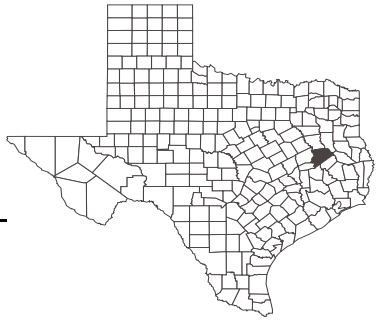
Health Facts Profile 2008

Houston County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 23,669
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 105
Population Per Square Mile: 19.2
Area In Square Miles: 1,230.9

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	14,719	62.2%	46.6%
Hispanic	2,223	9.4%	37.5%
Black	6,603	27.9%	11.6%
Other	124	0.5%	4.3%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	62.2%
Hispanic	9.4%
Black	27.9%
Other	0.5%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	655	684	1,339	5.7%	7.9%
05 - 14	1,266	1,274	2,540	10.7%	14.2%
15 - 44	3,679	5,306	8,985	38.0%	44.7%
45 - 64	2,922	3,505	6,427	27.2%	23.3%
65+	2,432	1,946	4,378	18.5%	9.9%
Total	10,954	12,715	23,669	100.0%	100.0%
County	46.3%	53.7%			
State	49.9%	50.1%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	131	117,689
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	2,897	2,366,546
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	5,385	4,508,948
Medicaid Covered Births	191	224,937
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	73.5%	55.3%
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$27,266	$37,809

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	236	389,062

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	4,323	27.7%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	782	17.9%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	5,141	26.1%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	1,425	32.2%	22.5%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	271		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	20	7.4%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	148	54.6%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight[1]	30	11.1%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	141	52.8%	58.4%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		73.7	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	23	97.2	129.8
Chlamydia	56	236.6	405.8
AIDS	3	14.1	11.9
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	4	16.9	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	---	32.2

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	311	951.6	808.8
Heart Disease	76	220.1	194.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	15	---	49.4
All Cancer	62	186.2	172.4
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	26	76.6	47.0
Female Breast Cancer	3	---	22.3
Colon, Rectum and Anus	3	---	16.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	1	---	20.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	13	---	45.8
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	12	---	17.9

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	14	---	41.4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	---	15.3
Diabetes	21	64.8	25.4
Alzheimer's	20	57.4	28.7
Influenza and Pneumonia	9	---	18.3
Assault (Homicide)	2	---	5.9
Suicide	1	---	11.0
Septicemia	7	---	14.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	6	---	11.7
Infant Deaths	0	---	6.1
Fetal Deaths[1]	1	---	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.**