



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 719,940 Population Per Square Mile: 458.6
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 8 Area In Square Miles: 1,569.8

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	57,192	7.9%	47.4%	00 - 04	38,727	40,148	78,875	11.0%	8.0%
Hispanic	654,309	90.9%	36.8%	05 - 14	60,306	61,831	122,137	17.0%	14.3%
Black	2,154	0.3%	11.6%	15 - 44	164,751	163,945	328,696	45.7%	44.8%
Other	6,285	0.9%	4.1%	45 - 64	66,804	59,392	126,196	17.5%	23.0%
				65+	35,597	28,439	64,036	8.9%	9.8%
				Total	366,185	353,755	719,940	100.0%	100.0%
Anglo				County	50.9%	49.1%			
Hispanic				State	49.9%	50.1%			
Black									
Other									

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	21,577	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	16,054	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	186,198	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	266,114	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	205,958	31.5%
Medicaid Covered Births	14,056	228,202	0 - 17 Years	42,245	16.5%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	81.3%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	4.4%	All Ages	238,683	34.0%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$18,316	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	110,811	43.9%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	17,197		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	1,131	6.6%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	6,554	38.1%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	1,321	7.7%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	8,561	62.2%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		104.4	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	76	10.6	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	0.3	4.9
Gonorrhea	156	21.7	132.9
Chlamydia	2,178	302.5	354.7
AIDS	45	6.3	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	25	3.5	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	603	83.8	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	3,305	618.0	805.1	Accidents	173	26.3	42.2
Heart Disease	958	187.3	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	99	14.3	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	157	30.5	49.8	Diabetes	129	24.4	25.5
All Cancer	649	121.5	173.7	Alzheimer's	48	10.0	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	147	28.2	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	93	18.9	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	44	15.1	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	35	4.9	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	54	10.1	16.9	Suicide	27	4.2	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	29	13.5	21.9	Septicemia	114	21.6	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	115	23.0	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	77	14.2	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	59	11.6	17.0	Infant Deaths	94	5.5	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	108	6.2	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.**