



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 615,019 Population Per Square Mile: 692.2
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 9 Area In Square Miles: 888.5

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	444,853	72.3%	47.4%	00 - 04	22,347	23,215	45,562	7.4%	8.0%
Hispanic	93,982	15.3%	36.8%	05 - 14	40,730	42,845	83,575	13.6%	14.3%
Black	42,306	6.9%	11.6%	15 - 44	157,793	153,871	311,664	50.7%	44.8%
Other	33,878	5.5%	4.1%	45 - 64	71,938	69,632	141,570	23.0%	23.0%
				65+	18,276	14,372	32,648	5.3%	9.8%
				Total	311,084	303,935	615,019	100.0%	100.0%
				County	50.6%	49.4%			
				State	49.9%	50.1%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	362	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	3,739	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	14,674	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	40,779	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	118,143	19.9%
Medicaid Covered Births	2,547	228,202	0 - 17 Years	30,923	17.4%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	26.9%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.4%	All Ages	42,748	7.1%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$39,316	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	12,567	7.5%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	9,397		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	188	2.0%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	2,071	22.0%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	641	6.8%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	6,226	69.6%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		59.6	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	12	2.0	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	0.3	4.9
Gonorrhea	336	54.6	132.9
Chlamydia	1,188	193.2	354.7
AIDS	33	5.4	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	85	13.8	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	507	82.4	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,419	814.7	805.1	Accidents	131	28.5	42.2
Heart Disease	509	180.2	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	50	9.3	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	137	51.7	49.8	Diabetes	70	21.5	25.5
All Cancer	571	180.3	173.7	Alzheimer's	75	31.6	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	161	51.9	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	94	36.8	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	46	20.8	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	12	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	54	17.8	16.9	Suicide	53	9.8	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	23	26.5	21.9	Septicemia	28	9.2	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	186	74.3	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	30	6.6	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	36	13.8	17.0	Infant Deaths	41	4.4	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	47	5.0	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.**