





Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 228,497
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 21
 Population Per Square Mile: 219.3
 Area In Square Miles: 1,041.9

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	131,278	57.5%	46.6%			00 - 04	8,608	8,974	17,582	7.7%	7.9%		
Hispanic	57,063	25.0%	37.5%			05 - 14	14,679	15,405	30,084	13.2%	14.2%		
Black	35,492	15.5%	11.6%			15 - 44	51,886	52,592	104,478	45.7%	44.7%		
Other	4,664	2.0%	4.3%			45 - 64	24,982	23,681	48,663	21.3%	23.3%		
Relative % distribution						65+	16,104	11,586	27,690	12.1%	9.9%		
Anglo				57.5%		Total	116,259	112,238	228,497	100.0%	100.0%		
Hispanic				25.0%		County	50.9%	49.1%					
Black				15.5%		State	49.9%	50.1%					
Other				2.0%									

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	607	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	2,359	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	26,956	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	46,197	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	2,004	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	58.0%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$30,748	\$37,809			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	46,322	23.9%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	9,034	15.7%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	44,280	20.1%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	14,478	25.1%	22.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	3,515		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	173	4.9%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	1,515	43.1%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	311	8.8%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	2,031	60.5%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		67.7	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	12	5.3	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	13	5.7	5.8
Gonorrhea	564	246.8	129.8
Chlamydia	1,304	570.7	405.8
AIDS	9	3.9	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	19	8.3	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	129	56.5	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,057	890.2	808.8	Accidents	90	39.0	41.4
Heart Disease	443	190.5	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	50	21.0	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	139	59.2	49.4	Diabetes	61	27.3	25.4
All Cancer	428	192.8	172.4	Alzheimer's	99	39.5	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	125	57.1	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	50	21.0	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	30	25.5	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	15	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	38	16.4	16.4	Suicide	25	11.3	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	15	---	20.8	Septicemia	90	37.6	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	104	46.0	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	23	11.1	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	56	23.6	17.9	Infant Deaths	32	9.1	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	25	7.1	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.