



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 774,524
 Number of counties: 6
 Population Per Square Mile: 35.7
 Area In Square Miles: 21,709.1

Ethnicity	Total	Region		Age	Females	Males	Total	Region	
		Percent	State					Percent	State
Anglo	98,867	12.8%	46.6%	00 - 04	36,220	37,650	73,870	9.5%	7.9%
Hispanic	641,423	82.8%	37.5%	05 - 14	54,667	56,343	111,010	14.3%	14.2%
Black	19,981	2.6%	11.6%	15 - 44	173,038	178,456	351,494	45.4%	44.7%
Other	14,253	1.8%	4.3%	45 - 64	86,209	74,562	160,771	20.8%	23.3%
Relative % distribution				65+	45,113	32,266	77,379	10.0%	9.9%
Anglo			12.8%	Total	395,247	379,277	774,524	100.0%	100.0%
Hispanic			82.8%	Region	51.0%	49.0%			
Black			2.6%	State	49.9%	50.1%			
Other			1.8%						

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State		Region	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	7,652	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	17,678	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	143,377	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	214,586	4,508,948	Without Health Insurance		
Medicaid Covered Births	8,953	224,937	0 - 64 Years	221,463	33.1%
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	62.5%	55.3%	0 - 17 Years	44,380	19.2%
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	4.9%	Persons Living Below Poverty		
Per Capita Personal Income	\$28,045	\$37,809	All Ages	188,681	25.1%
			0 - 17 Years	81,799	35.0%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	14,403		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	916	6.4%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	6,427	44.6%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	1,301	9.0%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	8,066	57.7%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		83.2	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		Region	State
Tuberculosis	43	5.6	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	7	0.9	5.8
Gonorrhea	550	71.0	129.8
Chlamydia	3,415	440.9	405.8
AIDS	133	17.2	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2	0.3	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	181	23.4	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		Region	State			Region	State
Deaths from All Causes	4,704	749.8	808.8	Accidents	221	31.3	41.4
Heart Disease	922	150.9	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	87	11.2	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	350	58.5	49.4	Diabetes	211	34.0	25.4
All Cancer	1,029	161.6	172.4	Alzheimer's	170	29.8	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	181	28.7	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	69	11.1	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	85	23.2	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	20	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	112	17.7	16.4	Suicide	63	8.7	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	78	31.7	20.8	Septicemia	91	14.5	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	241	40.4	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	139	20.7	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	103	16.5	17.9	Infant Deaths	75	5.2	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	85	5.9	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.