

Dallas County Community Health Dashboard

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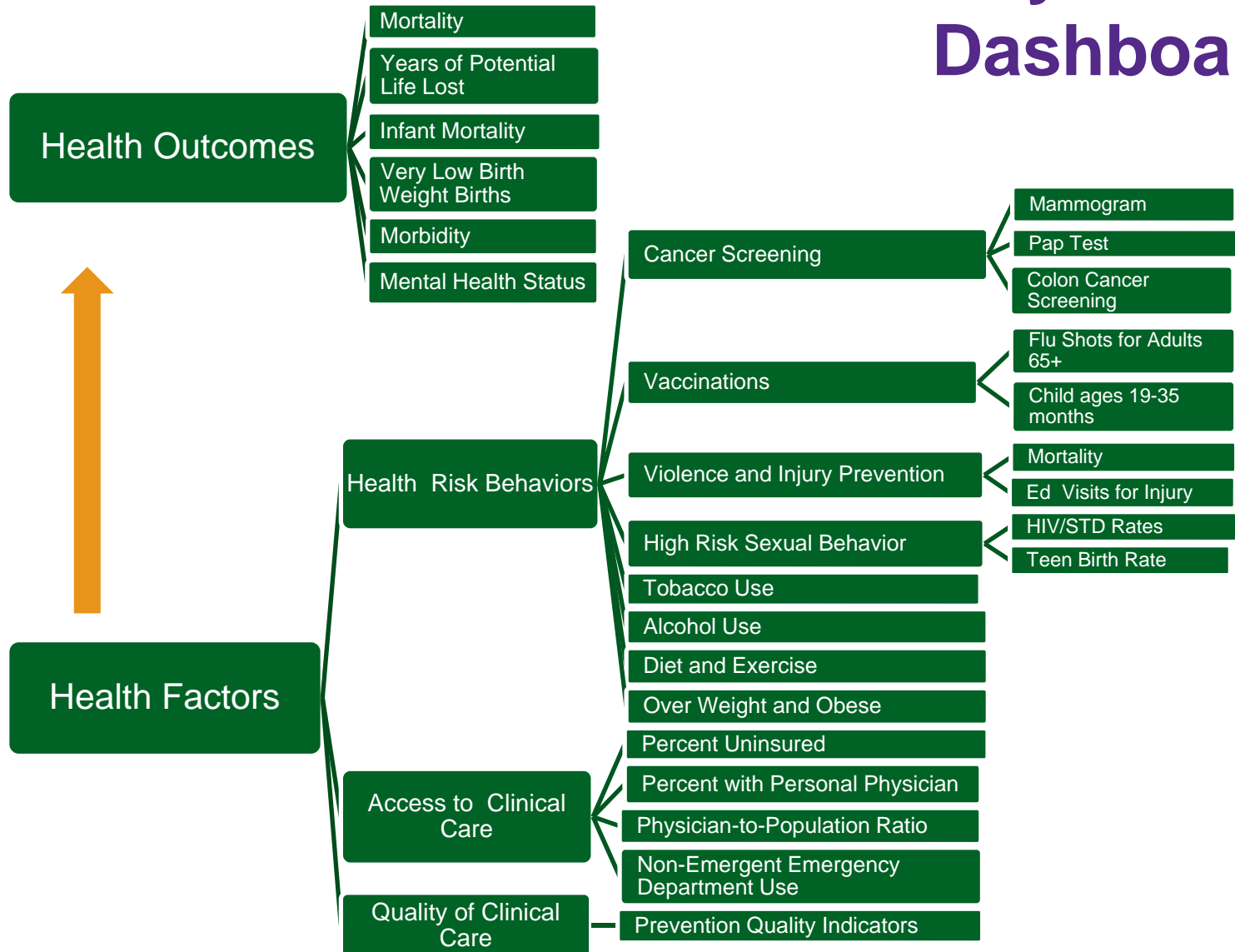


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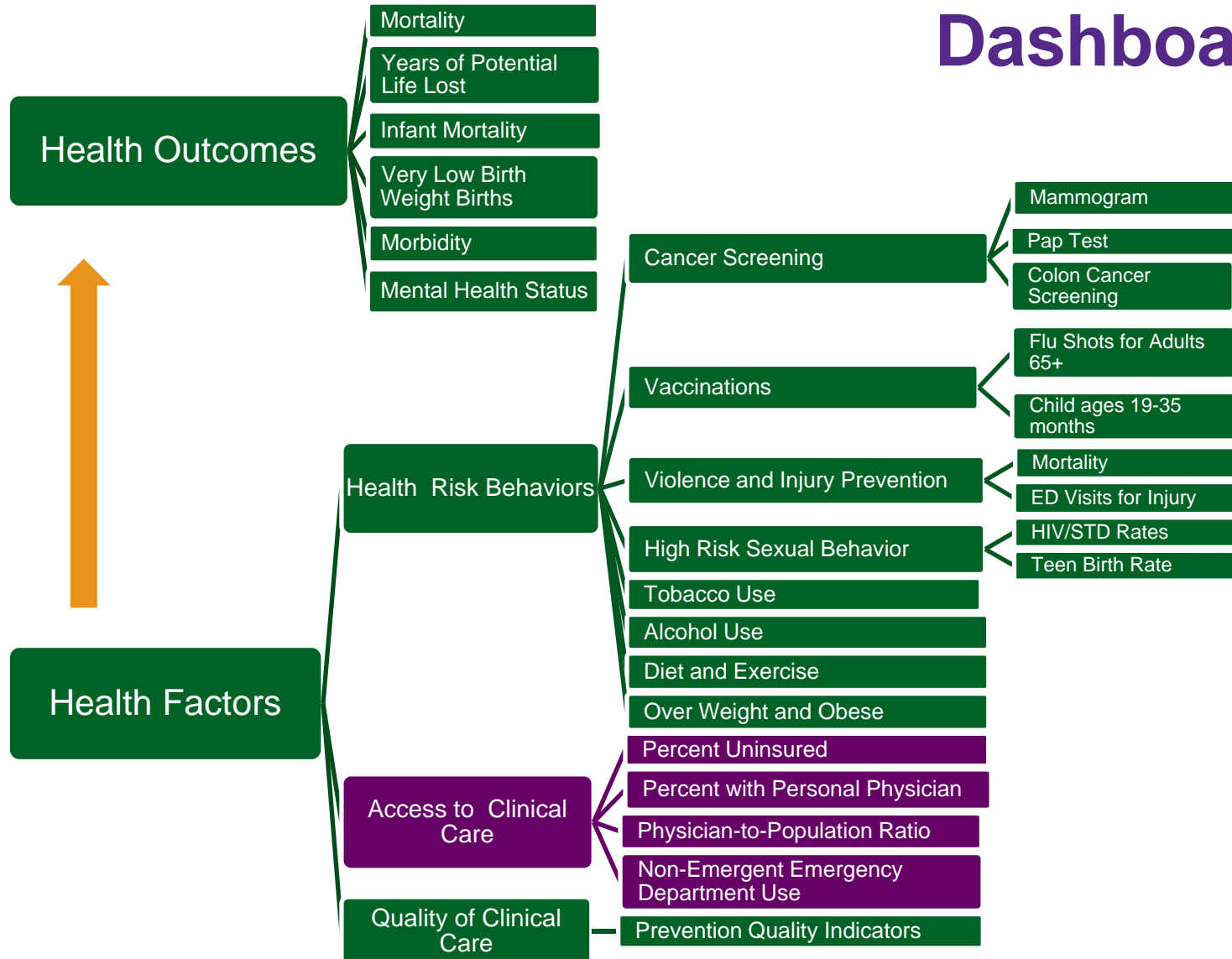
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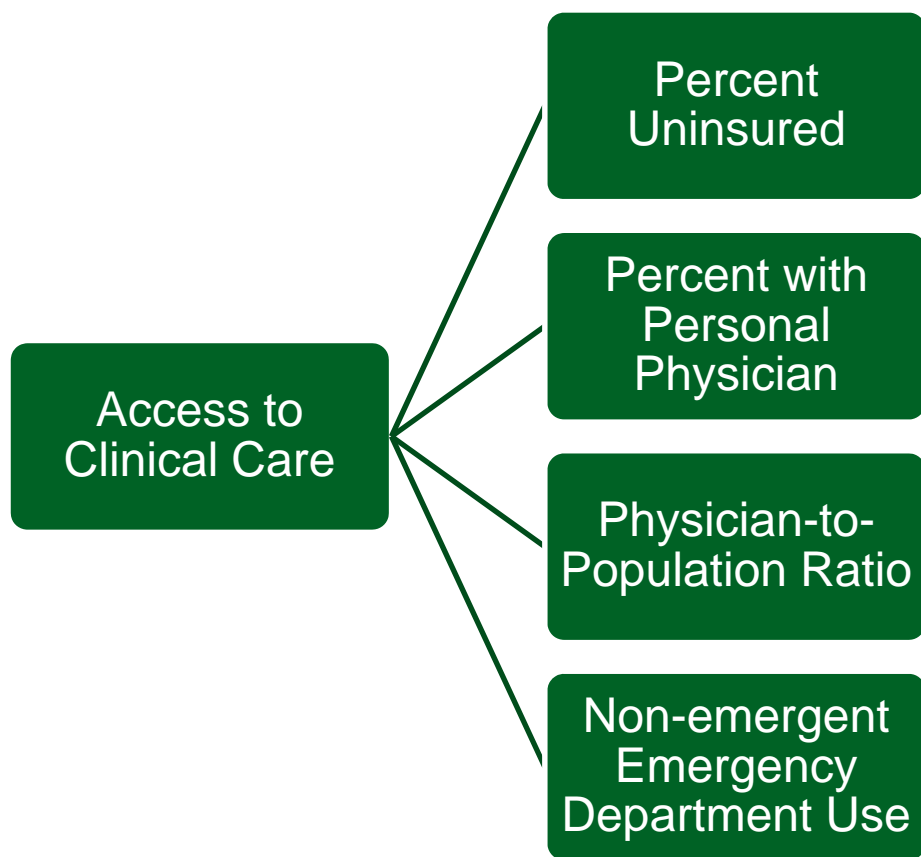












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Access to care



Dallas County Compared to Healthy People 2020 Goal	Dallas County Compared to 8 Peer Counties (Quartiles)	Dallas County Compared to Past Years' Data (CI)
		
		
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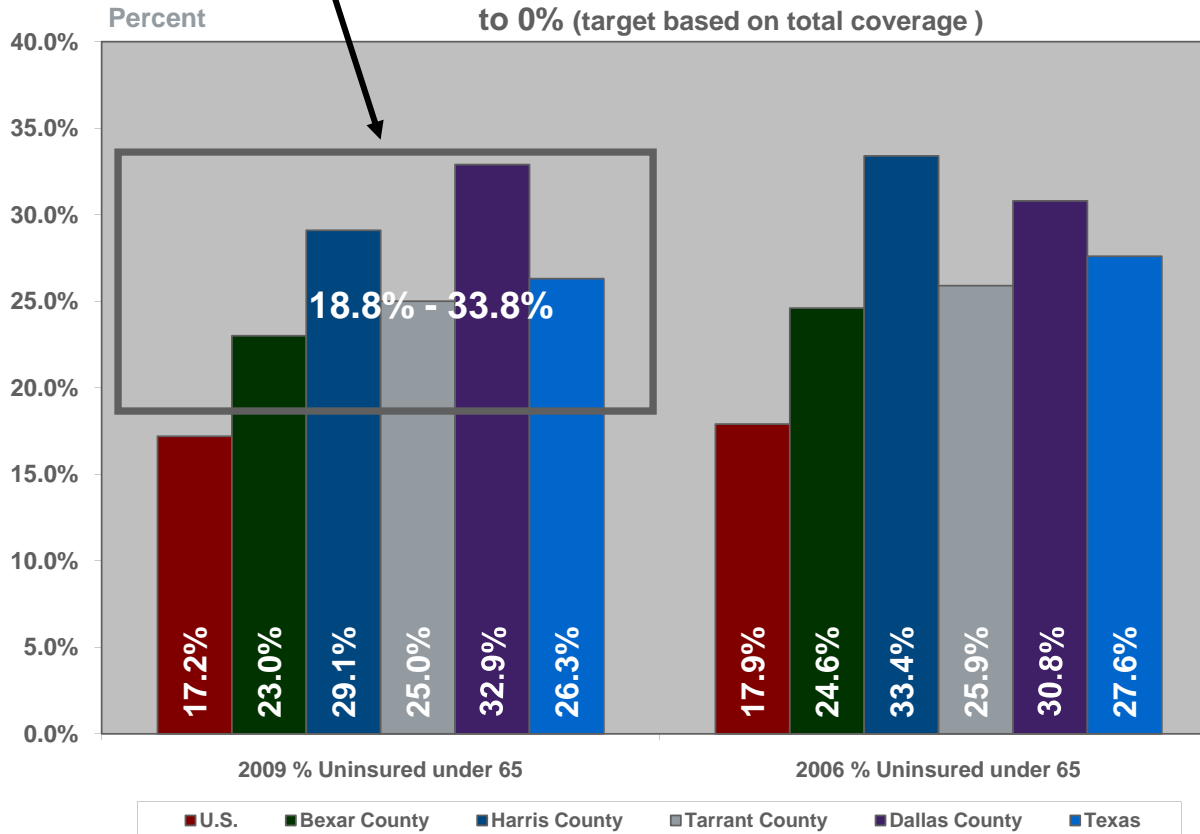
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Access: Percent Without Health Insurance age 0-64, 2006 to 2009

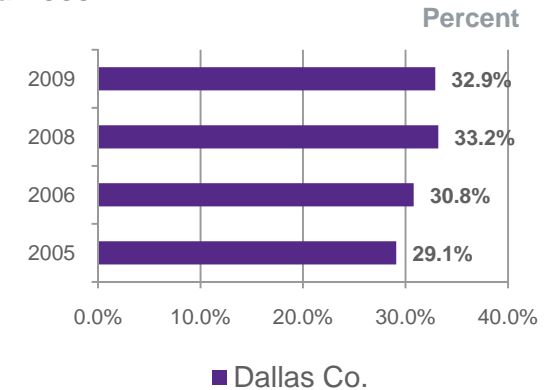
Other Peer Counties include:
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Other Peer Counties
Range, 2009

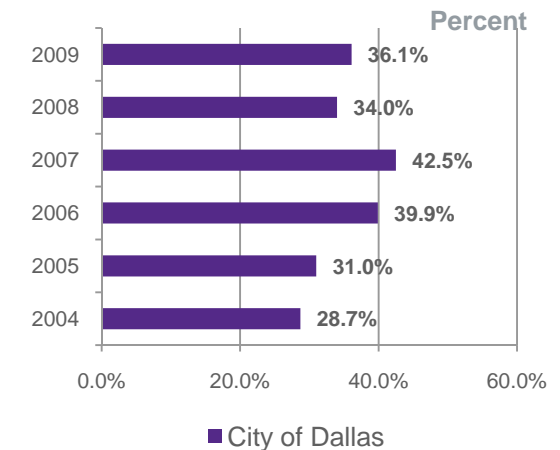
Healthy People 2020 goal is to decrease the
portion of persons without health insurance
to 0% (target based on total coverage)



Dallas County Trend, Percent
Uninsured, Ages 0-64, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009



Percent with no health insurance
trend, City of Dallas, all ages



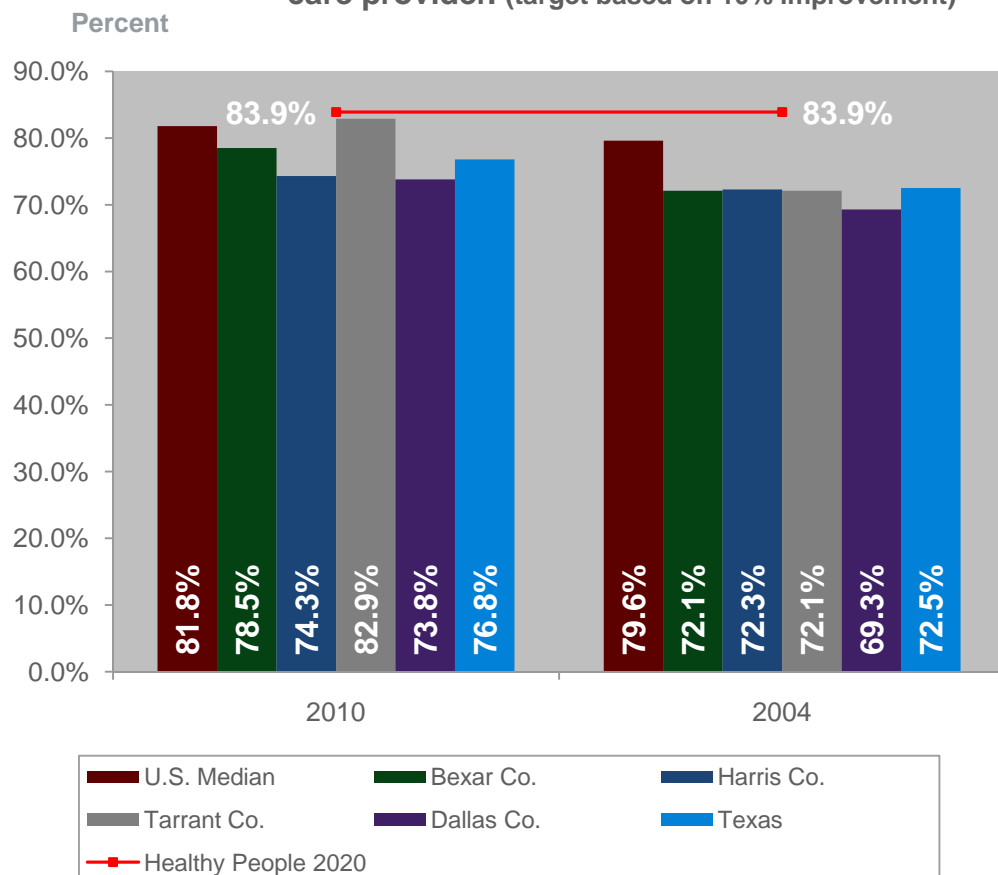
2008 and 2009 data is from: US Census American Community Survey, 2008 and 2009
2005 and 2006 data is from: US Census Small Area Health Insurance Estimates 2005-6, accessed from the
following web site <http://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/data/2006/tables.html>
Healthy People 2020 Objective AHS 1.1
<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/objectiveslist.aspx?topicId=1>
City of Dallas, EBRI, Special run by Ken McDonnell, EBRI and ASEC Program Director, 2004-2009
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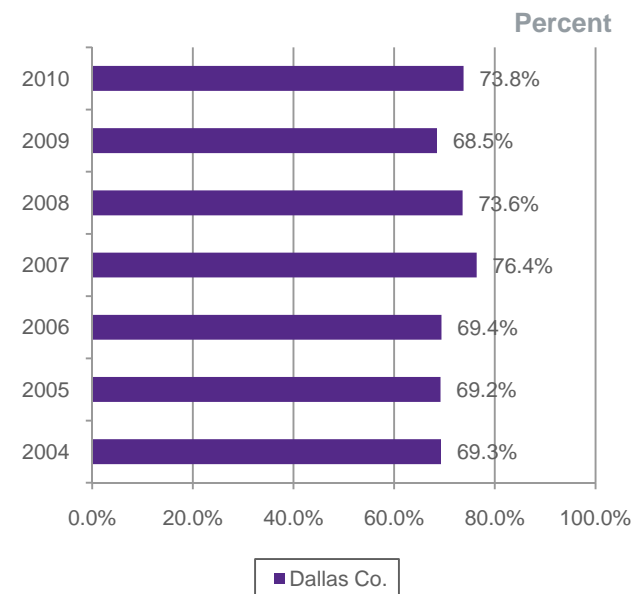
Access: Percent of Adults With A Personal Doctor, 2004-2010

Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase the proportion of persons with a usual primary care provider. (target based on 10% improvement)

This indicator shows the percentage of adults that report that they do have someone they think of as their personal doctor or health care provider.



Dallas County Trend 2004 to 2010

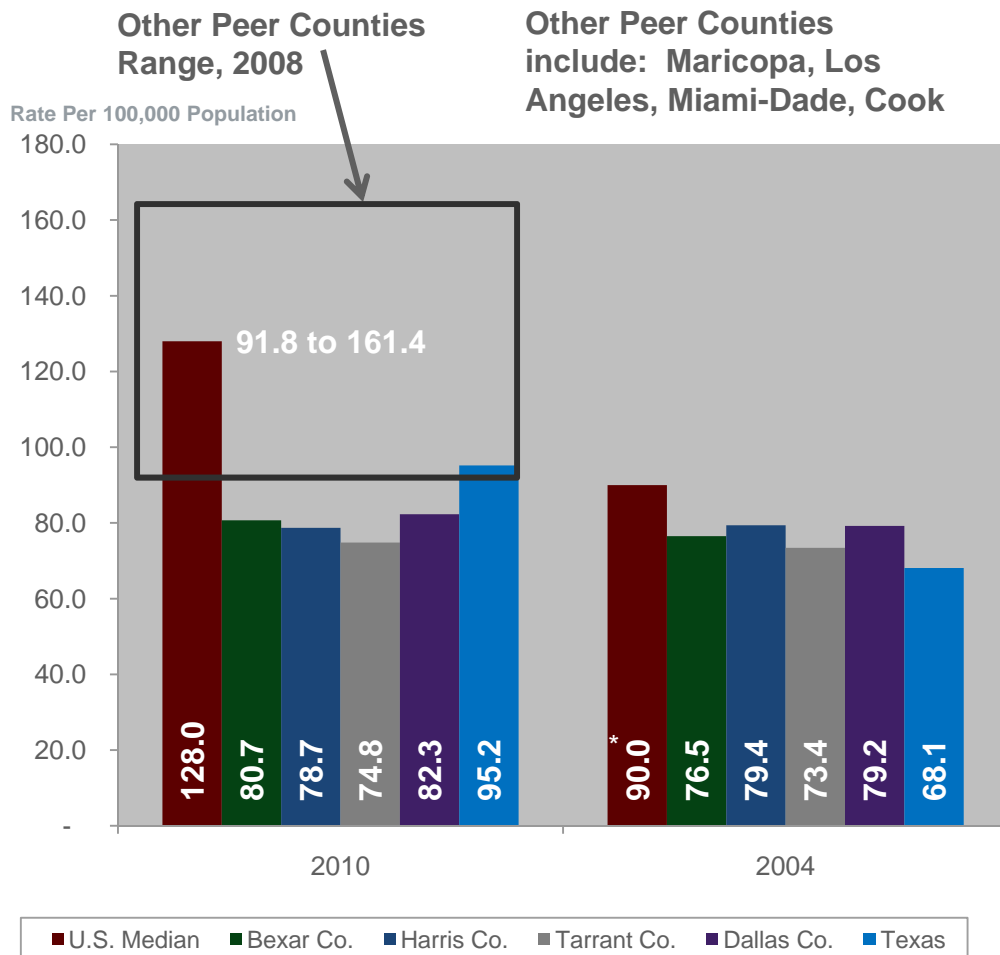


BRFSS Survey Question: Do you have one person you think of as your personal doctor or health care provider? (response includes: Yes one or yes more than one)



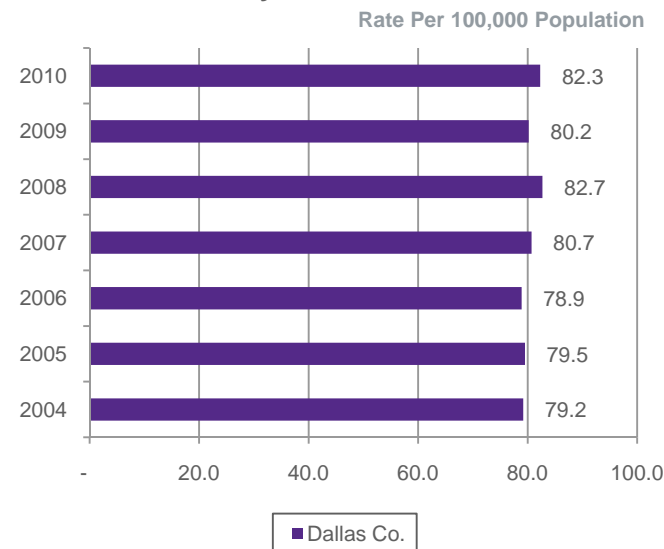
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Access: Primary care physician to population ratio (rate per 100,000), September 2010



This indicator shows the number of primary care physicians per 100,000 population

Dallas County Trend 2004 to 2010



Includes: Active primary care physicians with Texas practice addresses and a practice type of direct patient care. Primary Care Physicians are those physicians that indicate a primary specialty of: Family Practice/Medicine, General Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and/or Gynecology, or Geriatrics (Geriatrics was included for the first time in 2004).

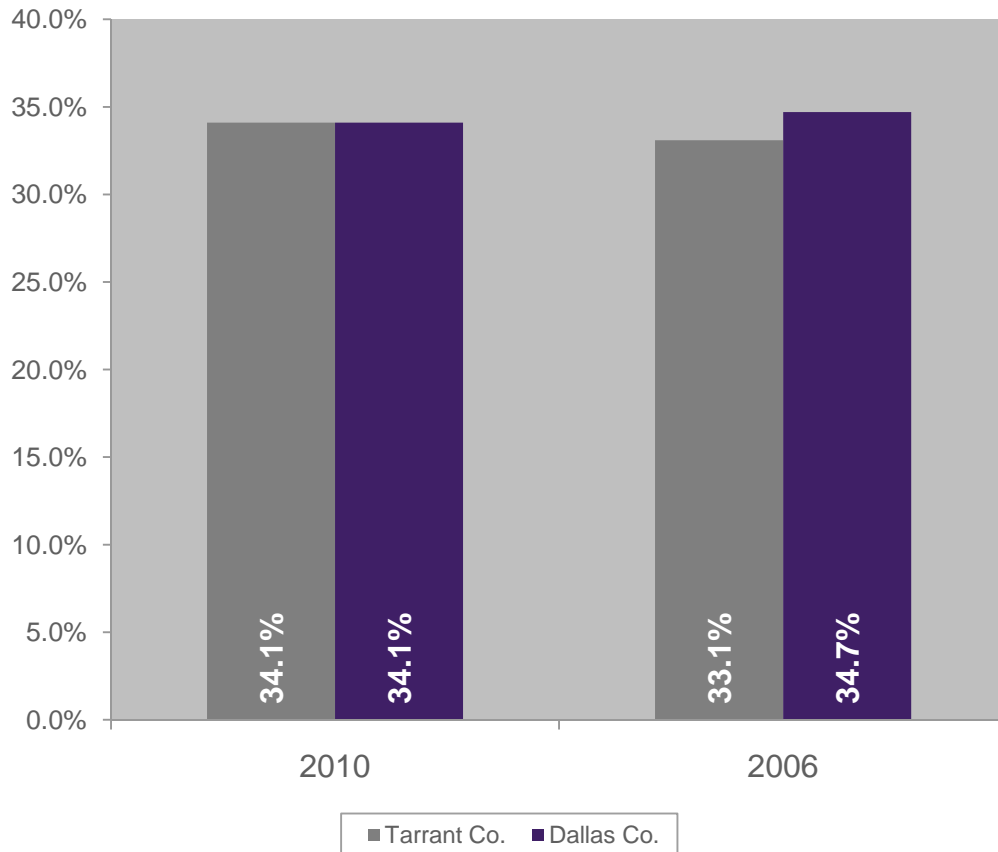
Sources: Texas Bureau of Primary Care, <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hprc/tables/08PCshtm> for Texas counties
<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org> for Texas and Other Peer Counties
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08472t.pdf> U.S. Comparison 2005 is base year
<http://www.hschange.com/CONTENT/1192/1192.pdf> Center for Health System Change, State Variation in Primary Care Physician Supply: Implications for Health Reform Medicaid Expansions. Research Brief No. 19 • March 2011 (U.S. comparison for most recent comparison year is 2008)

The data on primary care providers for peer counties are obtained from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Area Resource File (ARF) for 2009. The ARF data on practicing physicians come from the AMA Master File (2008), and the population estimates are from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2008 population estimates. From the County Health Rankings website.



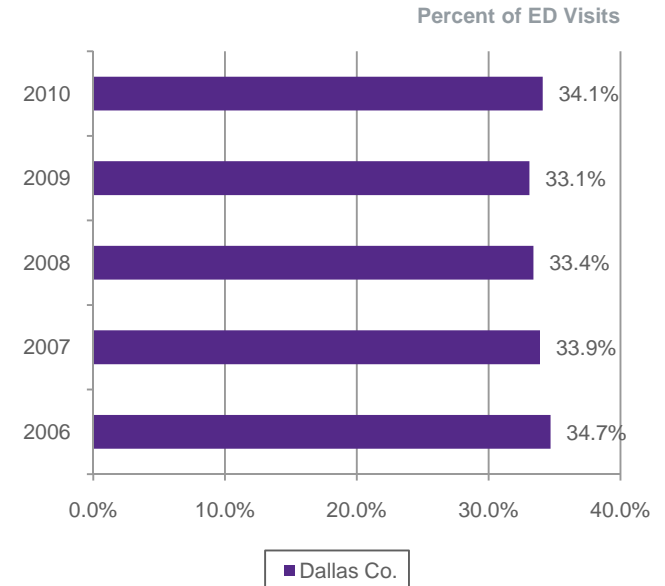
Access: Non-Emergent Use of Emergency Departments, 2006-2010

Percent of ED Visits



Sources: DFW Hospital Council, Outpatient Data System.
NYU Algorithm for determining appropriate Emergency Dept. use

Dallas County Trend in Emergency Department Visits for Non-Emergent Conditions, 2006-2010

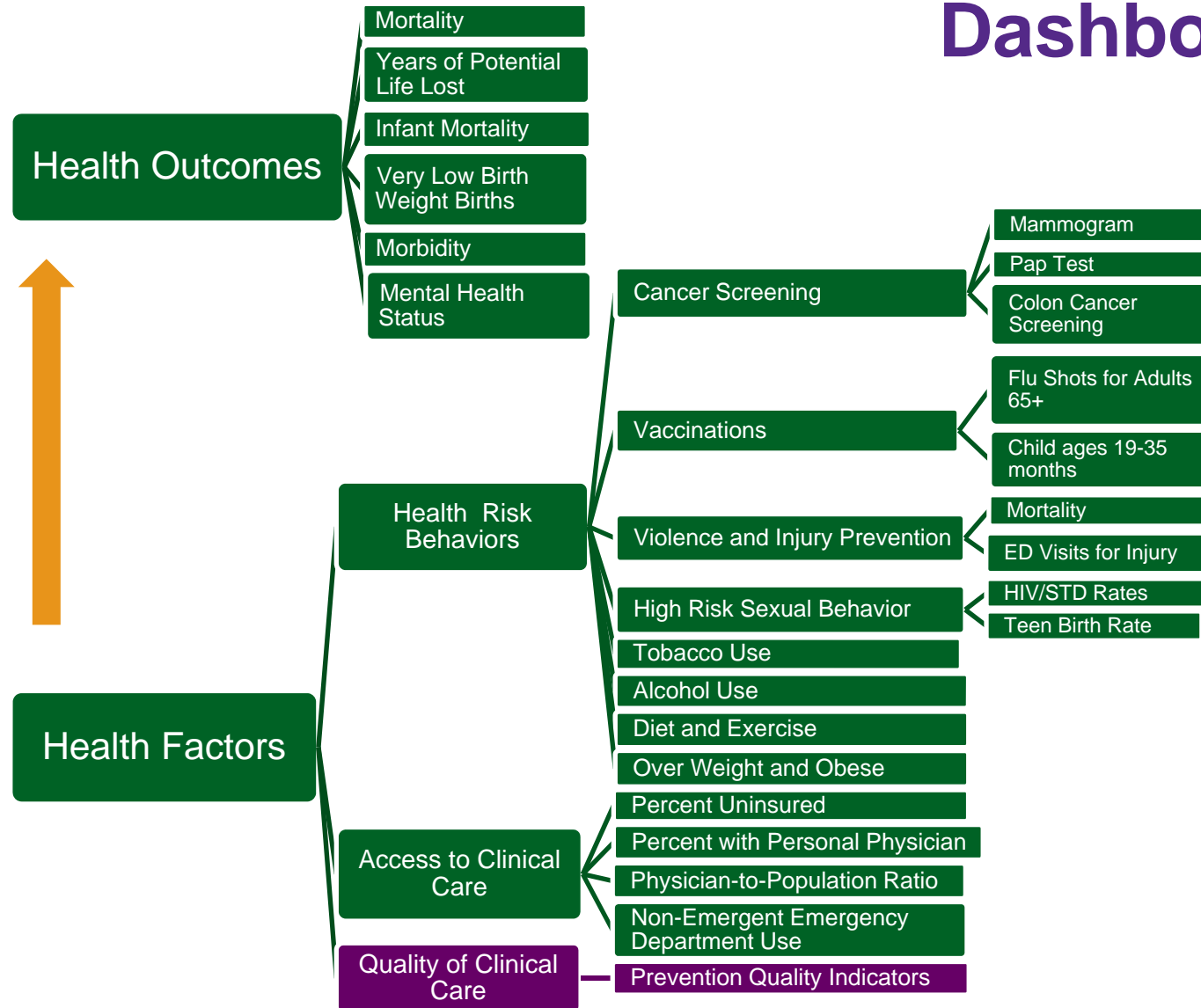


The Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council has established an Emergency Department data set from more than 44 hospitals in the region. The data repository has over 3.6 million emergency department visits as of 2010. Analysis of this data was based on the New York University's Emergency Department Algorithm. The NYU Algorithm defines a non-emergent ED visit as – the patient's initial complaint, presenting symptoms, vital signs, medical history and age indicated that immediate medical care was not required within 12 hours.



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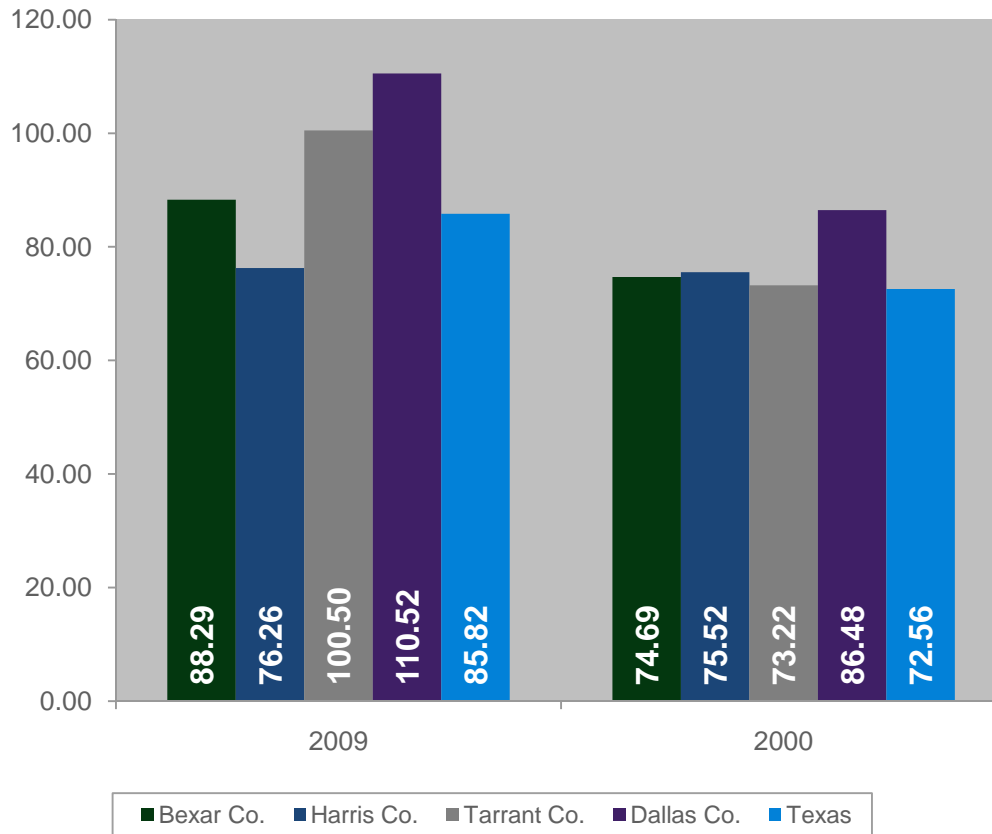
Quality of care

Dallas County Compared to Four Peer Counties (Quartiles)	Dallas County Compared to Past Years' Data
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	
	

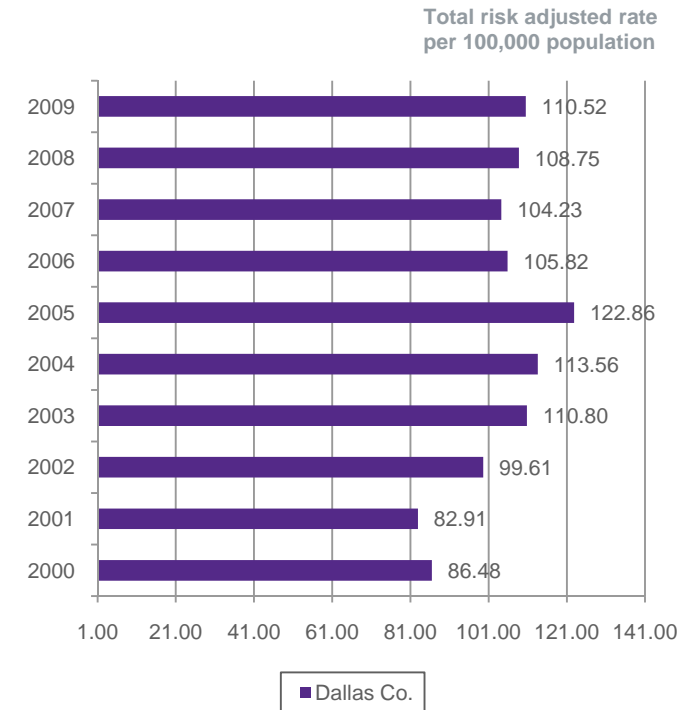


Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Adult Asthma, 2000 - 2009

Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

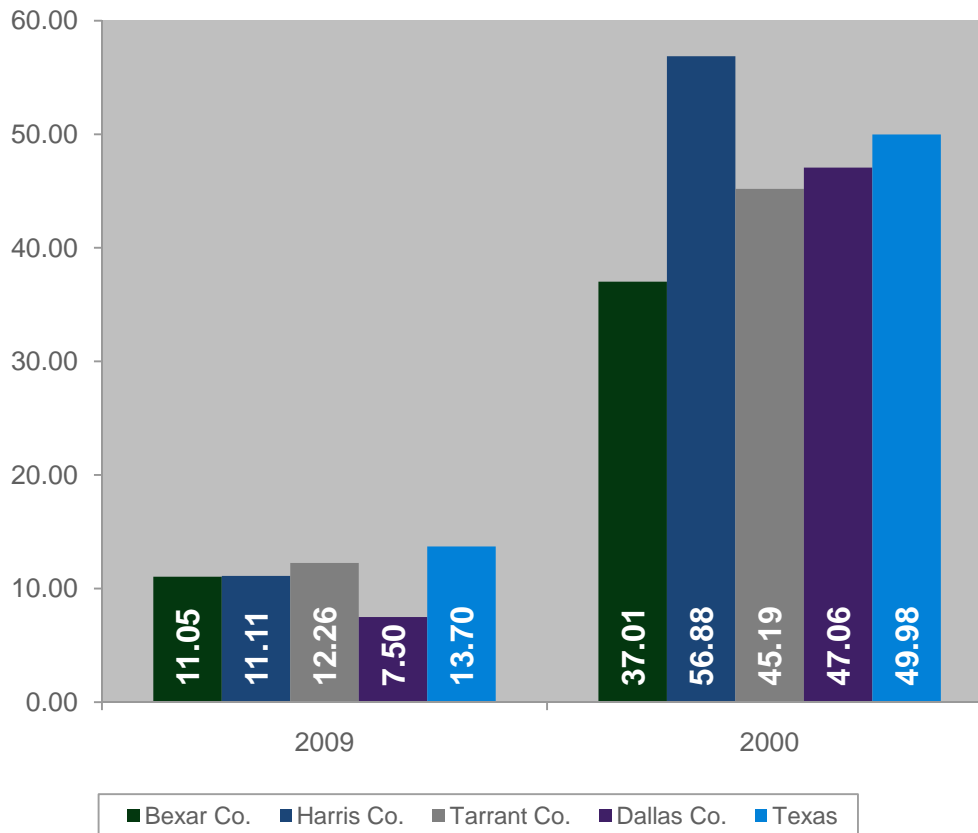


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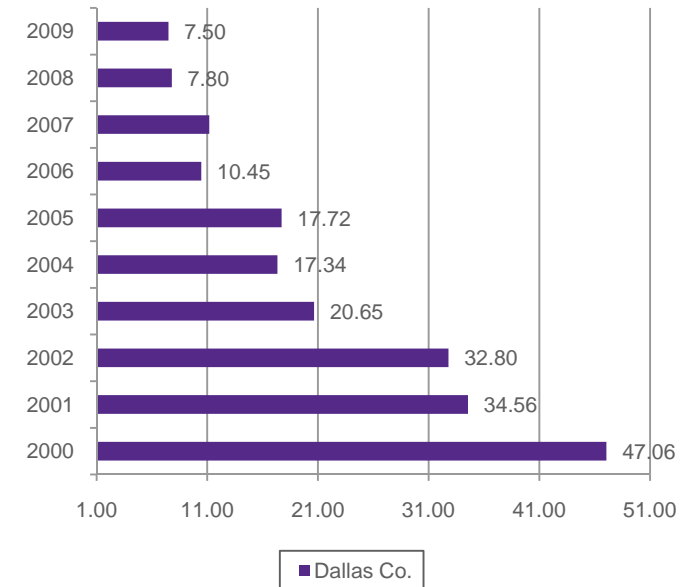
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Angina W/O Procedure, 2000 - 2009

Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

Total risk adjusted rate per 100,000 population

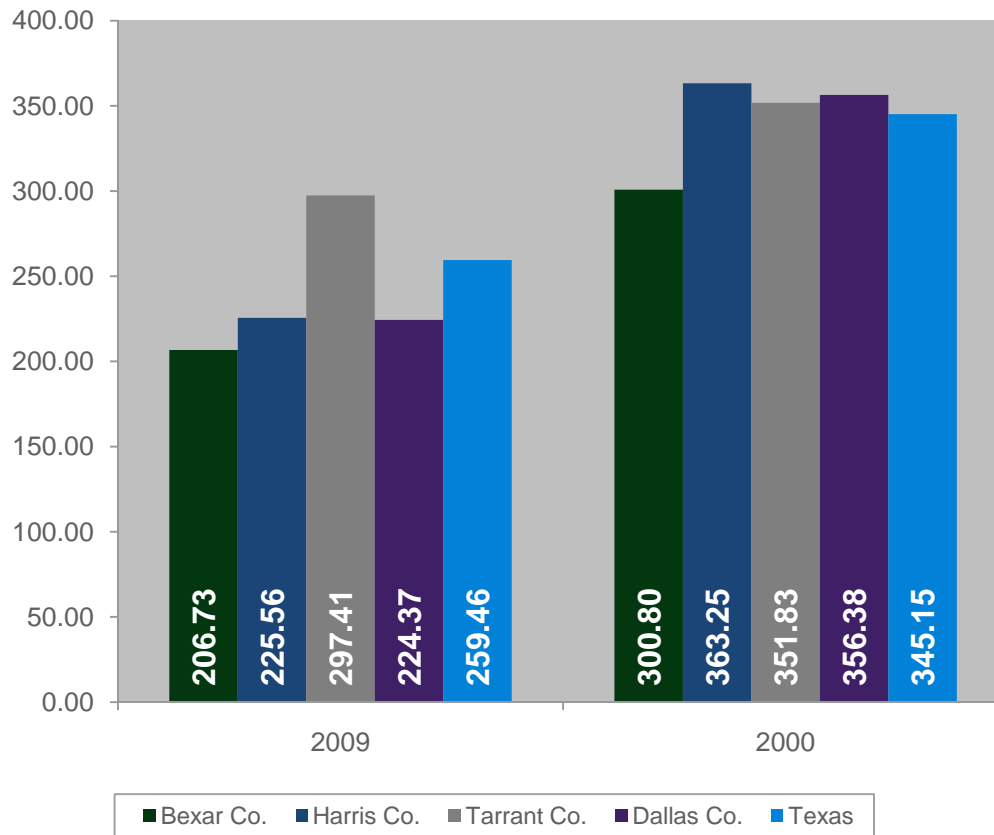


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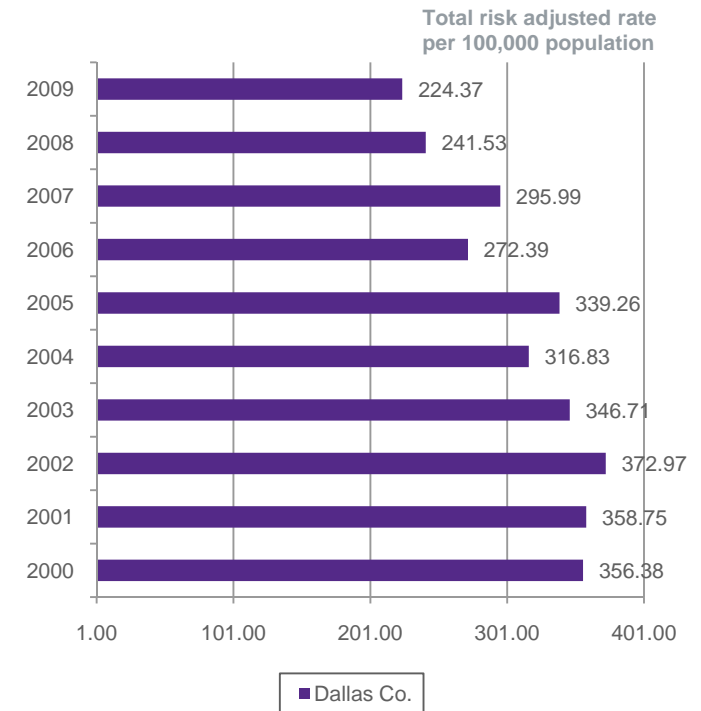


Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Bacterial Pneumonia, 2000 - 2009

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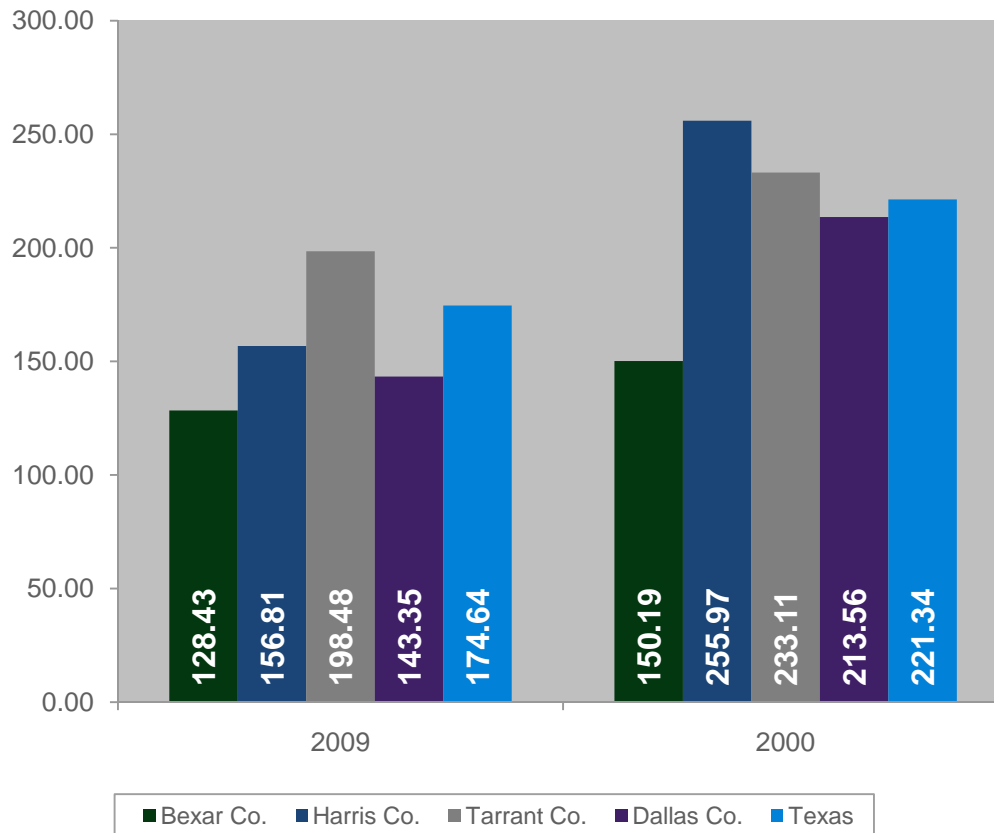


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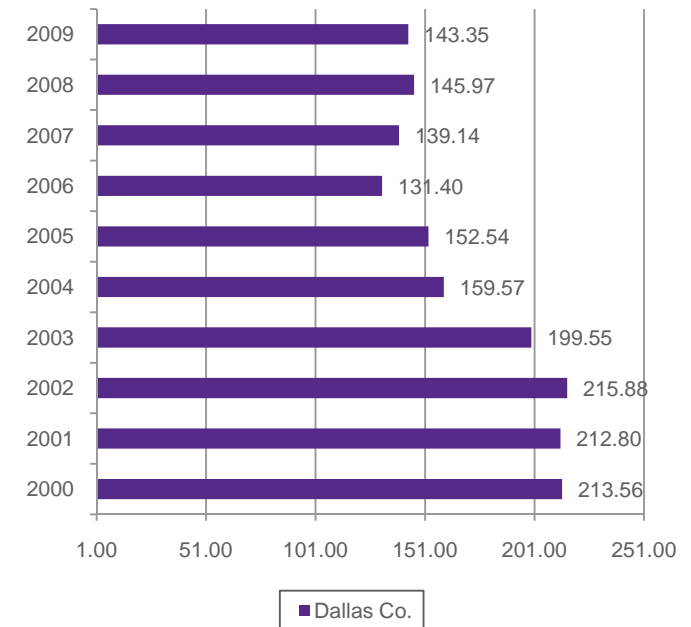
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), 2000 - 2009

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Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

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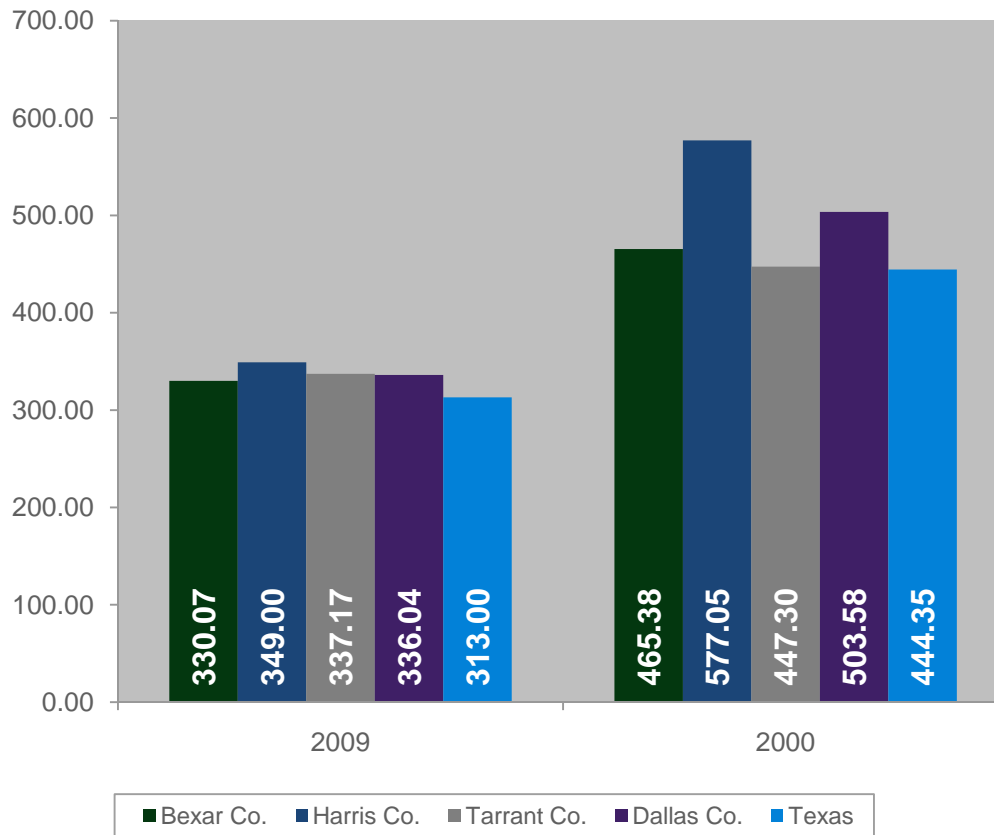


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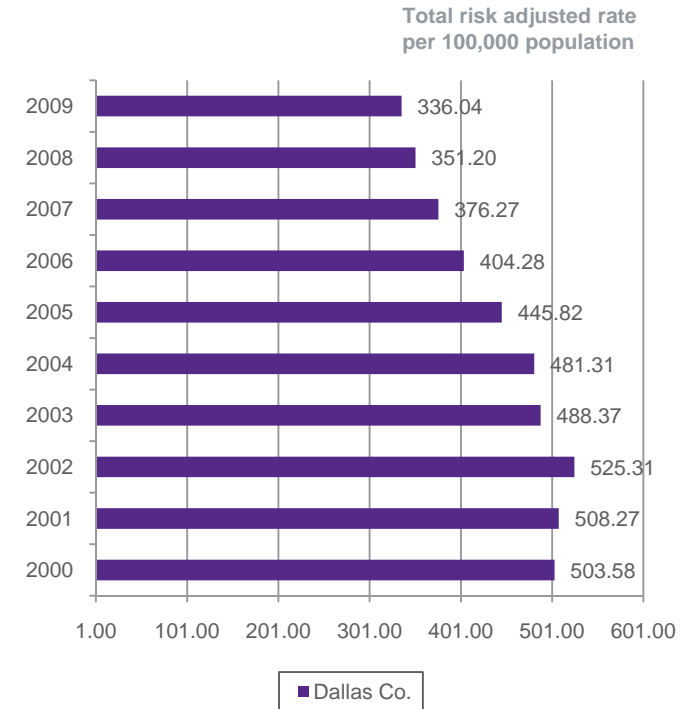


Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), 2000 - 2009

Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



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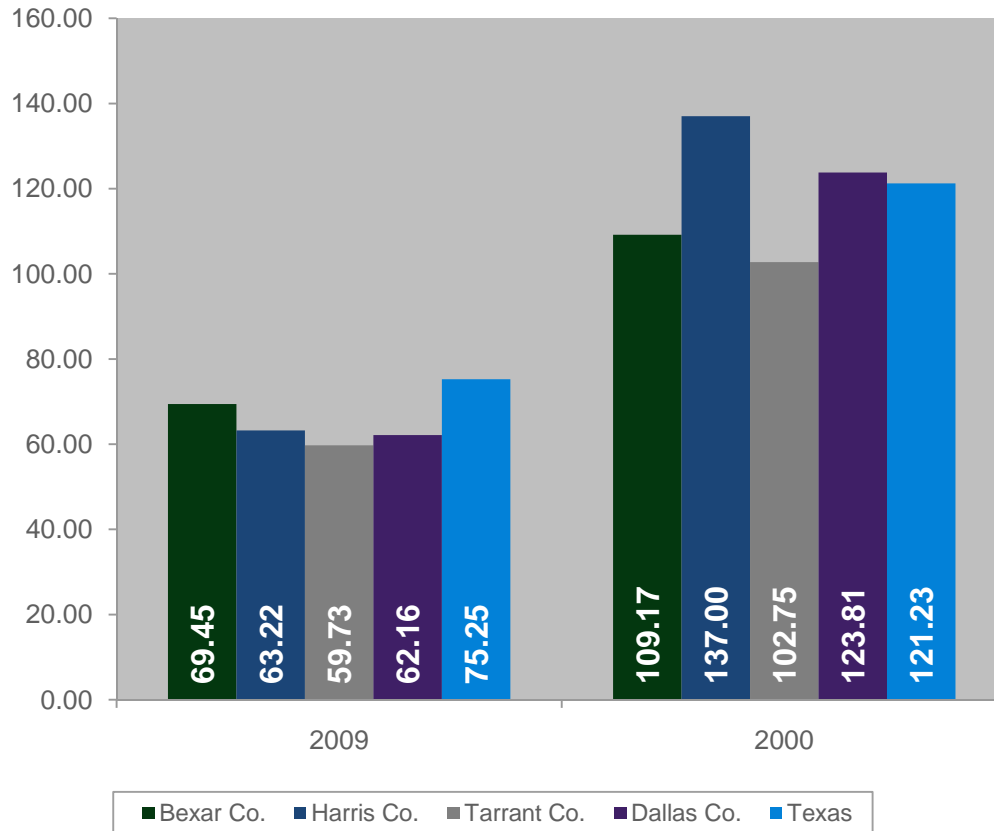


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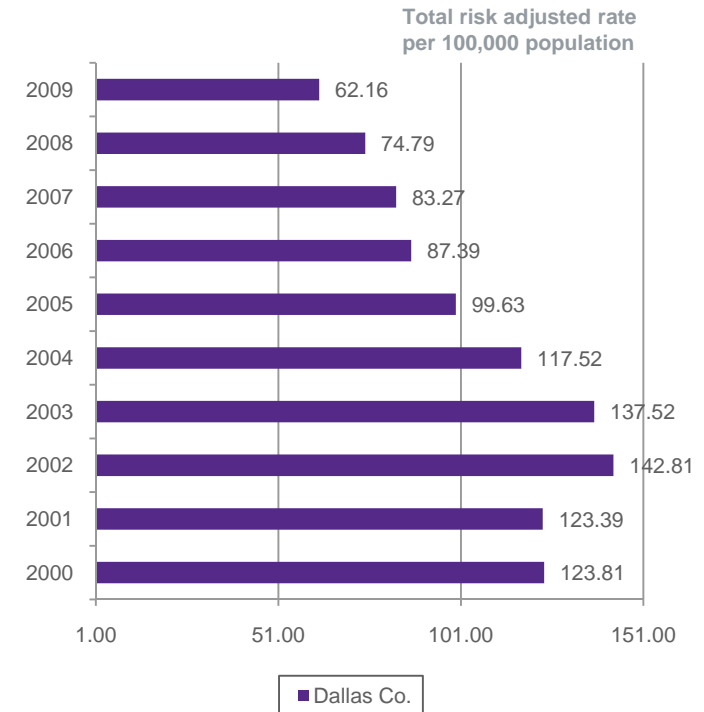


Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Dehydration, 2000 - 2009

Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009



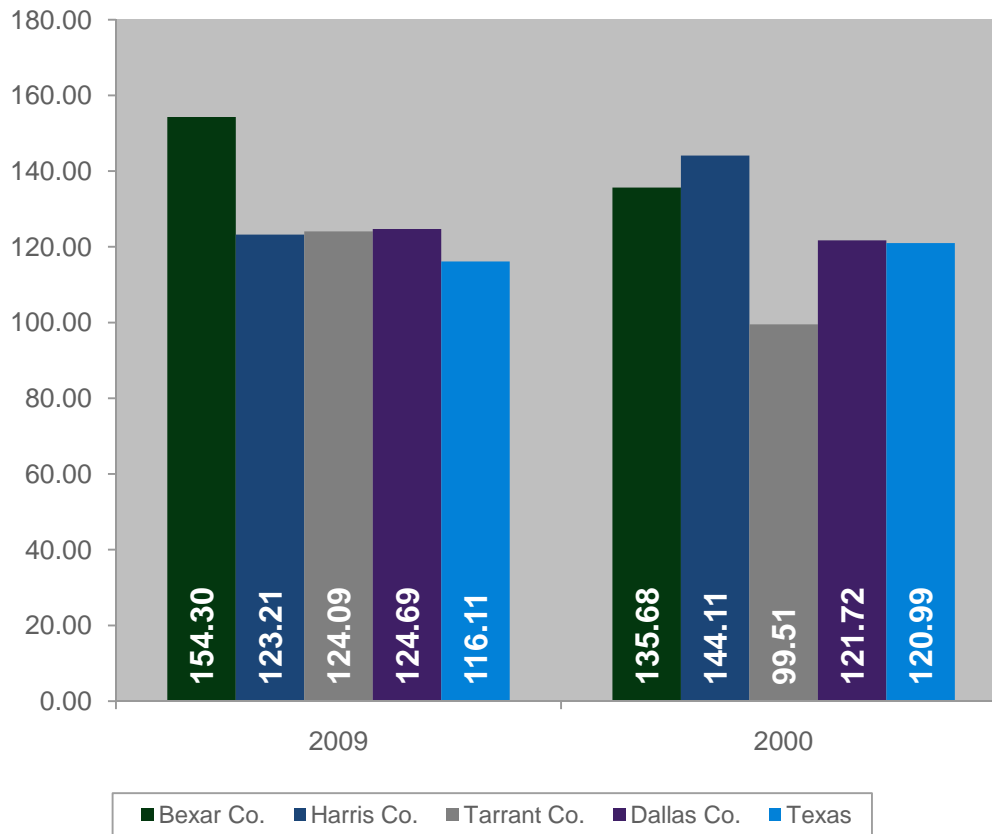
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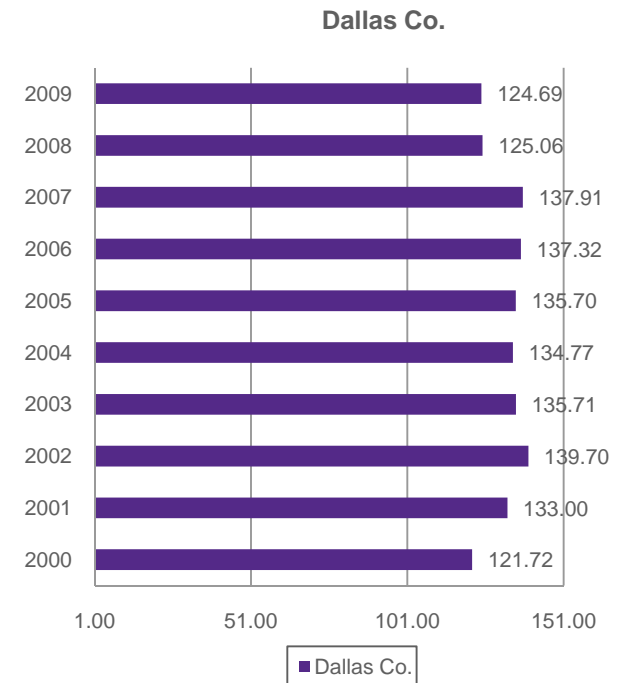
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Diabetes Long-term Complications, 2000 - 2009

Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

Total risk adjusted rate per 100,000 population



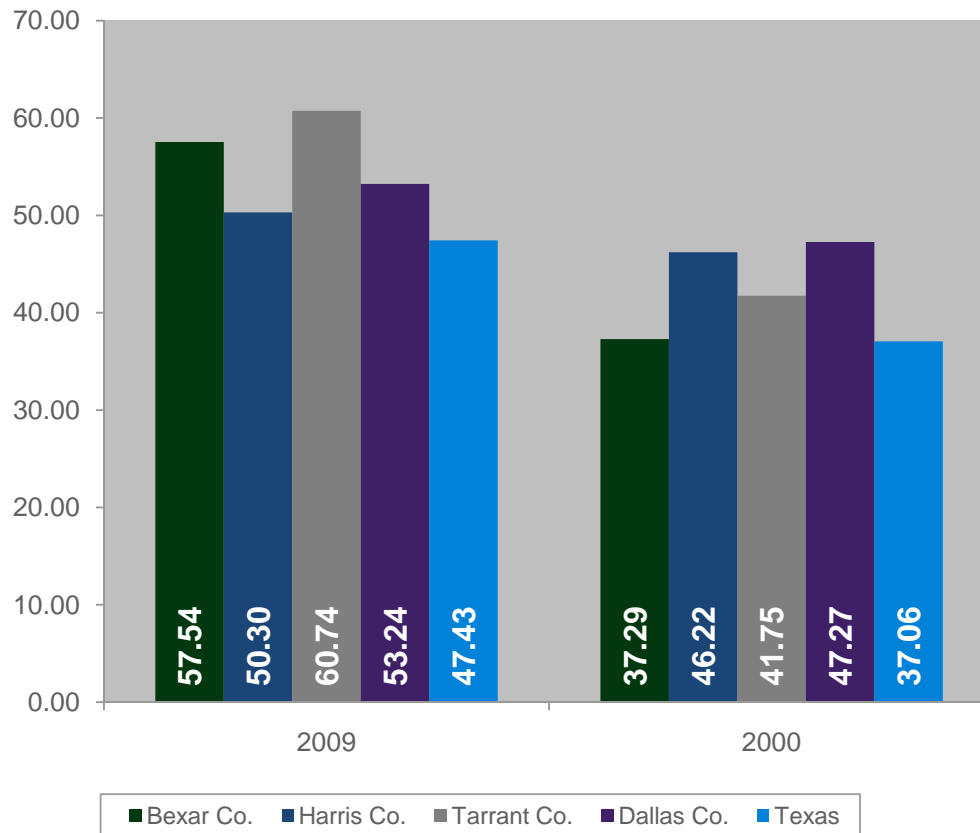
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Sources: Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation, Data Initiative, Greg Shelton, data provided 8.1.11



Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Diabetes Short-term Complications, 2000 - 2009

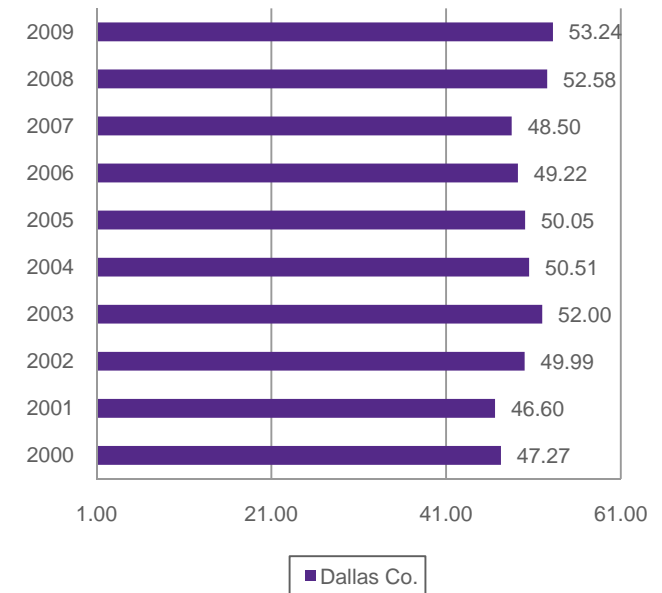
Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

Total risk adjusted rate per 100,000 population

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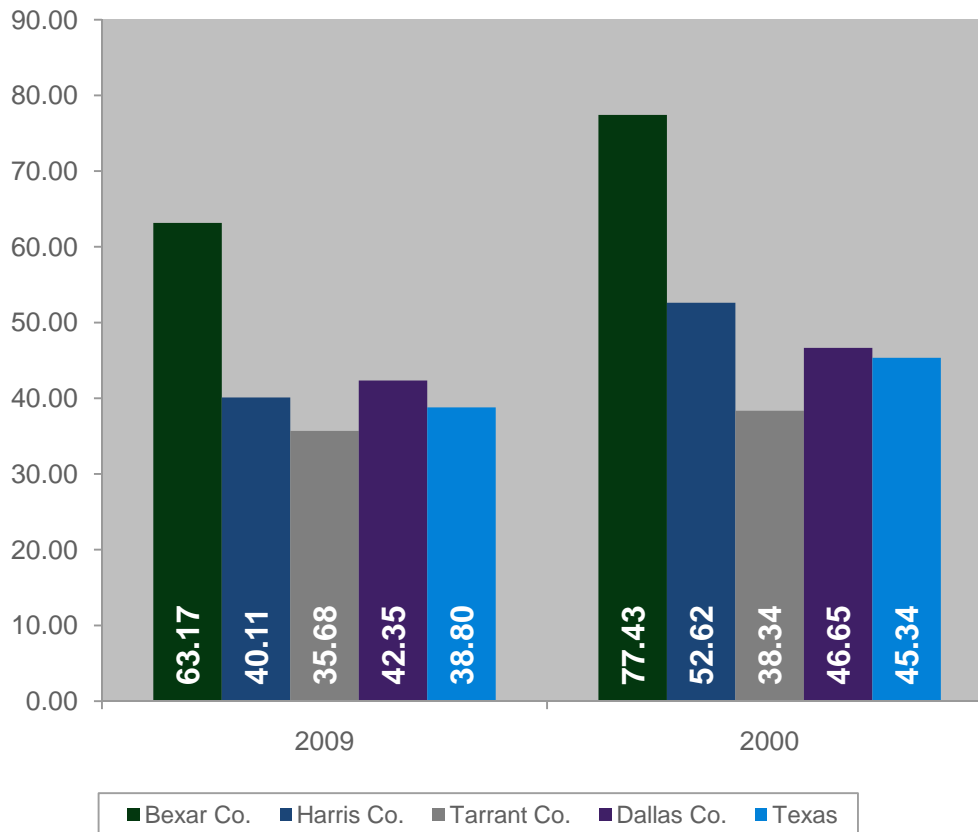
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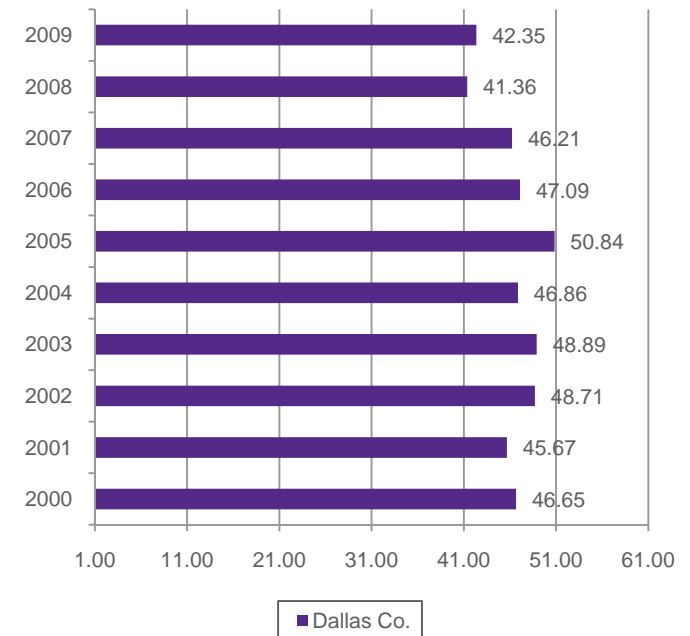
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Lower Extremity Amputations for Patients with Diabetes, 2000 - 2009

Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

Total risk adjusted rate
per 100,000 population



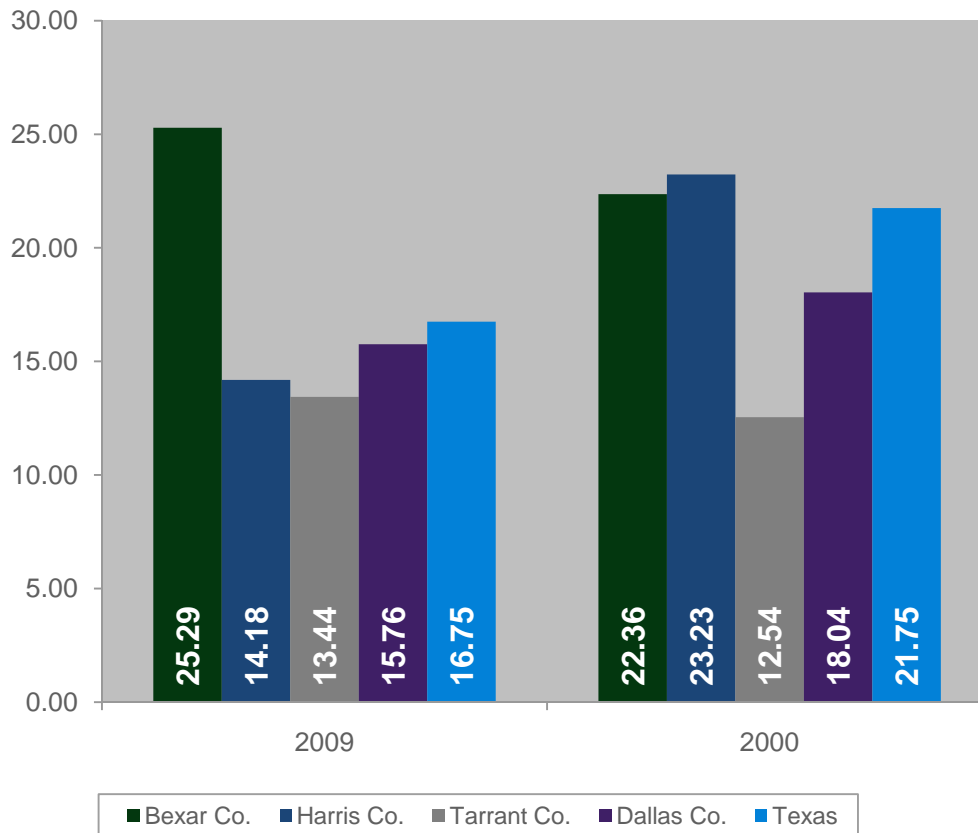
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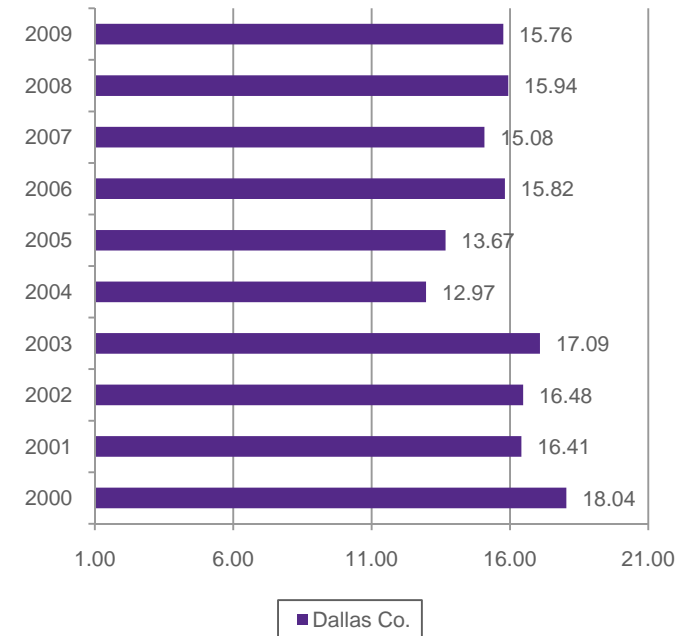
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Uncontrolled Diabetes, 2000 - 2009

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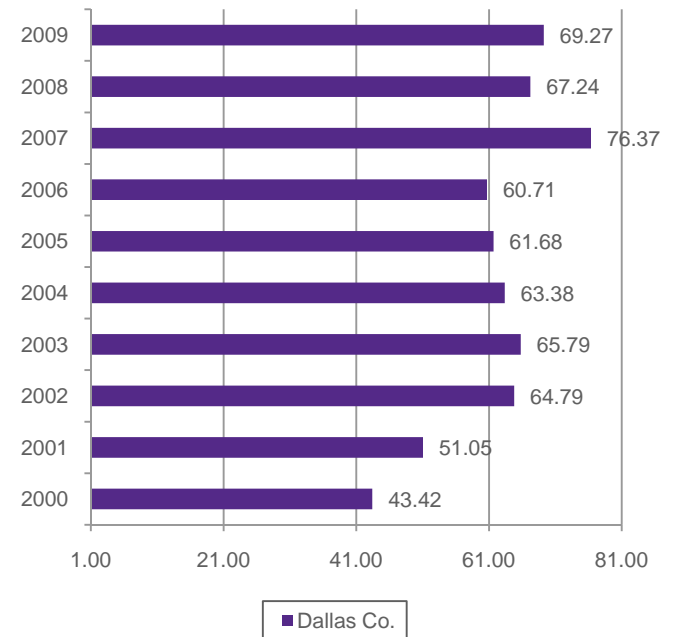
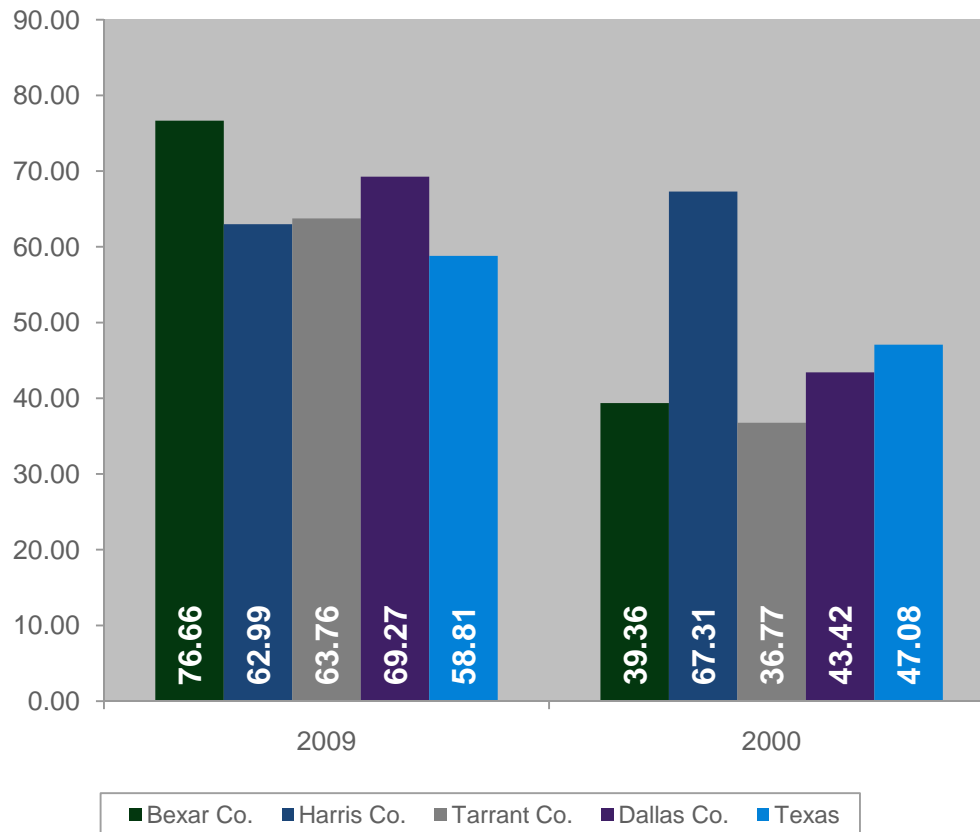


Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Hypertension, 2000 - 2009

Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

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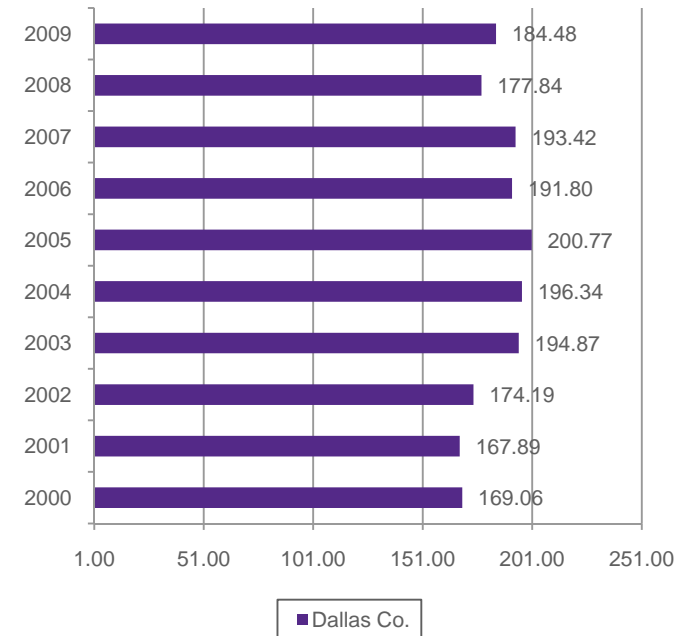
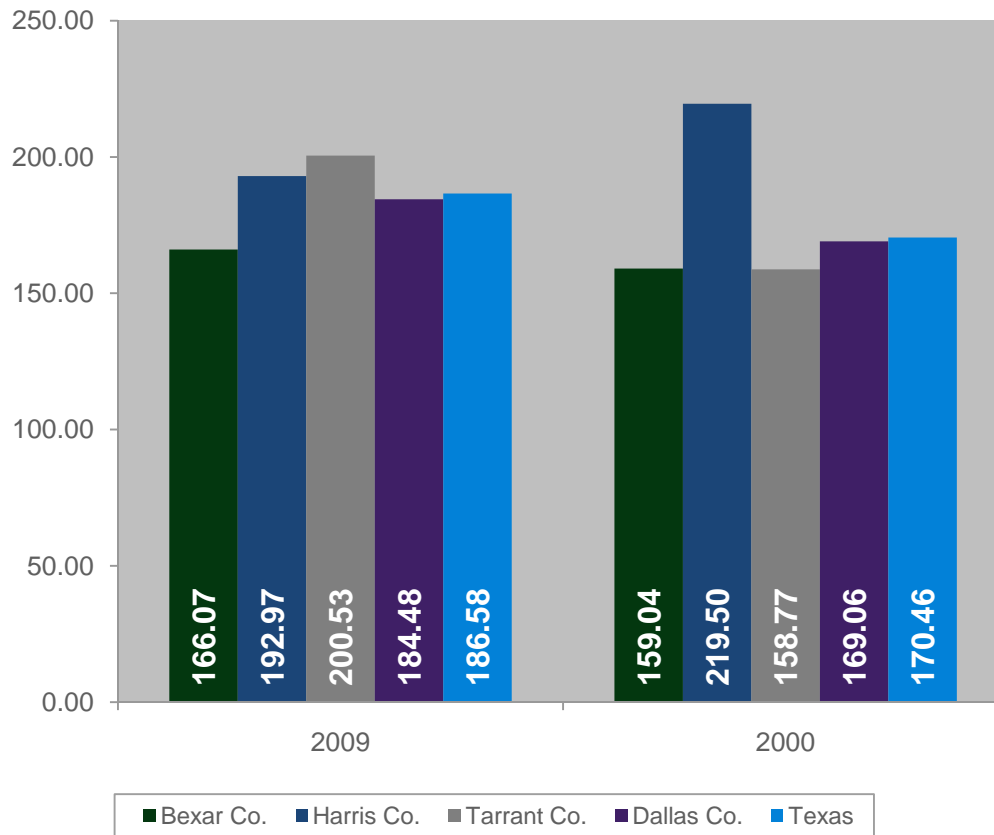


Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Urinary Tract Infections, 2000 - 2009

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Risk Adjusted Rate per 100,000



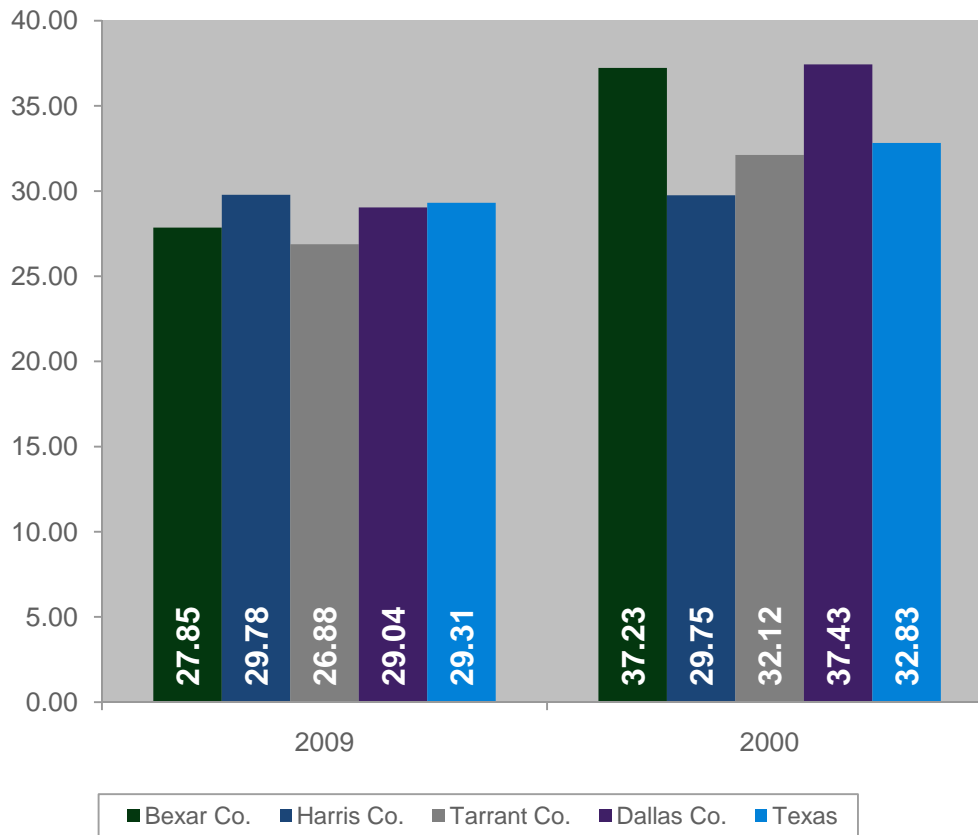
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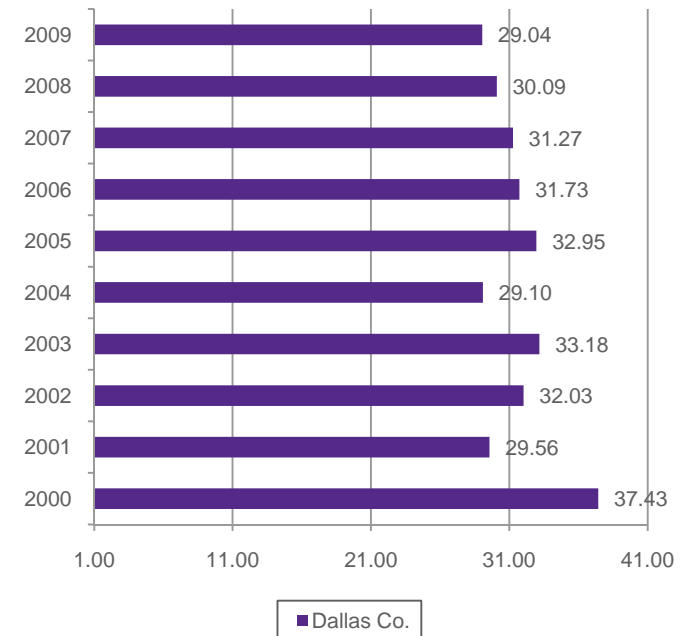
Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations, Perforated Appendix, 2000 - 2009

Dallas County Trend 2000 to 2009

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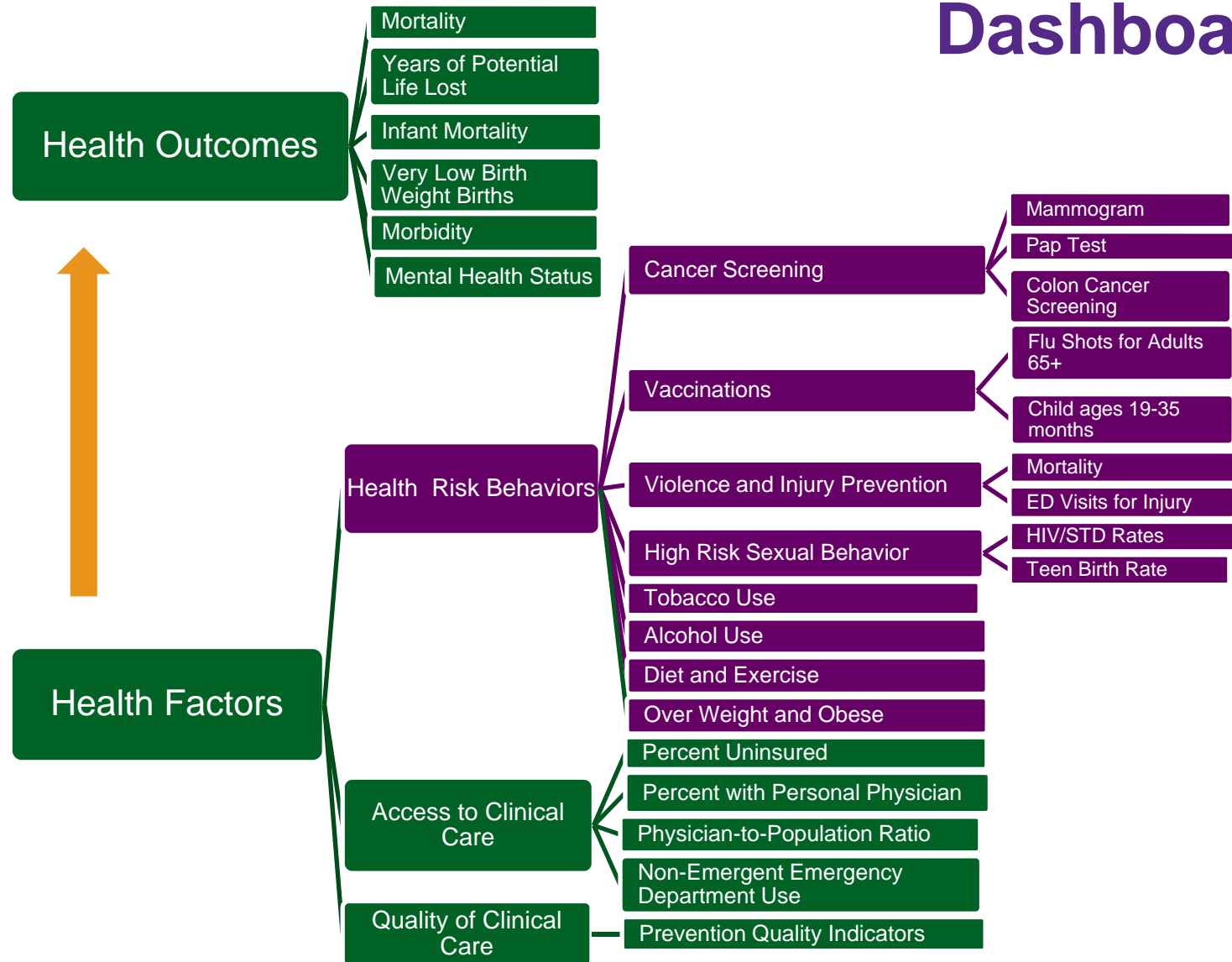


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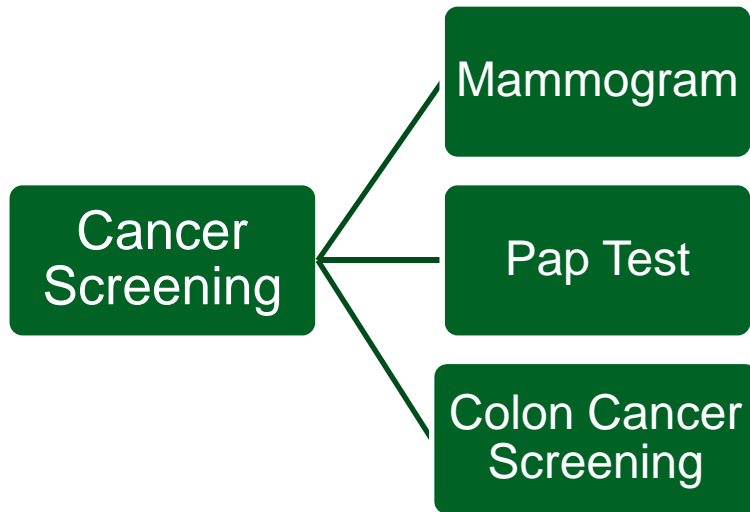
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Health Risk Behaviors – Cancer Screening

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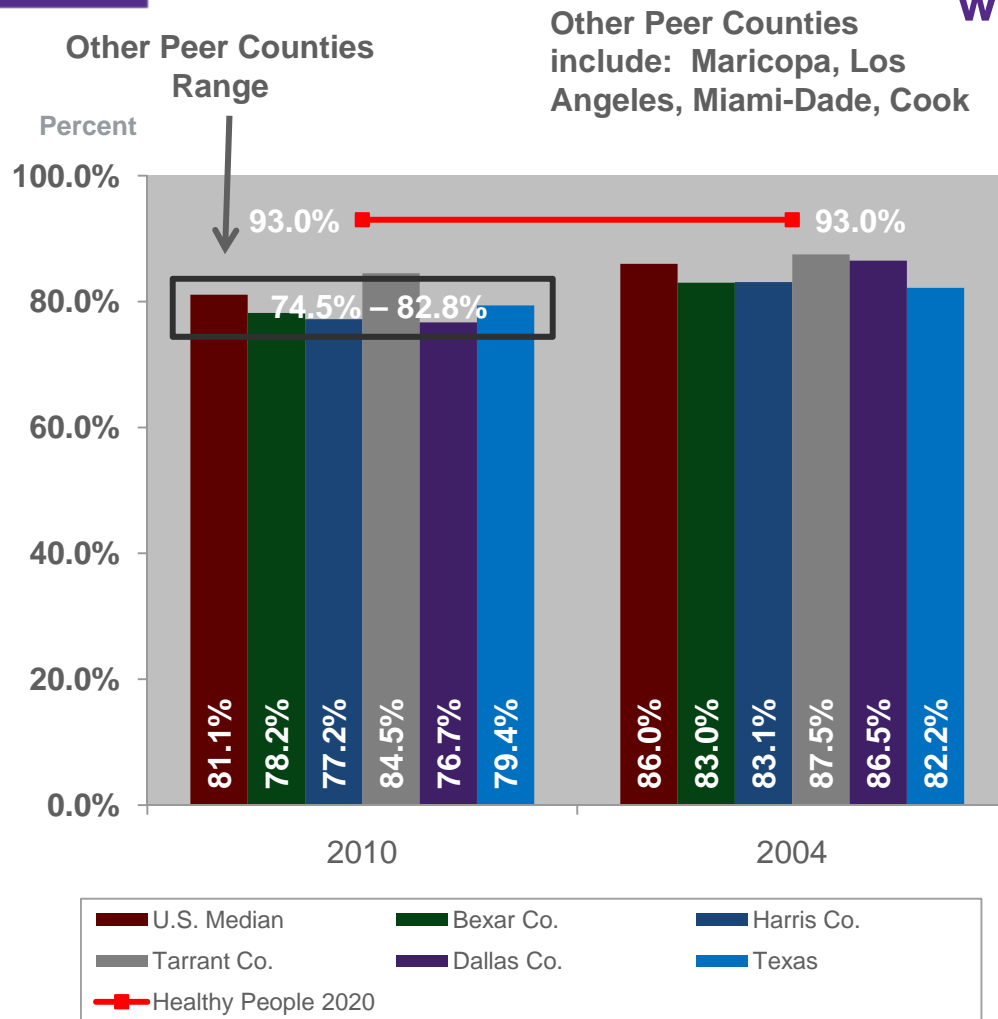


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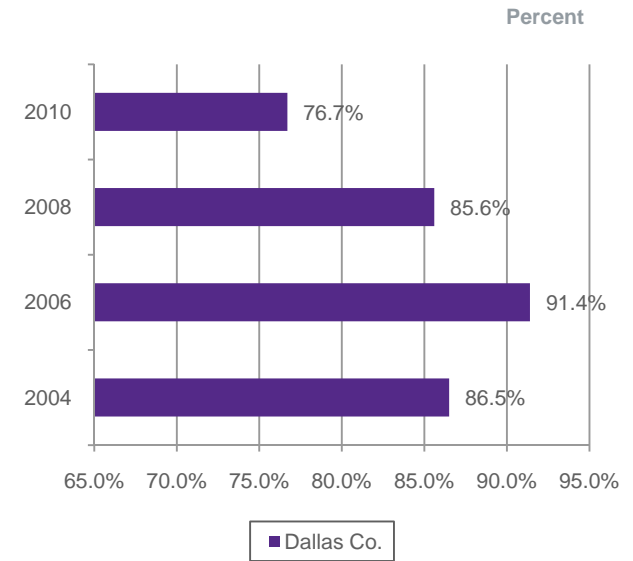


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Screenings: Percent of women aged 18 and over who have had a Pap test within the past three years, 2010



Dallas County Trend 2004 to 2010



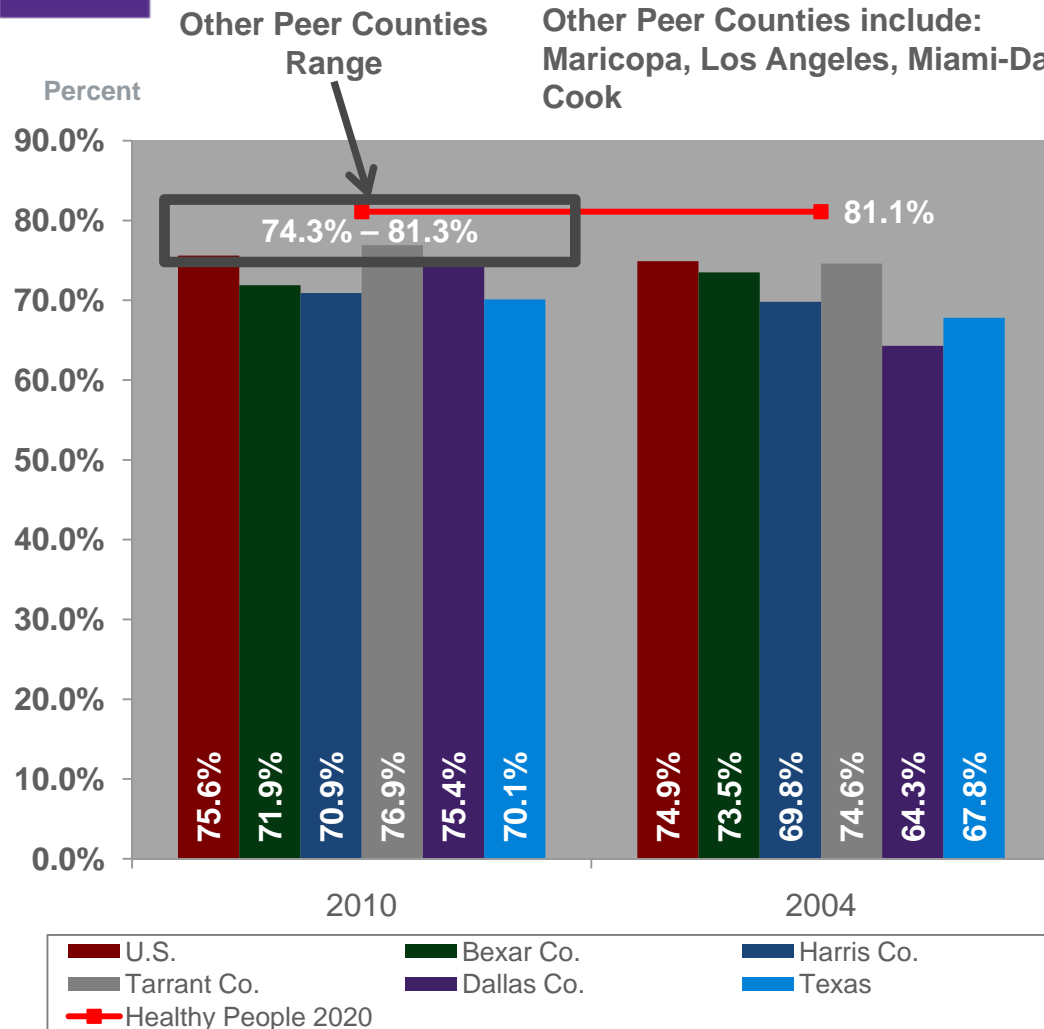
Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase the proportion of women who receive a cervical cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines. Baseline for the United States for this measure is 84.5% of women aged 21 to 65 years received a cervical cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines in 2008. (target based on 10% improvement or an increase to in screening rates to 93.0%)

Source: CDC BRFSS, 2004 - 2010, Texas 2010 data provided by Anna Vincent, Research Specialist, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, via email 7.15.11
 Healthy People 2020 Objective C-15
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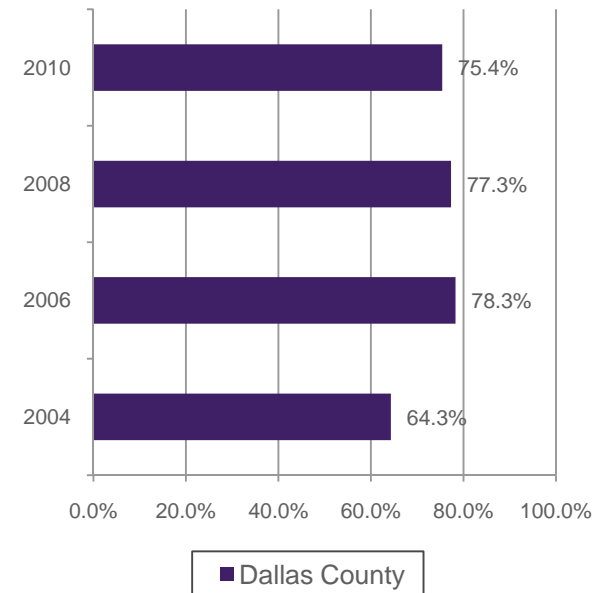


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Screenings: Percent of women aged 40+ who have had a mammogram within the past two years, 2010



Dallas County Trend 2004 to 2010



Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase the proportion of women who receive breast cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines. Baseline for the United States for this measure is 73.7% of females 50 to 74 years of age received a breast cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines in 2008. (target based on 10% improvement to a target of 81.1%)

Source: CDC BRFSS, 2004 - 2010, Texas 2010 data provided by Anna Vincent, Research Specialist, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, via email 7.15.11

Healthy People 2020 Objective C-17

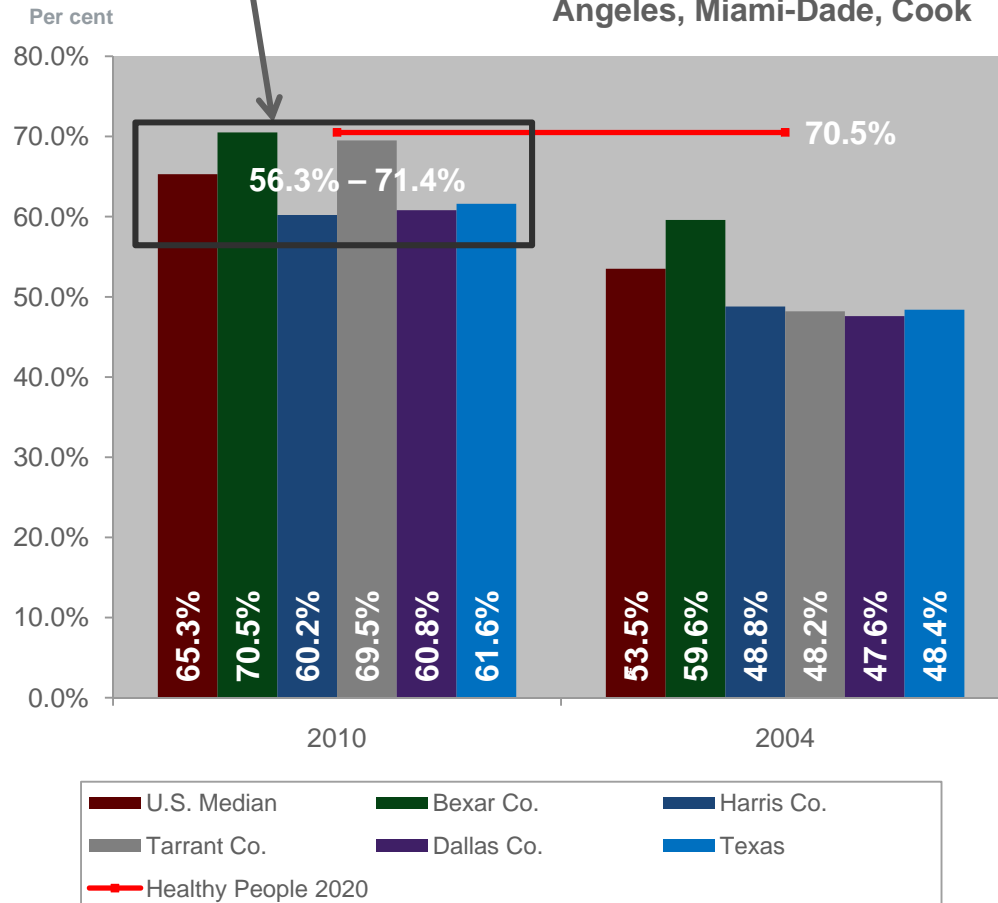
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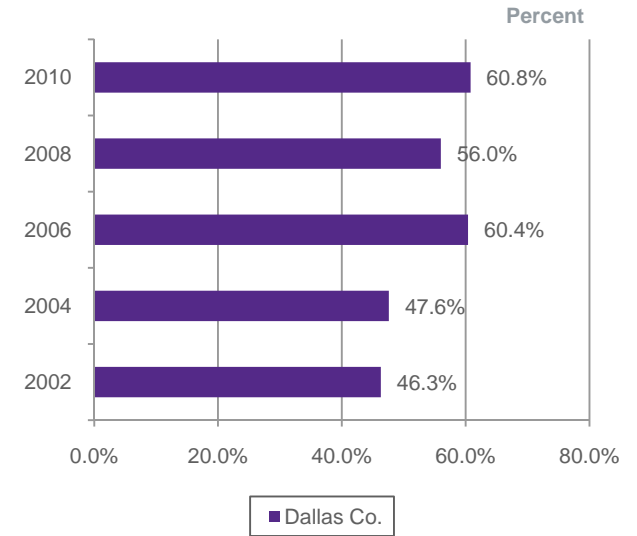
Screenings: Percent of adults age 50 and over who have ever had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy, 2010

Other Peer Counties Range

Other Peer Counties include: Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook



Dallas County Trend 2002 to 2010



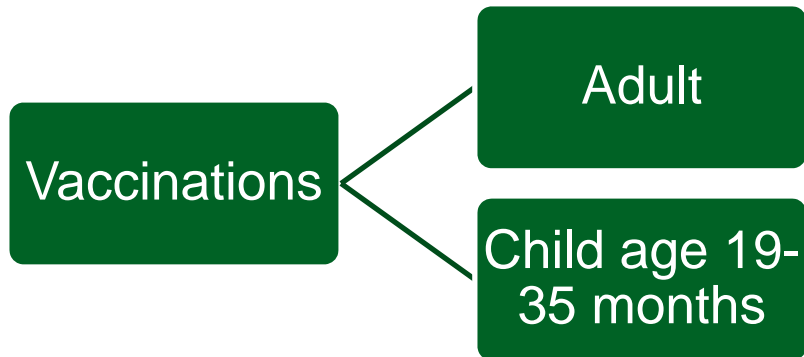
Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase the proportion of adults aged 50-74 who receive colorectal cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines. Baseline for the United States for this measure is 54.2% of adults 50 to 74 years of age received a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy based on the most recent guidelines in 2008. (target based modeling/projection)



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Health Risk Behaviors – Vaccinations

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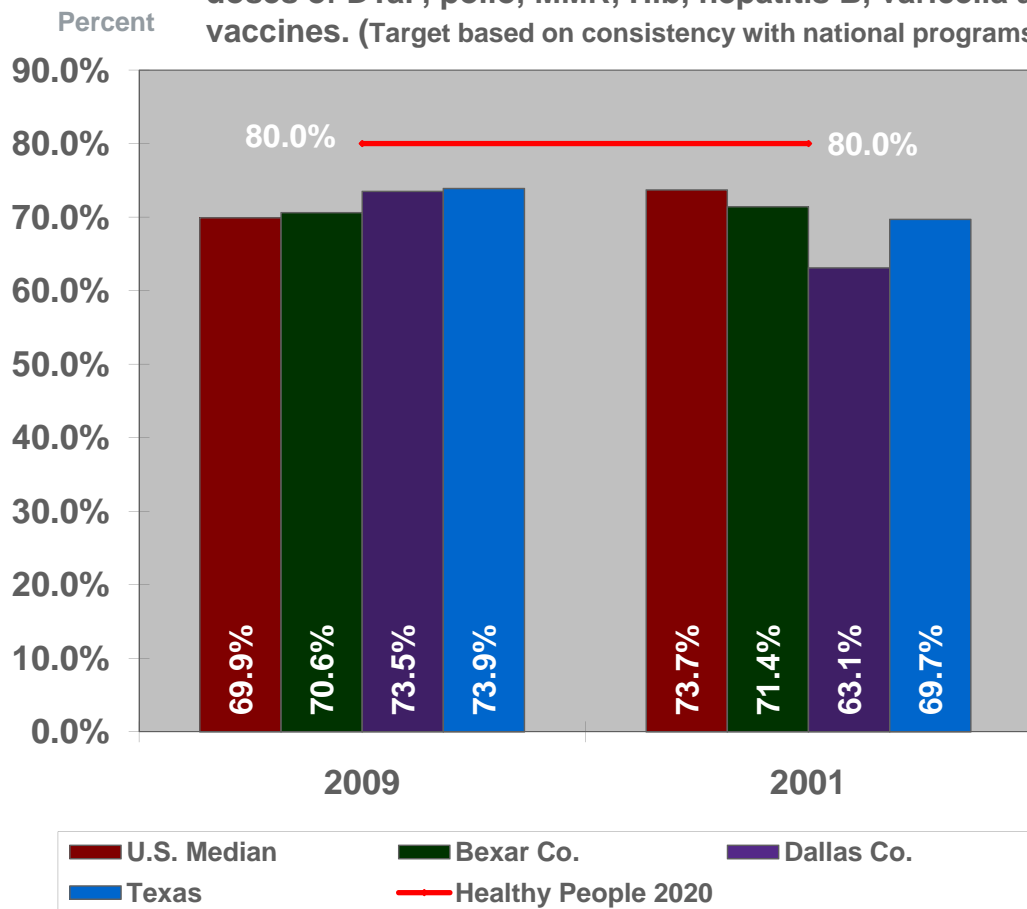


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Immunization: Vaccinations for children ages 19 to 35 months

Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase the proportion of children aged 19 to 35 months who receive the recommended doses of DTaP, polio, MMR, Hib, hepatitis B, varicella and PCV vaccines. (Target based on consistency with national programs)



Dallas County Trend for percent of children receiving the appropriate vaccinations for ages 19 to 35 months, 2001-2009



The only Peer County available in Los Angeles for 2009 at 78.1% immunized in this age group.

Vaccine recommendations based on the 4:3:1:3:3:1 schedule and at the appropriate age.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Immunization Survey, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Beyond ABC: Growing Up in Dallas County, 2009 Children's Medical Center
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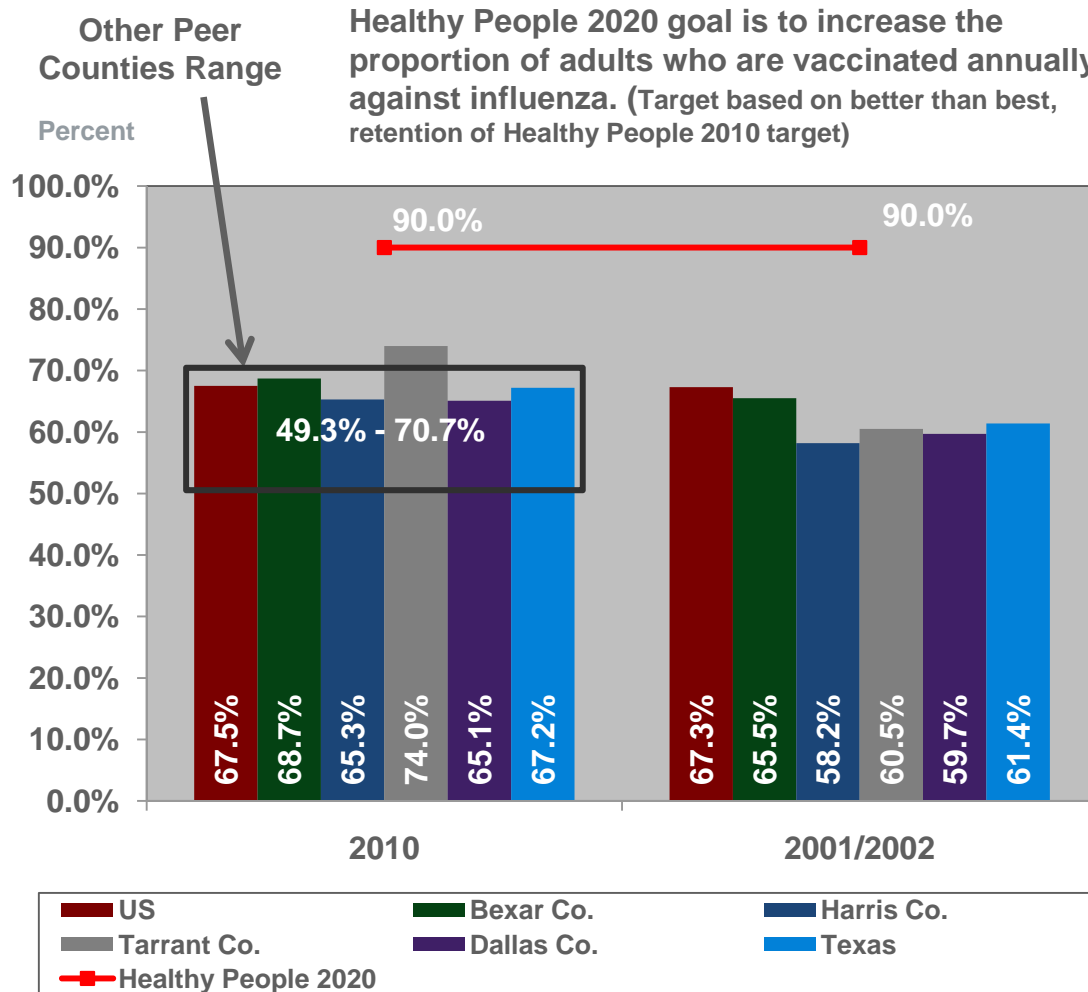
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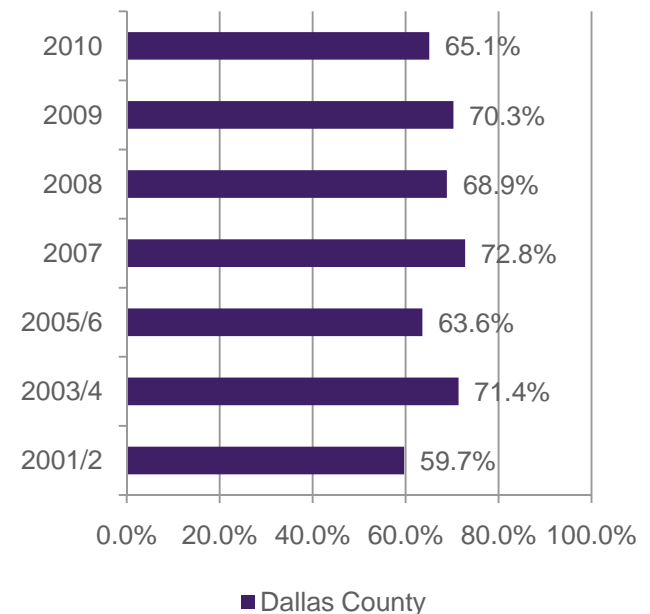
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Immunization: Adults aged 65+ who have had a flu shot within the past year, 2010



Dallas County Trend for Adults aged 65+ who have had a flu shot within the past 12 months

Percent



Other Peer Counties include:
Maricopa, Los Angeles, Cook,
Miami/Dade

Source: CDC BRFSS, 2001/2002 combined, 2003/2004 combined, 2005/2006 combined 2007, 2008 and 2009. Years were combined to ensure a sufficient sample size. Data for Other Peer Counties is 2010. Texas 2010 data provided by Anna Vincent, Research Specialist, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, via email 7.15.11























Healthy People 2020 Objective IID-12.7

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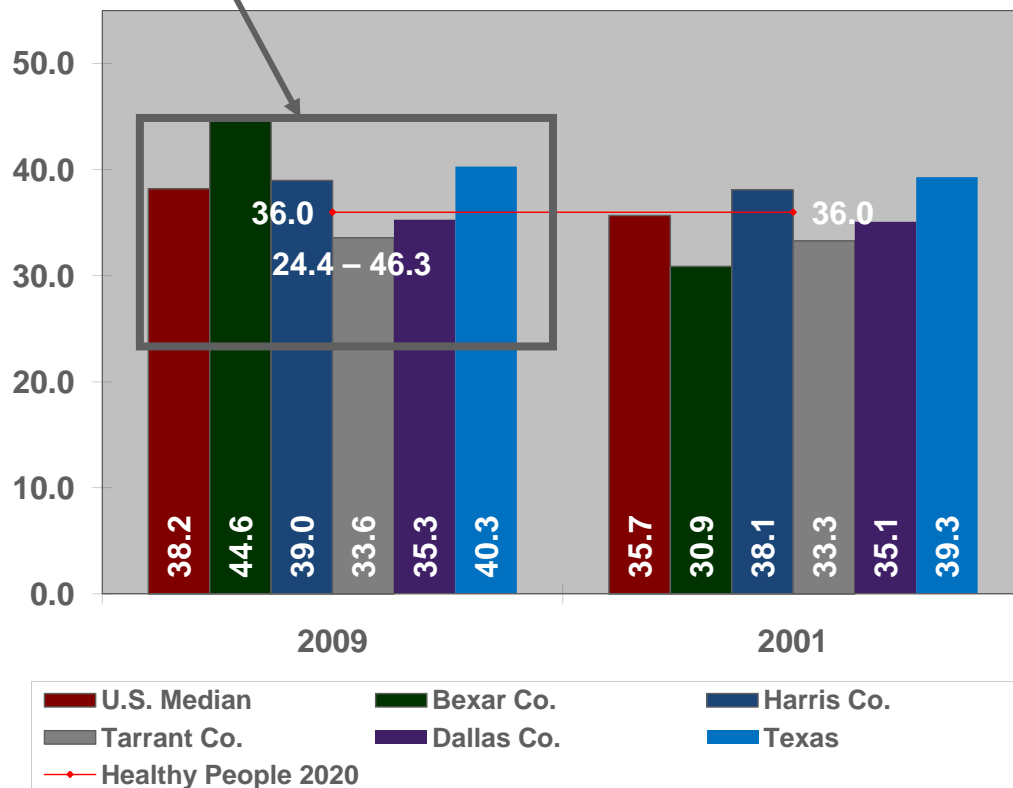
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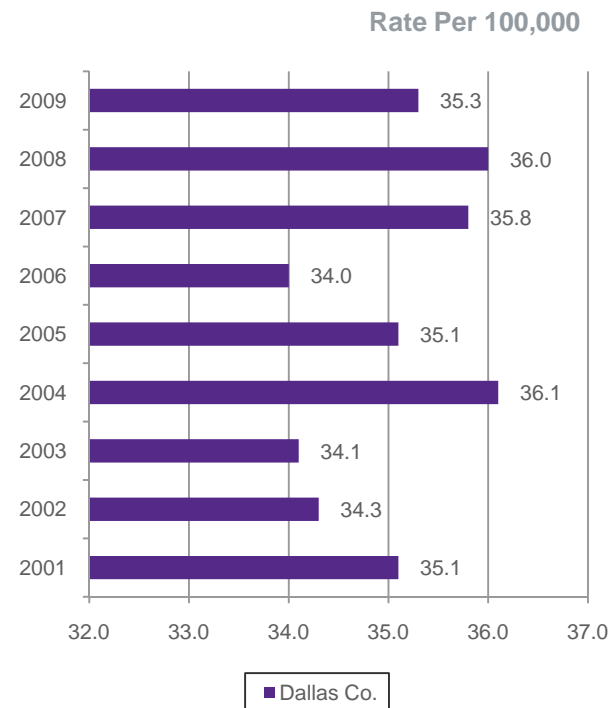
Injuries: Age-Adjusted Unintentional Injury Death Rate, per 100,000 population

Other Peer Counties Range
Rate Per 100,000

Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce deaths caused by unintentional injuries (Target based on 10 percent improvement)



Dallas County Trend in Unintentional Injury Death Rates, 2001 to 2009



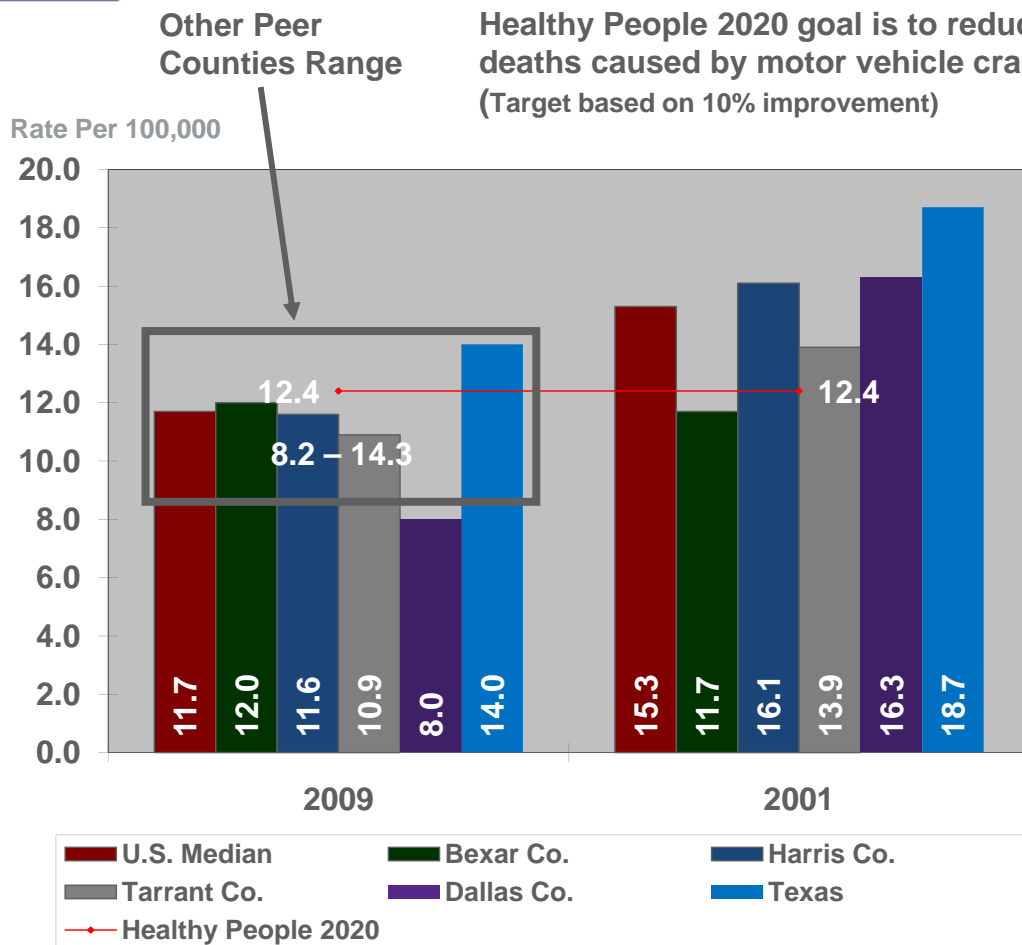
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Includes all unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle accidents, falls, poisoning, drowning/submersion, and others. Does not include homicide and suicide. ICD10 codes for unintentional injury deaths include: (V01-X59, Y85-Y86).

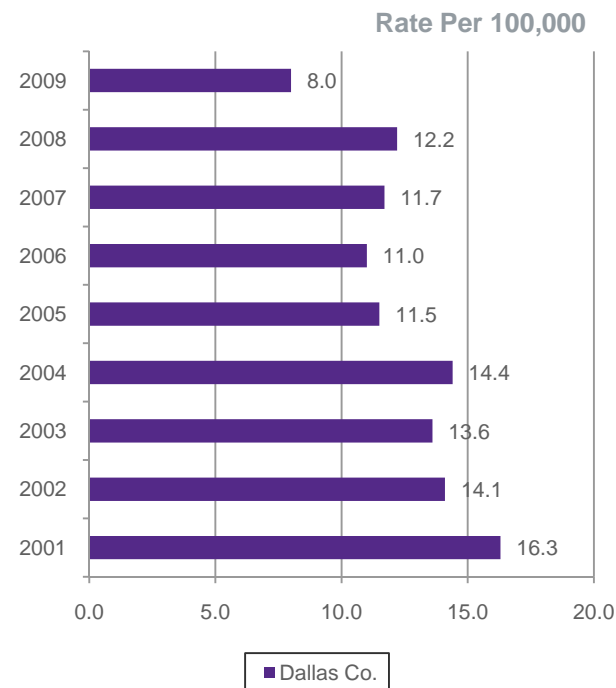


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Injuries: Age-Adjusted Motor Vehicle Crash Death Rate, per 100,000 population



Dallas County Trend in Motor Vehicle Crash Death Rates, 2001-2009



Other Peer Counties include:
(2007 data) Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook

ICD10 Codes for Motor Vehicle Crashes
Includes V02-V04, V09.0, V09.2, V12-V14, V19.0-V19.2, V19.4-V19.6, V20-V79, V80.3-V80.5, V81.0-V81.1, V82.0-V82.1, V83-V86, V87.0-V87.8, V88.0-V88.8, V89.0, V89.2

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services website query system and special run by Lyudmila Baskin, Ph.D, Research Specialist, Texas Dept of State Health Services

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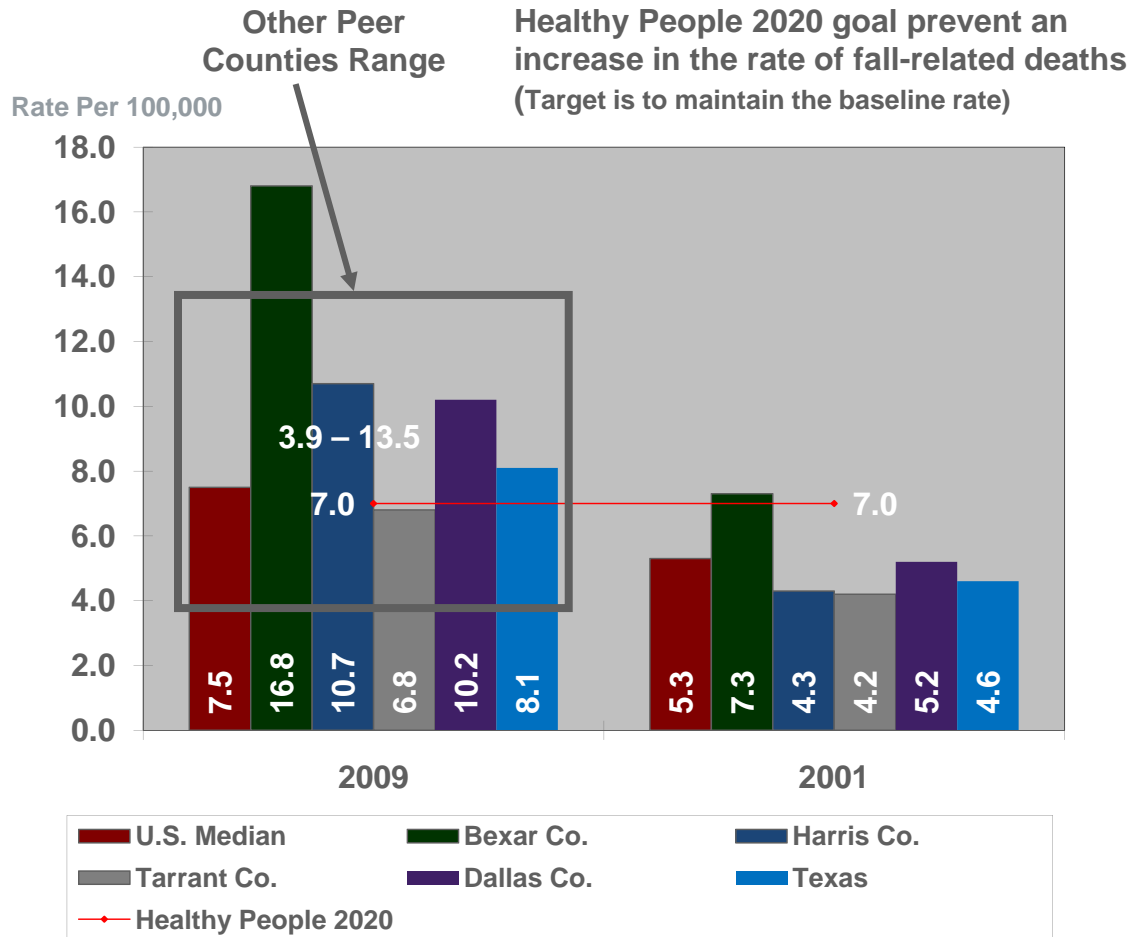
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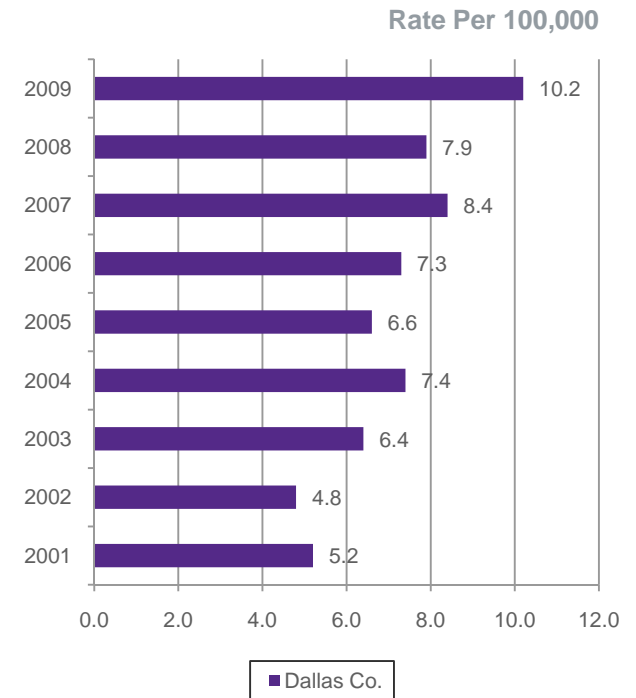
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Injuries: Age-Adjusted Falls Death Rate, per 100,000 population



Dallas County Falls Death Rates, 2001-2009



Other Peer Counties include: Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook (2007 data)

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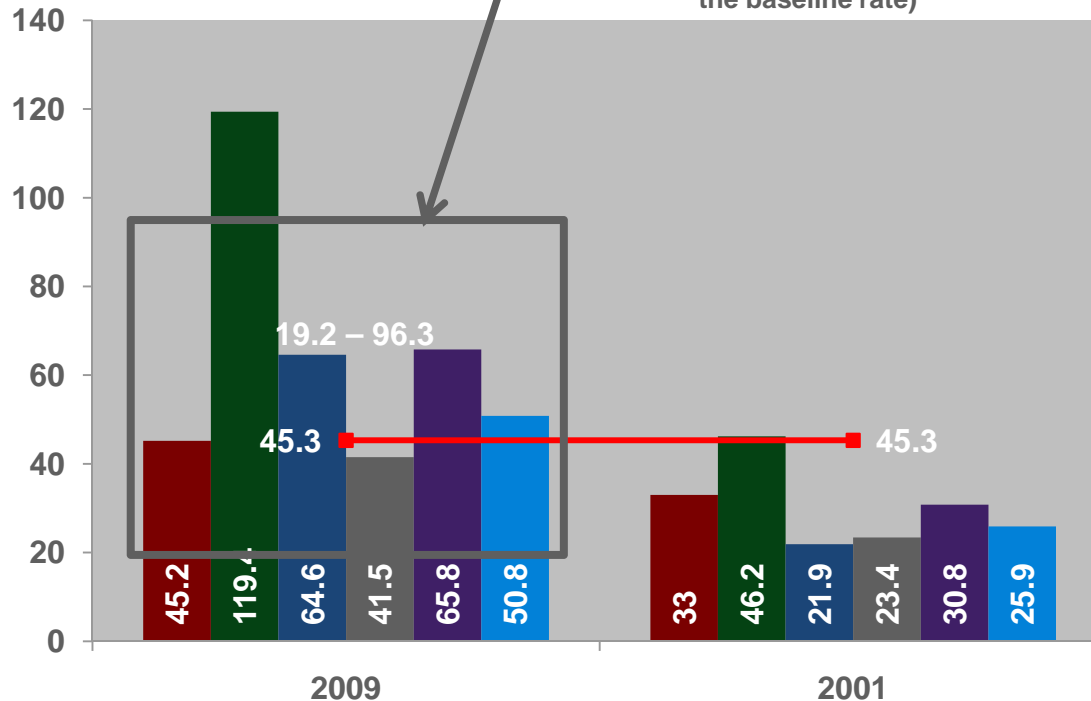
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Injuries: Age Specific Fall Death Rates, per 100,000 population for age 65

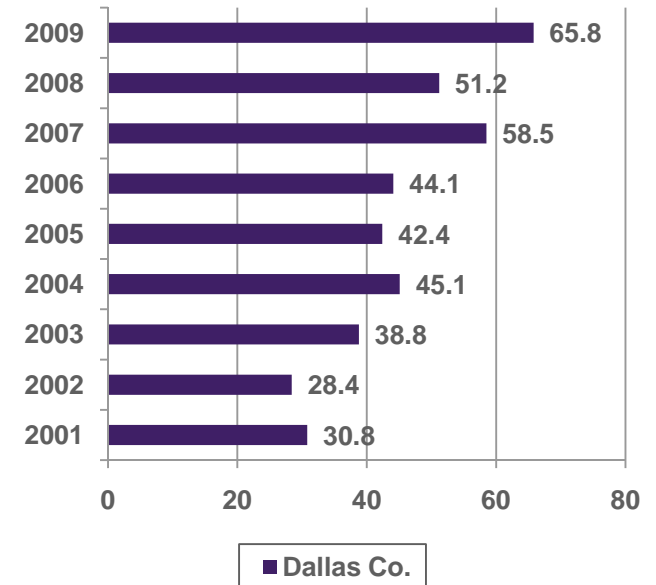
Rate per 100,000 population age 65 and over

Other Peer Counties Range

Healthy People 2020 to prevent an increase in the rate of fall-related deaths (Target is to maintain the baseline rate)



Dallas County Trend in Age-Specific Falls Death Rates, 2001-2009, age 65 and over



Includes falls deaths. ICD 10 W00-W19

Other Peer Counties include:
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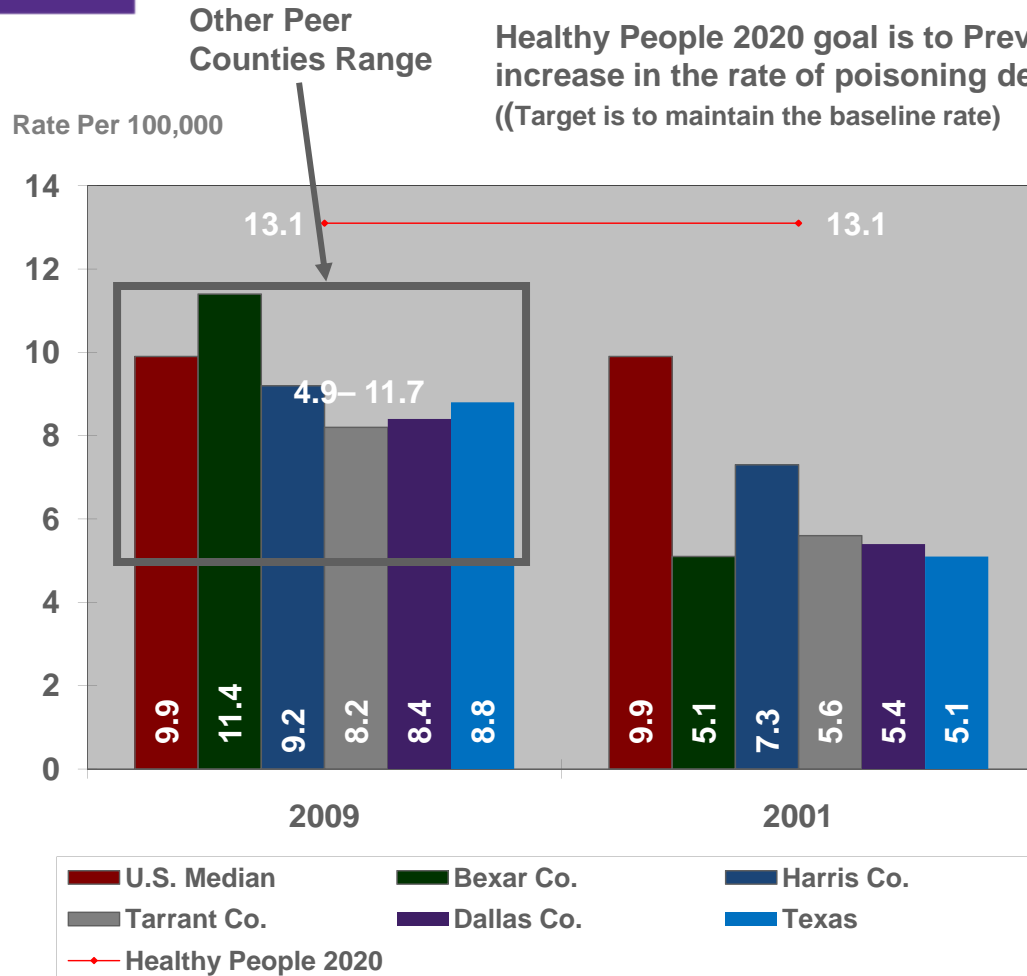
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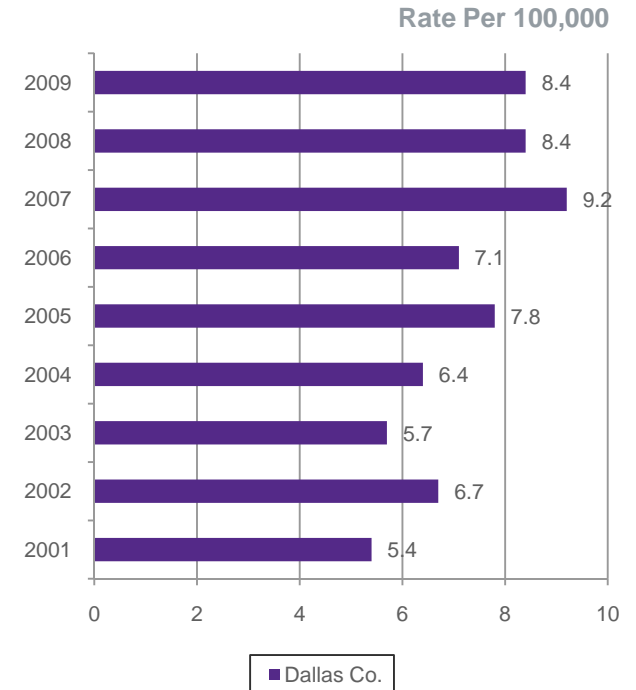


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Injuries: Age-Adjusted Unintentional Poisoning Death Rate, per 100,000 population



Dallas County Trend in Poisoning Death Rates, 2001-2009



Other Peer Counties include:
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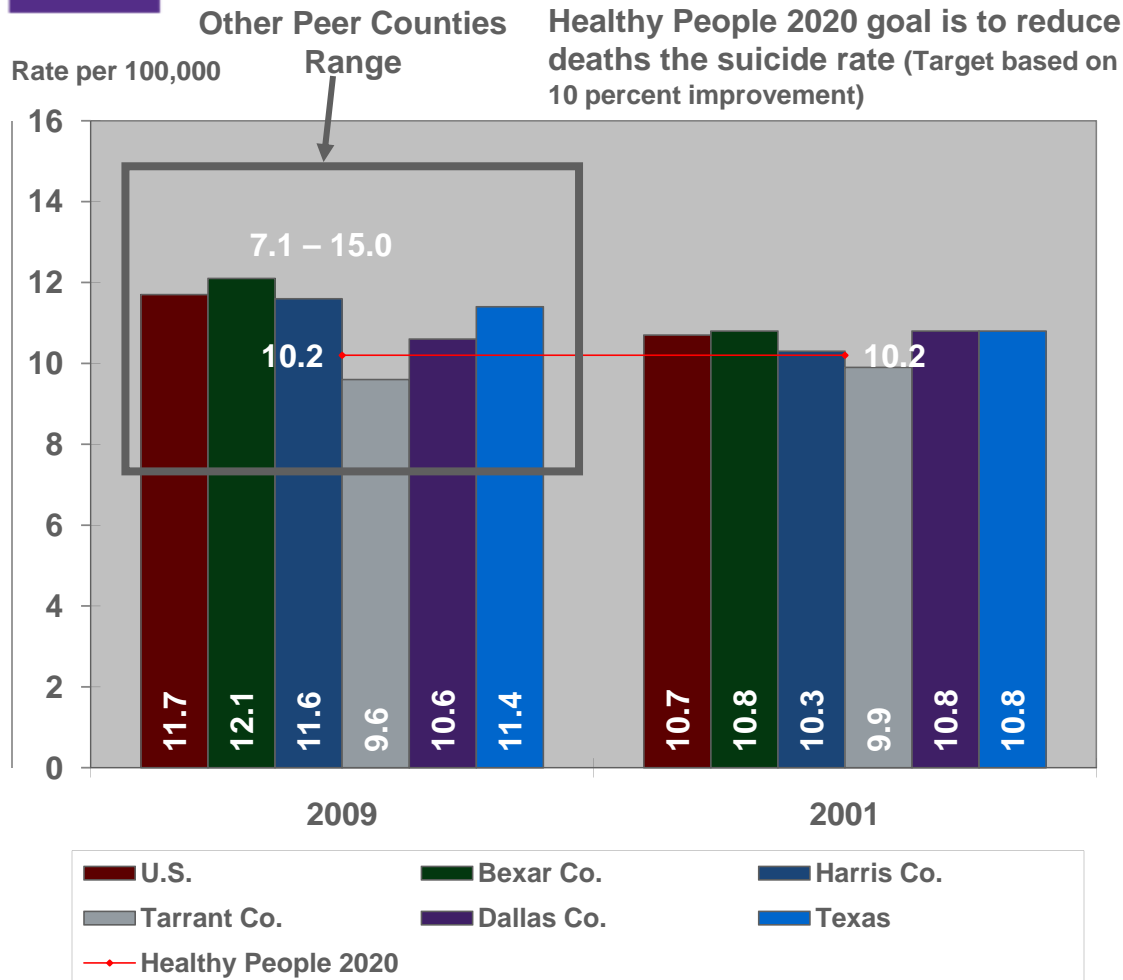
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Includes all unintentional poisoning deaths. ICD 10 X40-X49

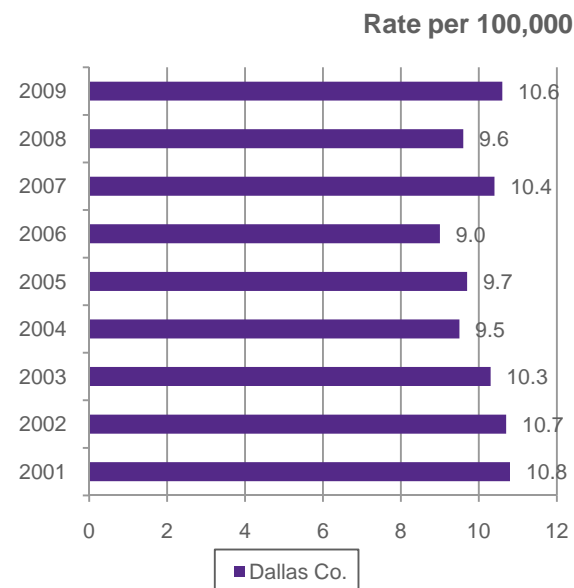


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Injuries: Age-Adjusted Suicide Death Rate, per 100,000 population



Dallas County Trend in Suicide Death Rates, 2001-2009



Includes all Suicides deaths. ICD 10 X60-x84, Y87.0

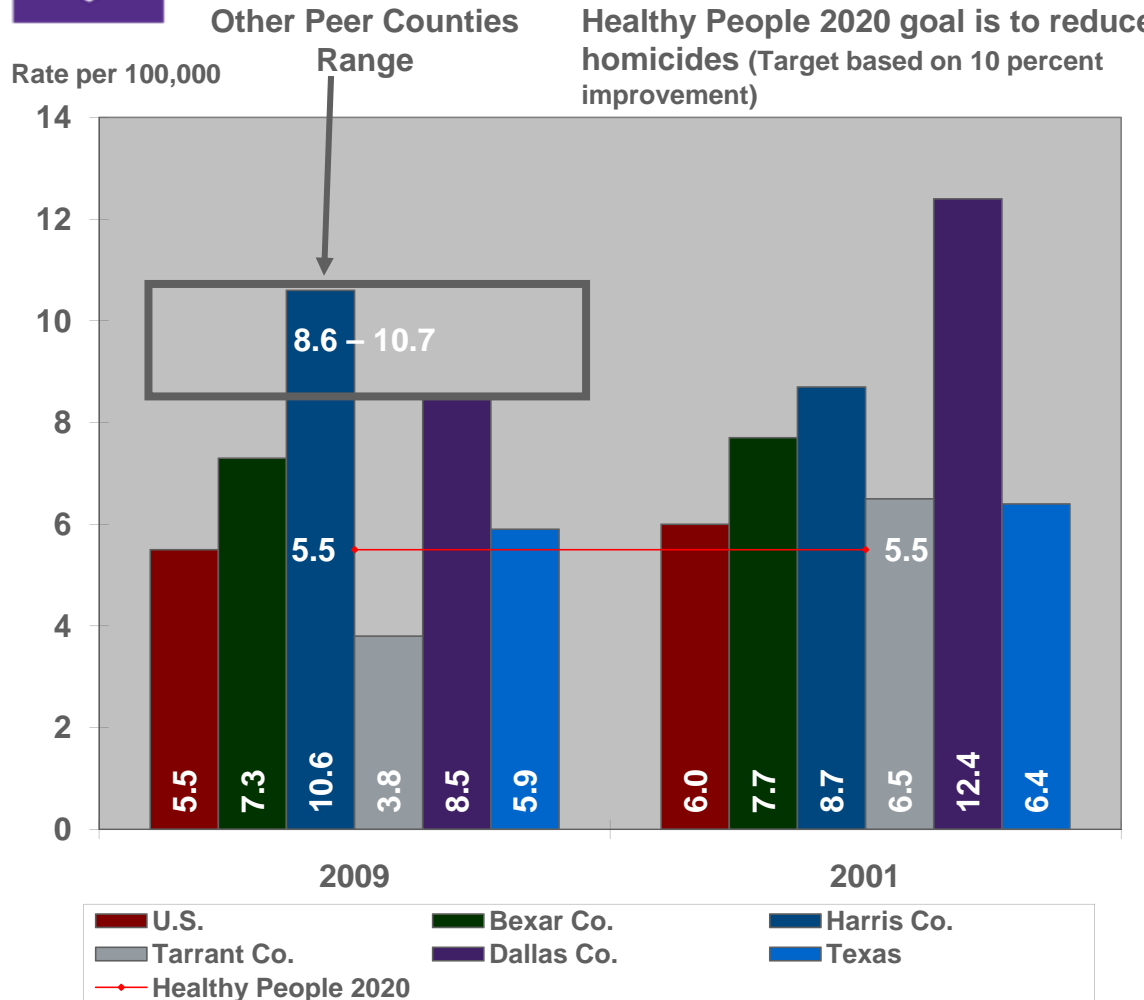
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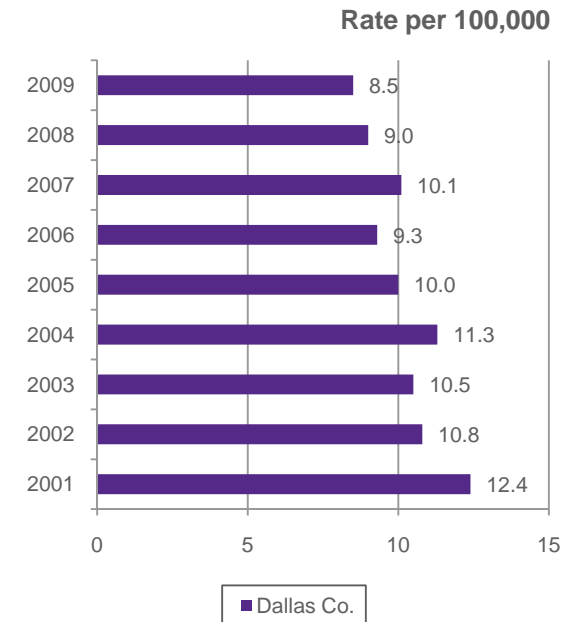


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Injuries: Age-Adjusted Homicide Death Rate, per 100,000 population



Dallas County Trend in Homicide Death Rates, 2001-2009



Includes all homicide deaths. ICD 10 X85-Y09, Y87.1

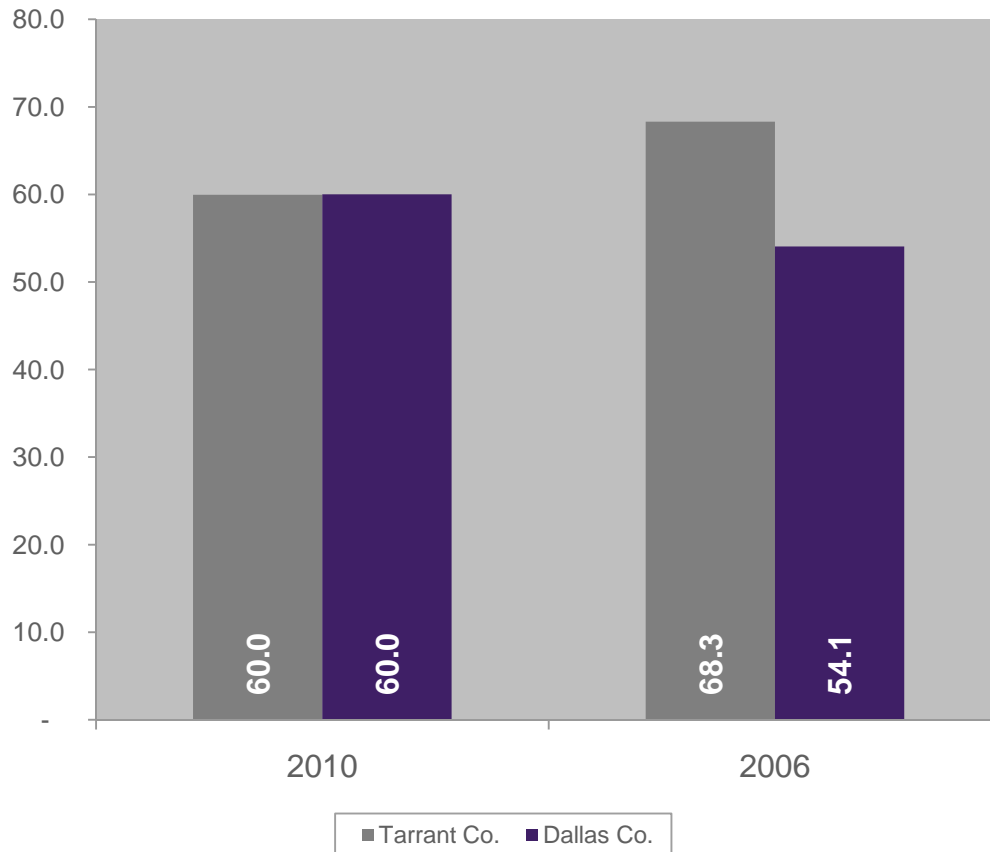
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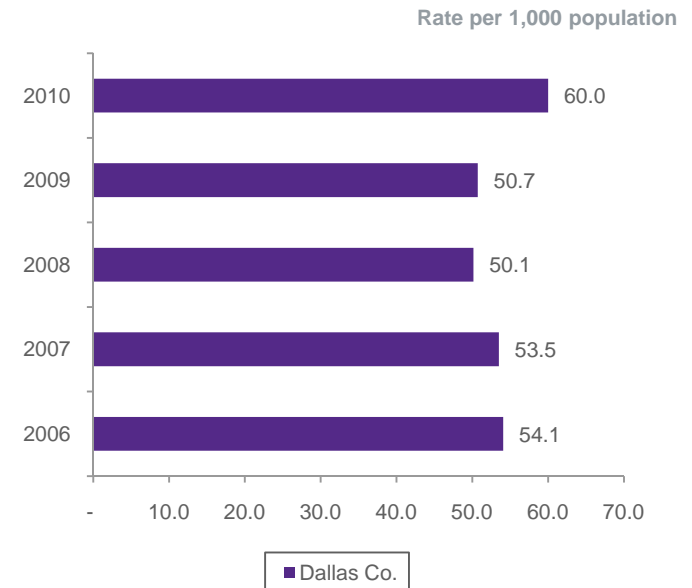
Injuries: Emergency Department Visits for Injuries, 2006-2010

Injury-Related ED Visits per 1,000 population



Sources: DFW Hospital Council, Outpatient Data System.
NYU Algorithm for determining appropriate Emergency Dept. use

Dallas County Trend in Emergency Department Visits for Injuries, 2006-2010



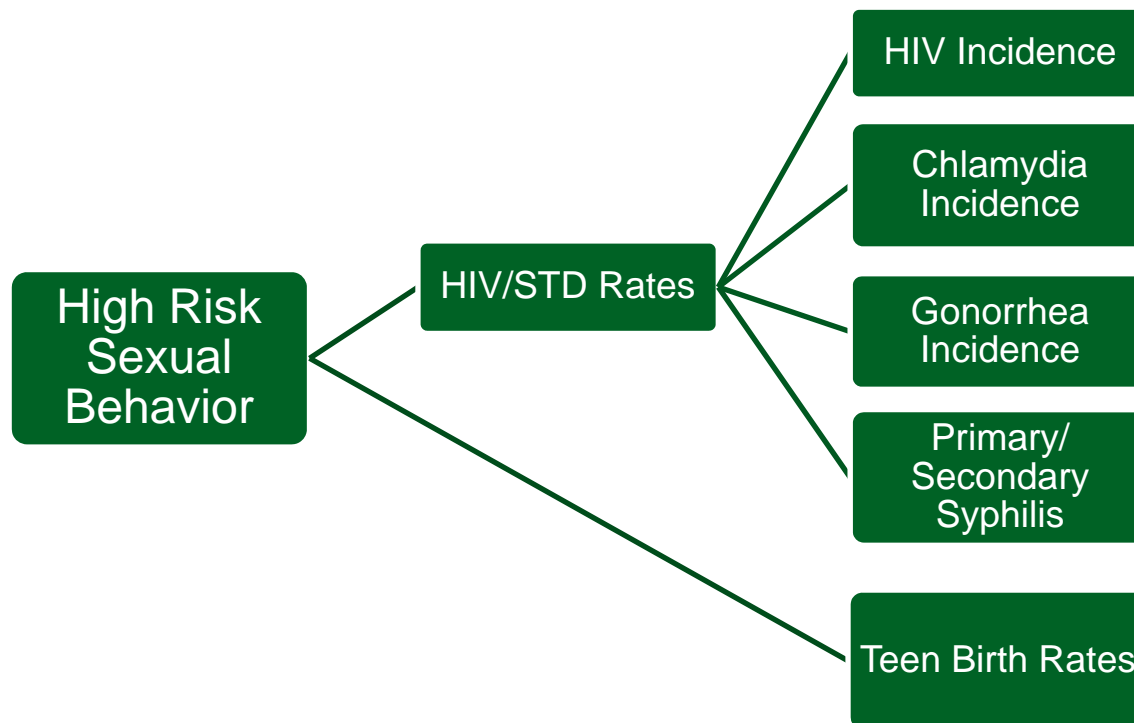
The Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council has established an Emergency Department data set from more than 44 hospitals in the region. The data repository has over 3.6 million emergency department visits as of 2010.



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Health Risk Behaviors – High Risk Sexual Behaviors

- Doing better than the benchmark
- Same as/not significantly different from the benchmark
- Worse than the benchmark

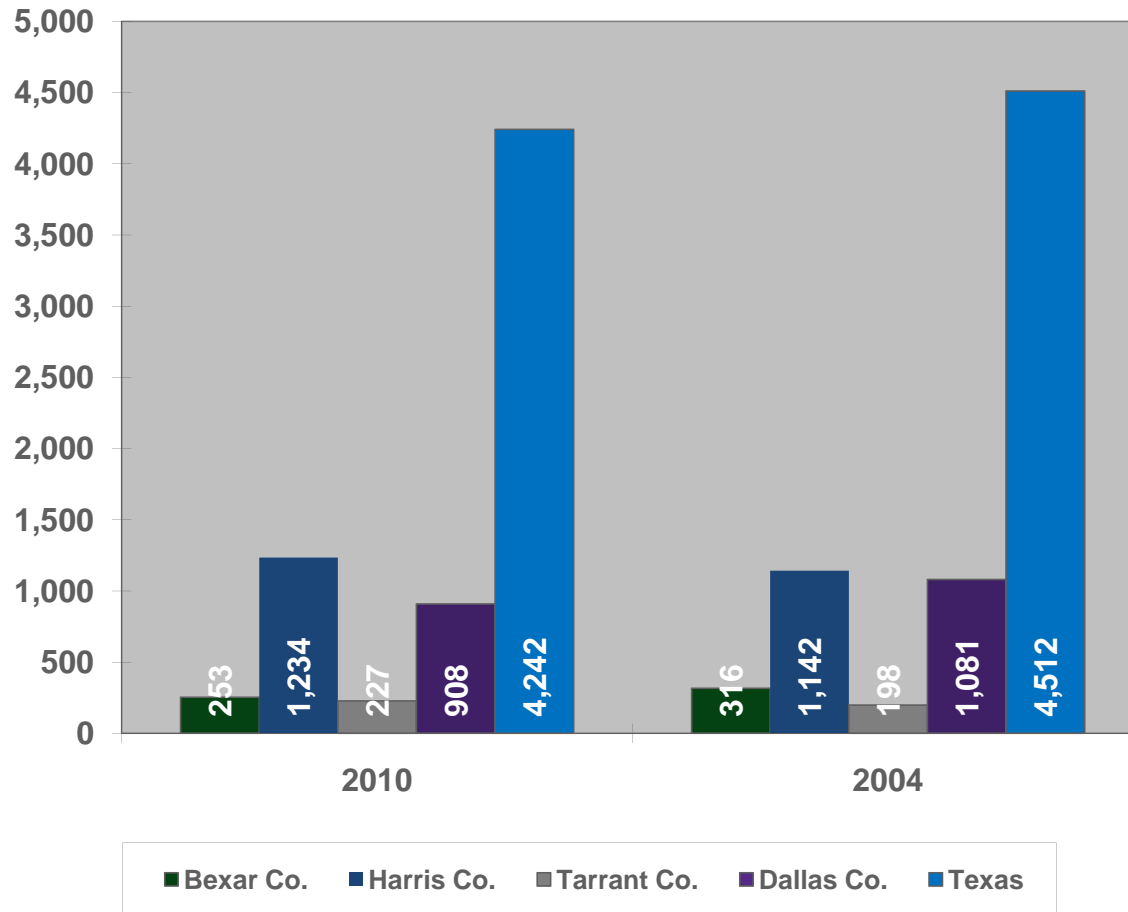


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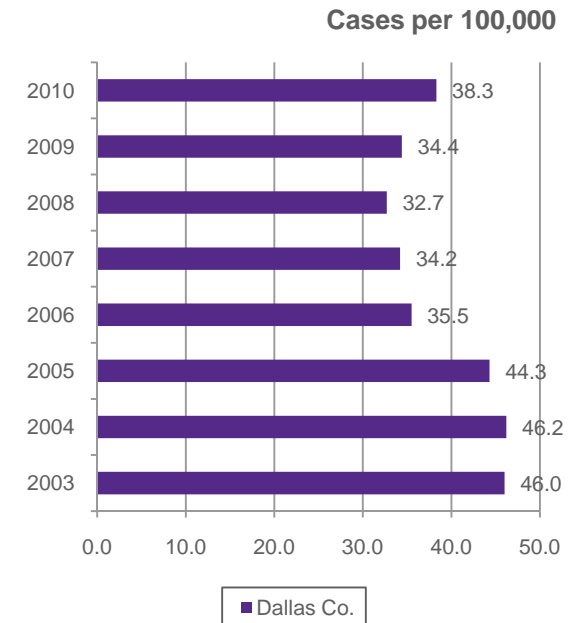


STD/HIV: Annual HIV Cases and Rates, 2003-2010

Number of New Cases



Dallas County Trend for Rate of New HIV Cases, 2003 to 2010



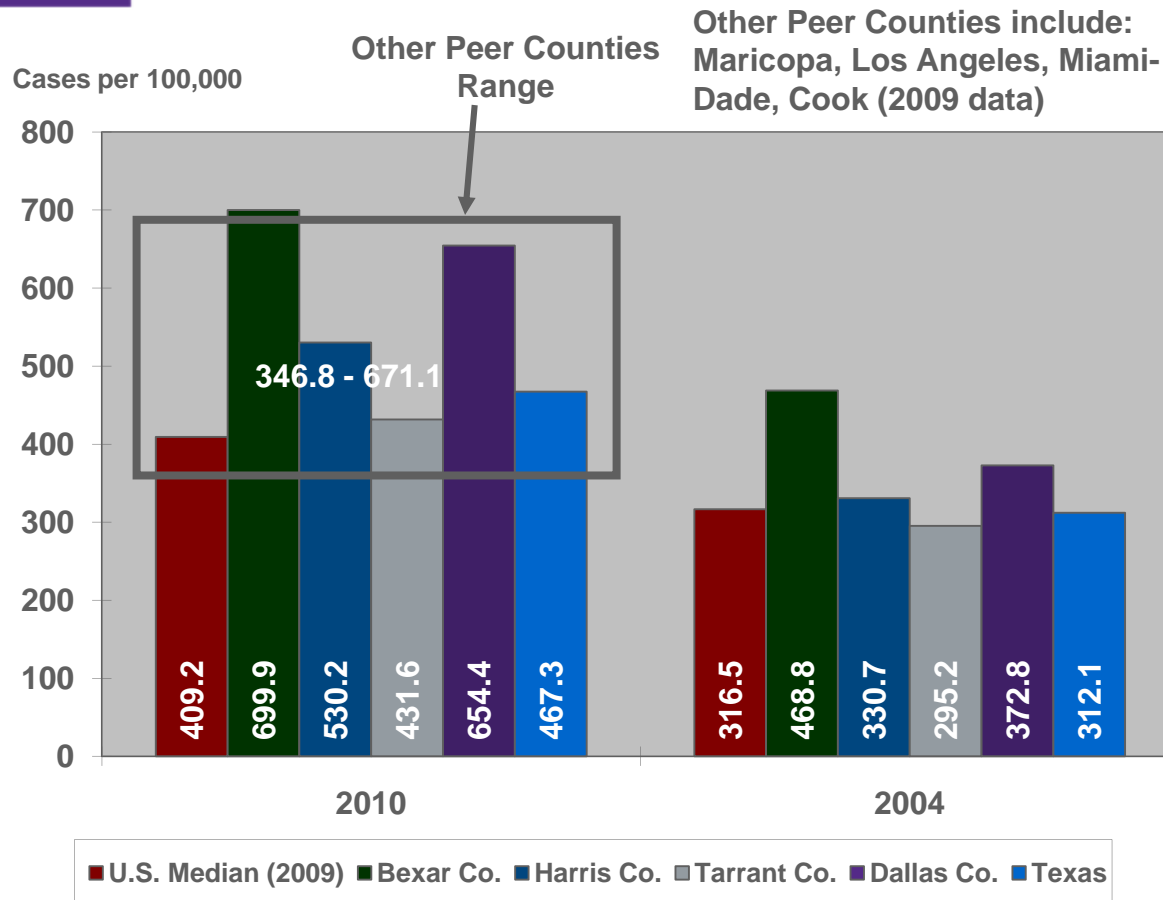
56,300 new cases of HIV in 2006 in the U.S.

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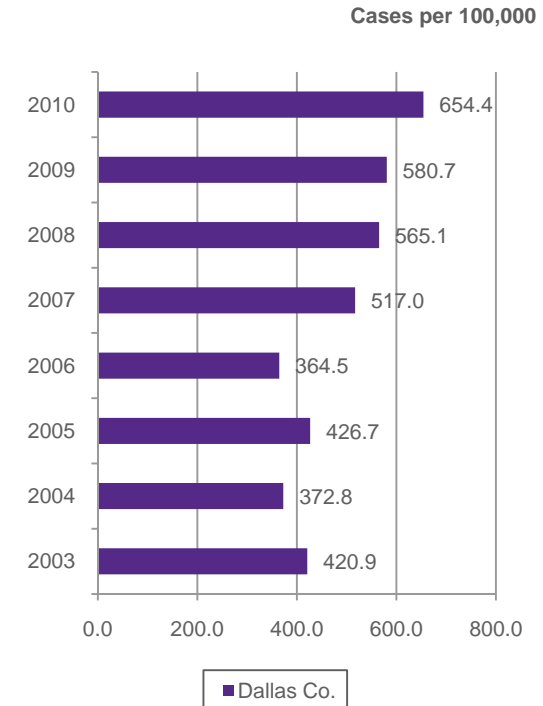


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STD/HIV: Chlamydia Cases per 100,000 population 2003-2010



Dallas County Trend 2003 to 2010



Source: [2009 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Surveillance](http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats09/tables/9.htm)

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats09/tables/9.htm>,

The Texas STD Surveillance Report 2010, Texas Department of State Health Services,

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/reports/default.shtm>

<http://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D42>

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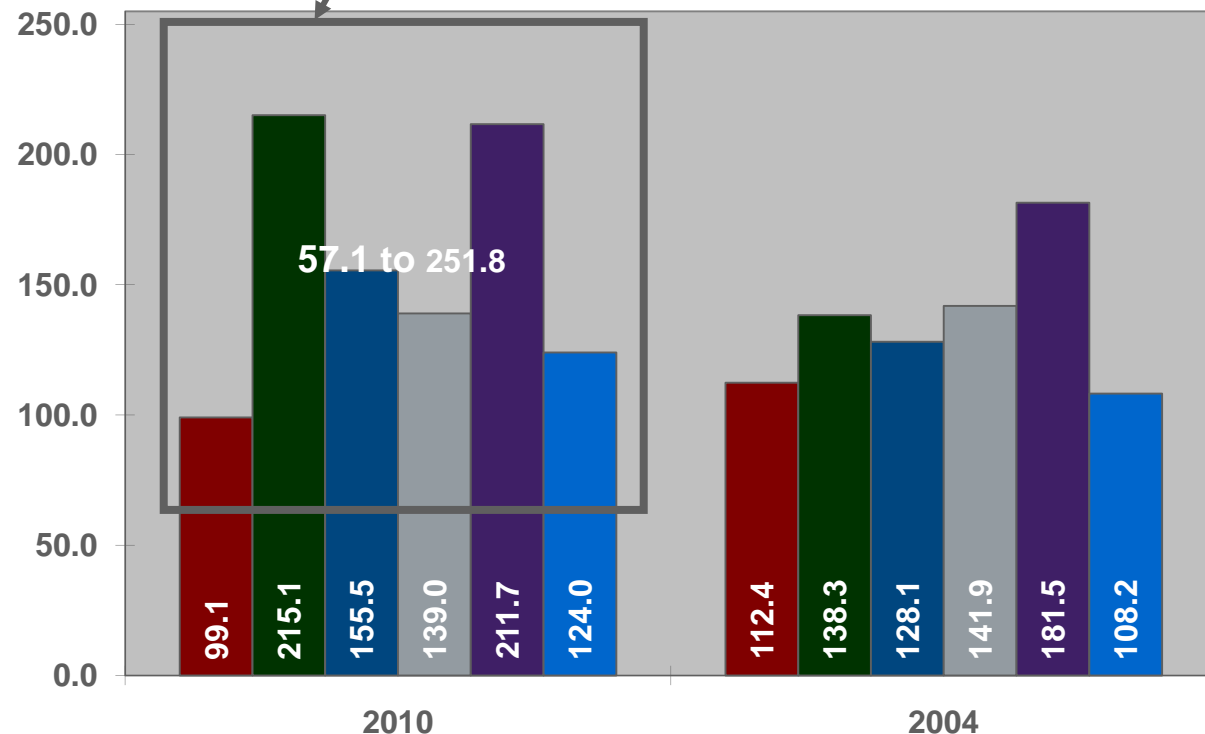
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STD/HIV: Gonorrhea Rate per 100,000 population 2003-2010

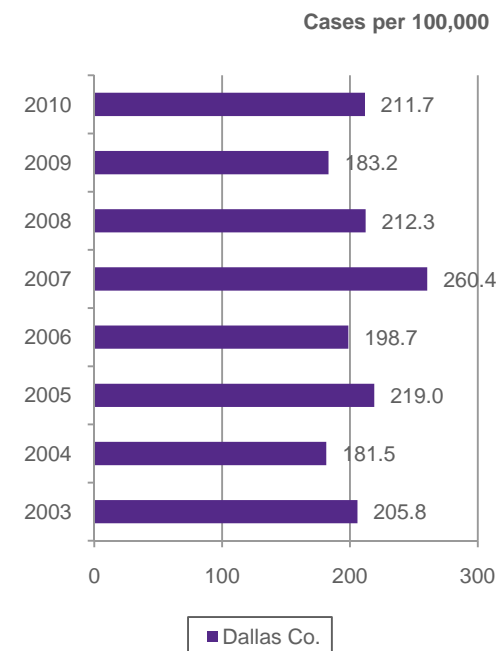
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Other Peer Counties Range

Cases per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2003 to 2010



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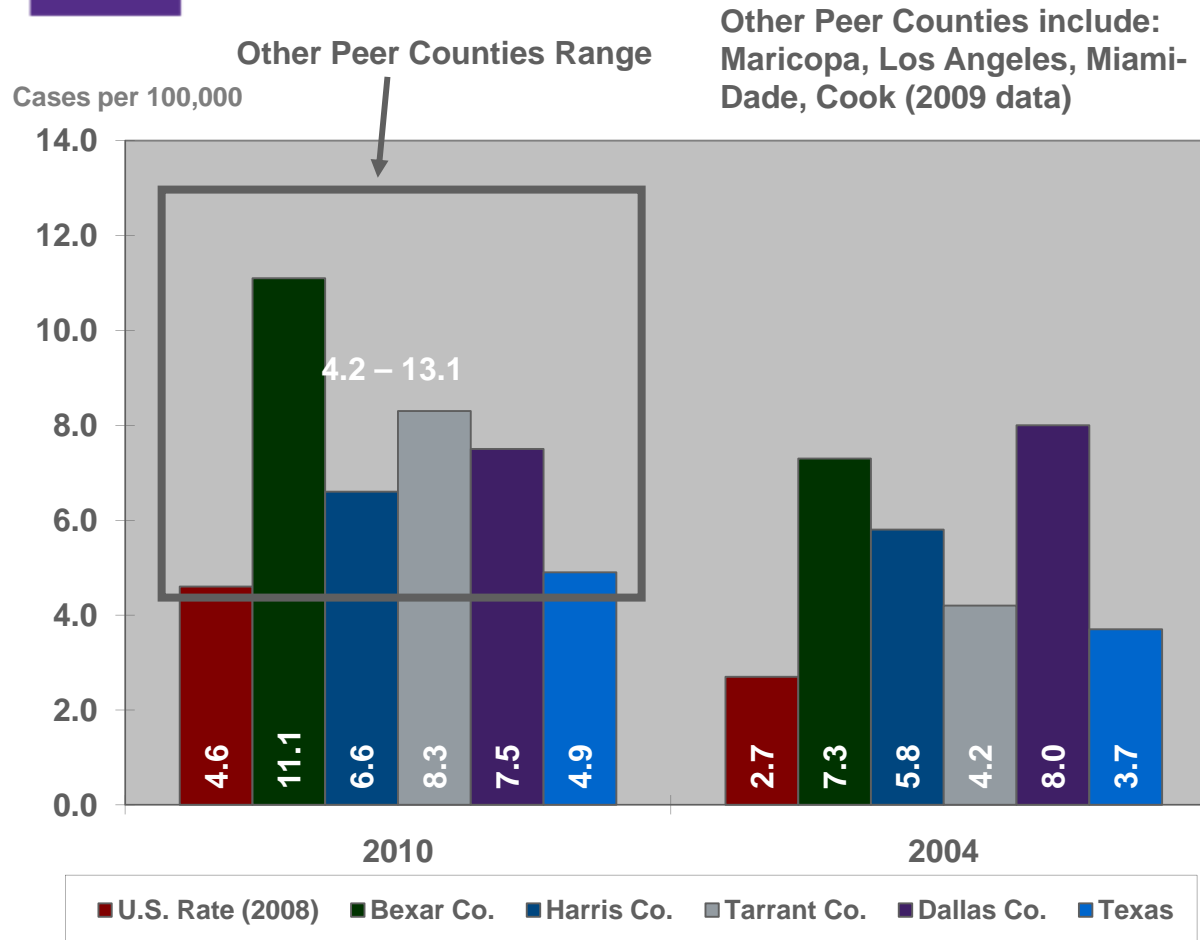
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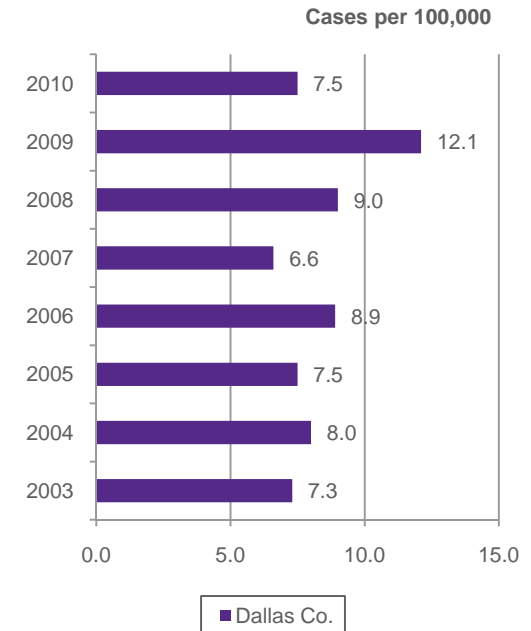


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STD/HIV: Syphilis Primary and Secondary Rate per 100,000 population, 2003-2010



Dallas County Trend for Syphilis
Rate, 2003 to 2010



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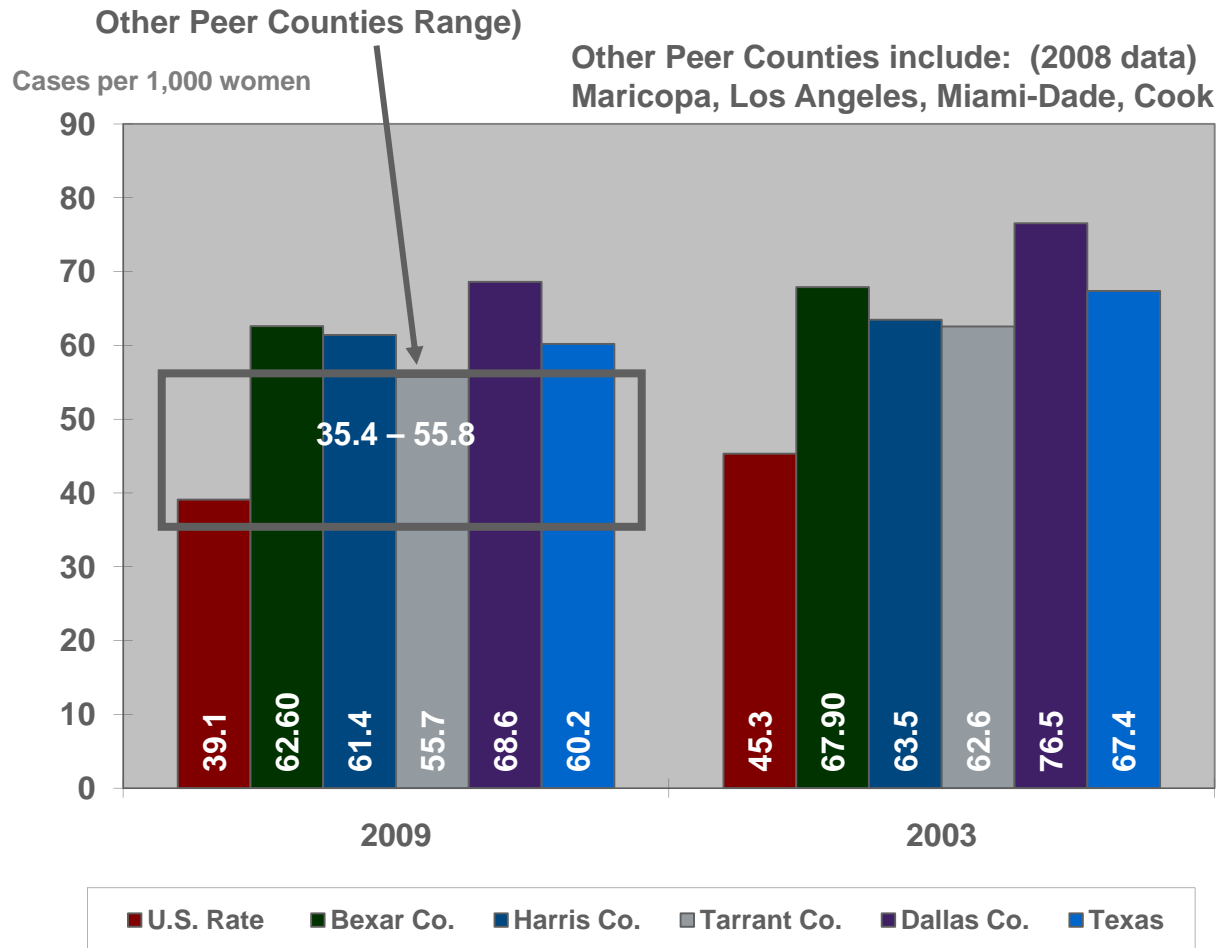
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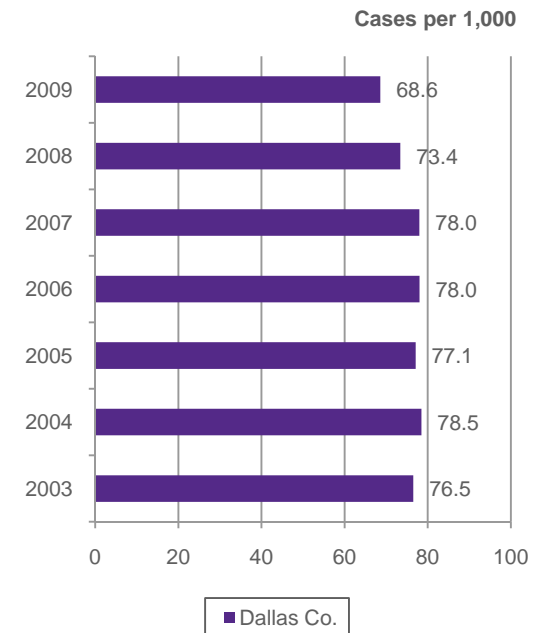


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Teen Births: Teen Birth Rate, 2003 to 2009 (Number of births per 1,000 women ages 15 to 19)



Dallas County Trend for Teen Birth Rate, 2003 to 2009



The Healthy People 2020 national health target is to reduce pregnancies among adolescent females ages 15-17 from 40.2 per 1,000 in 2005 to 36.2 per 1,000 in 2020
Healthy People 2020, FP 8.1

Source: CDC Wonder 2003

American Community Survey Population Estimates 2003-2009, Females 15 to 19

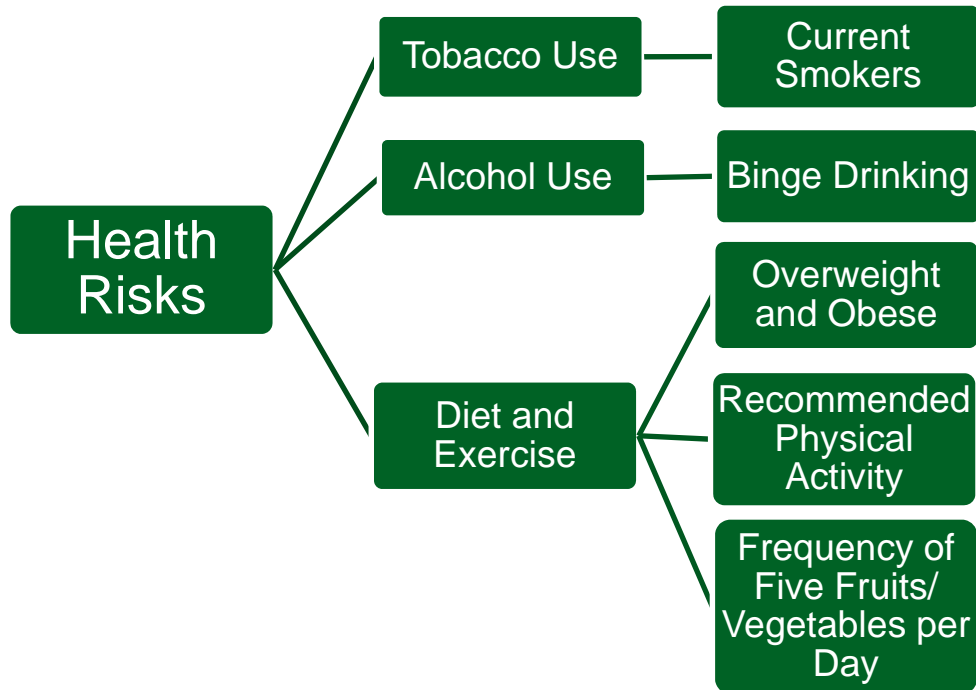
Texas Department of State Health Services Query Tool and Email correspondence from Lyudmila Baskin, Ph.D. Research Specialist


Peer County Data Source: National Center for Vital Statistics System, Beyond 2020 tables, 2008 data.

<http://nchs1.beyond2020.com/vitalstats/ReportFolders/ReportFolders.aspx>

Health Risk Behaviors – Other High Risk Behaviors

-  – Doing better than the benchmark
-  – Same as/not significantly different from the benchmark
-  – Worse than the benchmark



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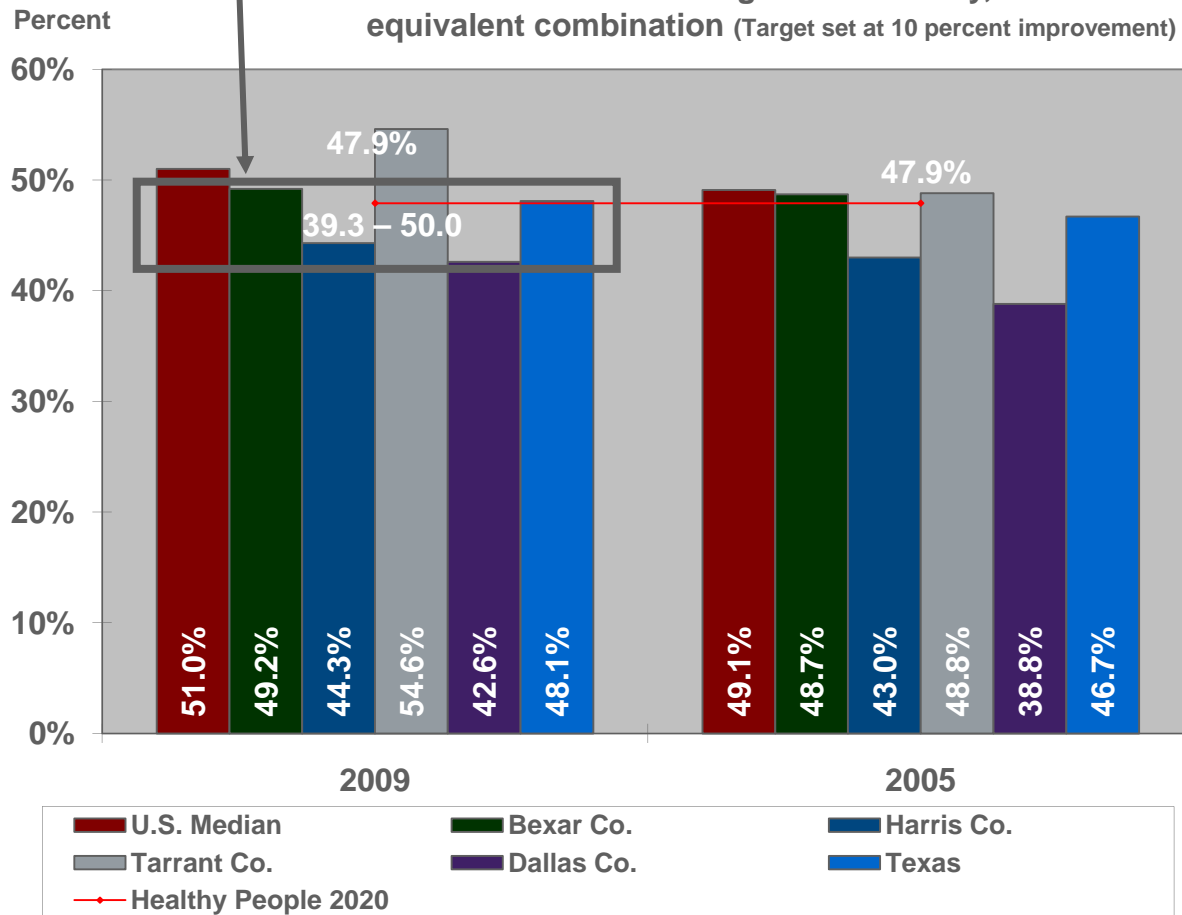


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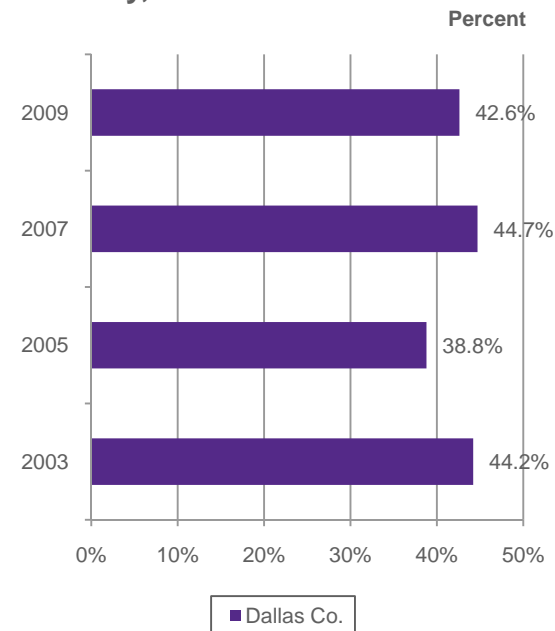
Diet and Exercise: Adults* with 30+ minutes of moderate physical activity five or more days per week, or vigorous physical activity for 20+ minutes three or more days per week

Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase the proportion of adults who engage in aerobic physical activity of at least moderate intensity for at least 150 minutes/week or 75 minutes/week of vigorous intensity, or an equivalent combination (Target set at 10 percent improvement)

Other Peer Counties Range



Dallas County Trend for Physical Activity, 2003 to 2009



Other Peer Counties include: Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook

Source: CDC BRFSS, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009

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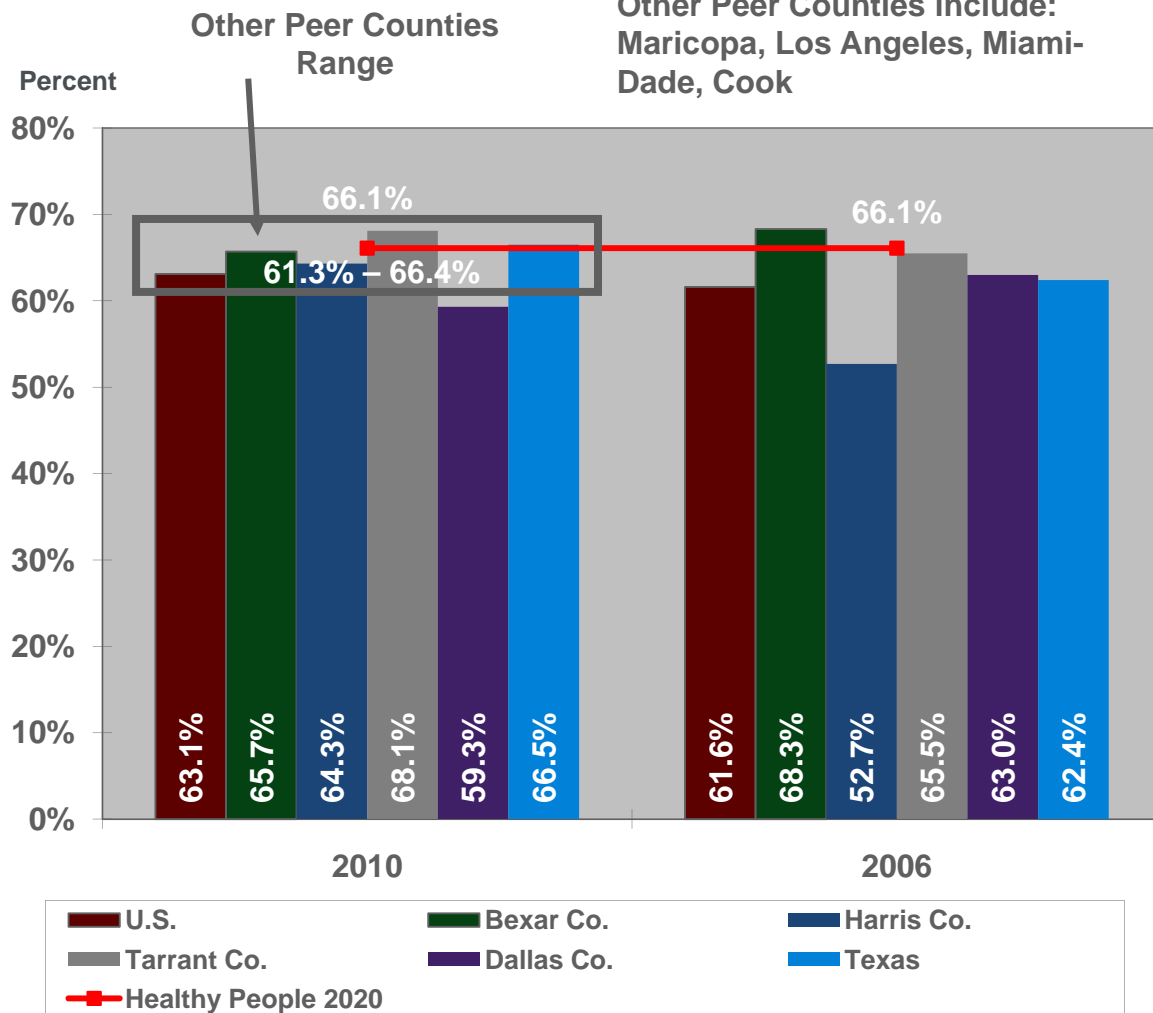
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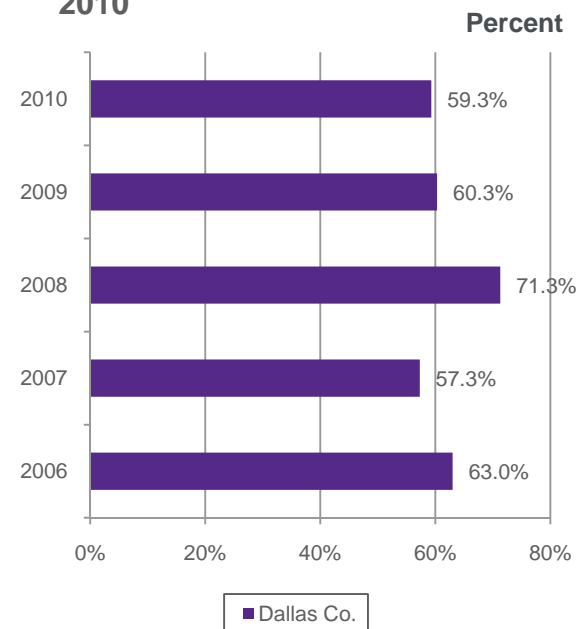


Overweight and Obese: Adults* with a BMI Greater Than 25 and Greater Than 30, 2006 to 2010

Other Peer Counties include:
Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook



Dallas County Trend for Overweight or Obese, 2006 - 2010

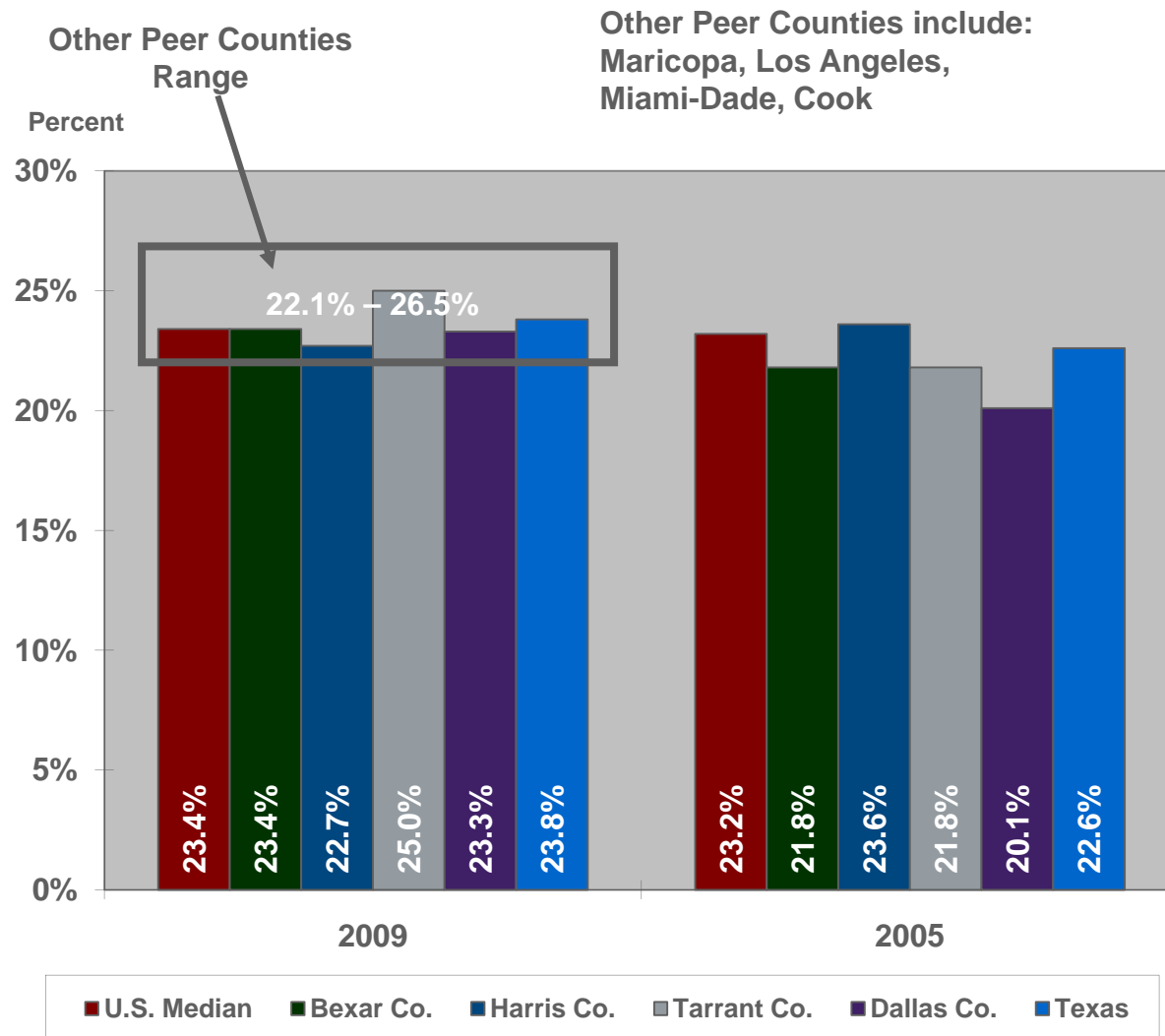


Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight. Baseline and target are for adults over the age of 20. The data source available here is for adults over the age of 18. (Target is a 10% increase. Baseline is at 30.8% of adults 20 and over at a healthy weight. The target is to increase to 33.9% of adults 20 and over at a healthy weight.)

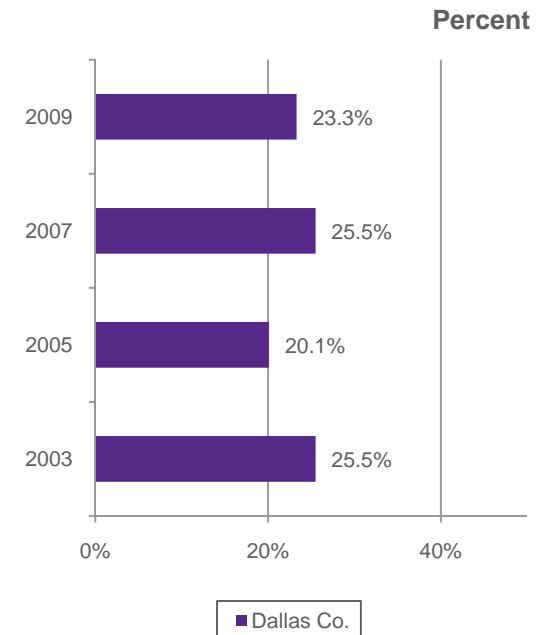


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Diet and Exercise: Adults* who have consumed fruits or vegetables 5 or more times per day, 2003-2009



Dallas County Trend for Fruit and Vegetable Consumption, 2003 to 2009



Healthy People 2020 goal is to increase contribution of total vegetables to the diets of the population aged 2 years and older. (Target is 1.1 cup equivalents per 1,000 calories)

Source: CDC BRFSS, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009

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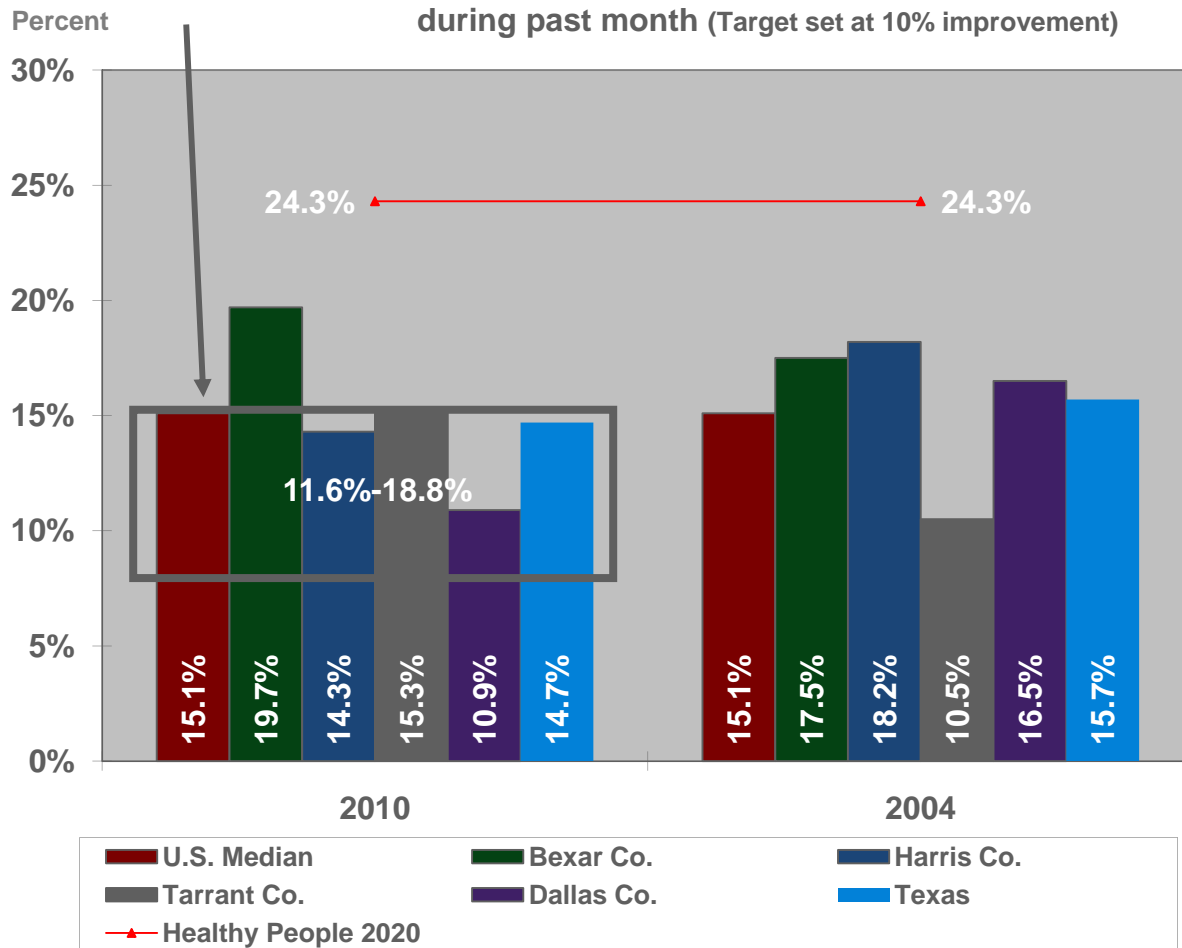


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Alcohol Use: Binge Drinkers (Males over the age of 18 who have had 5 or more drinks on one occasion; females who have had 4 or more drinks on one occasion)

Other Peer Counties Range

Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce the proportion of adults that engaged in binge drinking during past month (Target set at 10% improvement)



Dallas County Trend for Binge Drinking, 2004 to 2010



Other Peer Counties include: Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook

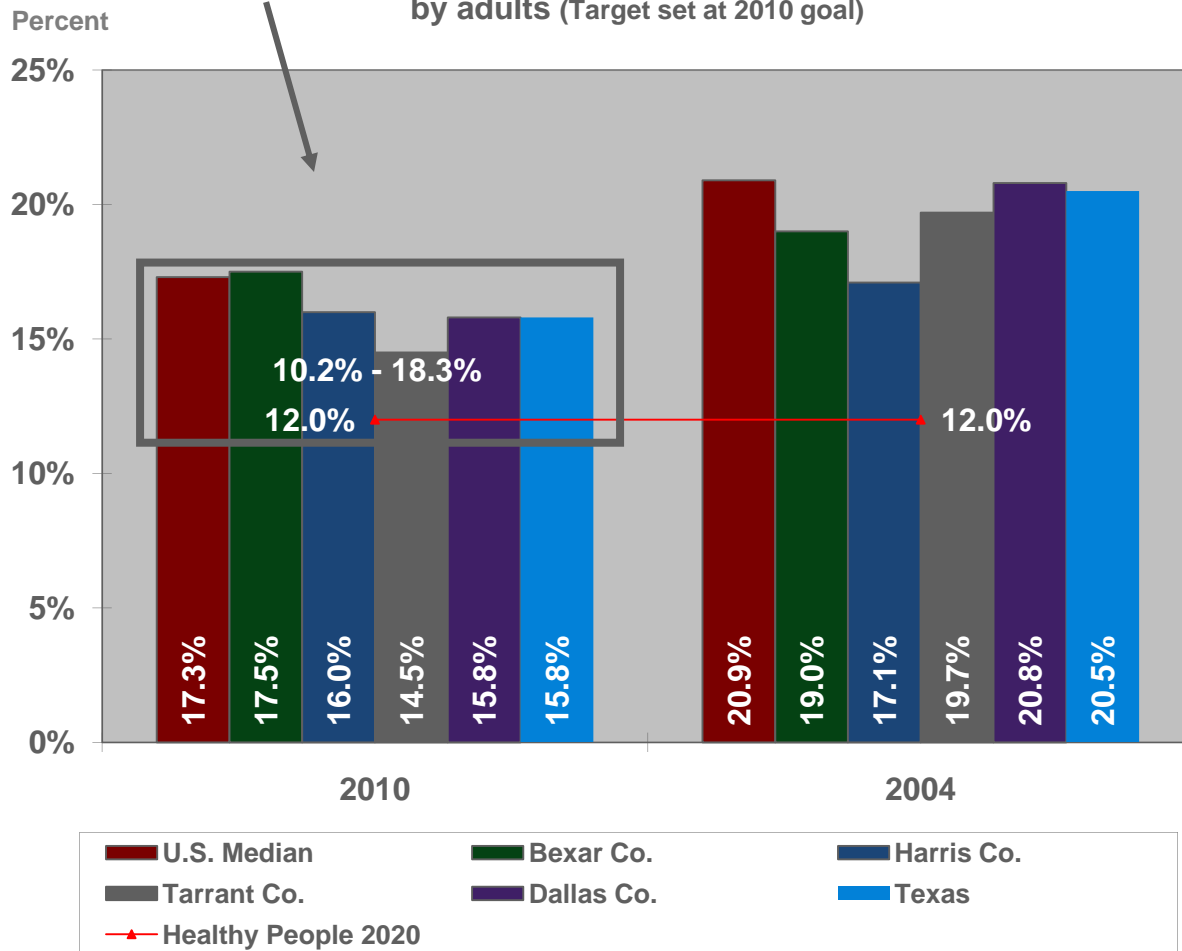


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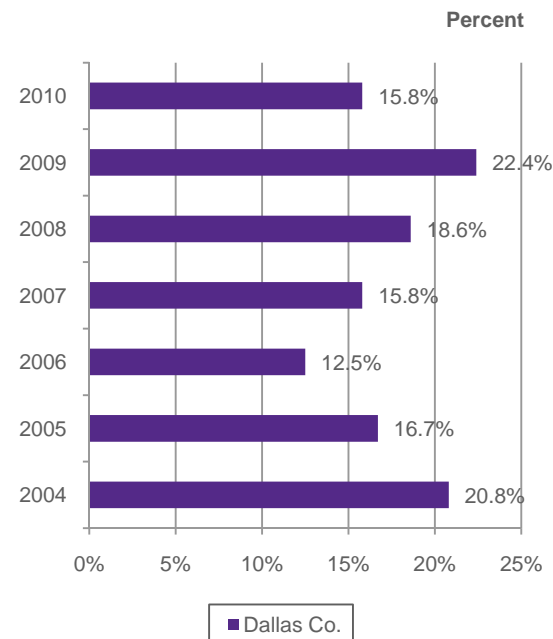
Tobacco Use: Adults* who are Current Smokers (Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all)

Other Peer Counties Range

Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce tobacco use by adults (Target set at 2010 goal)



Dallas County Trend for Rate of Current Smokers, 2004 to 2010



Other Peer Counties include:
Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook

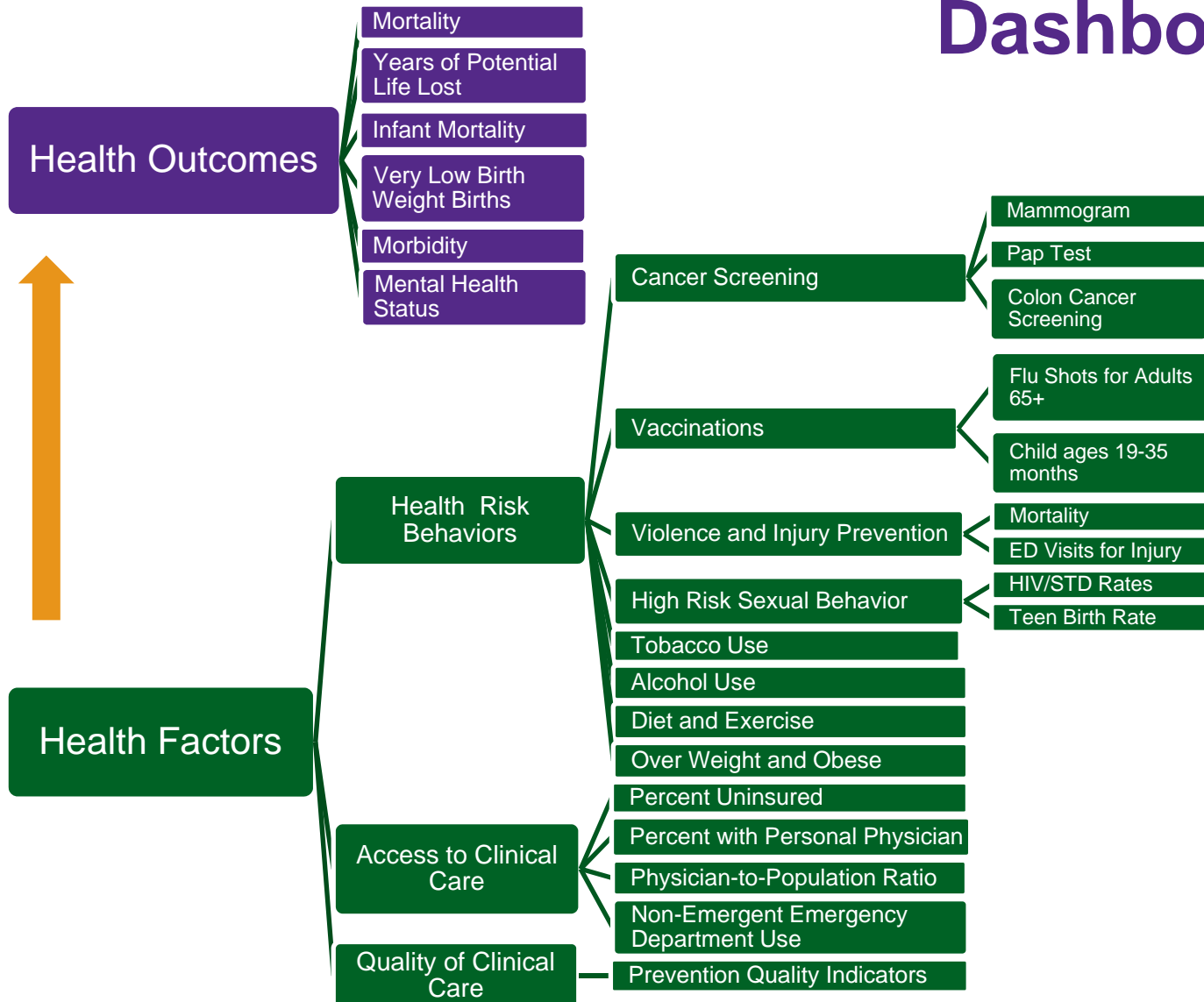
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Model for Determining Community Health Dashboard

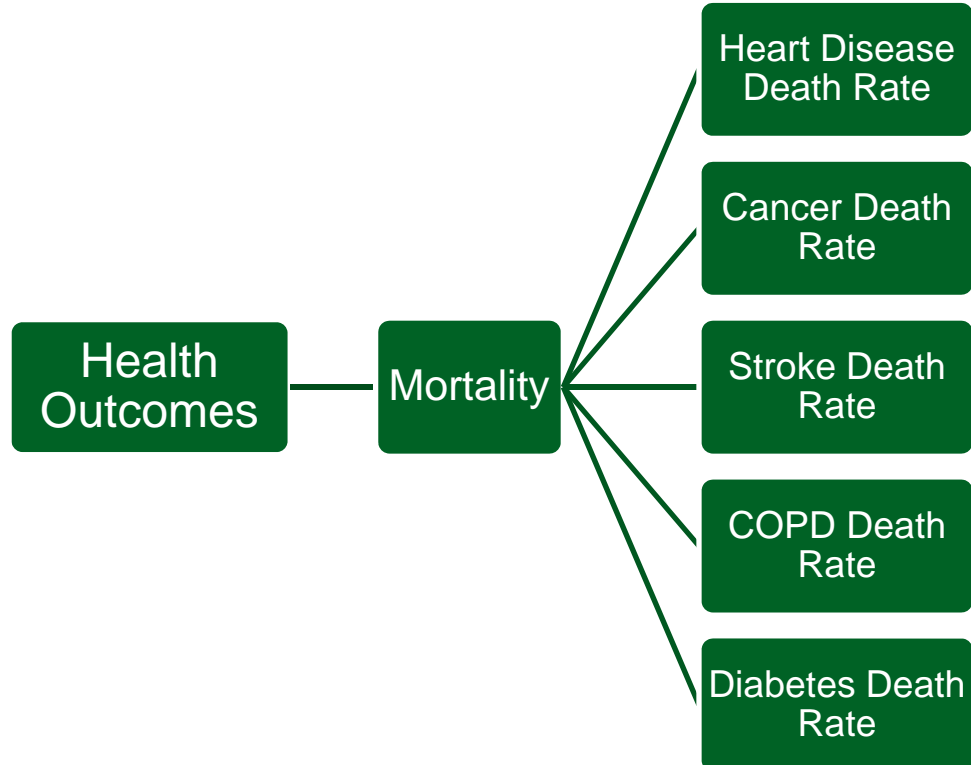




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Health Outcomes – Mortality



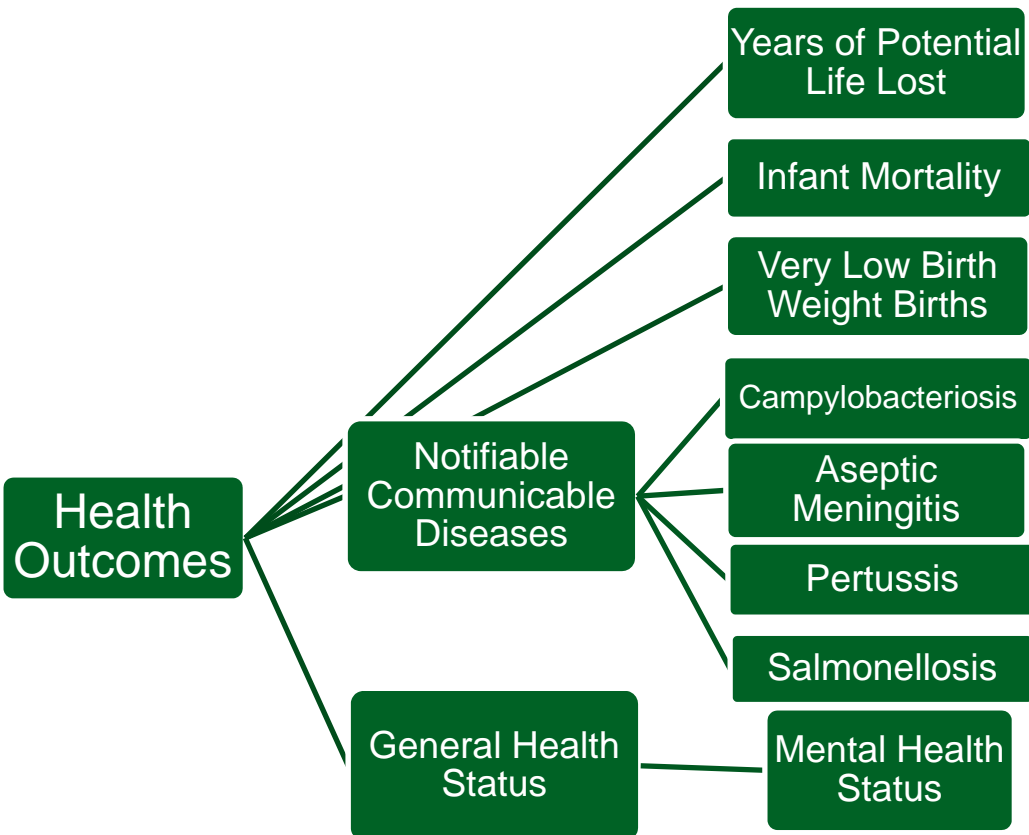
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Health Outcomes – Other Outcomes

- – Doing better than the benchmark
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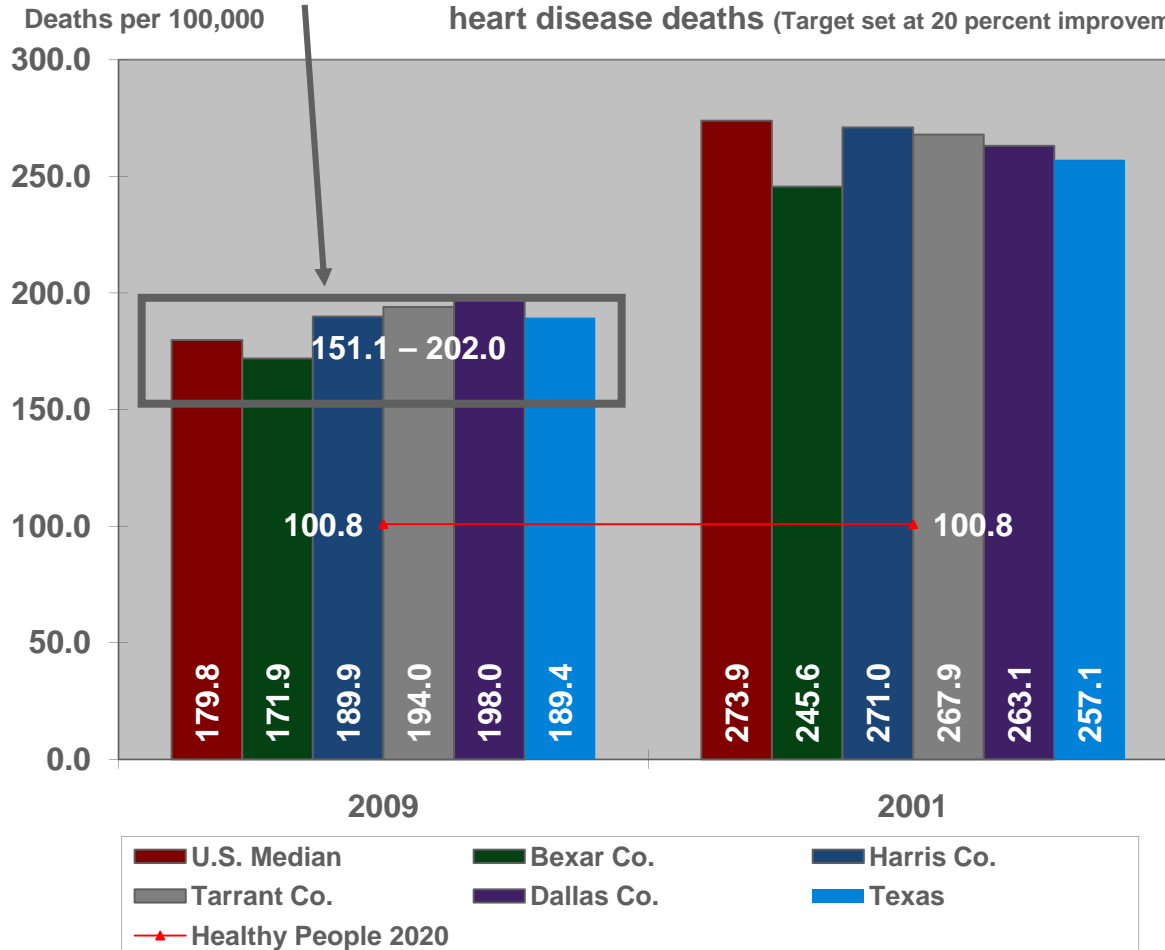
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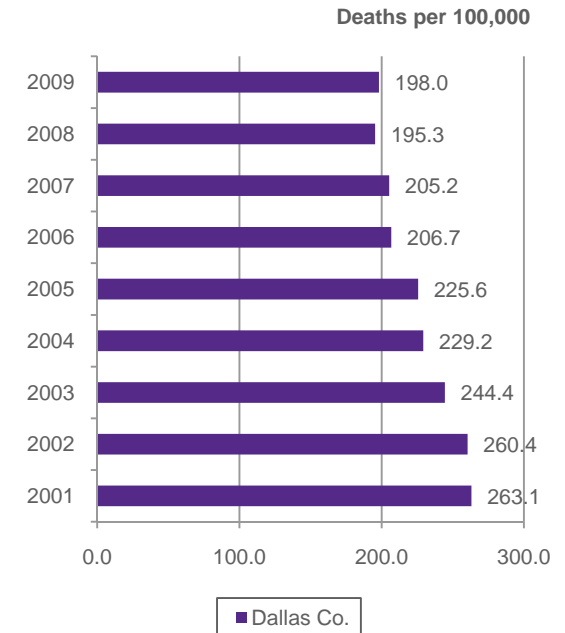
Mortality: Deaths due to Heart Disease 2001-2009 (age adjusted rates per 100,000)

Other Peer Counties Range

Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce coronary heart disease deaths (Target set at 20 percent improvement)



Dallas County Trend 2001 to 2009



Other Peer Counties include:
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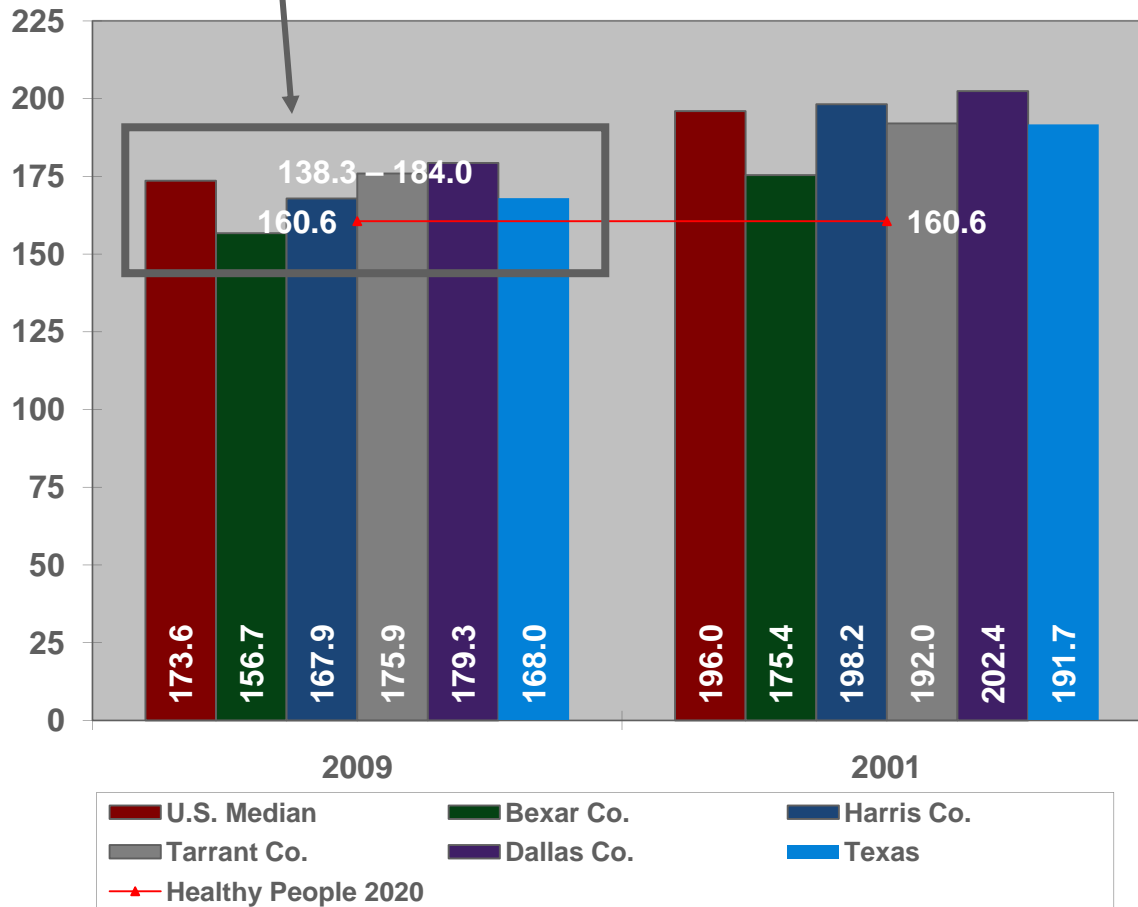


Mortality: Deaths due to Cancer 2001-2009 (age adjusted rates per 100,000)

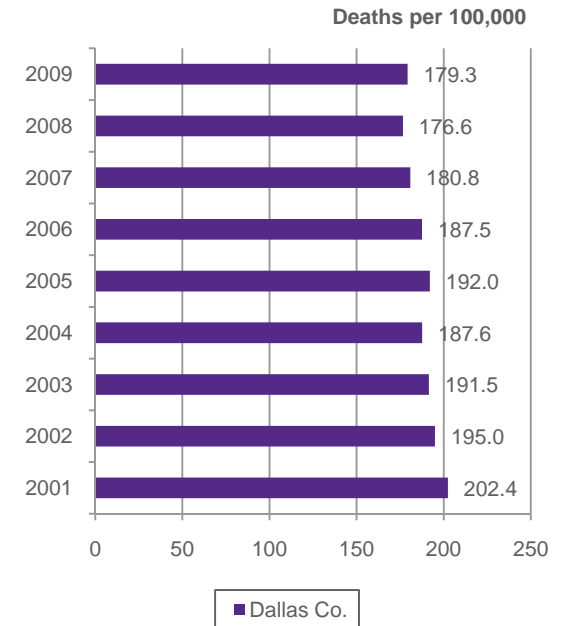
Other Peer Counties Range

Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce the overall cancer death rate. (target set at 10% improvement)

Deaths per 100,000



Dallas County Trend 2001 to 2009

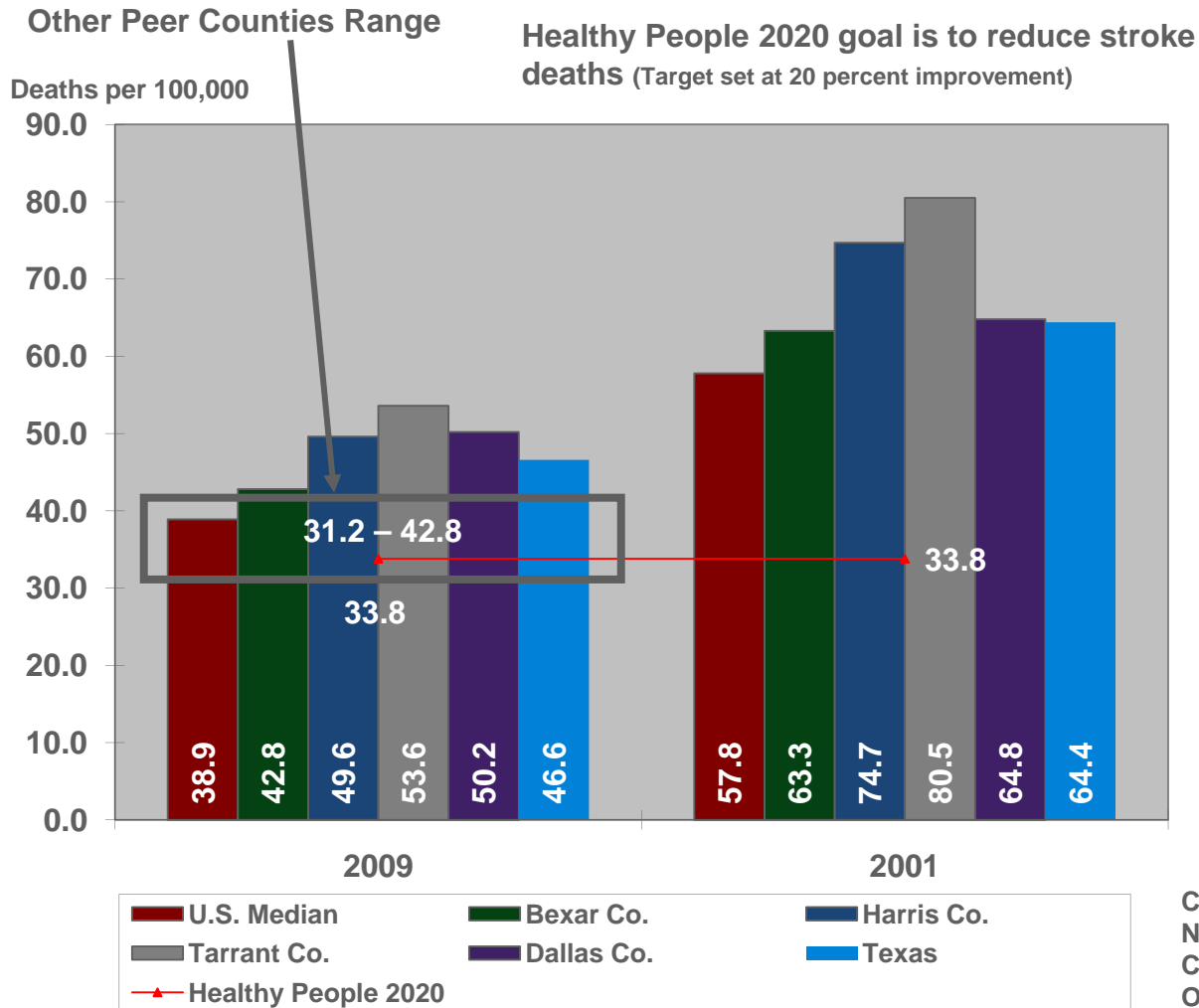


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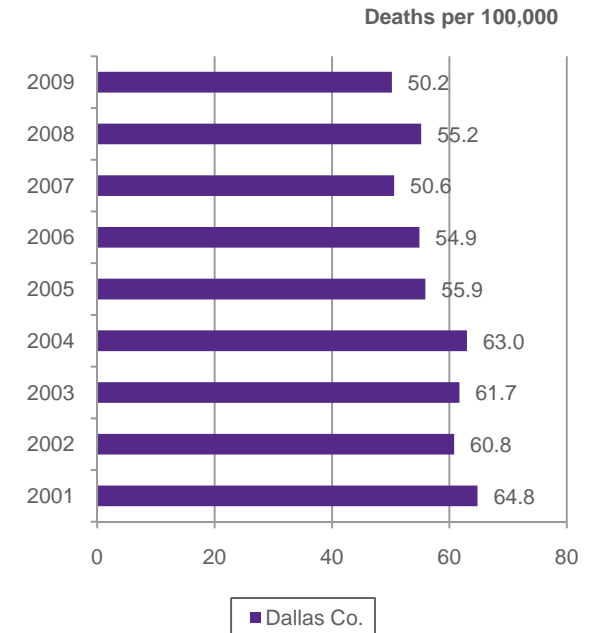
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Mortality: Deaths due to Stroke 2001-2009 (age adjusted rates per 100,000)



Dallas County Trend 2001 to 2009



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Miami-Dade, Cook

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Mortality: Deaths due to Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (COPD) 2001-2009 (age adjusted rates per 100,000)

Other Peer Counties Range

Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce COPD

deaths (Target set at the smallest improvement that results in a statistically significant difference when tested against the baseline value)

Deaths per 100,000

60

50

40

30

20

10

0

2009

2001

U.S. Median

Bexar Co.

Harris Co.

Tarrant Co.

Dallas Co.

Texas

Healthy People 2020

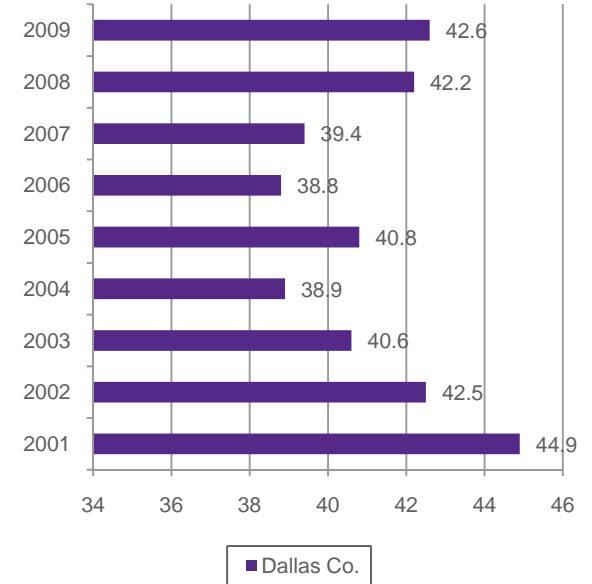
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Dallas County Trend 2001 to 2009

Deaths per 100,000



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Source: Texas Department of State Health Services website query system and special run by Lyudmila Baskin, Ph.D, Research Specialist, Texas Dept of State Health Services
Healthy People 2020 Objective RD-11
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U.S. 2009 data source: National Vital Statistics Reports, Deaths: Preliminary data for 2009, March 2011 Vol. 59., No.4. pp. 41-43

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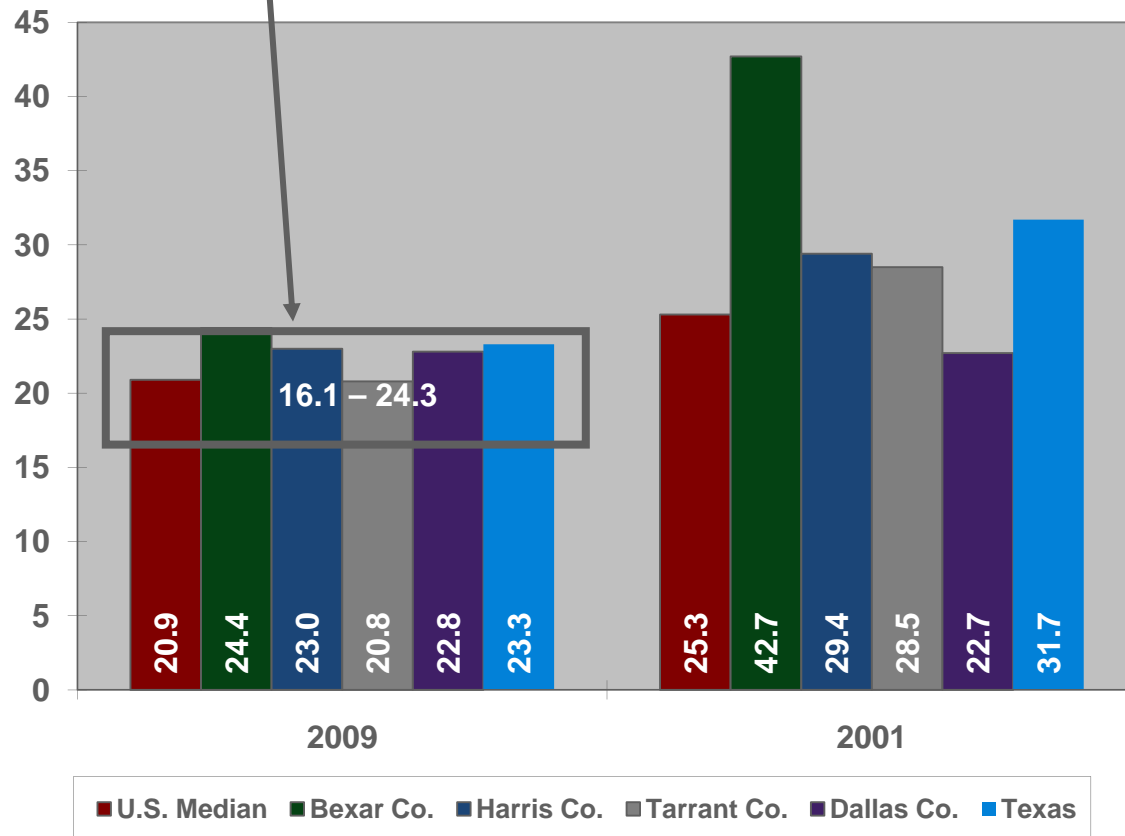


Mortality: Deaths due to Diabetes 2001-2009 (age adjusted rates per 100,000)

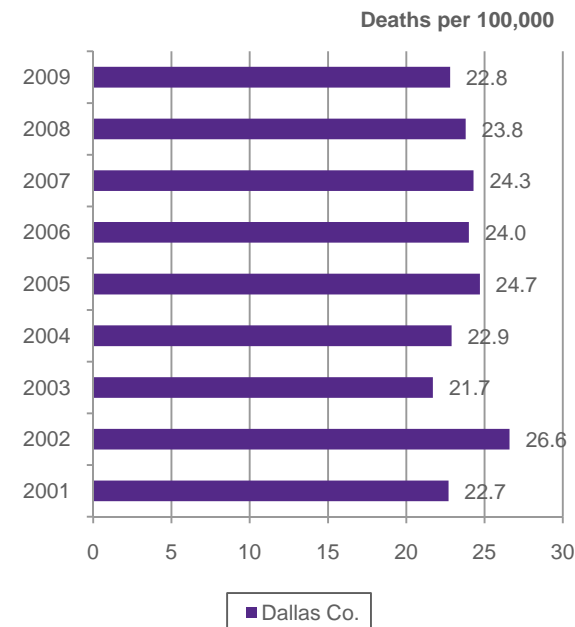
Other Peer Counties
Range

Deaths per 100,000

Healthy People 2020 goal is to reduce deaths that were related to diabetes to 65.8 age adjusted deaths per 100,000. This measure encompasses a broader range of deaths than included here. (Target set at 10% improvement)



Dallas County Trend 2001 to 2009

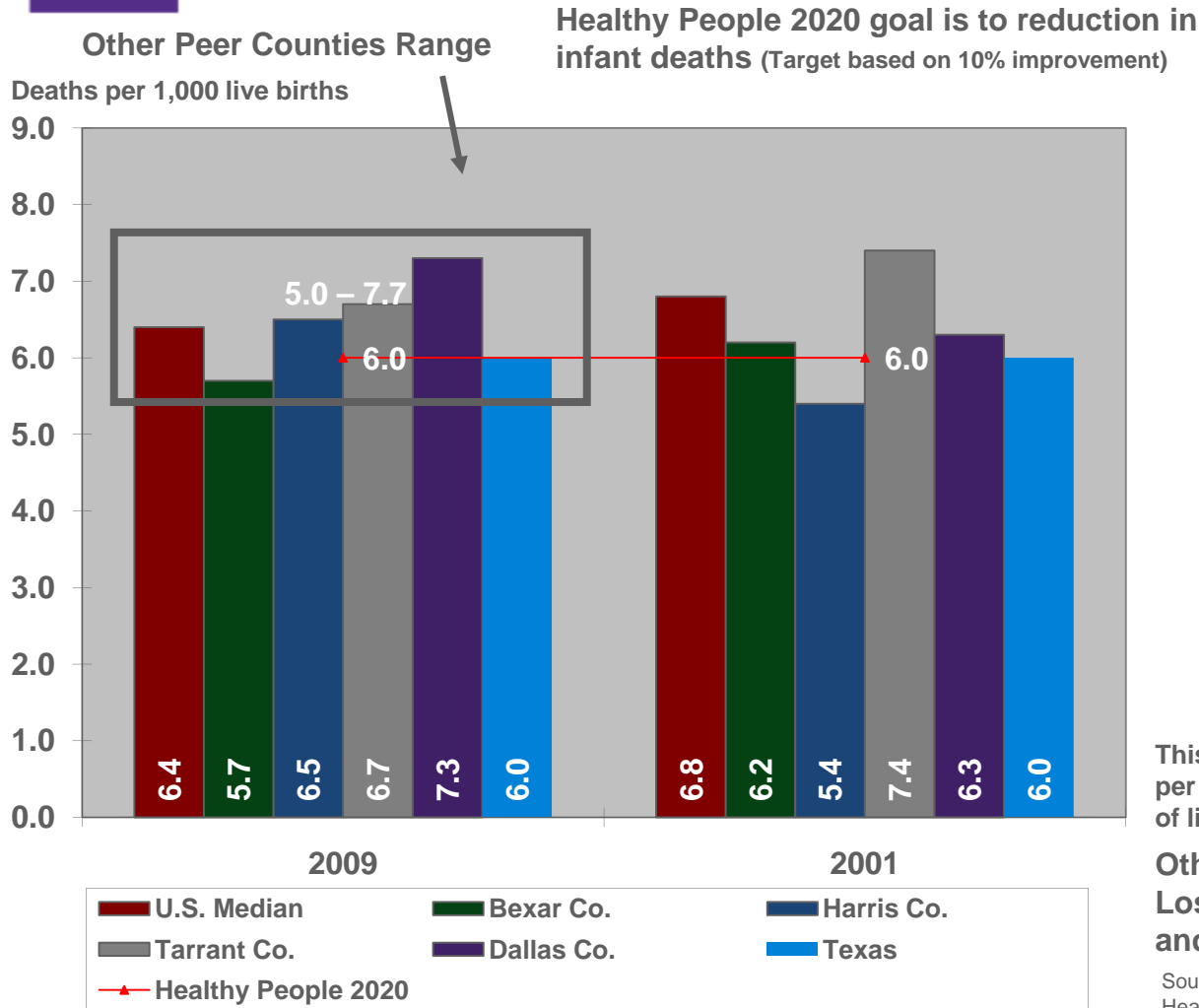


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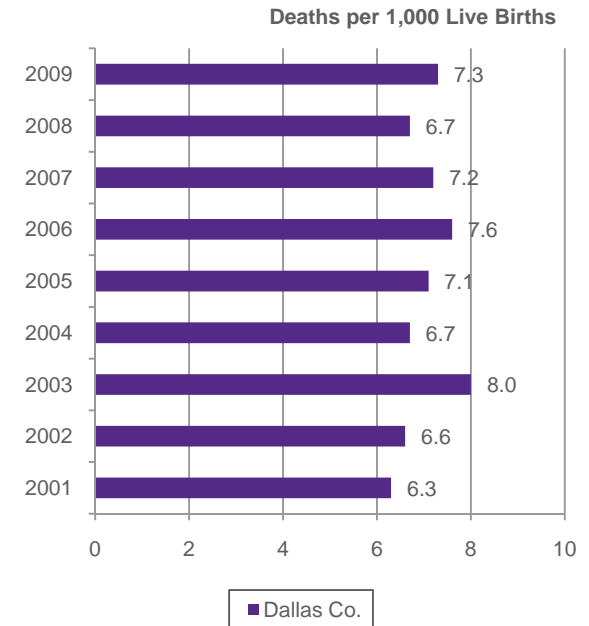
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Mortality: Infant Mortality Rate 2001 to 2009



Dallas County Trend 2001 to 2009



This indicator shows the mortality rate in deaths per 1,000 live births for infants within their first year of life.

Other Peer Counties include: Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook (2008 and 2009 data)

Source: Infant Mortality Report: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, OHIR Vital Statistics Section, 1999-2008

Maricopa County health Status Report 2005-2009 page 26. Illinois Department of Public Health

<http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/infant/infmort0608.htm>
<http://www.flpublichealth.com/VBOOK/viewreport.aspx?CEID=7154&Year=2009> Interactive Florida Vital Statistics Annual Report

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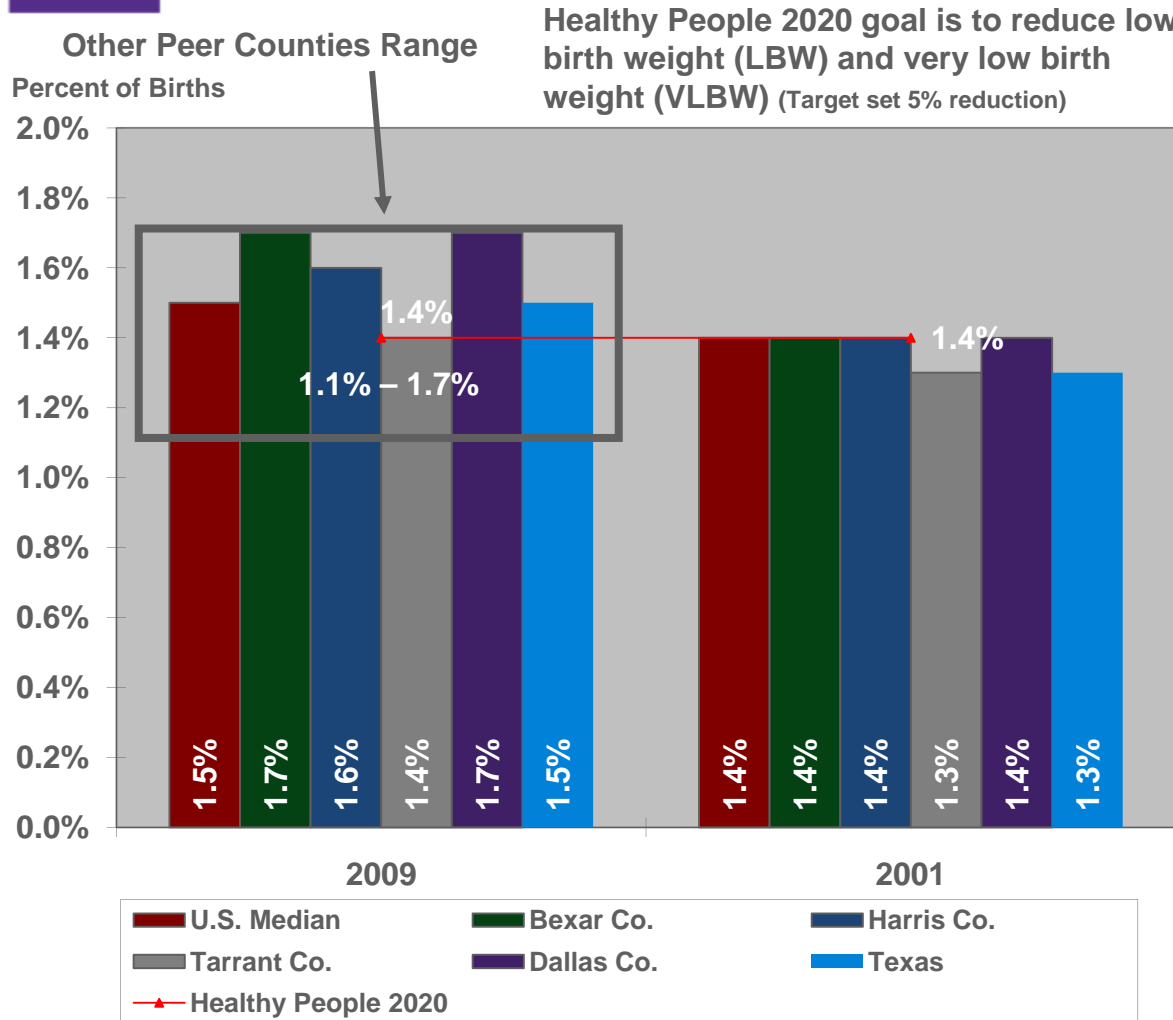
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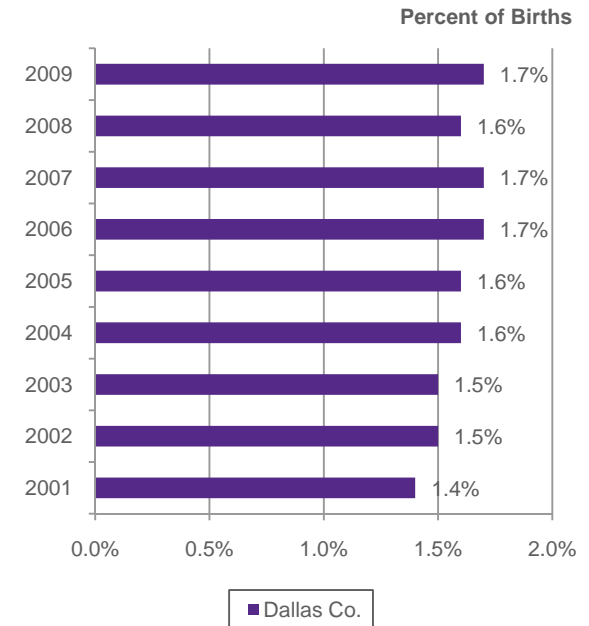


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Low Birth Weight Births: Percent of Births that are Very Low Birth Weight, <1,500 grams, 2001 to 2009



Dallas County Trend 2001 to 2009



Other Peer Counties include:
Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook (2008 data)

Texas Dept of State Health Services, Query System 2001-2009 Very low birth weight births. Email from Lyudmila Baskin, Ph.D., Research Scientist, TDSHS

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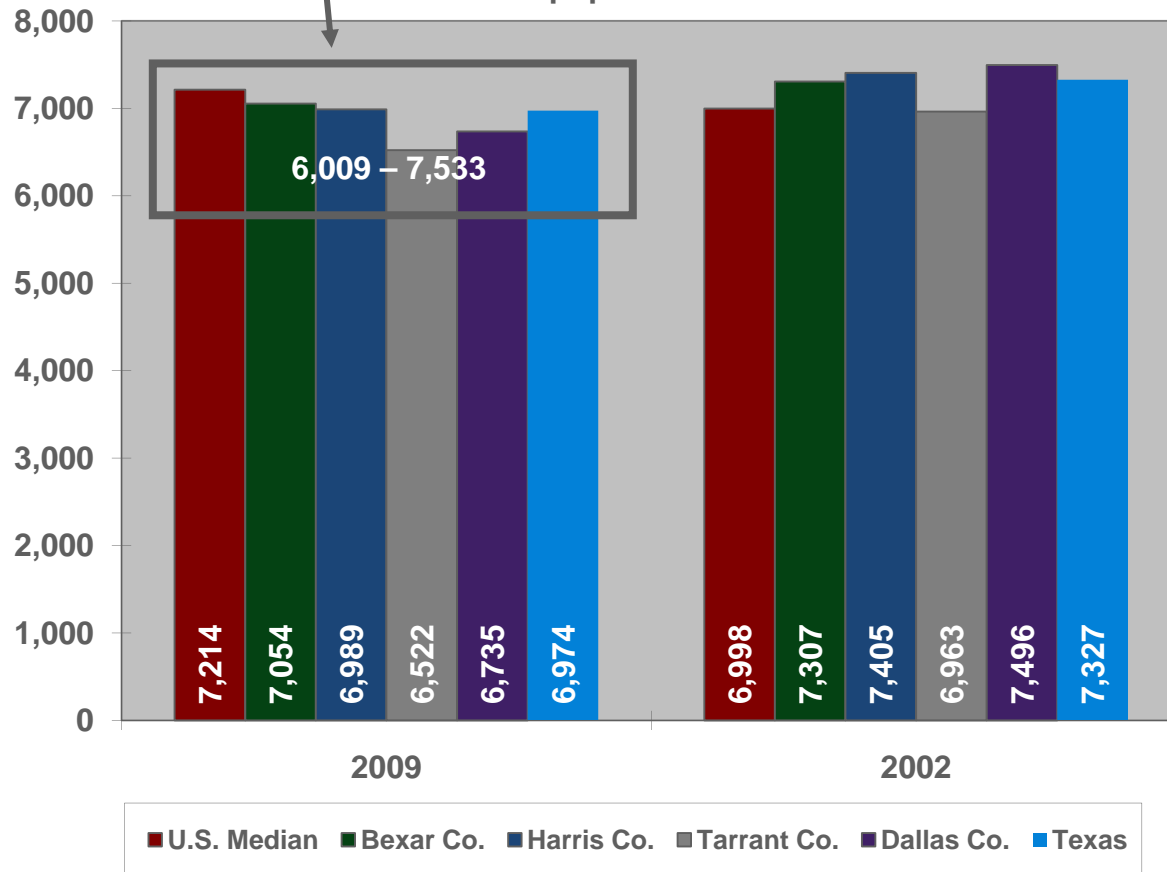
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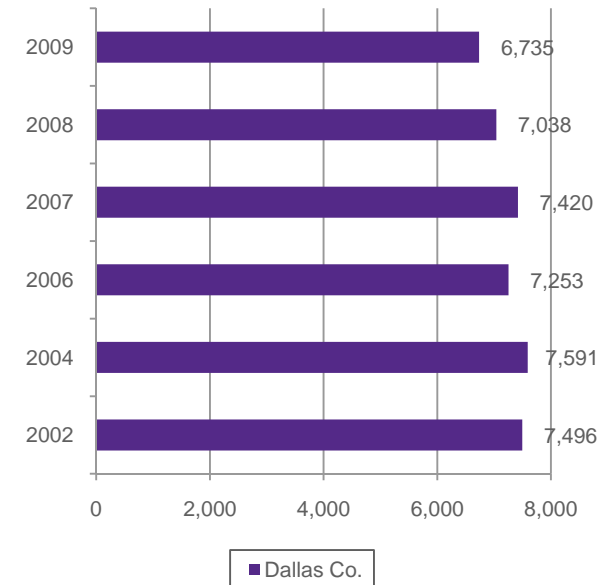


Other Peer Counties
Range

This indicator shows the years of life lost
due to deaths under age 75, per 100,000
population.



Trend in Dallas County YPLL
Rate, 2002 to 2009



Other Peer Counties include:
Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-
Dade, Cook

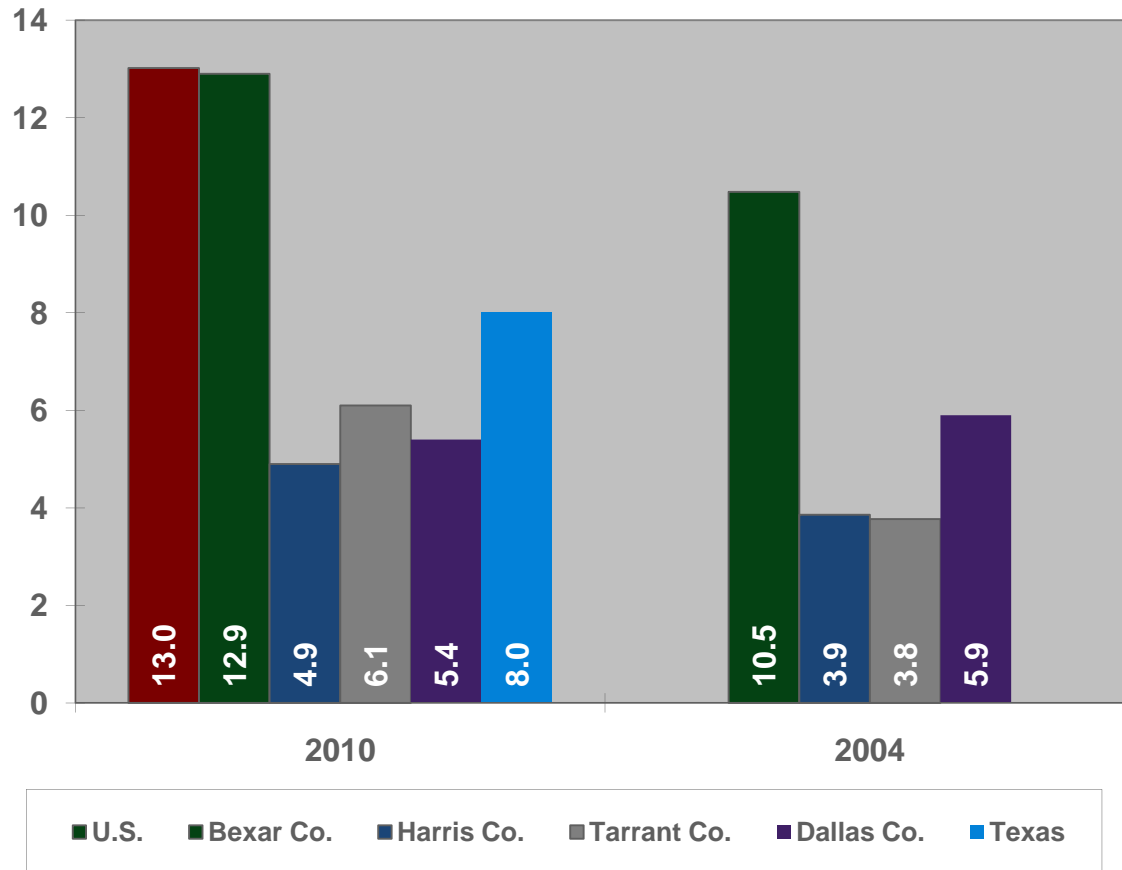
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Premature death is represented by the years of potential life lost before age 75 (YPLL-75). Every death occurring before the age of 75 contributes to the total number of years of potential life lost. For example, a person dying at age 25 contributes 50 years of life lost, whereas a person who dies at age 65 contributes 10 years of life lost to a county's YPLL.



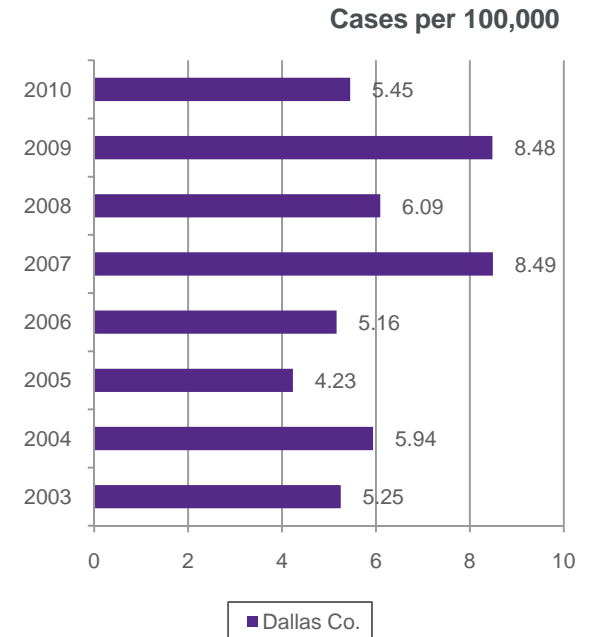
Notifiable Communicable Disease Incidence: Campylobacteriosis Rate 2004-2010

Cases per 100,000



Source: 2004 and 2010 data from Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Control Unit personal communication; other years from Dallas County Health and Human Services web site. <http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/hhs/epistats.html>
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Dallas County Trend in Incidence Rates, 2003 - 2010

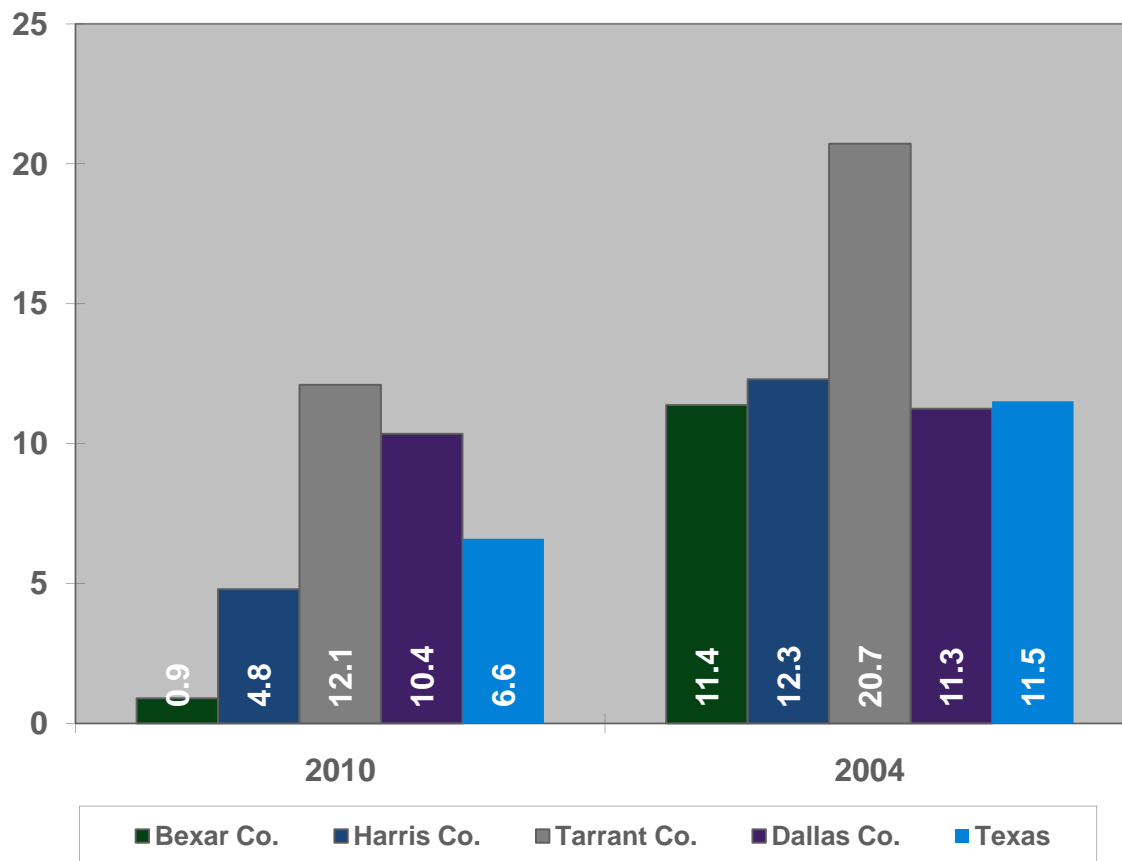


Campylobacteriosis is an infectious disease caused by bacteria of the genus *Campylobacter*. Most people who become ill with campylobacteriosis get diarrhea, cramping, abdominal pain, and fever within two to five days after exposure to the organism. The diarrhea may be bloody and can be accompanied by nausea and vomiting. The illness typically lasts one week. Some infected persons do not have any symptoms. In persons with compromised immune systems, *Campylobacter* occasionally spreads to the bloodstream and causes a serious life-threatening infection.



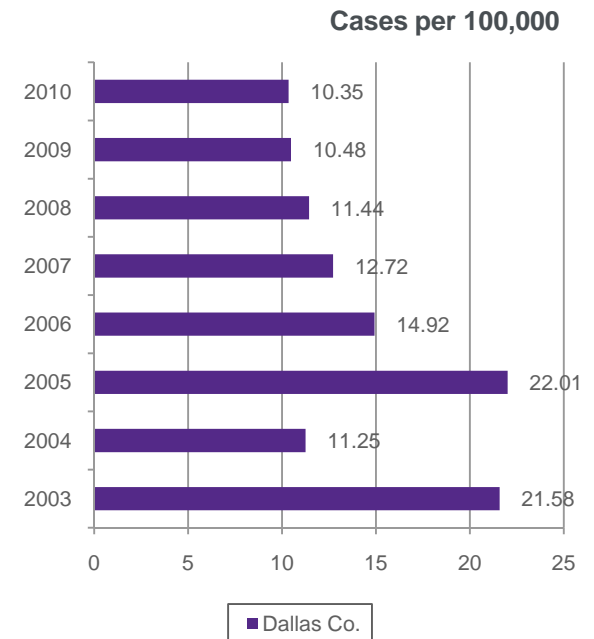
Notifiable Communicable Disease Incidence: Aseptic Meningitis Rate 2004-2010

Cases per 100,000



Source: 2004 and 2010 data from Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Control Unit personal communication; other years from Dallas County Health and Human Services web site.
<http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/hhservices/services/communicable/documents/ReportableConditions2003-07Annual.pdf>

Dallas County Trend in
Incidence Rates, 2003 - 2010

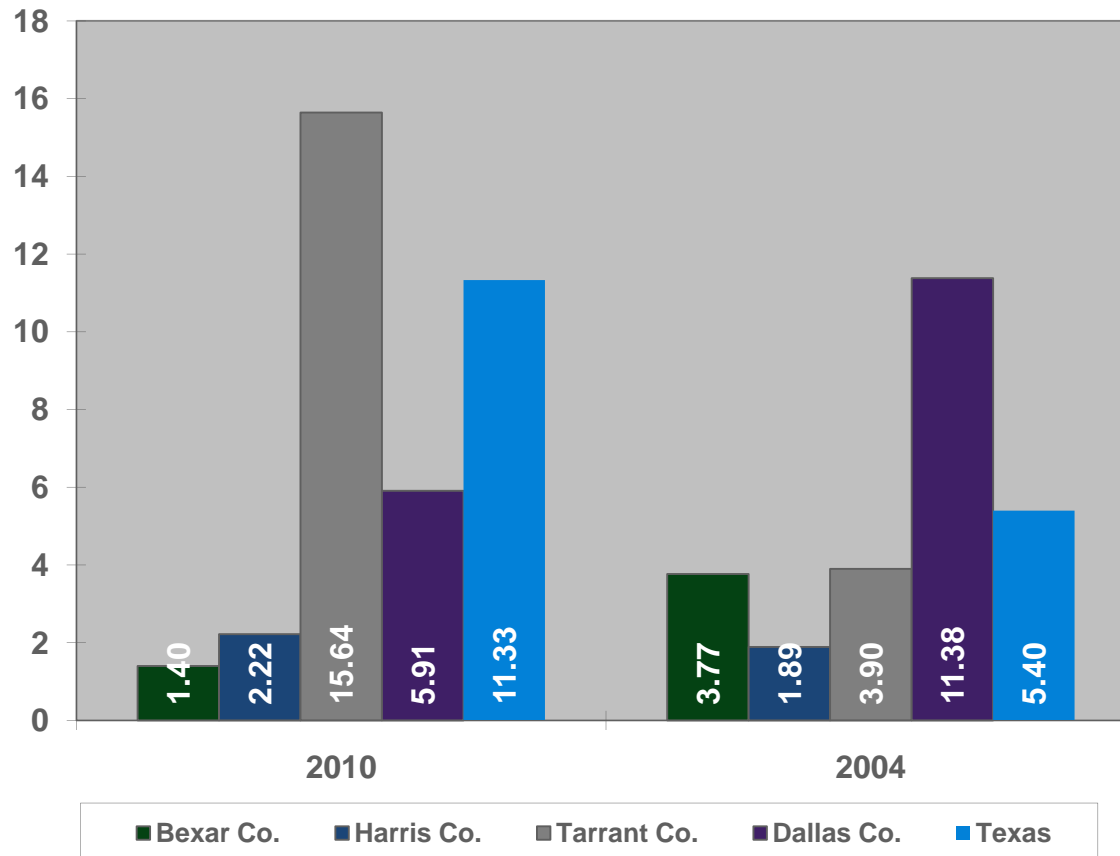


Aseptic meningitis is a common, rarely fatal condition usually caused by certain viruses. Meningitis means inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. Community rates of aseptic meningitis may contain some mild cases of West Nile Virus infection and other mosquito-borne diseases that go undetected by clinicians in the absence of an outbreak.

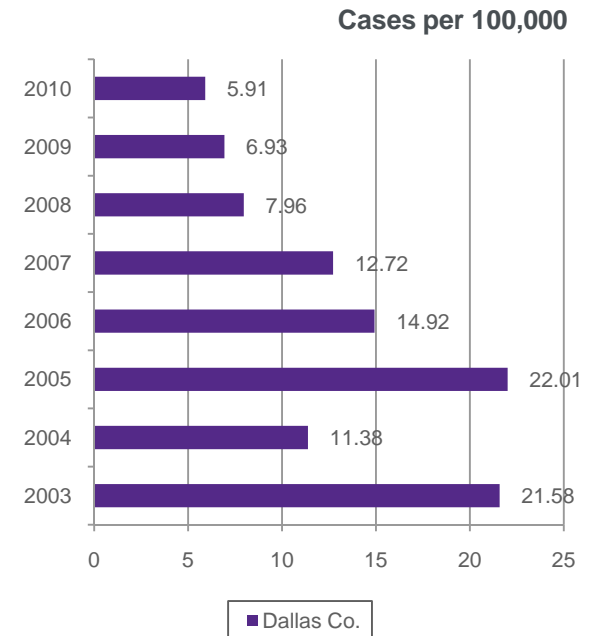


Notifiable Communicable Disease Incidence: Pertussis Rate 2004-2010

Cases per 100,000



Dallas County Trend in
Incidence Rates, 2003 - 2010



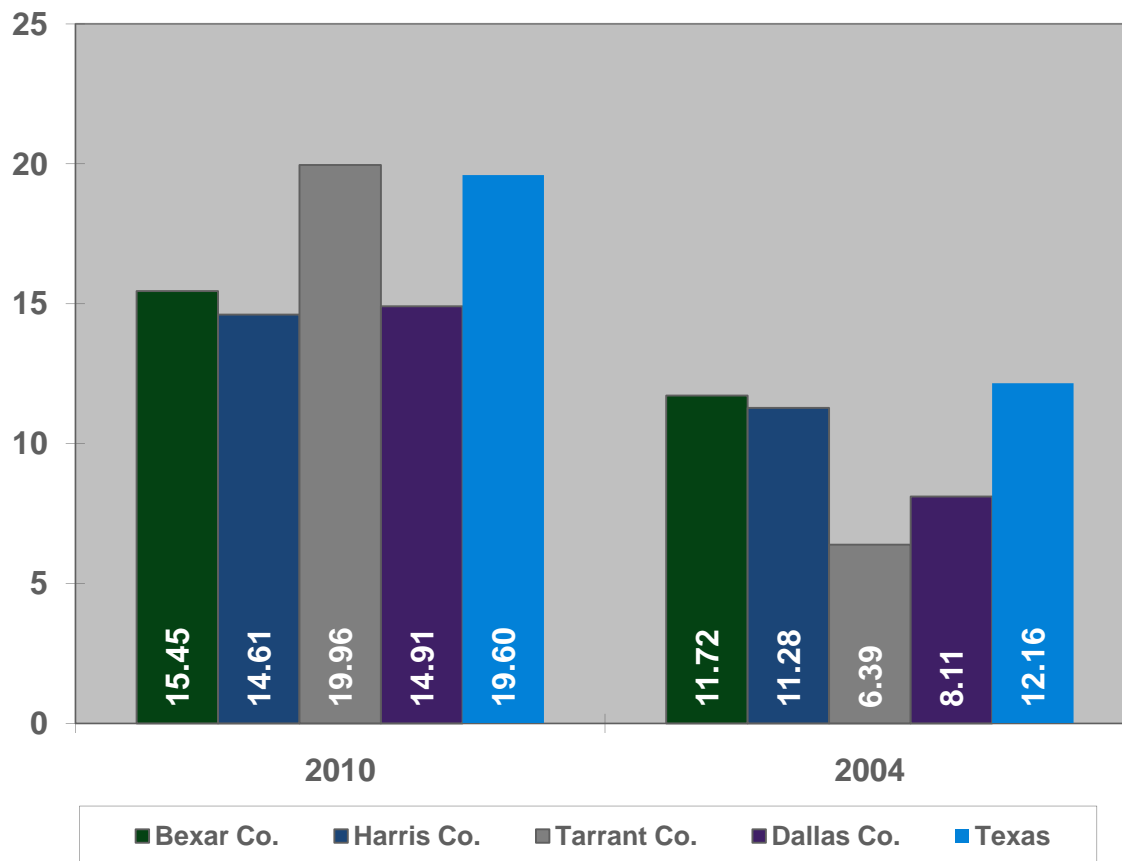
Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial disease that causes uncontrollable, violent coughing. This is a vaccine preventable disease, and almost all cases are in unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated patients. Pertussis can be deadly in infants and unvaccinated children.

Source: 2004 and 2010 data from Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Control Unit personal communication; other years from Dallas County Health and Human Services web site.
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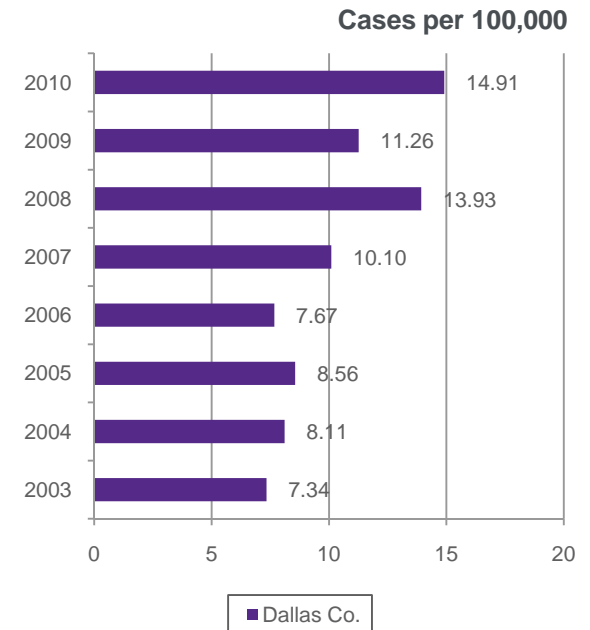
Notifiable Communicable Disease Incidence: Salmonellosis Rate 2004-2010

Cases per 100,000



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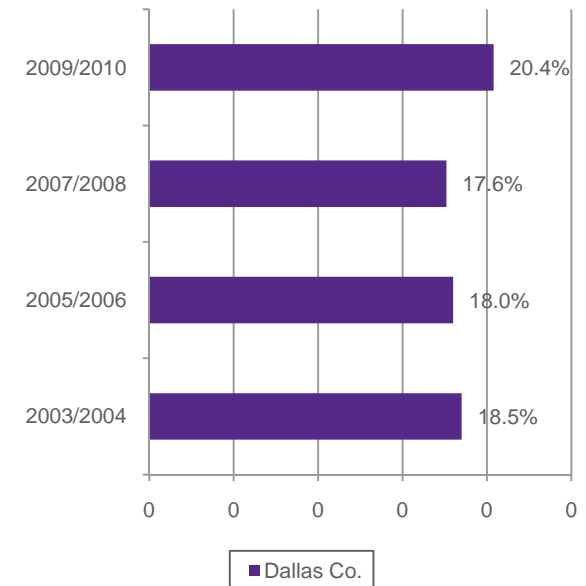
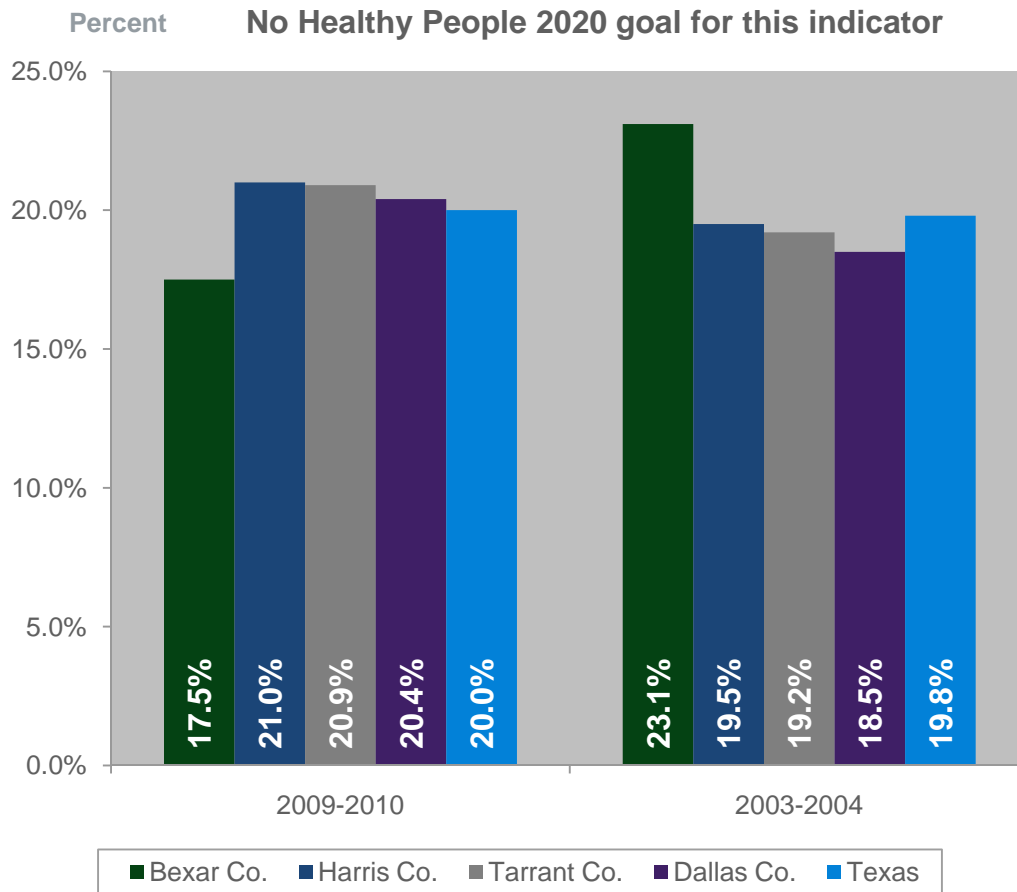
Dallas County Trend in
Incidence Rates, 2003 - 2010



Salmonellosis is a type of food poisoning caused by the *Salmonella* bacterium. Children are the most likely to get salmonellosis, while young children, older adults and people with impaired immune systems are the most likely to have severe infections.



Outcomes: Percent of Adults Rating Current Mental Health Not Good on Five or More Days Out of Past 30 Days, 2003/2004 to 2009/2010 Combined



Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, BRFSS program, 2009-2010, personal email from TX Dept of State Health Services 7.7.11

BRFSS Survey Question: Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health was not good?

Demographics:

The demographic composition of Dallas taken in the context of the state and the nation, profoundly influences the service size, scope and priorities for Parkland Health & Hospital System. This section examines the significant demographic drivers outlined below:

Market Demographic Characteristics

- *Population size and growth trends*
- *Population age distribution and trends*
- *Population ethnic composition and trends*
- *Per capita income and trends*
- *Poverty and unemployment trends*
- *Population educational attainment and trends*



General Dallas County Demographic Trends

The Texas population has grown at a rate substantially outpacing that of the United States. Also growing at a very fast pace, Dallas County has expanded by over 20%, or more than 500,000 thousand people, from 1990 to 2010.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area is one of the largest in the nation. Dallas-Fort Worth, the fourth largest metro area in the country, grew by 23.4% in the past decade. Dallas County is the 9th largest county in the country, growing by over 20% from 2000 to 2010. The city of Dallas is the 9th largest city in the country, but only grew by a modest 0.8% in the 2000's.

2009 Estimated Population by Age and Sex	Female	%*	Male	%**
0-4	104,257	8.8%	107,231	8.8%
5-14	176,359	14.9%	186,109	15.3%
15-17	48,769	4.1%	50,761	4.2%
18-24	101,565	8.6%	115,714	9.5%
25-44	350,456	29.6%	396,435	32.6%
45-64	278,310	23.5%	273,246	22.5%
65 years and up	124,147	10.5%	87,349	7.2%
Total	1,183,863	100.0%	1,216,845	100.0%

*: % of female population in Dallas County

***: % of male population in Dallas County

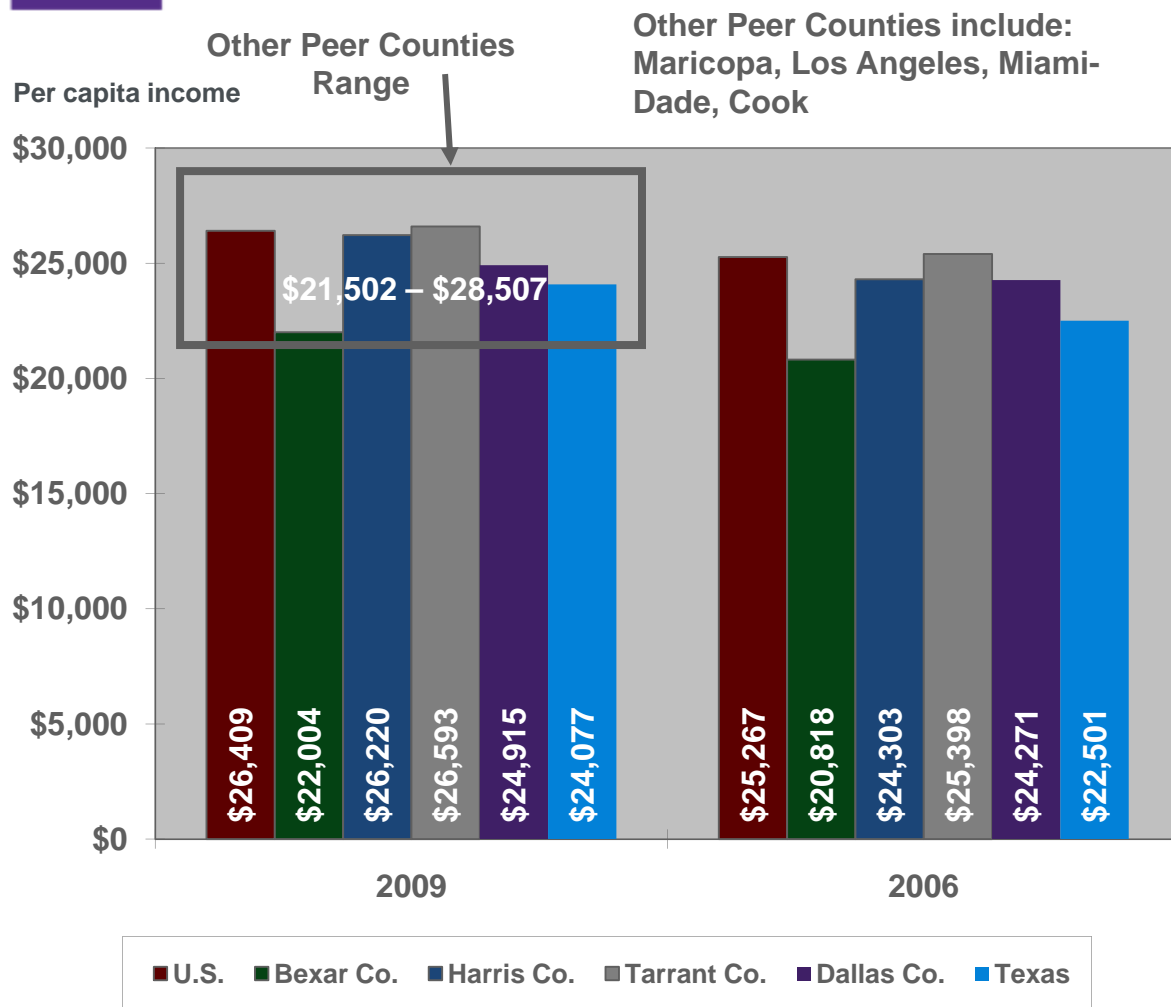
Ethnicity 2009	Population	% of the Total Population
White	824,060	34.3%
African American	483,027	20.1%
Asian	103,655	4.3%
American Indians	9,005	0.4%
Two or More	33,512	1.4%
Other	3,786	0.2%
Hispanic	943,663	39.3%
Total	2,400,708	100.0%

Population Trend by Age	1990	2000	2009	% change 2000-2009
0-4	156,059	181,951	211,488	16.2%
5-14	266,095	340,788	362,468	6.4%
15-44	968,906	1,098,009	1,063,700	-3.1%
45-64	309,236	419,279	551,556	31.5%
65 and up	152,514	178,872	211,496	18.2%
Total	1,852,810	2,218,899	2,400,708	8.2%

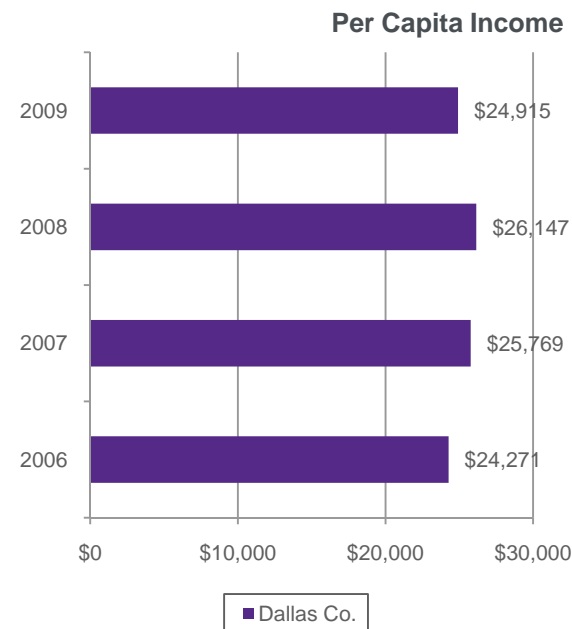
Household Income 2009	County
less than \$25,000	22.6%
\$25,000 to \$74,999	48.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11.2%
\$100,000 and over	17.3%
Totals	100.0%



Per Capita Income Trends 2006 and 2009



Dallas County Trend in Per Capita Income, 2006 - 2009

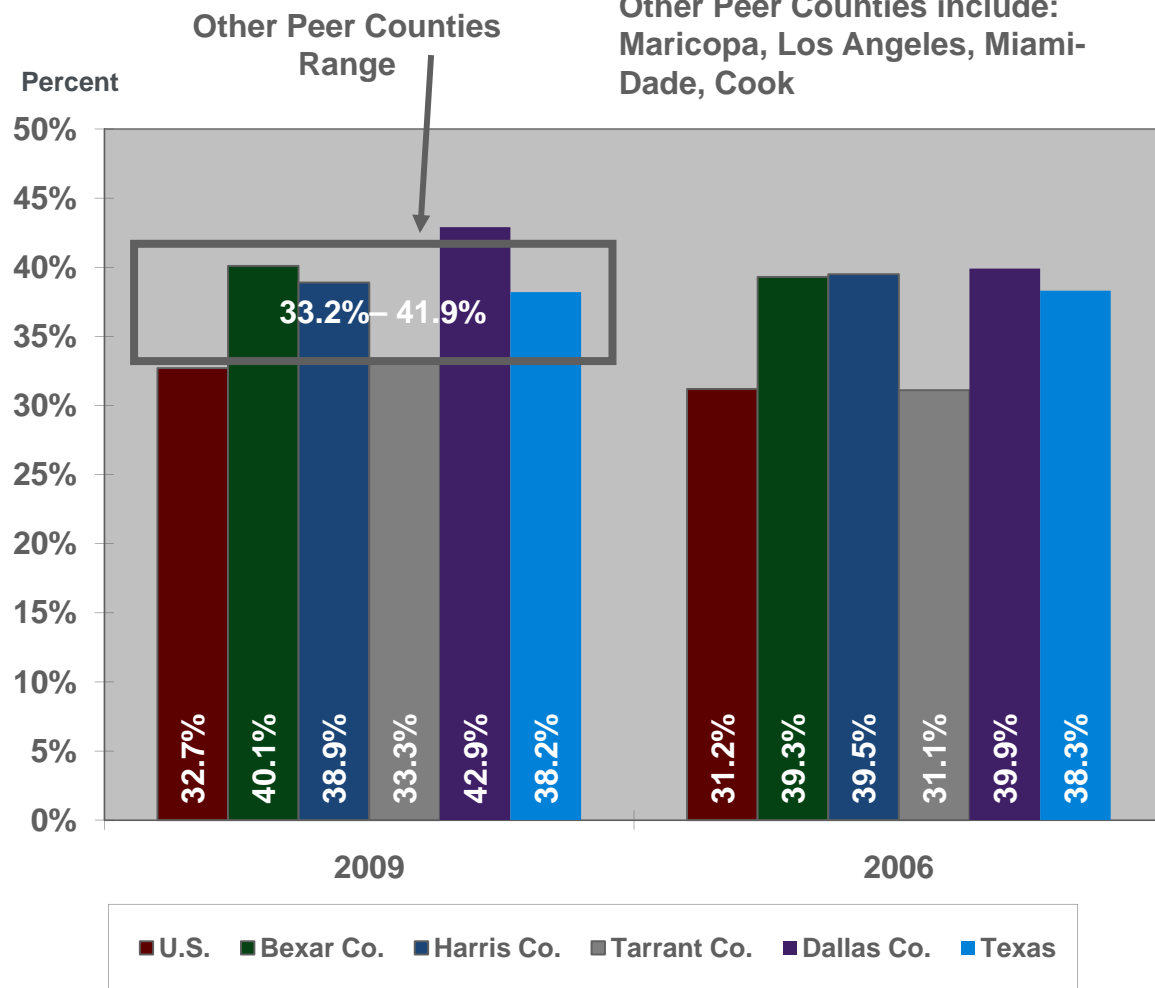


Source: American Community Survey, 2006, 2007 , 2008 and 2009

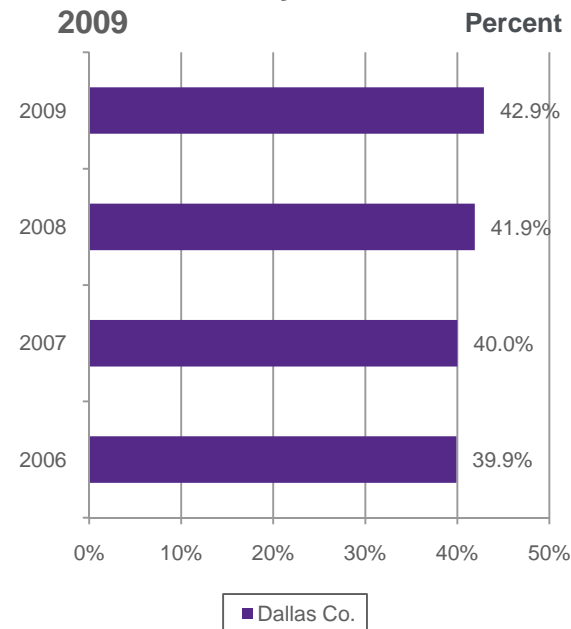


Percent of the population living below 200% of the federal poverty level 2006 and 2009

Other Peer Counties include:
Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook



Dallas County Trend for those with Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, 2006 - 2009

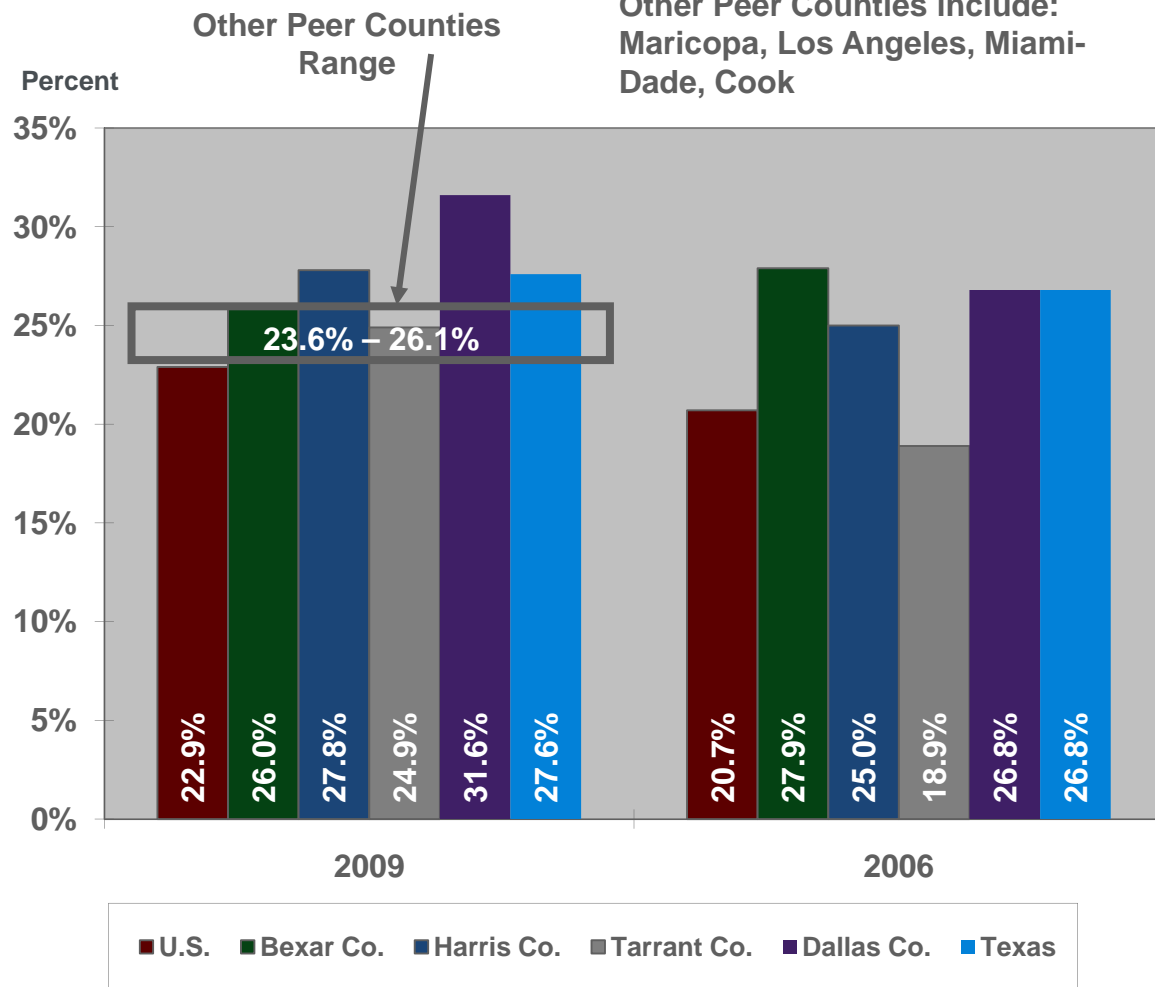


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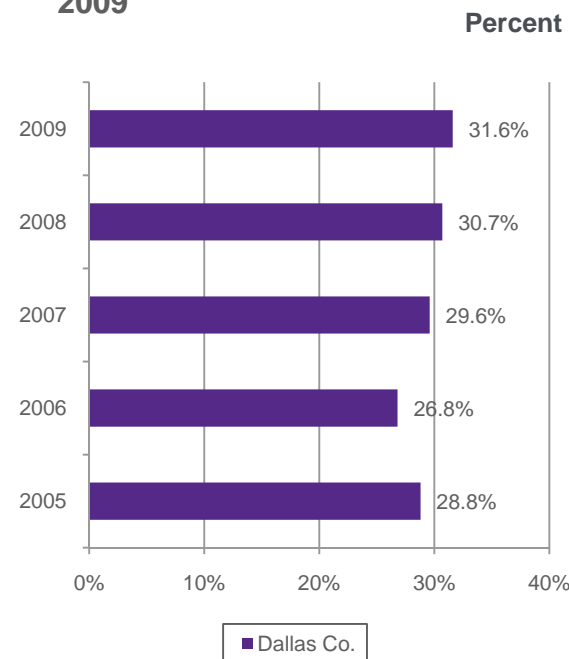


Percent of the children under the age of 6 living below the poverty level 2006 and 2009

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Maricopa, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade, Cook



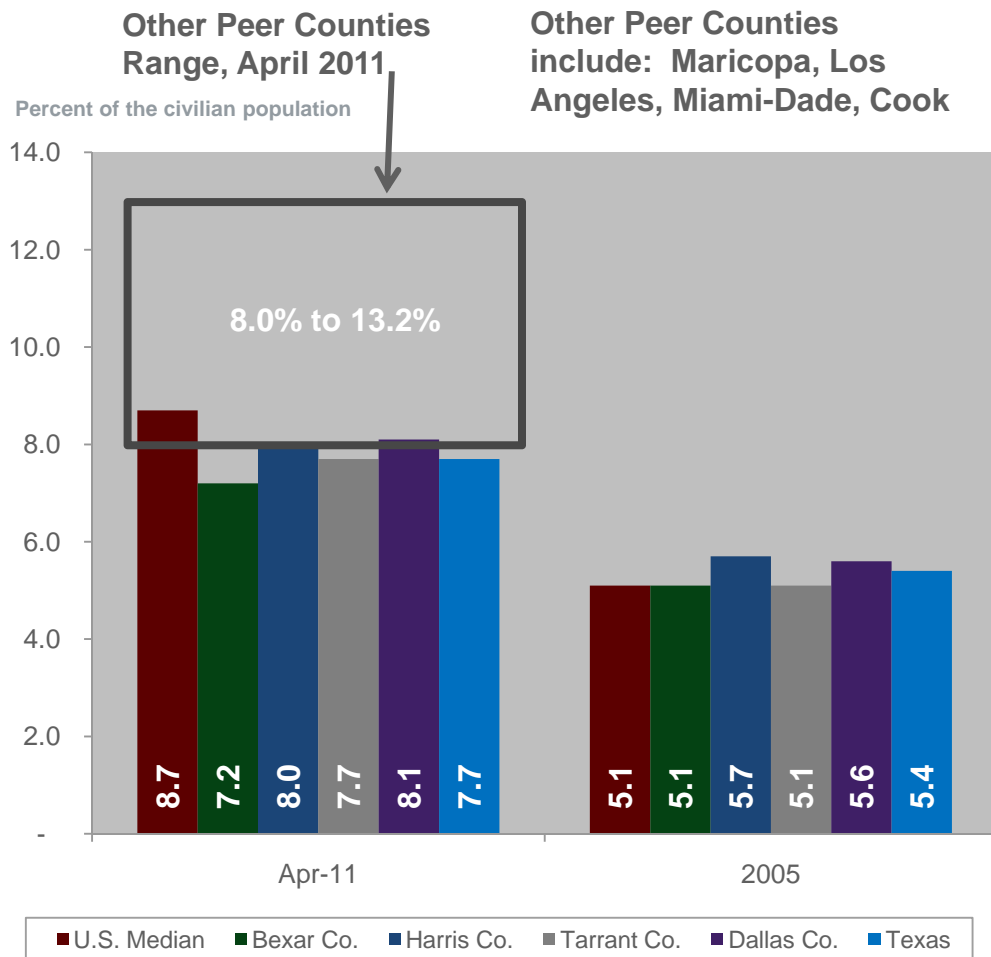
Dallas County Trend for children under the age of 6 living below the Federal Poverty Level, 2005 - 2009



Source: American Community Survey, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009

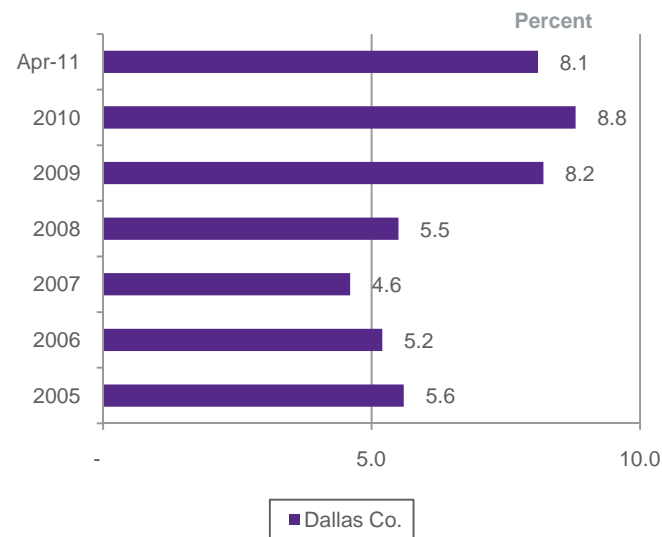


Access: Percent of Unemployment in the Civilian Labor Force



This indicator shows the percent of the civilian population unemployed

Dallas County Trend 2005 to April 2011

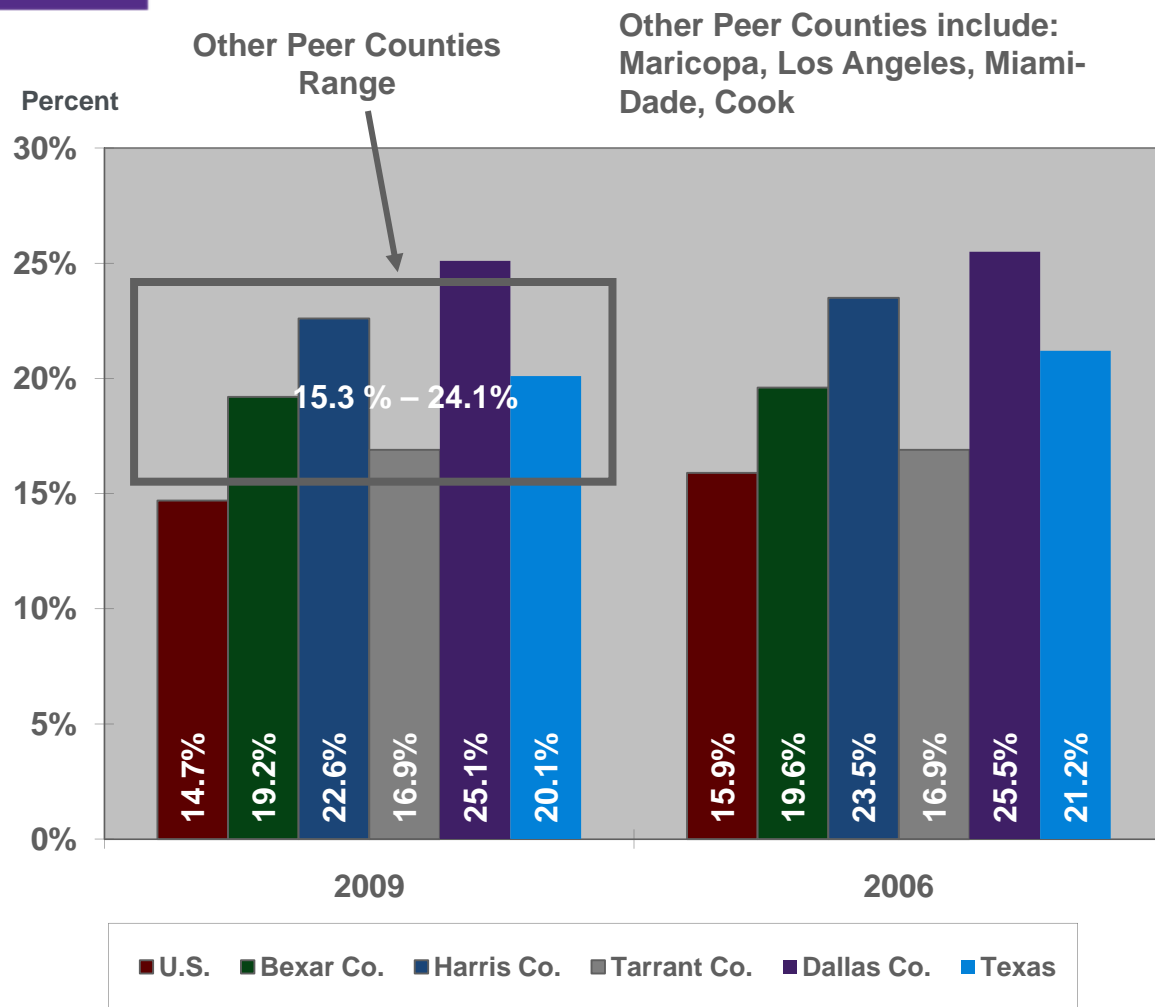


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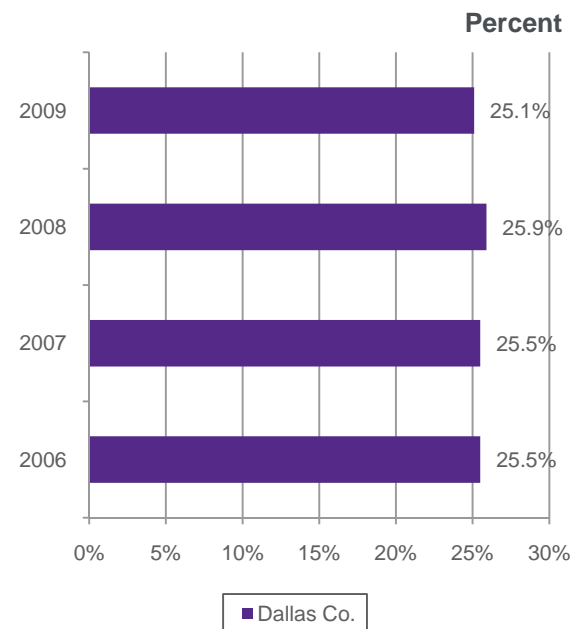
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<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/nation/unemployment-by-county/>



Percent of the population over the age of 25 with no high school diploma 2006 and 2009



Dallas County Trend for those with no high school diploma, 2006 - 2009



Source: American Community Survey, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009



Green – Doing better than the benchmark

Yellow – Same as/not significantly different from the benchmark

Red – Worse than the benchmark

Healthy People 2010 benchmark – higher, lower or same

Peer County Comparison benchmark – if Dallas County is in first or second quartile, green; third quartile, yellow; fourth quartile, red (method used for county rankings by Health Matters).

Dallas County Trend benchmark – if only 1-3 years of previous Dallas County data are available, calculate percent difference from earliest year's data to most recent, assign red/yellow/green for worse/same/better; if 4 or more years of previous Dallas County data are available, calculate 95% Confidence Interval (see next page for notes about this procedure) and assign green for statistically significantly better, red for statistically significantly worse, or yellow for no significant difference. For BRFSS questions, latest year's data and 95% Confidence Interval was compared with that of the most recent previous year, and if the 95% Confidence Intervals overlapped, the Trend was considered not significantly different. If the Confidence Intervals did not overlap, the trend was significantly higher or lower.



Confidence Intervals

For common events (such as ED visits for Injuries, non-emergent ED visits, percent of population under 200% FPL) 95% Confidence Intervals were calculated on previous years' data using a binomial approach.

For uncommon events (rates less than 5%), which includes many of these measures, 95% Confidence Intervals were calculated on previous years' data using a Poisson formula. This approach does not use population size.

For survey data, such as BRFSS data, where possible the 95% Confidence Interval of the most recent year's survey was compared with the 95% Confidence Interval of the previous year's survey, to determine whether there was significant change. Because BRFSS surveys include a fairly small percentage of the Dallas County population, these 95% CI's are fairly wide, and few show statistically significant improvement from one year to the next for Dallas County data.



- **Age Adjusted Death Rates:** Death rates that control for the effects in population age distributions. The centers for Disease Control and Prevention established the standard population weights for direct age adjustments. The need for age adjustment becomes particularly important when cause-specific mortality is of interest. Unadjusted rates for chronic diseases (cardiovascular diseases, cancers, or chronic lower respiratory diseases) may appear to be higher for older populations when compared to a younger population. With age-adjustment those differences may be reduced or even reversed. A mechanism for adjusting the age structure differences is needed to determine if there really are mortality differences between two populations. By applying age-specific mortality rates to a standard population, direct standardization controls for differences in population composition. Mortality trends can be more accurately compared along geographic, temporal, or race/ethnicity lines, etc. In short, standardization lets us look at what the death rate would be in one population if that population had the same age structure as the standard population. Beginning with 1999 events, the United States year 2000 population is used as the standard for age-adjusting.