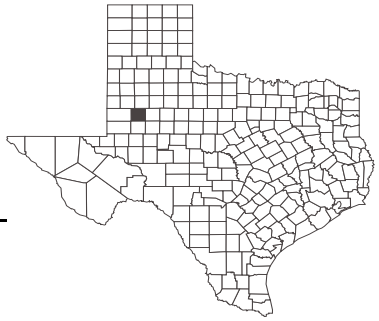
Health Facts Profile 2008

Dawson County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 13,926
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 147
Population Per Square Mile: 15.4
Area In Square Miles: 902.1

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	5,356	38.5%	46.6%
Hispanic	7,348	52.8%	37.5%
Black	1,159	8.3%	11.6%
Other	63	0.5%	4.3%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	38.5%
Hispanic	52.8%
Black	8.3%
Other	0.5%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	520	549	1,069	7.7%	7.9%
05 - 14	866	907	1,773	12.7%	14.2%
15 - 44	2,199	3,764	5,963	42.8%	44.7%
45 - 64	1,465	1,718	3,183	22.9%	23.3%
65+	1,129	809	1,938	13.9%	9.9%
Total	6,179	7,747	13,926	100.0%	100.0%
County	44.4%	55.6%			
State	49.9%	50.1%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	50	117,689
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	1,810	2,366,546
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	3,450	4,508,948
Medicaid Covered Births	121	224,937
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	59.9%	55.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$25,088	$37,809

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	202	389,062

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	2,826	29.5%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	639	20.4%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	2,484	21.7%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	1,009	31.9%	22.5%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	226		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	24	10.6%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	102	45.1%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight[1]	26	11.5%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	111	49.3%	58.4%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		102.8	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	5.8
Gonorrhea	16	114.9	129.8
Chlamydia	46	330.3	405.8
AIDS	0	---	11.9
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	0	---	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	---	32.2

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	139	880.7	808.8
Heart Disease	31	191.1	194.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	4	---	49.4
All Cancer	25	161.6	172.4
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	4	---	47.0
Female Breast Cancer	6	---	22.3
Colon, Rectum and Anus	1	---	16.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	2	---	20.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	9	---	45.8
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	7	---	17.9

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	7	---	41.4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	---	15.3
Diabetes	10	---	25.4
Alzheimer's	5	---	28.7
Influenza and Pneumonia	2	---	18.3
Assault (Homicide)	1	---	5.9
Suicide	1	---	11.0
Septicemia	1	---	14.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	7	---	11.7
Infant Deaths	1	---	6.1
Fetal Deaths[1]	0	---	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.**