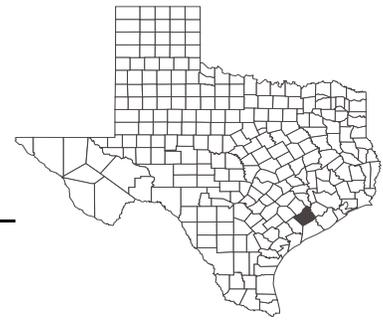


Wharton County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 42,543
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 71
Population Per Square Mile: 39.0
Area In Square Miles: 1,090.1

Ethnicity	Total	County		State		Age	Females	Males	Total	County		State	
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent					Percent	Percent		
Anglo	20,352	47.8%	46.6%			00 - 04	1,577	1,642	3,219	7.6%	7.9%		
Hispanic	15,641	36.8%	37.5%			05 - 14	2,847	3,067	5,914	13.9%	14.2%		
Black	6,295	14.8%	11.6%			15 - 44	8,290	8,787	17,077	40.1%	44.7%		
Other	255	0.6%	4.3%			45 - 64	5,330	5,276	10,606	24.9%	23.3%		
Relative % distribution						65+	3,287	2,440	5,727	13.5%	9.9%		
Anglo				47.8%		Total	21,331	21,212	42,543	100.0%	100.0%		
Hispanic				36.8%		County	50.1%	49.9%					
Black				14.8%		State	49.9%	50.1%					
Other				0.6%									

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State		County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	28	117,689	Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	708	389,062
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	3,943	2,366,546			
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	8,384	4,508,948			
Medicaid Covered Births	396	224,937			
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	63.5%	55.3%			
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.9%			
Per Capita Personal Income	\$32,249	\$37,809			

	Number	County	State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	9,413	27.1%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	1,812	17.0%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	6,554	16.3%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	2,514	23.6%	22.5%

Natality

	Births ¹	Percent	
		County	State
Total Live Births	643		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	40	6.2%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	315	49.0%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight ¹	64	10.0%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ³	339	54.9%	58.4%
Fertility Rate ¹		77.6	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate ²	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	1	2.4	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	2.4	5.8
Gonorrhea	29	68.2	129.8
Chlamydia	137	322.0	405.8
AIDS	4	9.4	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	2.4	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	4	9.4	32.2

Mortality⁵

	Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴			Deaths ¹	Rate ⁴	
		County	State			County	State
Deaths from All Causes	370	793.0	808.8	Accidents	16	---	41.4
Heart Disease	86	182.1	194.3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	---	15.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	26	55.2	49.4	Diabetes	14	---	25.4
All Cancer	72	155.6	172.4	Alzheimer's	6	---	28.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	18	---	47.0	Influenza and Pneumonia	8	---	18.3
Female Breast Cancer	7	---	22.3	Assault (Homicide)	0	---	5.9
Colon, Rectum and Anus	2	---	16.4	Suicide	1	---	11.0
Male Prostrate Cancer	1	---	20.8	Septicemia	9	---	14.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	23	49.8	45.8	Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	6	---	11.7
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	21	43.5	17.9	Infant Deaths	2	---	6.1
				Fetal Deaths ¹	5	---	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.