410	795	7.7%	8.0%
05 - 14	658	732	1,390	13.4%	14.5%
15 - 44	1,925	2,071	3,996	38.5%	45.0%
45 - 64	1,330	1,256	2,586	24.9%	22.8%
65+	884	718	1,602	15.4%	9.8%
Total	5,182	5,187	10,369	100.0%	100.0%
County	50.0%	50.0%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	84	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	1,494	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	2,596	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	98	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	65.8%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$26,524	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	156	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	2,159	25.5%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	457	17.6%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	1,873	18.8%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	668	25.2%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	148		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	12	8.1%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	74	50.0%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	22	14.9%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	108	67.9%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		76.9	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	9	86.8	128.8
Chlamydia	18	173.6	320.4
AIDS	0	---	12.4
Pertussis	1	9.6	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	4	38.6	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	115	961.7	805.1
Heart Disease	35	282.9	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	4	---	50.2
All Cancer	30	236.7	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	5	---	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	1	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	1	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	2	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	13	---	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	4	---	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	6	---	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	---	16.2
Diabetes	1	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	3	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	0	---	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	2	---	6.0
Suicide	1	---	10.2
Septicemia	0	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	2	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	0	---	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.**