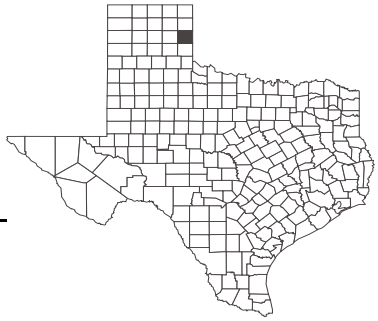
Health Facts Profile 2008

Wheeler County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 5,128
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 204
Population Per Square Mile: 5.6
Area In Square Miles: 914.3

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	4,095	79.9%	46.6%
Hispanic	791	15.4%	37.5%
Black	167	3.3%	11.6%
Other	75	1.5%	4.3%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	79.9%
Hispanic	15.4%
Black	3.3%
Other	1.5%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	144	152	296	5.8%	7.9%
05 - 14	319	296	615	12.0%	14.2%
15 - 44	826	879	1,705	33.2%	44.7%
45 - 64	741	699	1,440	28.1%	23.3%
65+	611	461	1,072	20.9%	9.9%
Total	2,641	2,487	5,128	100.0%	100.0%
County	51.5%	48.5%			
State	49.9%	50.1%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	0	117,689
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	262	2,366,546
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	836	4,508,948
Medicaid Covered Births	33	224,937
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	46.5%	55.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$43,312	$37,809

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	46	389,062

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	1,188	30.6%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	273	24.0%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	559	12.0%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	192	16.9%	22.5%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	67		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	5	7.5%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	27	40.3%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight[1]	7	10.4%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	28	42.4%	58.4%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		81.1	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	0	---	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	5.8
Gonorrhea	1	19.5	129.8
Chlamydia	7	136.5	405.8
AIDS	0	---	11.9
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	0	---	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	---	32.2

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	47	581.1	808.8
Heart Disease	11	---	194.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	4	---	49.4
All Cancer	13	---	172.4
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	2	---	47.0
Female Breast Cancer	0	---	22.3
Colon, Rectum and Anus	3	---	16.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	0	---	20.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	3	---	45.8
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	1	---	17.9

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	1	---	41.4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	---	15.3
Diabetes	1	---	25.4
Alzheimer's	4	---	28.7
Influenza and Pneumonia	0	---	18.3
Assault (Homicide)	0	---	5.9
Suicide	0	---	11.0
Septicemia	0	---	14.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	0	---	11.7
Infant Deaths	0	---	6.1
Fetal Deaths[1]	0	---	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.**