

# 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      |
| <b>Statewide Total</b> | <b>49,122</b> | <b>78,578</b> | <b>183,303</b>    | <b>80.4</b>     | <b>54,902*</b> |
| 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        |

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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.