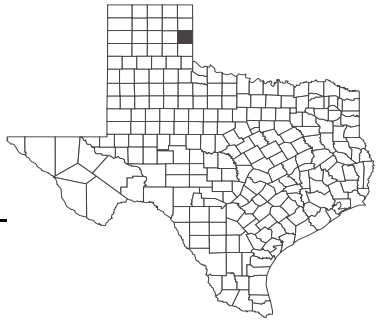
Health Facts Profile 2009

Wheeler County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 5,210
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 202
Population Per Square Mile: 5.7
Area In Square Miles: 914.3

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	4,146	79.6%	45.8%
Hispanic	815	15.6%	38.2%
Black	174	3.3%	11.5%
Other	75	1.4%	4.4%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	79.6%
Hispanic	15.6%
Black	3.3%
Other	1.4%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	147	157	304	5.8%	7.9%
05 - 14	319	308	627	12.0%	14.1%
15 - 44	843	883	1,726	33.1%	44.6%
45 - 64	749	697	1,446	27.8%	23.5%
65+	629	478	1,107	21.2%	10.0%
Total	2,687	2,523	5,210	100.0%	100.0%
County	51.6%	48.4%			
State	49.8%	50.2%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	0	104,696
Average Monthly SNAP Participants (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	314	2,819,469
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	854	4,760,721
Medicaid Covered Births	Not Available	Not Available
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	Not Available	Not Available
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	7.6%
Per Capita Personal Income	$39,532	$38,609

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment (Children's Health Insurance Program)	54	466,242

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	1,138	28.8%	26.3%
0 - 17 Years	300	22.8%	16.2%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	606	12.6%	17.1%
0 - 17 Years	208	15.9%	24.3%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	65		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	2	3.1%	4.7%
Unmarried Mothers	25	38.5%	42.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	5	7.7%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	34	53.1%	58.6%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		77.1	75.1

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	1	19.5	5.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	6.6
Gonorrhea	0	---	116.1
Chlamydia	8	153.6	419.0
AIDS	0	---	9.2
Pertussis (Whopping Cough)	1	19.2	13.5
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	---	17.9

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	65	850.9	781.2
Heart Disease	17	---	186.7
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	0	---	45.8
All Cancer	14	---	167.6
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	5	---	45.7
Female Breast Cancer	0	---	21.6
Colon, Rectum and Anus	1	---	15.9
Male Prostrate Cancer	1	---	19.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	4	---	43.4
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	4	---	18.2

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	4	---	40.0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	---	14.0
Diabetes	2	---	23.1
Alzheimer's	3	---	26.9
Influenza and Pneumonia	1	---	16.7
Assault (Homicide)	0	---	5.9
Suicide	1	---	11.4
Septicemia	0	---	15.0
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	1	---	11.6
Infant Deaths	0	---	6.0
Fetal Deaths[1]	0	---	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.**