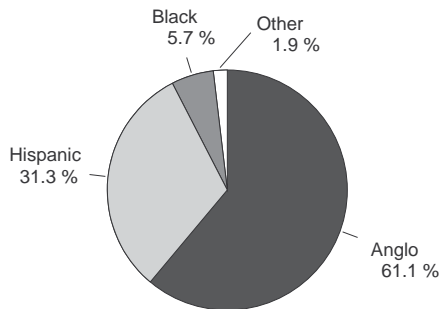


Demography

Estimated Population: 793,877
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 41

Population Per Square Mile: 20.1
Area in Square Miles: 39,429.40



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Region Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	29,580	30,856	60,436	7.60 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	54,484	57,130	111,614	14.10 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	166,798	178,884	345,682	43.50 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	89,113	87,150	176,263	22.20 %	22.4 %
65 +	57,650	42,232	99,882	12.60 %	9.8 %
Total	397,625	396,252	793,877	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	50.10 %	49.90 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	Region	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	5,772	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	94,708	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	158,456	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	6,929	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	53.90 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	4.20 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 27,885	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	9,822	326,621
	Percent	
	Number	Region State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	178,203	26.50 % 26.3 %
0 - 17 Years	42,674	20.10 % 19.2 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	133,354	17.60 % 17.5 %
0 - 17 Years	50,606	24.30 % 24.7 %

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	Births	PERCENT	
		Region	State
Total Live Births	12,734		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	754	5.90 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	4,801	37.70 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	1,170	9.20 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	7,871	63.00 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 76.3	State: 76.7	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE ³	
		Region	State
Tuberculosis	23	2.9	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	2	0.3	3.8
Gonorrhea	1,117	140.7	113.8
Chlamydia	3,220	405.6	313.3
AIDS	31	4	13.2
Pertussis	91	11.5	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	402	50.6	36.4

Mortality⁴

	Deaths	RATE ⁵	
		Region	State
Deaths From All Causes	7,074	884.6	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	2,298	285.7	290.7
Heart Disease	1,710	212.6	219.3
Stroke	427	53	52.1
All Cancer	1,465	184.3	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	406	51.1	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	101	23	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	511	64.3	44.1
Diabetes	294	37.3	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	455	57	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	172	21.6	16.4
Homicide	36	4.7	6.4
Suicide	101	12.9	10.8
Alzheimer's	242	29.7	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	172	21.2	20.4
Infant Deaths	102	8	6.5
Fetal Deaths	62	4.8	5.5

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 Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

³ Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

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.