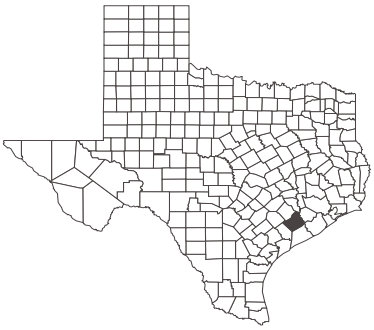
Selected Health Facts 2006

Wharton County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 42,252

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 70

Population Per Square Mile: 38.8

Area In Square Miles: 1,090.1

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	20,784	49.2%	48.2%
Hispanic	14,955	35.4%	36.1%
Black	6,263	14.8%	11.7%
Other	250	0.6%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,554	1,624	3,178	7.5%	8.0%
05 - 14	2,886	3,160	6,046	14.3%	14.5%
15 - 44	8,330	8,711	17,041	40.3%	45.0%
45 - 64	5,157	5,117	10,274	24.3%	22.8%
65+	3,325	2,388	5,713	13.5%	9.8%
Total	21,252	21,000	42,252	100.0%	100.0%
County	50.3%	49.7%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	81	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	4,505	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	8,430	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	386	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	61.2%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$27,981	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	641	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	10,033	28.4%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	2,065	18.8%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	6,895	16.9%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	2,539	22.8%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	665		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	30	4.5%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	335	50.4%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	57	8.6%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	343	57.4%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		79.8	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	4	9.5	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.5
Gonorrhea	40	94.7	128.8
Chlamydia	99	234.3	320.4
AIDS	1	2.4	12.4
Pertussis	0	---	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	3	7.1	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	371	801.9	805.1
Heart Disease	84	177.6	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	25	54.6	50.2
All Cancer	91	199.8	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	22	49.3	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	8	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	8	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	4	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	20	---	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	17	---	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	15	---	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	---	16.2
Diabetes	11	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	11	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	11	---	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	2	---	6.0
Suicide	2	---	10.2
Septicemia	10	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	7	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	4	---	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	5	---	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.**