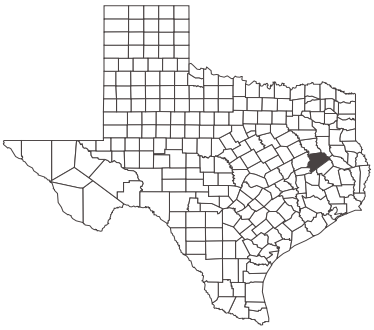
Selected Health Facts 2006

Houston County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 23,630

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 105

Population Per Square Mile: 19.2

Area In Square Miles: 1,230.9

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	14,805	62.7%	48.2%
Hispanic	2,104	8.9%	36.1%
Black	6,600	27.9%	11.7%
Other	121	0.5%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	642	667	1,309	5.5%	8.0%
05 - 14	1,291	1,356	2,647	11.2%	14.5%
15 - 44	3,751	5,313	9,064	38.4%	45.0%
45 - 64	2,873	3,459	6,332	26.8%	22.8%
65+	2,402	1,876	4,278	18.1%	9.8%
Total	10,959	12,671	23,630	100.0%	100.0%
County	46.4%	53.6%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	307	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	3,484	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	5,136	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	188	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	68.1%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$22,989	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	187	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	3,862	24.2%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	736	16.3%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	5,620	28.1%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	1,843	40.0%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	280		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	17	6.1%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	147	52.5%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	25	8.9%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	155	57.6%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		74.6	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	2	9.4	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	4.5
Gonorrhea	26	110.0	128.8
Chlamydia	68	287.8	320.4
AIDS	1	4.7	12.4
Pertussis	1	4.2	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	10	42.3	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	274	845.7	805.1
Heart Disease	67	202.8	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	12	---	50.2
All Cancer	60	187.4	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	19	---	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	4	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	6	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	6	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	17	---	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	5	---	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	9	---	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	---	16.2
Diabetes	10	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	12	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	9	---	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	0	---	6.0
Suicide	4	---	10.2
Septicemia	7	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	5	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	0	---	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	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.**