

Death, Birth Rates Continue Trends in Texas Vital Statistics

Heart disease and cancer remained the major causes of death in 2014, the latest year for which statistical breakdowns were available from the Center for Health Statistics, Texas Department of State Health Services.

Of the 183,303 deaths, heart disease claimed 41,293 lives, and cancer claimed 38,727 lives. These two diseases have been the leading causes of death in Texas and the nation since 1950. Chronic respiratory diseases (COPD) ranked third with 9,852 deaths.

These three diseases accounted for nearly half, 49 percent, of all Texas resident deaths in 2014.

The number of babies born to Texas mothers in 2014 was 399,482, an increase from 387,110 in 2013. The state's birth rate in 2014 was 14.8 per 1,000 population, up slightly from 14.6 in 2013. In 1960, the figure was 25.7.

In 2014, the number induced abortions continued to decline to 54,902 from a high in 2008 of 81,591.

Health Care and Deaths in Texas Counties

County	2015	2016	Total Deaths 2014	2014	2014
	Physicians	Hospital Beds		Pregnancy rate*	Abortions
Statewide Total	49,122	78,578	183,303	80.4	54,902*
Anderson	69	156	659	77.4	45
Andrews	14	34	123	105.8	8
Angelina	169	446	865	72.8	75
Aransas	14	0	322	82.3	7
Archer	1	0	81	56.7	4
Armstrong	0	0	30	45.6	0
Atascosa	37	67	404	83.8	54
Austin	12	32	280	75.3	35
Bailey	2	25	61	86.6	1
Bandera	6	0	226	60.2	11
Bastrop	30	8	662	79.3	107
Baylor	7	49	49	80.0	1
Bee	25	69	246	89.6	19
Bell	782	1,005	2,068	95.4	823
Bexar	4,201	7,287	12,461	82.9	5,134
Blanco	4	0	105	70.2	8
Borden	0	0	3	63.2	0
Bosque	11	25	269	68.3	24
Bowie	249	840	955	78.1	130
Brazoria	323	272	2,247	80.3	597
Brazos	482	586	997	56.4	364
Brewster	12	25	65	72.0	7
Briscoe	0	0	21	51.9	0
Brooks	1	0	88	105.4	6
Brown	58	188	483	65.1	15
Burleson	6	25	212	79.6	14
Burnet	72	71	490	68.7	45
Caldwell	20	59	350	72.8	63
Calhoun	20	25	205	83.2	15
Callahan	4	0	180	66.4	4
Cameron	522	1,314	2,662	85.4	239
Camp	0	25	144	104.5	11
Carson	1	0	58	67.1	0
Cass	10	43	370	75.4	26
Castro	4	17	69	84.1	1
Chambers	14	39	252	72.1	84
Cherokee	63	97	512	84.5	39
Childress	10	39	80	84.7	0
Clay	4	25	114	48.1	3
Cochran	0	18	31	84.5	1
Coke	0	0	44	66.8	0

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Coleman	3	25	158	66.7	5
Collin	2,033	2,384	3,815	64.8	1,407
Collingswrth	2	13	26	65.3	0
Colorado	29	103	255	87.5	22
Comal	190	348	990	76.3	138
Comanche	12	25	181	68.0	10
Concho	3	16	34	72.9	3
Cooke	31	78	412	89.9	38
Coryell	34	25	445	64.0	94
Cottle	0	0	21	95.5	1
Crane	1	25	37	83.9	1
Crockett	1	0	34	100.6	4
Crosby	1	25	77	82.4	0
Culberson	1	14	13	65.5	0
Dallam	0	0	44	96.9	2
Dallas	6,411	7,807	15,496	86.3	7,765
Dawson	9	23	152	83.2	3
Deaf Smith	13	42	147	86.8	8
Delta	1	0	86	86.5	4
Denton	910	1,297	3,258	65.3	1,227
DeWitt	16	49	287	94.6	12
Dickens	0	0	29	57.7	1
Dimmit	11	48	106	98.5	6
Donley	1	0	48	46.1	1
Duval	0	0	133	104.5	8
Eastland	9	52	281	72.7	6
Ector	233	650	1,182	104.0	144
Edwards	1	0	21	108.6	1
Ellis	136	164	1,150	72.2	227
El Paso	1,076	2,419	5,184	82.0	1,062
Erath	42	98	322	63.4	53
Falls	6	36	198	69.8	22
Fannin	10	25	392	66.7	20
Fayette	31	65	295	71.3	21
Fisher	2	14	58	86.1	1
Floyd	7	25	77	64.9	1
Foard	0	0	31	36.8	0
Fort Bend	840	1,033	2,846	73.5	1,268
Franklin	6	0	119	56.4	5
Freestone	8	37	228	70.8	17
Frio	14	40	138	106.6	21
Gaines	8	25	119	108.3	2
Galveston	402	252	2,541	78.8	676

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Garza	1	0	54	78.6	3
Gillespie	78	86	303	72.5	7
Glasscock	0	0	7	77.6	1
Goliad	2	0	88	68.2	4
Gonzales	15	33	205	94.9	11
Gray	21	115	287	91.0	6
Grayson	278	600	1,358	74.7	115
Gregg	353	738	1,265	85.6	172
Grimes	10	25	304	86.4	32
Guadalupe	108	125	984	65.0	150
Hale	25	68	302	72.8	7
Hall	1	0	51	67.6	1
Hamilton	10	42	132	71.9	3
Hansford	4	14	56	89.4	0
Hardeman	3	45	73	91.3	14
Hardin	16	0	580	69.9	51
Harris	10,394	14,807	24,530	88.0	14,785
Harrison	52	149	607	74.0	76
Hartley	7	21	44	71.5	0
Haskell	3	25	96	64.0	2
Hays	237	322	845	64.0	433
Hemphill	6	26	29	93.0	0
Henderson	77	127	1,053	71.5	69
Hidalgo	898	2,429	4,096	91.4	507
Hill	24	116	401	74.9	35
Hockley	14	48	210	71.7	16
Hood	71	73	693	78.0	41
Hopkins	37	96	379	75.0	13
Houston	10	25	293	66.4	10
Howard	33	150	375	92.1	23
Hudspeth	0	0	17	67.3	2
Hunt	87	181	910	69.9	66
Hutchinson	16	25	239	81.9	1
Irion	0	0	20	56.6	1
Jack	5	17	86	75.4	4
Jackson	5	25	150	87.4	14
Jasper	28	59	407	74.5	44
Jeff Davis	1	0	14	62.3	1
Jefferson	550	1,585	2,544	85.5	462
Jim Hogg	1	0	60	107.0	6
Jim Wells	34	135	378	101.8	62
Johnson	118	137	1,296	71.7	153
Jones	10	92	186	76.4	6
Karnes	6	25	142	99.3	14
Kaufman	75	91	922	73.6	162
Kendall	59	0	324	63.4	37
Kenedy	0	0	3	70.4	0
Kent	1	0	16	106.8	0
Kerr	134	124	689	77.7	41
Kimble	2	15	57	71.0	1
King	0	0	3	19.6	0
Kinney	1	0	41	55.4	1
Kleberg	22	96	258	75.1	42
Knox	3	28	53	116.9	3
Lamar	117	393	617	85.4	56
Lamb	4	75	153	88.3	2
Lampasas	9	25	208	75.7	19
La Salle	2	0	47	95.3	2
Lavaca	18	50	270	86.2	10
Lee	5	0	182	86.6	22
Leon	4	0	210	86.3	14

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Liberty	42	29	766	72.8	95
Limestone	24	78	256	96.6	26
Lipscomb	0	0	23	69.1	1
Live Oak	0	0	123	83.9	3
Llano	18	30	288	77.2	10
Loving	0	0	1	-	0
Lubbock	687	1,566	2,389	68.3	235
Lynn	4	24	54	65.5	1
Madison	6	25	145	81.1	10
Marion	1	0	171	71.1	14
Martin	5	18	37	118.5	2
Mason	1	0	38	50.6	1
Matagorda	37	75	349	96.4	47
Maverick	35	101	377	105.9	31
McCulloch	5	25	111	68.2	5
McLennan	473	522	2,140	75.0	310
McMullen	0	0	7	112.1	0
Medina	19	25	406	77.8	42
Menard	1	0	40	85.1	1
Midland	232	563	1,051	94.4	146
Milam	12	35	308	88.6	23
Mills	2	0	68	83.0	5
Mitchell	4	25	102	83.0	5
Montague	12	87	274	75.9	17
Montgomery	946	1,237	3,385	74.0	631
Moore	18	25	149	97.9	2
Morris	2	0	151	67.4	9
Motley	0	0	17	27.6	0
Nacogdoches	133	392	561	65.9	106
Navarro	49	162	502	93.0	54
Newton	4	0	150	66.8	13
Nolan	13	86	179	94.8	7
Nueces	816	2,035	2,811	80.4	642
Ochiltree	6	25	105	100.4	2
Oldham	0	0	14	58.4	0
Orange	33	0	948	87.0	114
Palo Pinto	26	74	321	80.9	28
Panola	17	42	256	73.2	23
Parker	121	129	1,032	67.1	109
Parmer	2	25	79	78.1	0
Pecos	10	39	105	92.8	10
Polk	44	66	653	78.3	46
Potter	438	1,140	1,246	86.5	20
Presidio	3	0	61	101.8	2
Rains	2	0	154	58.3	10
Randall	60	4	999	66.9	21
Reagan	2	21	27	72.5	2
Real	0	0	54	76.6	0
Red River	4	0	159	68.1	2
Reeves	9	25	107	99.5	5
Refugio	3	20	103	82.9	2
Roberts	0	0	8	64.5	1
Robertson	2	0	209	85.8	15
Rockwall	170	170	577	64.5	127
Runnels	11	50	129	61.2	3
Rusk	26	96	552	67.3	39
Sabine	2	25	166	58.5	3
S. Augustine	4	18	142	73.4	1
San Jacinto	4	0	289	67.7	24
San Patricio	32	75	594	91.2	42
San Saba	1	0	64	92.0	4

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Schleicher	1	14	26	62.0	0
Scurry	11	25	160	93.0	12
Shackelford	1	0	35	48.1	2
Shelby	5	0	319	79.6	21
Sherman	0	0	35	74.4	1
Smith	790	1,204	2,039	78.5	316
Somervell	13	16	74	59.2	6
Starr	16	48	381	105.6	14
Stephens	8	40	105	70.0	7
Sterling	0	0	11	111.7	2
Stonewall	3	12	25	78.0	0
Sutton	3	12	37	75.2	1
Swisher	3	20	93	81.5	1
Tarrant	3,890	6,284	12,087	77.3	4,096
Taylor	309	829	1,244	78.0	106
Terrell	0	0	8	173.2	4
Terry	6	45	124	104.8	2
Throckmorth	3	0	21	64.9	1
Titus	50	174	261	86.0	30
Tom Green	279	574	1,086	77.0	114
Travis	3,166	2,881	5,163	73.6	3,579
Trinity	3	45	201	78.8	8
Tyler	6	49	289	77.9	19
Upshur	20	0	449	75.4	30
Upton	3	29	30	79.7	0
Uvalde	33	25	238	84.0	21
Val Verde	38	93	316	97.3	37
Van Zandt	12	52	644	70.2	50
Victoria	224	717	768	80.9	105
Walker	77	123	473	59.3	139

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Waller	6	0	302	73.8	86
Ward	2	0	110	90.1	3
Washington	47	60	379	77.2	46
Webb	224	569	1,312	93.7	164
Wharton	41	208	382	85.0	75
Wheeler	6	41	69	100.1	1
Wichita	286	479	1,327	76.5	155
Wilbarger	18	47	157	76.8	16
Willacy	8	0	188	79.4	13
Williamson	807	833	2,367	69.8	821
Wilson	25	44	394	67.1	47
Winkler	1	19	69	99.2	5
Wise	68	148	561	73.1	53
Wood	32	50	626	71.1	23
Yoakum	6	24	61	94.1	2
Young	25	50	278	78.9	13
Zapata	3	0	94	107.6	5
Zavala	3	0	92	93.7	19

Texas Department of State Health Services: Vital Statistics, 2014 (by county of residence) and Center for Health Statistics, 2014.

Physicians - All M.D.s and D.O.s. in direct patient care. (2015.)

Hospital Beds - Beds (2016) not including military and veteran's hospitals, nor beds in hospitals that were not in compliance with state regulations.

*Pregnancy Rate figured per 1,000 women age 15-44.

*Abortion total statewide includes abortions performed in Texas but county of residence unknown, plus abortions obtained outside the state by Texas residents.