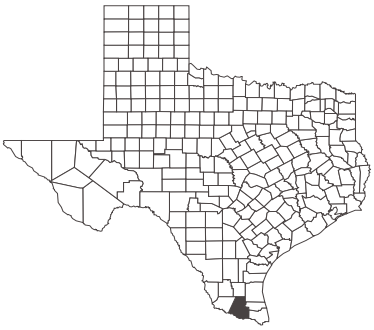
Selected Health Facts 2006

Hidalgo County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 708,235
Population Per Square Mile: 451.2
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 7
Area In Square Miles: 1,569.8

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	58,639	8.3%	48.2%
Hispanic	641,396	90.6%	36.1%
Black	2,177	0.3%	11.7%
Other	6,023	0.9%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	38,387	39,794	78,181	11.0%	8.0%
05 - 14	60,417	61,873	122,290	17.3%	14.5%
15 - 44	161,619	160,083	321,702	45.4%	45.0%
45 - 64	65,052	57,448	122,500	17.3%	22.8%
65+	35,365	28,197	63,562	9.0%	9.8%
Total	360,840	347,395	708,235	100.0%	100.0%
County	50.9%	49.1%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	22,777	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	191,439	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	254,647	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	14,435	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	84.4%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$17,390	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	16,733	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	203,023	31.4%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	44,274	17.7%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	253,991	36.7%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	116,476	47.3%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	17,105		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	1,051	6.1%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	6,587	38.5%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	1,302	7.6%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	9,742	64.2%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		105.8	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	68	9.6	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	5	0.7	4.5
Gonorrhea	162	22.9	128.8
Chlamydia	1,796	253.6	320.4
AIDS	47	6.7	12.4
Pertussis	32	4.5	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	557	78.6	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	3,303	629.1	805.1
Heart Disease	968	193.9	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	152	30.4	50.2
All Cancer	656	125.0	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	129	25.3	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	55	18.8	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	61	11.6	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	32	15.3	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	100	20.2	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	93	18.5	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	156	22.7	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	86	11.9	16.2
Diabetes	106	21.2	26.5
Alzheimer's	60	12.7	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	86	18.0	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	27	4.0	6.0
Suicide	34	5.4	10.2
Septicemia	110	20.6	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	78	14.6	11.0
Infant Deaths	95	5.6	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	86	5.0	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] 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.**