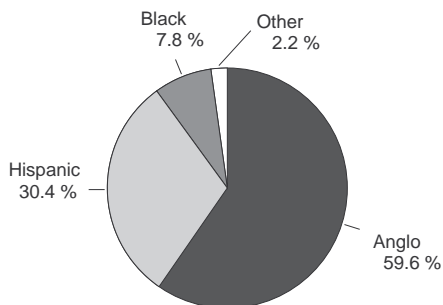


### Demography

Estimated Population: 250,276  
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 18

Population Per Square Mile: 278.2  
Area in Square Miles: 899.5

### POPULATION INFORMATION



Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	9,476	9,817	19,293	7.7 %	8.0 %
05 - 14	15,803	16,616	32,419	13.0 %	14.7 %
15 - 44	58,876	60,647	119,523	47.8 %	45.1 %
45 - 64	26,874	24,816	51,690	20.7 %	22.4 %
65 +	16,102	11,249	27,351	10.9 %	9.8 %
Total	127,131	123,145	250,276	100.0 %	100.0 %
County	50.8 %	49.2 %			
State	50.0 %	50.0 %			

### Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	1,821	205,820
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	30,702	2,513,734
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	47,821	3,973,500
Medicaid Covered Births	1,742	213,668
Medicaid Births as Percent Total Births	43.3 %	55.6 %
Unemployment Rate	4.1 %	5.4 %
Per Capita Personal Income	\$ 27,437	\$ 33,253

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	2,659	326,621
	Percent	
	County	State
Without Health Insurance		
0 - 64 Years	59,330	27.3 %
0 - 17 Years	13,028	20.4 %
Persons Living Below Poverty		
All ages	46,751	19.4 %
0 - 17 Years	15,315	24.7 %

### Nativity<sup>1</sup>

	Births	PERCENT	
		County	State
Total Live Births	3,959		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	214	5.4 %	4.9 %
Unmarried Mothers	1,466	37.0 %	37.8 %
Low Birth Weight	415	10.5 %	8.3 %
Prenatal Care in First Trimester <sup>2</sup>	2,549	64.7 %	63.7 %
Fertility Rate	County: 67.2	State: 76.7	

### Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	RATE <sup>3</sup>	
		County	State
Tuberculosis	6	2.4	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	3.8
Gonorrhea	429	171.4	113.8
Chlamydia	1,279	511.0	313.3
AIDS	17	6.8	13.2
Pertussis	10	4.0	9.7
Varicella (chickenpox)	213	85.1	36.4

### Mortality<sup>4</sup>

	Deaths	RATE <sup>5</sup>	
		County	State
Deaths From All Causes	2,072	923.0	829.0
Cardiovascular Disease	677	304.1	290.7
Heart Disease	507	227.8	219.3
Stroke	126	56.7	52.1
All Cancer	428	192.4	179.4
Respiratory / Lung Cancer	129	58.7	50.9
Female Breast Cancer	35	27.1	23.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	116	52.6	44.1
Diabetes	105	47.6	29.7
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	132	56.1	39.8
Motor Vehicle Injury	31	12.0	16.4
Homicide	15	---	6.4
Suicide	32	13.2	10.8
Alzheimer's	47	21.1	27.0
Influenza and Pneumonia	46	20.5	20.4
Infant Deaths	33	8.3	6.5
Fetal Deaths	22	5.5	5.5

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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 "----".

<sup>5</sup> Current mortality rates by cause are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999.

Refer to the Data Sources Document for more detail.