



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 724,971
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 8
 Population Per Square Mile: 461.8
 Area In Square Miles: 1,569.8

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	54,971	7.6%	46.6%	00 - 04	38,587	40,048	78,635	10.8%	7.9%				
Hispanic	661,374	91.2%	37.5%	05 - 14	59,808	61,333	121,141	16.7%	14.2%				
Black	2,107	0.3%	11.6%	15 - 44	166,306	166,166	332,472	45.9%	44.7%				
Other	6,519	0.9%	4.3%	45 - 64	67,950	60,783	128,733	17.8%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	35,599	28,391	63,990	8.8%	9.9%				
Anglo			7.6%	Total	368,250	356,721	724,971	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic			91.2%	County	50.8%	49.2%							
Black			0.3%	State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other			0.9%										

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	20,575	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	19,598	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	191,618	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	272,093	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	13,386	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	77.8%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	7.3%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$19,721	\$37,809			

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	17,137		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	1,116	6.5%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	6,929	40.4%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	1,358	7.9%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	6,968	56.8%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		103.0	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	90	12.5	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	0.1	5.8
Gonorrhea	134	18.5	129.8
Chlamydia	2,745	378.6	405.8
AIDS	33	4.6	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	21	2.9	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	378	52.1	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	3,382	626.3	808.8	Accidents	148	22.1	41.4
Heart Disease	899	173.5	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	77	10.7	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	184	35.7	49.4	Diabetes	128	24.5	25.4
All Cancer	645	120.6	172.4	Alzheimer's	64	13.1	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	132	25.1	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	102	19.8	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	41	13.9	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	42	5.9	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	42	8.0	16.4	Suicide	41	6.5	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	27	12.7	20.8	Septicemia	134	25.5	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	117	23.0	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	90	16.3	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	88	16.9	17.9	Infant Deaths	91	5.3	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	114	6.6	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.