





Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 238,120 Population Per Square Mile: 70.9
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 20 Area In Square Miles: 3,356.8

Ethnicity	Total	County	State	Age	Females	Males	Total	County	State
		Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent
Anglo	9,772	4.1%	47.4%	00 - 04	14,469	14,985	29,454	12.4%	8.0%
Hispanic	226,248	95.0%	36.8%	05 - 14	20,061	20,348	40,409	17.0%	14.3%
Black	312	0.1%	11.6%	15 - 44	55,903	55,712	111,615	46.9%	44.8%
Other	1,788	0.8%	4.1%	45 - 64	20,911	18,961	39,872	16.7%	23.0%
				65+	9,930	6,840	16,770	7.0%	9.8%
				Total	121,274	116,846	238,120	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	3,660	135,947	Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	5,120	312,114
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	53,088	2,328,702	Without Health Insurance		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	75,722	4,438,080	0 - 64 Years	83,504	38.7%
Medicaid Covered Births	4,671	228,202	0 - 17 Years	21,446	24.5%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	76.5%	56.2%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.4%	All Ages	69,676	30.4%
Per Capita Personal Income	\$21,423	\$37,083	0 - 17 Years	35,730	41.5%

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	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	6,175		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	453	7.3%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	3,016	48.8%	40.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	464	7.5%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	3,667	69.7%	62.1%
Fertility Rate ¹		Rate	Rate
		110.5	78.3

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	40	16.8	6.3
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.9
Gonorrhea	44	18.5	132.9
Chlamydia	740	310.8	354.7
AIDS	17	7.1	12.0
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	0.8	4.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	24	10.1	42.1

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,083	732.8	805.1	Accidents	68	33.3	42.2
Heart Disease	283	208.5	202.7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	29	13.5	15.8
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	63	46.0	49.8	Diabetes	75	53.1	25.5
All Cancer	186	128.3	173.7	Alzheimer's	15	---	26.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	34	24.4	48.2	Influenza and Pneumonia	20	15.3	17.1
Female Breast Cancer	19	---	23.0	Assault (Homicide)	15	---	6.1
Colon, Rectum and Anus	22	15.6	16.9	Suicide	12	---	10.5
Male Prostrate Cancer	6	---	21.9	Septicemia	31	21.9	14.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	26	19.5	42.5	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	31	18.0	11.5
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	29	21.0	17.0	Infant Deaths	34	5.5	6.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	26	4.2	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.**