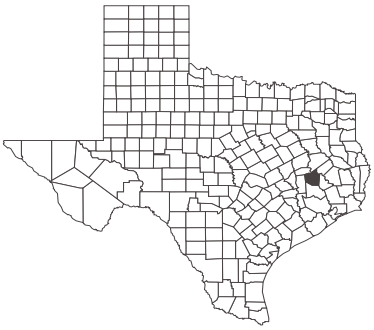
Selected Health Facts 2006

Walker County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 64,026

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 51

Population Per Square Mile: 81.3

Area In Square Miles: 787.5

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	38,492	60.1%	48.2%
Hispanic	9,653	15.1%	36.1%
Black	15,003	23.4%	11.7%
Other	878	1.4%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,510	1,563	3,073	4.8%	8.0%
05 - 14	2,862	2,957	5,819	9.1%	14.5%
15 - 44	12,682	23,130	35,812	55.9%	45.0%
45 - 64	5,856	7,309	13,165	20.6%	22.8%
65+	3,393	2,764	6,157	9.6%	9.8%
Total	26,303	37,723	64,026	100.0%	100.0%
County	41.1%	58.9%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	210	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	4,856	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	8,462	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	333	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	54.4%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$20,107	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	413	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	11,705	28.8%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	1,640	15.8%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	11,309	25.3%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	2,451	24.0%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	634		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	28	4.4%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	274	43.2%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	53	8.4%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	392	67.7%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		50.0	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	3	6.0	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	1.6	4.5
Gonorrhea	46	71.8	128.8
Chlamydia	153	239.0	320.4
AIDS	2	4.0	12.4
Pertussis	0	---	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	32	50.0	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	423	839.1	805.1
Heart Disease	93	193.9	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	24	52.4	50.2
All Cancer	91	176.8	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	29	56.5	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	12	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	9	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	2	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	17	---	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	9	---	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	26	41.4	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14	---	16.2
Diabetes	7	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	11	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	11	---	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	3	---	6.0
Suicide	5	---	10.2
Septicemia	13	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	9	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	5	---	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	3	---	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.**