Health Facts Profile 2008

Walker County

Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 64,555
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 51
Population Per Square Mile: 82.0
Area In Square Miles: 787.5

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	38,665	59.9%	46.6%
Hispanic	9,963	15.4%	37.5%
Black	15,008	23.2%	11.6%
Other	919	1.4%	4.3%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	59.9%
Hispanic	15.4%
Black	23.2%
Other	1.4%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,493	1,553	3,046	4.7%	7.9%
05 - 14	2,864	2,933	5,797	9.0%	14.2%
15 - 44	12,706	23,024	35,730	55.3%	44.7%
45 - 64	6,188	7,370	13,558	21.0%	23.3%
65+	3,537	2,887	6,424	10.0%	9.9%
Total	26,788	37,767	64,555	100.0%	100.0%
County	41.5%	58.5%			
State	49.9%	50.1%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	164	117,689
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	4,351	2,366,546
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	9,125	4,508,948
Medicaid Covered Births	379	224,937
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	62.2%	55.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$23,130	$37,809

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	404	389,062

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	10,697	26.7%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	1,935	18.6%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	10,820	23.5%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	2,327	22.4%	22.5%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	642		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	30	4.7%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	286	44.5%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight[1]	43	6.7%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	441	70.0%	58.4%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		50.5	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	2	3.9	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	3.1	5.8
Gonorrhea	72	111.5	129.8
Chlamydia	223	345.4	405.8
AIDS	13	25.4	11.9
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	0	---	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	10	15.5	32.2

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	452	878.8	808.8
Heart Disease	119	235.8	194.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	27	55.5	49.4
All Cancer	87	165.2	172.4
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	27	47.9	47.0
Female Breast Cancer	3	---	22.3
Colon, Rectum and Anus	8	---	16.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	2	---	20.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	23	44.5	45.8
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	6	---	17.9

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	24	37.3	41.4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12	---	15.3
Diabetes	10	---	25.4
Alzheimer's	12	---	28.7
Influenza and Pneumonia	14	---	18.3
Assault (Homicide)	5	---	5.9
Suicide	10	---	11.0
Septicemia	11	---	14.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	9	---	11.7
Infant Deaths	2	---	6.1
Fetal Deaths[1]	2	---	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.**