



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 321,341
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 14
 Population Per Square Mile: 384.5
 Area In Square Miles: 835.8

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	100,827	31.4%	46.6%	00 - 04	12,776	13,254	26,030	8.1%	7.9%				
Hispanic	200,074	62.3%	37.5%	05 - 14	21,777	22,263	44,040	13.7%	14.2%				
Black	12,953	4.0%	11.6%	15 - 44	69,430	72,637	142,067	44.2%	44.7%				
Other	7,487	2.3%	4.3%	45 - 64	38,343	36,535	74,878	23.3%	23.3%				
Relative % distribution				65+	19,698	14,628	34,326	10.7%	9.9%				
Anglo	[Bar chart: 31.4%]			Total	162,024	159,317	321,341	100.0%	100.0%				
Hispanic	[Bar chart: 62.3%]			County	50.4%	49.6%							
Black	[Bar chart: 4.0%]			State	49.9%	50.1%							
Other	[Bar chart: 2.3%]												

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	2,071	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	5,209	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	50,147	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	78,484	4,508,948	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	2,998	224,937	0 - 64 Years	69,496	24.8%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	60.4%	55.3%	0 - 17 Years	12,385	14.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$36,318	\$37,809	All Ages	55,276	17.4%
			0 - 17 Years	21,514	25.2%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	4,988		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	285	5.7%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	2,351	47.1%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	447	9.0%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	3,011	60.7%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		71.8	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	16	5.0	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	2.2	5.8
Gonorrhea	582	181.1	129.8
Chlamydia	1,971	613.4	405.8
AIDS	20	6.2	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	10	3.1	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	99	30.8	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴		Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State		County	State
Deaths from All Causes	2,581	901.1	808.8	Accidents	138	45.9
Heart Disease	520	184.4	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	41	13.0
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	146	52.9	49.4	Diabetes	143	48.7
All Cancer	570	195.5	172.4	Alzheimer's	118	43.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	126	43.7	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	46	16.4
Female Breast Cancer	39	24.2	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	23	7.2
Colon, Rectum and Anus	53	17.9	16.4	Suicide	34	11.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	30	25.9	20.8	Septicemia	40	14.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	115	41.8	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	62	20.2
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	61	21.8	17.9	Infant Deaths	26	5.2
				Fetal Deaths ¹	29	5.8

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.