



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 282,534
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 17
Population Per Square Mile: 266.6
Area In Square Miles: 1,059.7

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	142,370	50.4%	46.6%	00 - 04	13,133	13,702	26,835	9.5%	7.9%				
Hispanic	59,343	21.0%	37.5%	05 - 14	19,983	20,910	40,893	14.5%	14.2%				
Black	65,471	23.2%	11.6%	15 - 44	64,508	69,716	134,224	47.5%	44.7%				
Other	15,350	5.4%	4.3%	45 - 64	29,249	27,657	56,906	20.1%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	13,585	10,091	23,676	8.4%	9.9%				
Anglo	[Bar chart: 50.4%]			Total	140,458	142,076	282,534	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar chart: 21.0%]			County	49.7%	50.3%							
Black	[Bar chart: 23.2%]			State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other	[Bar chart: 5.4%]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	943	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	2,363	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	25,093	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	46,251	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	2,007	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	31.3%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$37,682	\$37,809			

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	6,361		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	195	3.1%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	2,016	31.7%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	576	9.1%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	4,672	74.1%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		98.6	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	5	1.8	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	5	1.8	5.8
Gonorrhea	1,198	424.0	129.8
Chlamydia	3,161	1,118.8	405.8
AIDS	8	2.8	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	10	3.5	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	274	97.0	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	1,863	881.1	808.8	Accidents	103	39.5	41.4
Heart Disease	474	232.3	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	56	20.2	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	81	40.2	49.4	Diabetes	57	27.8	25.4
All Cancer	419	202.5	172.4	Alzheimer's	67	33.6	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	136	66.6	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	26	13.0	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	29	24.1	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	16	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	34	16.6	16.4	Suicide	28	10.5	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	19	---	20.8	Septicemia	24	12.3	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	102	52.3	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	26	11.9	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	32	15.7	17.9	Infant Deaths	51	8.0	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	37	5.8	5.6

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.