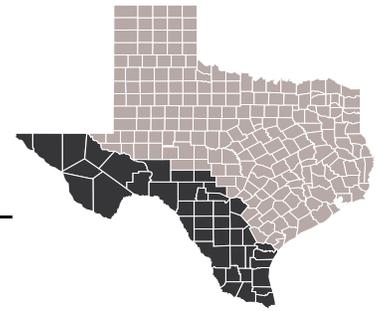


Border Area (43)



Demography / Population

Estimated Population:	4,725,986	Population Per Square Mile:	61.0
Number of counties:	43	Area In Square Miles:	77,514.4

Ethnicity	Total	Region		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	Region		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	1,006,791	21.3%	46.6%	00 - 04	212,535	220,933	433,468	9.2%	7.9%				
Hispanic	3,456,510	73.1%	37.5%	05 - 14	347,988	361,004	708,992	15.0%	14.2%				
Black	172,539	3.7%	11.6%	15 - 44	1,036,030	1,055,336	2,091,366	44.3%	44.7%				
Other	90,146	1.9%	4.3%	45 - 64	523,377	477,031	1,000,408	21.2%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	281,065	210,687	491,752	10.4%	9.9%				
Anglo			21.3%	Total	2,400,995	2,324,991	4,725,986	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic			73.1%	Region	50.8%	49.2%							
Black			3.7%	State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other			1.9%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State		Region	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	54,118	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	98,843	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	840,396	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	1,308,014	4,508,948	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	59,739	224,937	0 - 64 Years	1,237,589	31.7%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	66.8%	55.3%	0 - 17 Years	253,129	21.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$28,803	\$37,809	All Ages	1,100,350	23.8%
			0 - 17 Years	476,388	33.3%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	88,804		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	5,629	6.3%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	39,744	44.8%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	7,706	8.7%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	47,737	61.0%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		85.7	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		Region	State
Tuberculosis	381	8.2	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	210	4.4	5.8
Gonorrhea	4,780	101.1	129.8
Chlamydia	20,987	444.1	405.8
AIDS	502	10.8	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	123	2.6	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1,653	35.0	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		Region	State			Region	State
Deaths from All Causes	29,965	736.0	808.8	Accidents	1,639	37.4	41.4
Heart Disease	6,872	172.1	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	559	12.0	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	1,782	45.0	49.4	Diabetes	1,281	31.7	25.4
All Cancer	6,278	153.7	172.4	Alzheimer's	862	22.4	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	1,371	34.0	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	630	15.8	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	458	20.0	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	296	6.3	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	573	14.0	16.4	Suicide	401	9.0	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	319	20.1	20.8	Septicemia	656	16.2	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	1,296	33.0	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	740	17.6	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	759	19.0	17.9	Infant Deaths	492	5.5	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	531	5.9	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.