







Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 72,320 Population Per Square Mile: 81.4
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 49 Area In Square Miles: 888.4

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	44,747	61.9%	47.4%	00 - 04	2,445	2,546	4,991	6.9%	8.0%
Hispanic	21,134	29.2%	36.8%	05 - 14	5,047	5,423	10,470	14.5%	14.3%
Black	5,731	7.9%	11.6%	15 - 44	14,262	16,066	30,328	41.9%	44.8%
Other	708	1.0%	4.1%	45 - 64	9,335	10,149	19,484	26.9%	23.0%
				65+	3,860	3,187	7,047	9.7%	9.8%
				Total	34,949	37,371	72,320	100.0%	100.0%
Anglo				County	48.3%	51.7%			
Hispanic				State	49.9%	50.1%			
Black									
Other									

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	258	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	884	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	6,444	2,328,702			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	12,028	4,438,080	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	502	228,202	0 - 64 Years	17,175	26.8%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	52.1%	56.2%	0 - 17 Years	4,365	23.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.4%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$26,011	\$37,083	All Ages	8,814	12.6%
			0 - 17 Years	3,322	18.0%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	974		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	49	5.0%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	401	41.2%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	66	6.8%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	593	64.9%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		68.3	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	2	2.8	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.9
Gonorrhea	51	70.5	132.9
Chlamydia	161	222.6	354.7
AIDS	3	4.1	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	3	4.1	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	16	22.1	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	555	901.0	805.1	Accidents	37	49.8	42.2
Heart Disease	117	194.5	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	---	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	24	42.6	49.8	Diabetes	12	---	25.5
All Cancer	149	235.2	173.7	Alzheimer's	18	---	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	40	63.9	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	11	---	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	13	---	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	6	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	15	---	16.9	Suicide	10	---	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	6	---	21.9	Septicemia	17	---	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	35	58.9	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	10	---	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	10	---	17.0	Infant Deaths	9	---	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	9	---	5.4

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.**