



### Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 234,498      Population Per Square Mile: 69.9  
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 20      Area In Square Miles: 3,356.8

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	9,922	4.2%	48.2%	00 - 04	14,328	14,850	29,178	12.4%	8.0%
Hispanic	222,528	94.9%	36.1%	05 - 14	20,039	20,314	40,353	17.2%	14.5%
Black	332	0.1%	11.7%	15 - 44	55,001	54,420	109,421	46.7%	45.0%
Other	1,716	0.7%	4.0%	45 - 64	20,516	18,427	38,943	16.6%	22.8%
				65+	9,867	6,736	16,603	7.1%	9.8%
				Total	119,751	114,747	234,498	100.0%	100.0%
				County	51.1%	48.9%			
				State	50.0%	50.0%			



### Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	4,402	159,889	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	5,270	304,217
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	55,688	2,548,310			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	73,751	4,313,318			
Medicaid Covered Births	4,580	223,128			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	77.4%	56.6%			
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$20,262	\$35,162			

  

	Number	County Percent	State Percent
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	85,306	39.5%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	21,994	25.4%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	67,736	29.7%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	33,399	39.0%	23.8%

### Nativity

	Births <sup>1</sup>	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	5,948		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	444	7.5%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	2,559	43.0%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight <sup>1</sup>	433	7.3%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester <sup>3</sup>	3,239	54.1%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate <sup>1</sup>		108.1	77.6

### Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate <sup>2</sup>	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	36	15.4	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.5
Gonorrhea	36	15.4	128.8
Chlamydia	552	235.4	320.4
AIDS	21	9.0	12.4
Pertussis	1	0.4	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	35	14.9	50.1

### Mortality<sup>5</sup>

	Deaths <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>4</sup>			Deaths <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>4</sup>	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,031	714.2	805.1	Accidents	38	21.6	40.7
Heart Disease	271	204.7	203.6	Motor Vehicle Accidents	16	---	16.2
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	73	55.8	50.2	Diabetes	46	33.9	26.5
All Cancer	170	120.0	176.7	Alzheimer's	10	---	27.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	36	27.5	49.5	Influenza and Pneumonia	18	---	18.0
Female Breast Cancer	4	---	22.8	Assault (Homicide)	25	10.4	6.0
Colorectal Cancer	17	---	17.1	Suicide	9	---	10.2
Male Prostrate Cancer	7	---	22.6	Septicemia	47	33.6	13.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	16	---	40.9	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	31	20.2	11.0
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	27	18.4	15.7	Infant Deaths	32	5.4	6.2
				Fetal Deaths <sup>1</sup>	44	7.3	5.5

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

<sup>3</sup> Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

<sup>4</sup> 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 "---".

<sup>5</sup> Current mortality rates by cause are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999. **Refer to the Data Sources Document for more detail.**