COUNTY PROFILE

fort bend county

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preface

The purpose of the *County Profiles* is to provide a snapshot of existing conditions within each of the 13-counties in the Houston-Galveston region at the inception of the *Our Great Region 2040*. The county profiles will help establish baseline information that may be used to measure progress and change over time. The profiles do not provide strategies or recommendations. The profiles are a companion to the *Existing Conditions Report* that provides a regional level snapshot of the 13-county region. The *Existing Conditions Report* is available on the Our Great Region 2040 website (ourregion.org).

acknowledgements

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is working with a broad based coalition to develop a regional plan for sustainable development for the 13-county region. The *Our Great Region 2040* will be a long range plan to ensure the region is as good or better a place to live and work in the future as it is today. This plan will be build on local plans and initiatives to capitalize on opportunities and address the challenges faced by our region's urban, suburban, rural and coastal communities.

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POPULATION

Map 1: Location of County

Table 1: Overview

2010 Population
585,375
Land Area (square miles)
861.48
Population Density (per square mile)
679.50
Largest City
Sugar Land
County Seat
Richmond

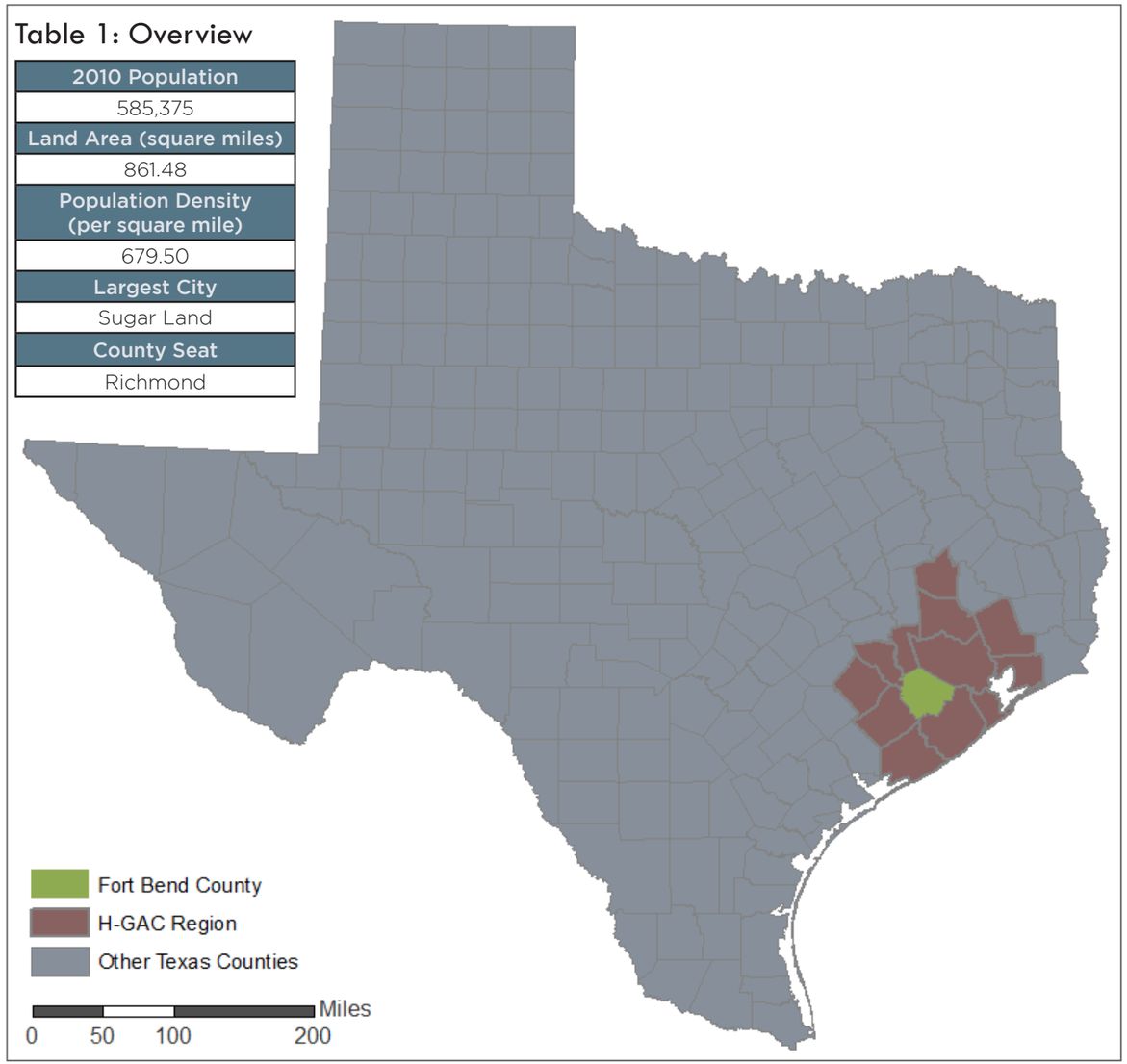
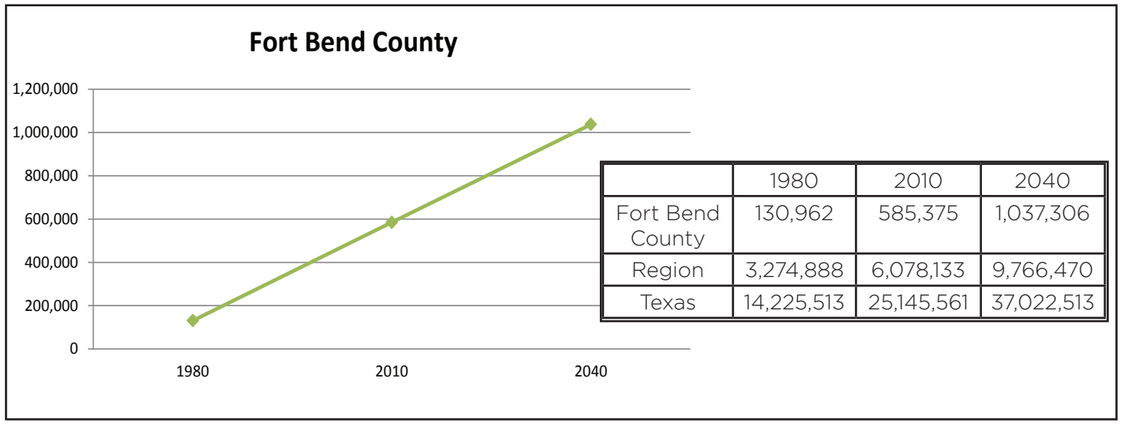


Chart 1: Population and Forecasted Growth



	1980	2010	2040
Fort Bend County	130,962	585,375	1,037,306
Region	3,274,888	6,078,133	9,766,470
Texas	14,225,513	25,145,561	37,022,513

Chart 2: Population by Race

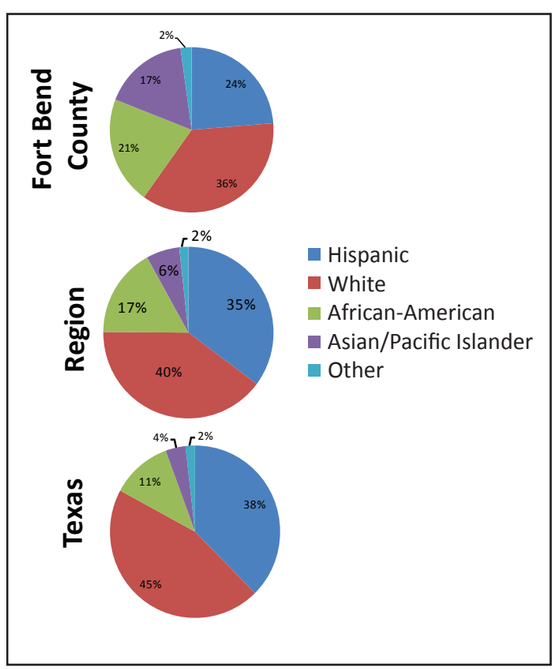
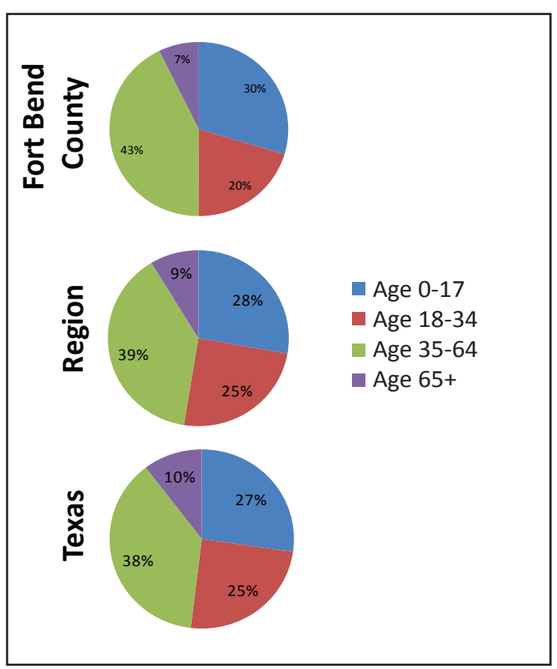
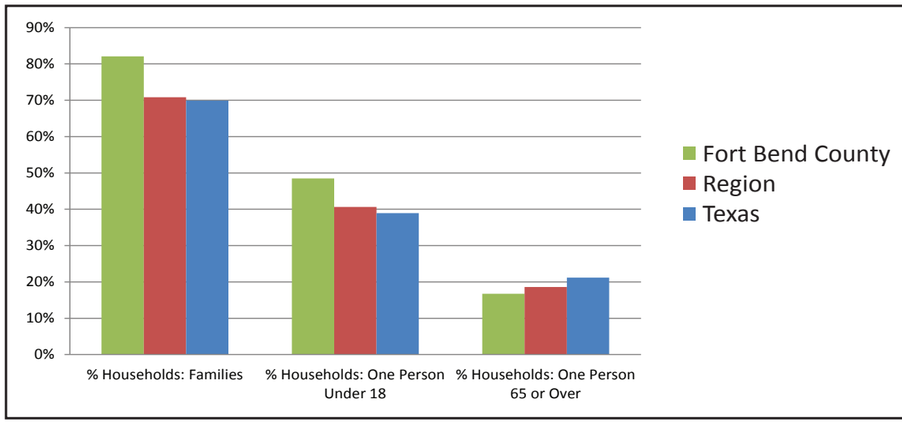


Chart 3: Population by Age



HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Chart 1: Households by Type and Number



	Fort Bend County	Region	Texas
Number of Households	187,384	2,120,706	8,922,933
Average Household Size	3.09	2.83	2.75
Average Family Size	3.50	3.47	3.40

Chart 2: Household Income

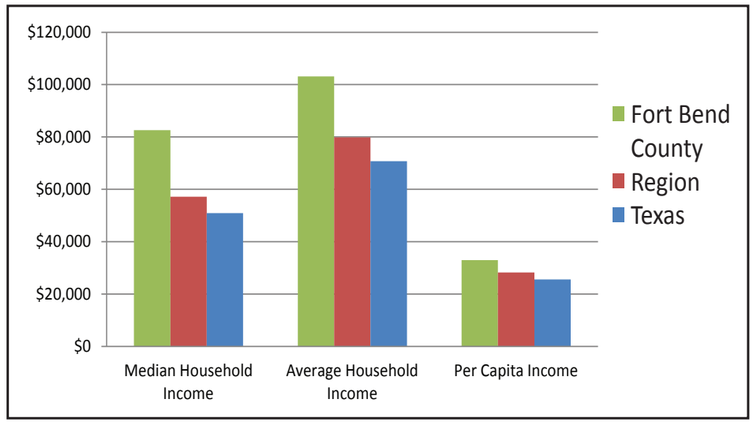
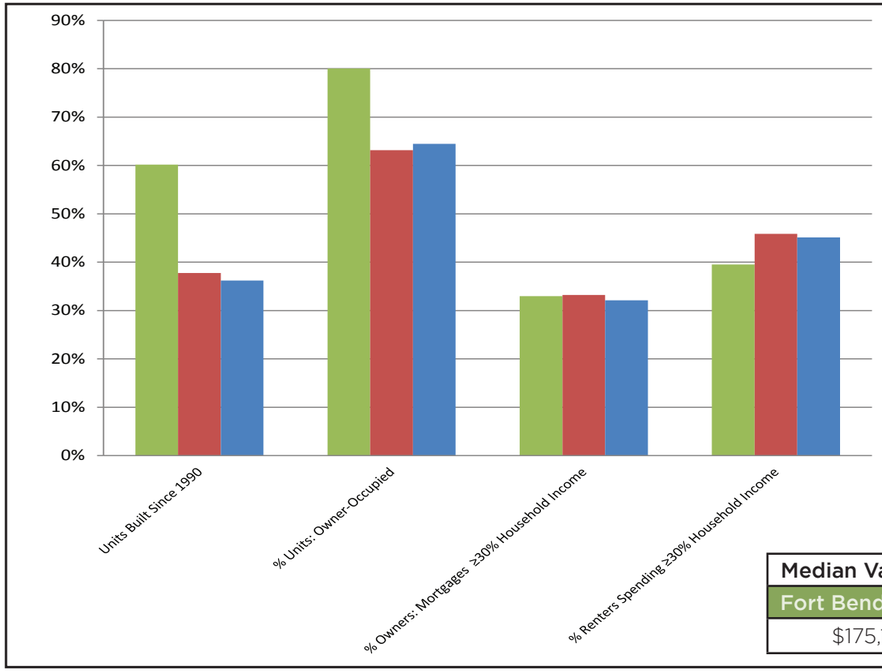


Chart 3: Housing Characteristics



Median Value of Owner-Occupied Units		
Fort Bend County	Region	Texas
$175,100	$139,460	$126,400

Chart 4: Housing Type

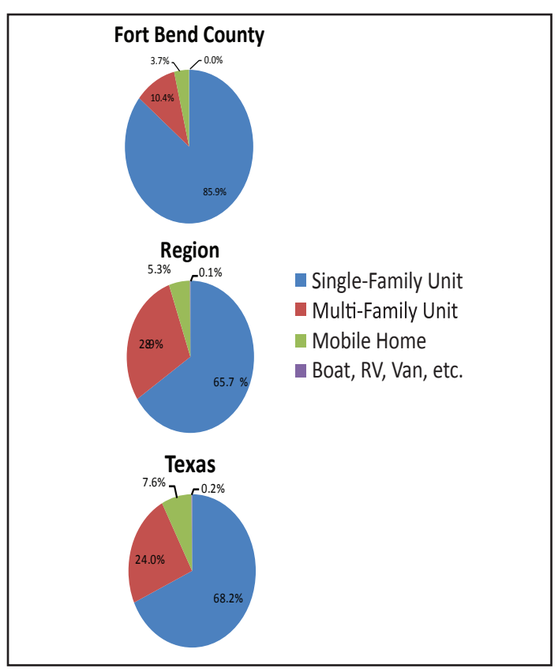
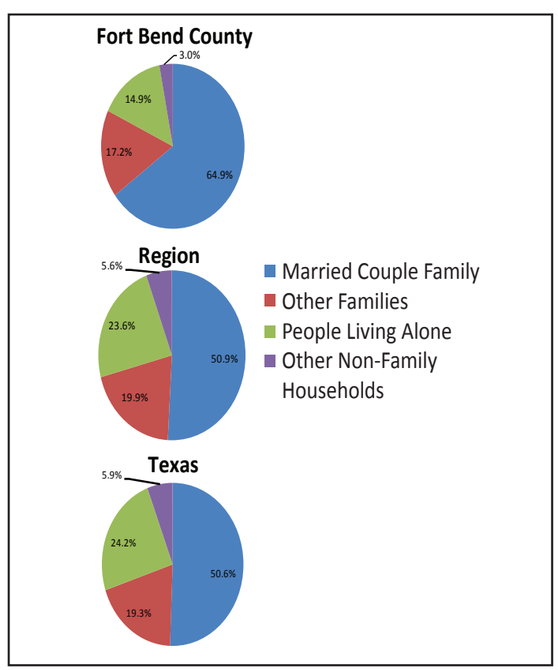
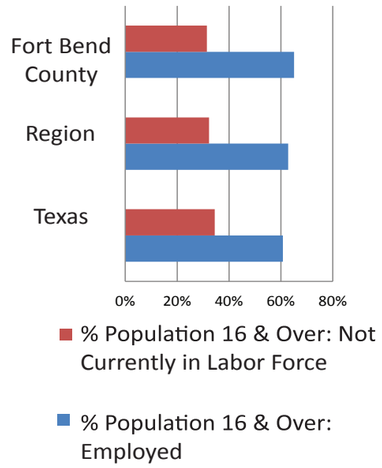


Chart 5: Household Type



ECONOMY

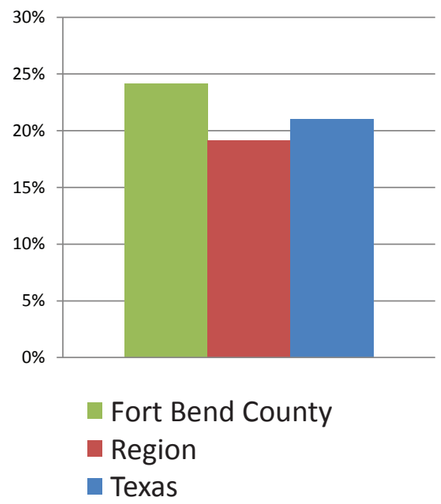
Chart 1: Employment



Area	Largest Employment Sector
Fort Bend County	Health Care and Social Assistance
Region	Health Care and Social Assistance
Texas	Health Care and Social Assistance
Area	**Average Wage**
Fort Bend County	$48,218
Region	$57,983
Texas	$48,351
Area	**Average Unemployment Rate for 2011**
Fort Bend County	7.3%
Region	8.1%
Texas	7.9%

Chart 2: Top Industry and Employment by Industry in Fort Bend County

Top Industry - Educational Services and Health Care/Social Assistance



Industry (U.S. Census Data Categories)	%
Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance	24%
Retail Trade	13%
Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative and Waste Management Services	11%
Manufacturing	10%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	8%
Construction	7%
Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6%
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	5%
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	4%
Public Administration	4%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining	3%
Wholesale Trade	3%
Information	1%

The Educational Services and Health Care/Social Assistance sector accounts for 24% of Fort Bend County's jobs, more than any other industry. The percentage of jobs in the educational services and health care industry is above the regional and state average.

Chart 3: Income

	Fort Bend County	Compared to Region	Compared to Texas	Compared to Nation	Regional Rank
Median Household Income	$82,571	44%	62%	56%	#1
Per Capita Income	$32,924	17%	29%	18%	#1

Fort Bend County has a median household income of $82,571, which is above the regional, state and national median household income. The county ranks 1st out of the region's 13 counties in terms of household median income.

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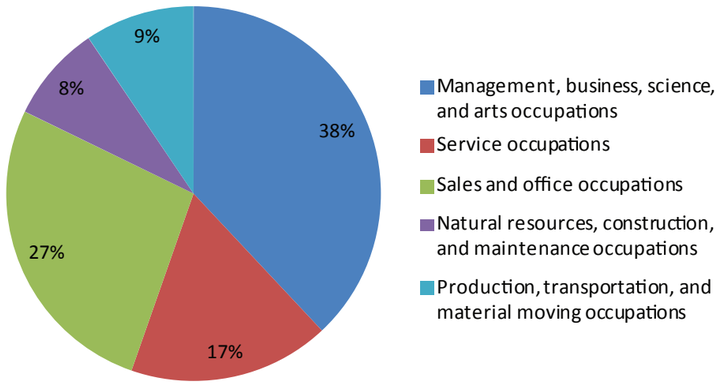
Chart 4: Occupations in Fort Bend County



List 1: Major Employers

Administaff
Fluor Corporation
Fort Bend ISD
Fort Bend County
Lamar CISD
Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Richmond State School
Schlumberger Technology Corp
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Texas Instruments Incorporated
United Parcel Service
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.

EDUCATION AND POVERTY

Chart 1: Educational Attainment

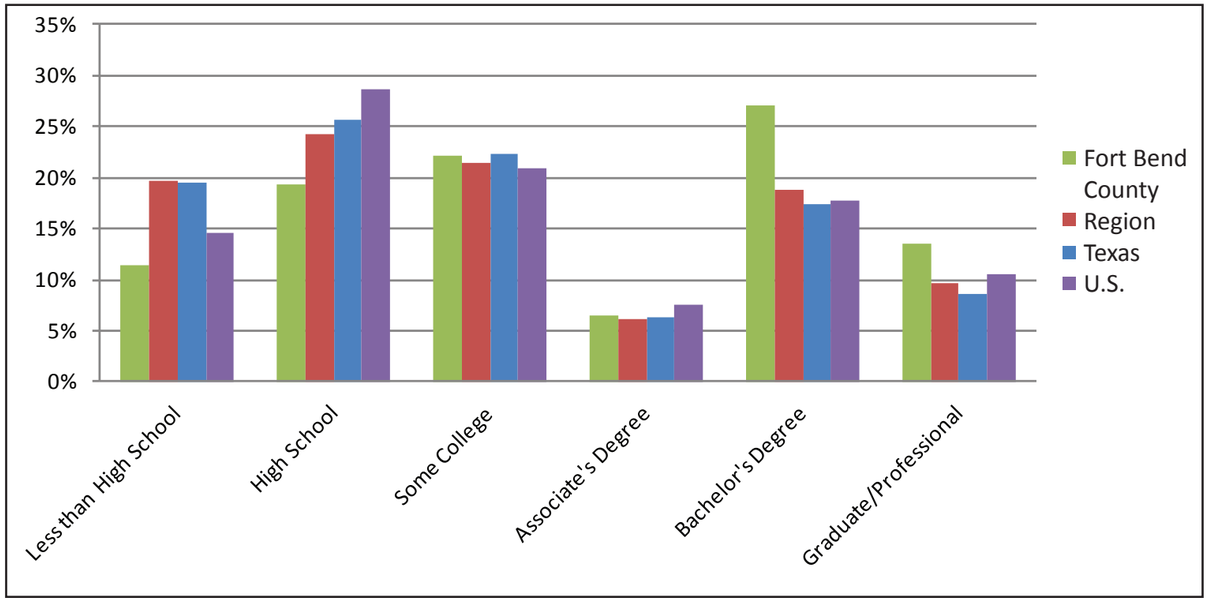
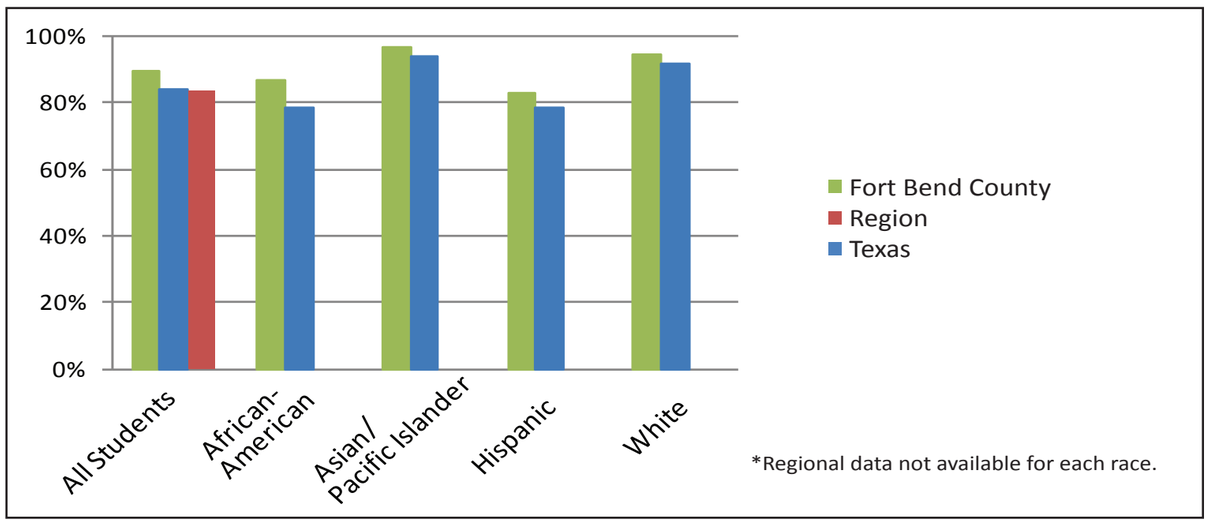


Chart 2: Graduation Rate by Race



*Regional data not available for each race.

Table 1: Inventory of Educational Resources

	Fort Bend County	Region
# of Two-Year Public Universities	0	23
# of Four-Year Public Universities	0	17
# of Two-Year Private Universities	0	20
# of Four-Year Private Universities	0	6
# of Public Libraries	11	140

Chart 3: Poverty Levels

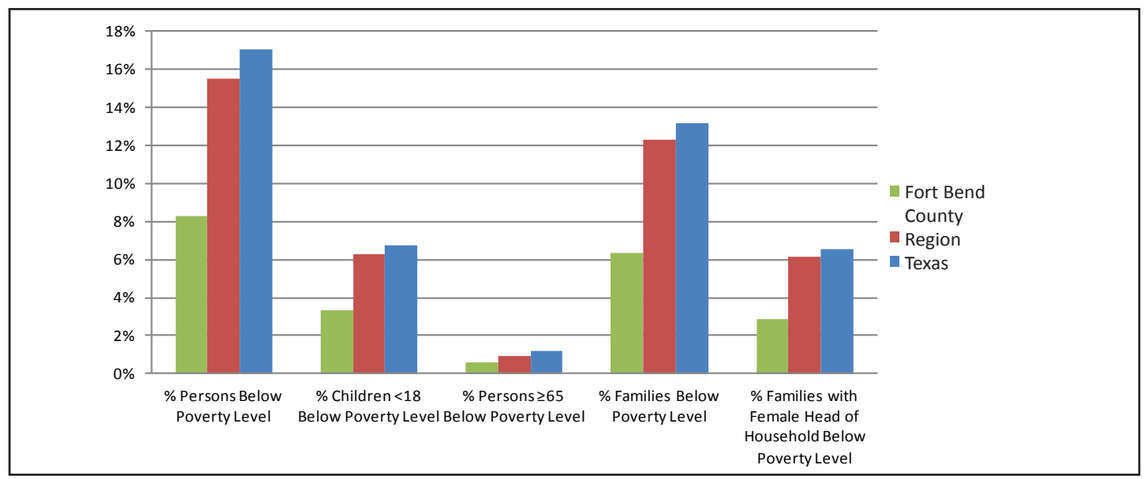


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Chart 1: Insurance Coverage

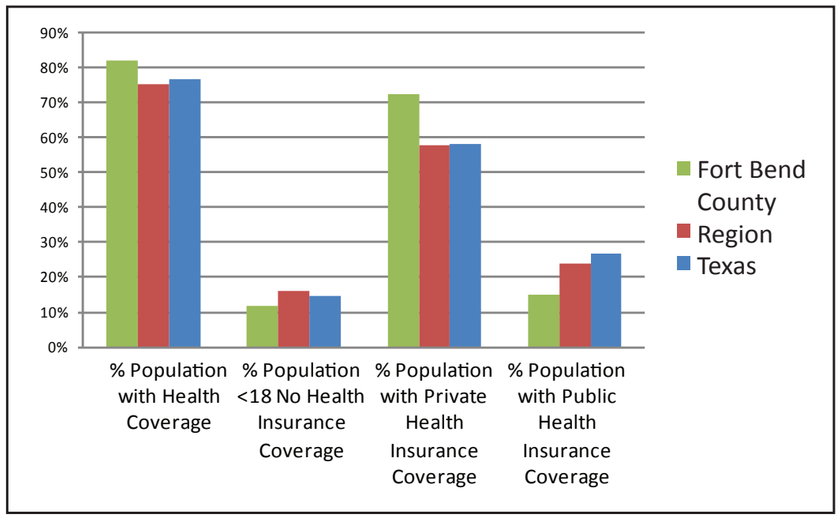
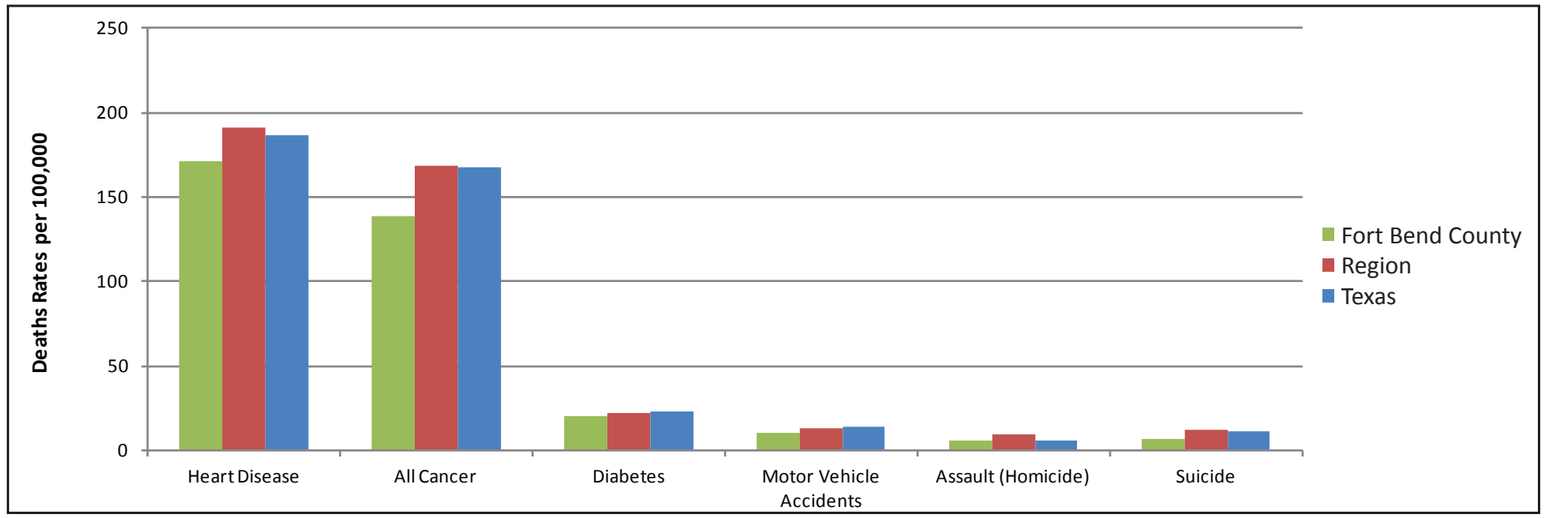


Chart 2: Causes of Deaths



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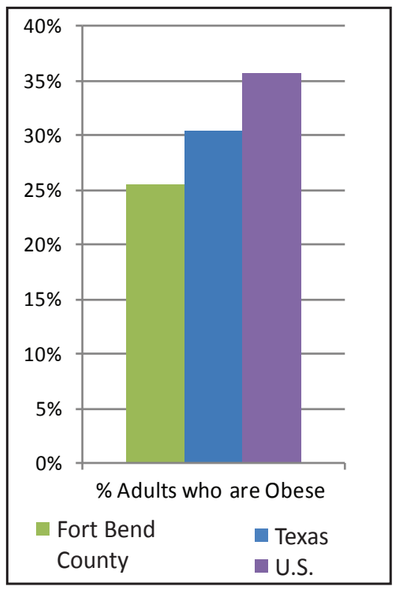


Chart 4: Diabetes Rate

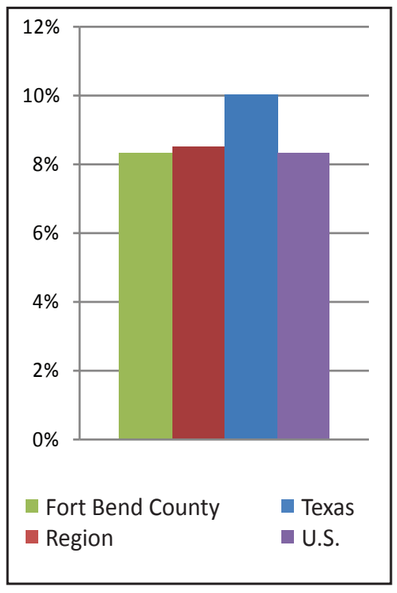


Table 1: Medical Information

	# Acute Care Hospitals	# Acute Care Beds	# Psychiatric Hospitals	Ratio* of Direct Care Physicians	Ratio* of Dentists	Ratio* of Registered Nurses	Ratio* of EMS Personnel	*Ratios are per 100,000 people
Fort Bend County	9	904	0	104.9	47.8	504.5	146.3	

Chart 5: Low Birth Rates/Prenatal Care

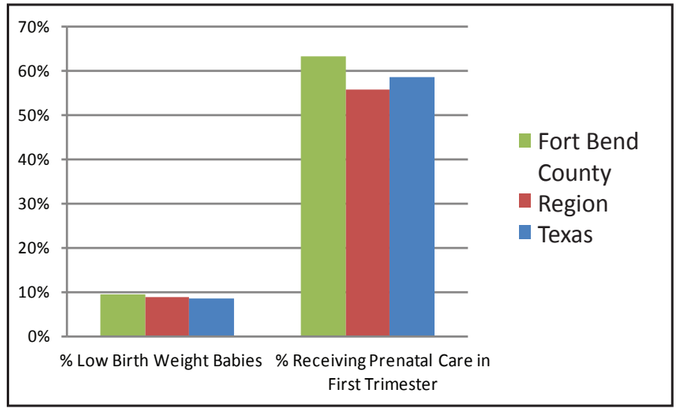
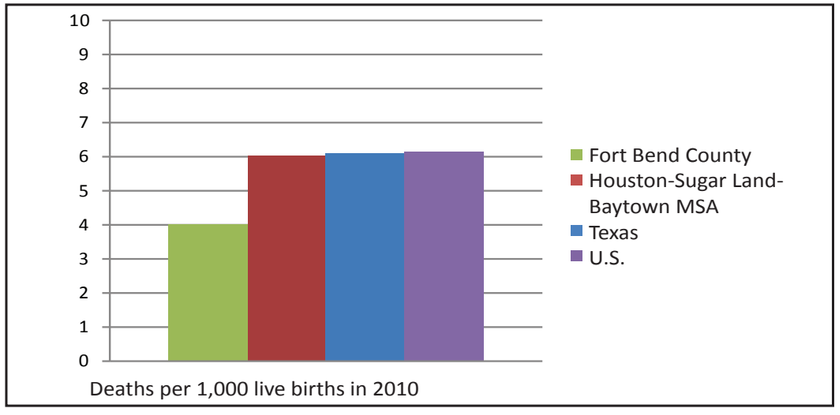
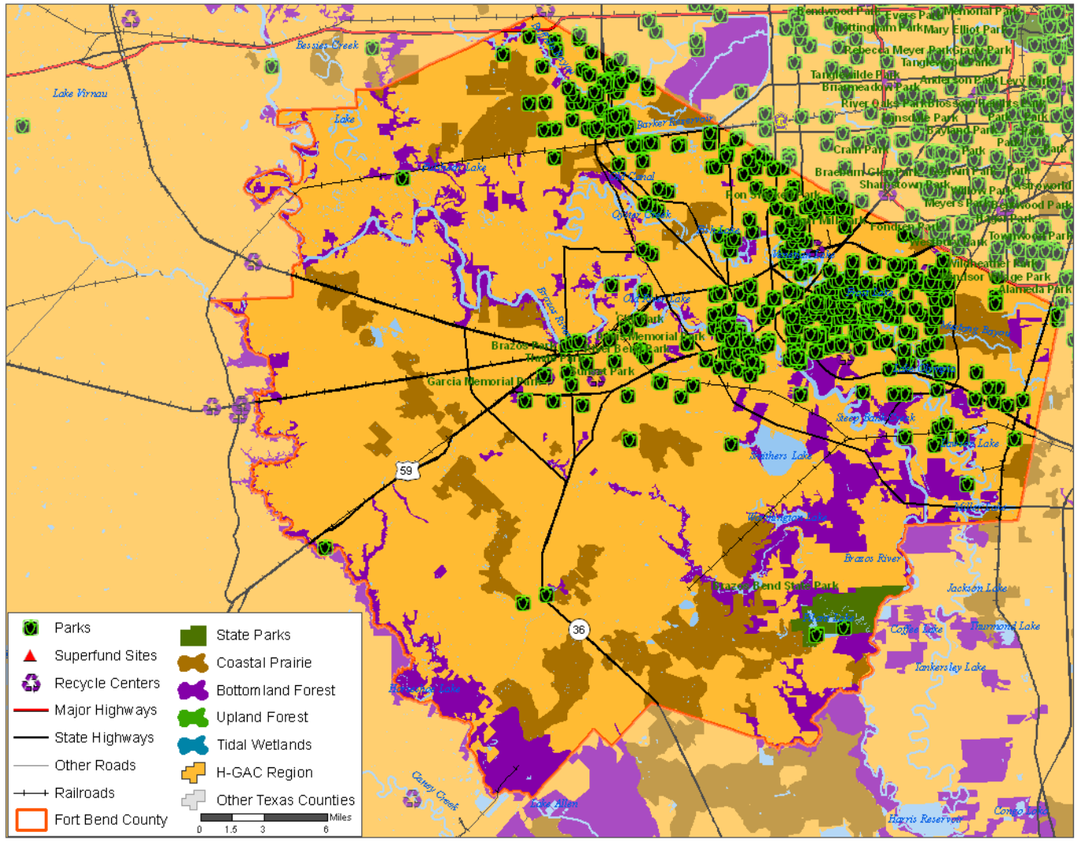


Chart 6: Infant Mortality



ENVIRONMENT

Map 1: Environmental Attributes


Parks
Superfund Sites
Recycle Centers
Major Highways
State Highways
Other Roads
Railroads
Fort Bend County
State Parks
Coastal Prairie
Bottomland Forest
Upland Forest
Tidal Wetlands
H-GAC Region
Other Texas Counties
Miles
0 1.5 3 6
Lake Pauline
Lake Olympia
Lake Thunderbird
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TRANSPORTATION

Map 1: Transportation Infrastructure

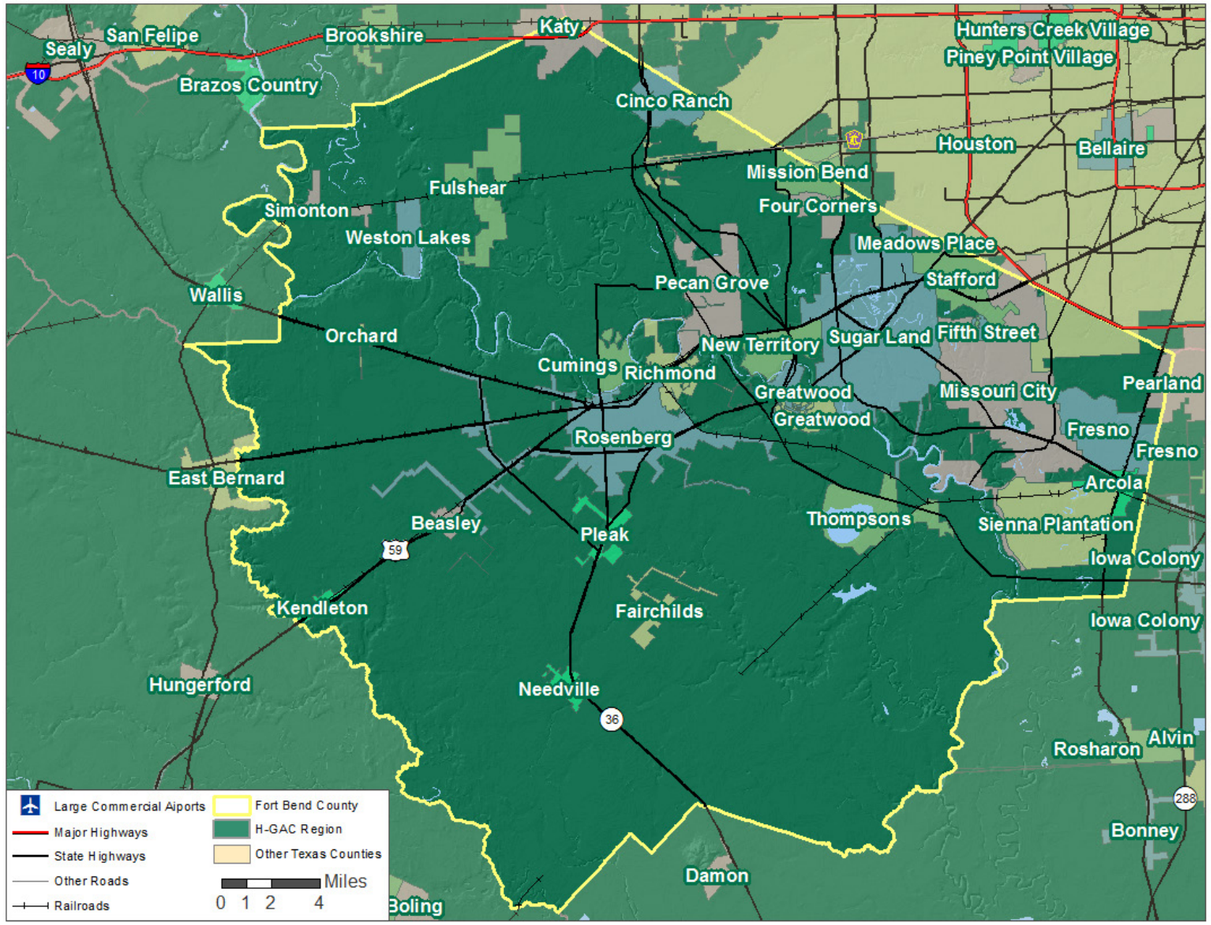


Table 1: Traffic Fatalities in Fort Bend County Per 100,000 Population

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
5.42	4.79	7.56	5.42	4.78

List 1: Transportation Facts

- There are 429.23 miles of state-maintained roadways in Fort Bend County.
- The average commute time is 30.6 minutes.
- There are 495,896 registered vehicles, with an average of 2.65 vehicles per household.
- Fort Bend County Transit and METRO are the local transit providers. Fort Bend County Transit offers demand response and park and ride services, while METRO provides park and ride services.

Chart 1: Commute to Work

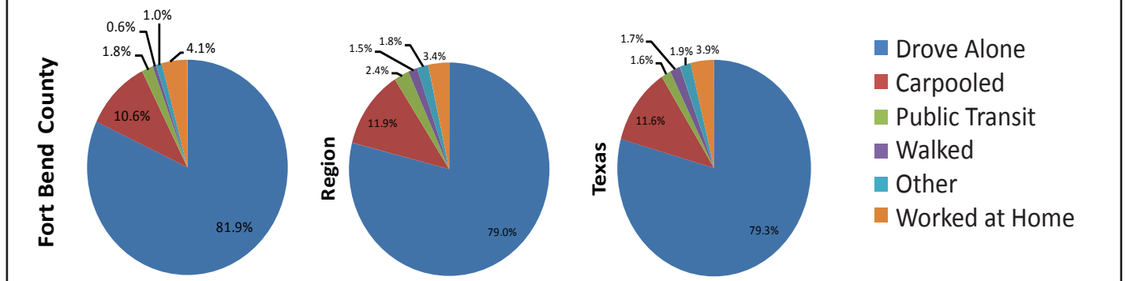
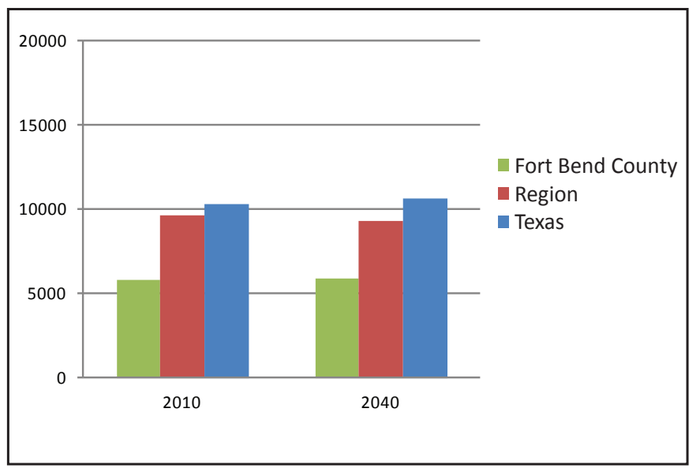


Chart 2: Vehicle Miles Traveled Per Person



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