



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 154,349 Population Per Square Mile: 211.6
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 24 Area In Square Miles: 729.4

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	121,067	78.4%	47.4%	00 - 04	5,277	5,493	10,770	7.0%	8.0%
Hispanic	26,237	17.0%	36.8%	05 - 14	11,395	12,087	23,482	15.2%	14.3%
Black	4,209	2.7%	11.6%	15 - 44	32,050	33,478	65,528	42.5%	44.8%
Other	2,836	1.8%	4.1%	45 - 64	19,390	19,118	38,508	24.9%	23.0%
				65+	8,944	7,117	16,061	10.4%	9.8%
				Total	77,056	77,293	154,349	100.0%	100.0%
				County	49.9%	50.1%			
				State	49.9%	50.1%			



Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State	
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	450	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	1,778	312,114	
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	11,314	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	22,188	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	33,736	24.8%	26.8%
Medicaid Covered Births	1,093	228,202	0 - 17 Years	7,638	19.0%	18.9%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	52.3%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty			
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.4%	All Ages	16,531	11.3%	16.3%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$29,347	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	6,343	16.4%	23.1%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	2,084		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	96	4.6%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	714	34.3%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	178	8.5%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	1,270	63.9%	62.1%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate ¹		65.0	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	5	3.3	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.9
Gonorrhea	58	37.6	132.9
Chlamydia	293	189.8	354.7
AIDS	7	4.6	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	9	5.8	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	37	24.0	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,087	820.7	805.1	Accidents	62	41.6	42.2
Heart Disease	299	235.5	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	29	18.4	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	73	58.4	49.8	Diabetes	31	22.5	25.5
All Cancer	246	178.5	173.7	Alzheimer's	19	---	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	76	55.8	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	21	15.5	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	28	36.4	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	4	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	16	---	16.9	Suicide	17	---	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	9	---	21.9	Septicemia	20	15.0	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	68	53.2	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	10	---	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	22	17.0	17.0	Infant Deaths	17	---	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	10	---	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.**