



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 47,858
 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 65
 Population Per Square Mile: 15.1
 Area In Square Miles: 3,170.4

Ethnicity	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	9,536	19.9%	46.6%		00 - 04	2,150	2,249	4,399	9.2%	7.9%		
Hispanic	37,116	77.6%	37.5%		05 - 14	3,628	3,753	7,381	15.4%	14.2%		
Black	694	1.5%	11.6%		15 - 44	9,968	10,158	20,126	42.1%	44.7%		
Other	512	1.1%	4.3%		45 - 64	5,307	4,846	10,153	21.2%	23.3%		
Relative % distribution					65+	3,149	2,650	5,799	12.1%	9.9%		
Anglo	19.9%				Total	24,202	23,656	47,858	100.0%	100.0%		
Hispanic	77.6%				County	50.6%	49.4%					
Black	1.5%				State	49.9%	50.1%					
Other	1.1%											

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	372	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	775	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	9,309	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	14,177	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	551	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	55.3%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$27,244	\$37,809			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	12,487	31.6%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	2,896	20.4%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	9,687	20.5%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	4,431	30.8%	22.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	952		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	68	7.1%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	396	41.6%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	64	6.7%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	368	38.9%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		95.5	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	4	8.4	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	5.8
Gonorrhea	11	23.0	129.8
Chlamydia	157	328.1	405.8
AIDS	2	4.2	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0	---	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	13	27.2	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	324	727.6	808.8	Accidents	10	---	41.4
Heart Disease	98	222.4	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	---	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	22	48.9	49.4	Diabetes	14	---	25.4
All Cancer	66	144.5	172.4	Alzheimer's	6	---	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	12	---	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	6	---	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	6	---	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	2	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	5	---	16.4	Suicide	3	---	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	3	---	20.8	Septicemia	12	---	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	10	---	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	4	---	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	17	---	17.9	Infant Deaths	1	---	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	3	---	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.