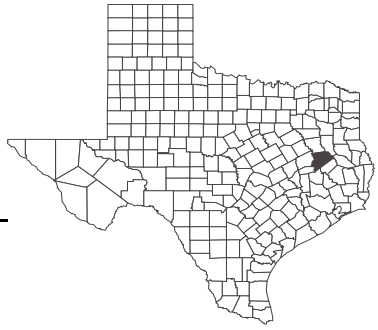
Selected Health Facts 2007

Houston County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 23,579
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 105
Population Per Square Mile: 19.2
Area In Square Miles: 1,230.9

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	14,730	62.5%	47.4%
Hispanic	2,158	9.2%	36.8%
Black	6,571	27.9%	11.6%
Other	120	0.5%	4.1%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	649	675	1,324	5.6%	8.0%
05 - 14	1,272	1,302	2,574	10.9%	14.3%
15 - 44	3,703	5,308	9,011	38.2%	44.8%
45 - 64	2,891	3,461	6,352	26.9%	23.0%
65+	2,415	1,903	4,318	18.3%	9.8%
Total	10,930	12,649	23,579	100.0%	100.0%
County	46.4%	53.6%			
State	49.9%	50.1%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	164	135,947
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	2,906	2,328,702
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	5,131	4,438,080
Medicaid Covered Births	184	228,202
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	64.6%	56.2%
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	4.4%
Per Capita Personal Income	$24,807	$37,083

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	201	312,114

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	3,811	24.1%	26.8%
0 - 17 Years	660	14.9%	18.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	4,727	24.0%	16.3%
0 - 17 Years	1,476	32.9%	23.1%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	274		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	16	5.8%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	148	54.0%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight[1]	20	7.3%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	148	56.3%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		74.0	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.9
Gonorrhea	34	144.2	132.9
Chlamydia	43	182.4	354.7
AIDS	4	18.9	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	4.2	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	4.2	42.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	341	1,070.5	805.1
Heart Disease	84	258.0	202.7
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	10	---	49.8
All Cancer	77	236.8	173.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	27	85.7	48.2
Female Breast Cancer	4	---	23.0
Colon, Rectum and Anus	7	---	16.9
Male Prostrate Cancer	5	---	21.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	22	67.0	42.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	5	---	17.0

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	21	80.8	42.2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10	---	15.8
Diabetes	13	---	25.5
Alzheimer's	12	---	26.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	13	---	17.1
Assault (Homicide)	2	---	6.1
Suicide	1	---	10.5
Septicemia	7	---	14.5
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	4	---	11.5
Infant Deaths	0	---	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.**