



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 48,852 Population Per Square Mile: 46.4
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 63 Area In Square Miles: 1,052.2

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	32,175	65.9%	47.4%	00 - 04	1,694	1,774	3,468	7.1%	8.0%
Hispanic	8,650	17.7%	36.8%	05 - 14	3,329	3,609	6,938	14.2%	14.3%
Black	7,634	15.6%	11.6%	15 - 44	8,941	10,341	19,282	39.5%	44.8%
Other	393	0.8%	4.1%	45 - 64	5,888	6,056	11,944	24.4%	23.0%
				65+	4,072	3,148	7,220	14.8%	9.8%
				Total	23,924	24,928	48,852	100.0%	100.0%
				County	49.0%	51.0%			
				State	49.9%	50.1%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	220	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	842	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	6,045	2,328,702			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	11,511	4,438,080	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	490	228,202	0 - 64 Years	10,686	27.2%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	64.1%	56.2%	0 - 17 Years	2,384	19.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.4%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$27,439	\$37,083	All Ages	8,454	18.6%
			0 - 17 Years	3,399	27.6%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	782		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	46	5.9%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	332	42.5%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	62	7.9%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	301	43.3%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		87.5	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	2.0	4.9
Gonorrhea	63	129.0	132.9
Chlamydia	159	325.5	354.7
AIDS	2	4.2	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	2.0	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	35	71.6	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	524	943.0	805.1	Accidents	45	93.5	42.2
Heart Disease	147	259.1	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	25	52.3	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	43	73.1	49.8	Diabetes	12	---	25.5
All Cancer	100	179.5	173.7	Alzheimer's	7	---	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	31	55.6	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	9	---	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	6	---	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	1	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	10	---	16.9	Suicide	7	---	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	6	---	21.9	Septicemia	8	---	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	32	57.2	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	5	---	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	9	---	17.0	Infant Deaths	5	---	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	2	---	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.**