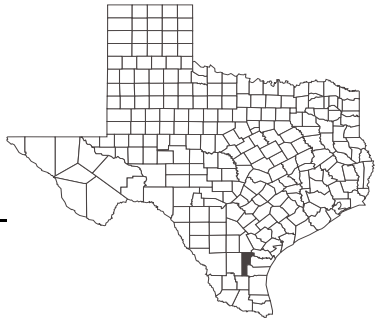
Health Facts Profile 2009

Jim Wells County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 41,562
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 73
Population Per Square Mile: 48.1
Area In Square Miles: 864.5

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	8,683	20.9%	45.8%
Hispanic	32,365	77.9%	38.2%
Black	206	0.5%	11.5%
Other	308	0.7%	4.4%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	20.9%
Hispanic	77.9%
Black	0.5%
Other	0.7%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,645	1,727	3,372	8.1%	7.9%
05 - 14	3,146	3,353	6,499	15.6%	14.1%
15 - 44	8,238	8,221	16,459	39.6%	44.6%
45 - 64	4,988	4,854	9,842	23.7%	23.5%
65+	3,055	2,335	5,390	13.0%	10.0%
Total	21,072	20,490	41,562	100.0%	100.0%
County	50.7%	49.3%			
State	49.8%	50.2%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	153	104,696
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	8,132	2,819,469
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	13,719	4,760,721
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	7.6%
Per Capita Personal Income	$32,740	$38,609

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	947	466,242

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	9,037	25.7%	26.3%
0 - 17 Years	1,751	14.7%	16.2%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	9,402	23.2%	17.1%
0 - 17 Years	3,987	33.1%	24.3%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	714		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	54	7.6%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	418	58.5%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	88	12.3%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	345	49.1%	58.6%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		86.7	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	1	2.4	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	6.6
Gonorrhea	29	69.8	116.1
Chlamydia	210	505.3	419.0
AIDS	1	2.4	9.2
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	0	---	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2	4.8	17.9

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	346	811.3	781.2
Heart Disease	96	224.5	186.7
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	14	---	45.8
All Cancer	66	153.3	167.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	17	---	45.7
Female Breast Cancer	4	---	21.6
Colon, Rectum and Anus	4	---	15.9
Male Prostrate Cancer	4	---	19.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	19	---	43.4
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	16	---	18.2

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	15	---	40.0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	---	14.0
Diabetes	11	---	23.1
Alzheimer's	9	---	26.9
Influenza and Pneumonia	12	---	16.7
Assault (Homicide)	2	---	5.9
Suicide	3	---	11.4
Septicemia	6	---	15.0
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	10	---	11.6
Infant Deaths	4	---	6.0
Fetal Deaths[1]	3	---	5.2

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.**