



2017 PROFILE

chambers county

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preface

In 2013, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) developed *Our Great Region 2040*, a regional plan for sustainable development. The plan lays out a long-range vision to ensure that the 13-county region is one of the world's greatest places to live, work, and succeed by 2040.

The 2017 profiles for all 13 counties in the region provide a demographic snapshot and build a baseline understanding from which local communities and H-GAC can gauge how the region has advanced the tenets of the *Our Great Region 2040* plan.

The contents of this report have been gathered from a variety of sources referenced on the last two pages. All maps were produced by H-GAC.

To read the *Our Great Region 2040* plan and all 13 county profiles, visit ourregion.org/county-profiles.html or h-gac.com/go/apps.



big ideas

Strategies in the *Our Great Region 2040* plan are grouped into Big Ideas for six different topics highlighting areas of opportunity within the region. The Big Ideas serve as high-level guides when considering new projects or policies. This 2017 county profile includes a range of demographic data points that correspond with one or multiple Big Ideas.



Economic Development

Strengthening our economic competitiveness through an educated and skilled workforce



Housing

Providing balanced housing choices near jobs, services, and transportation options



Environment

Securing a clean and ample water supply



Resiliency

Increasing our resiliency to disaster and a changing environment



Healthy Communities

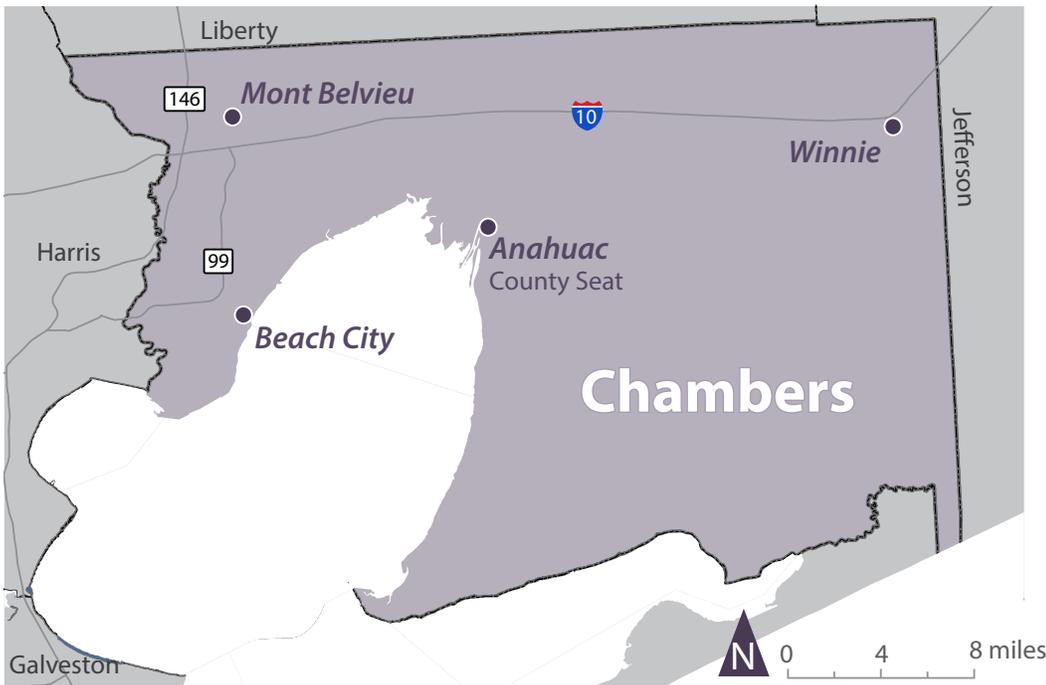
Cultivating places where people can lead active, healthy lives



Transportation

Achieving a world-class transportation network

OVERVIEW



Chambers County Boundaries

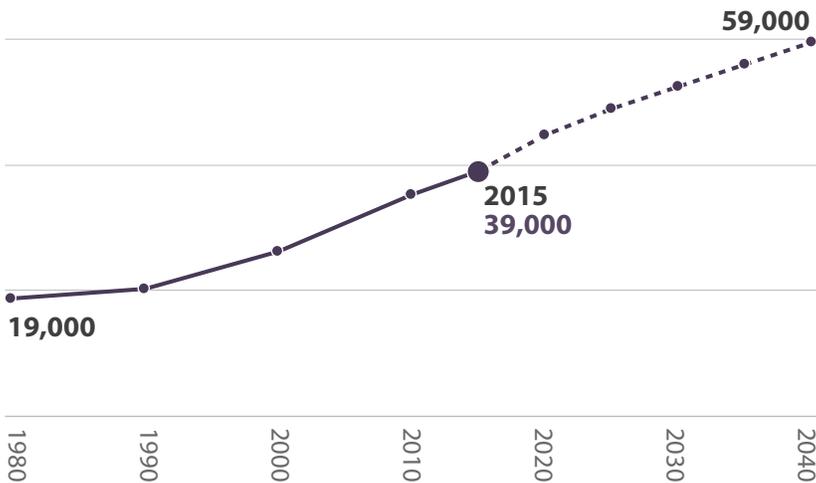
- Chambers County
- Other counties
- Top 4 cities
- Major roads

County Seat: Anahuac
Largest City: Mont Belvieu



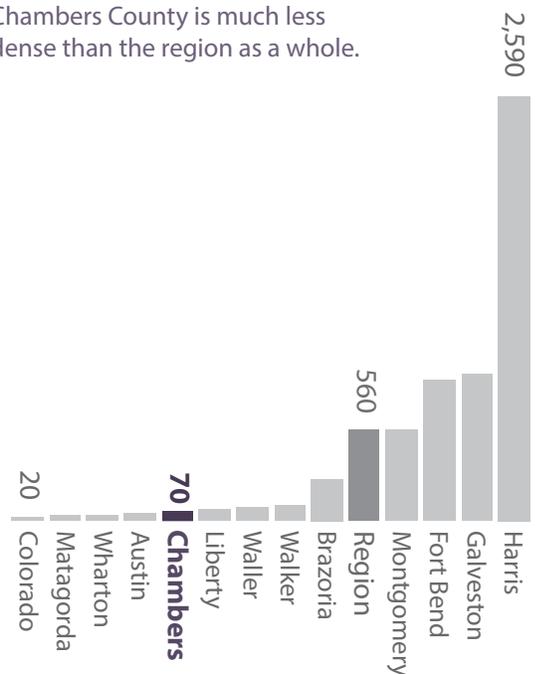
Population Growth Forecast

Chambers County grew by 110% from 1980 to 2015 and is expected to reach 59,000 residents by 2040.



Residents Per Square Mile

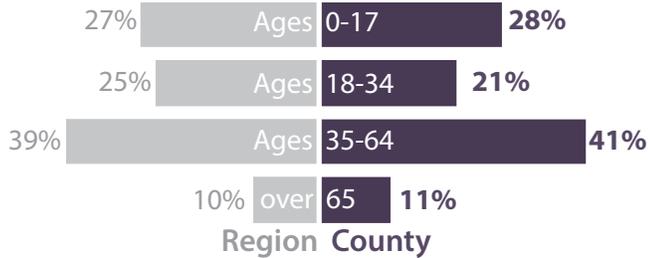
Chambers County is much less dense than the region as a whole.





Age

Chambers County has a similar age profile as the region.



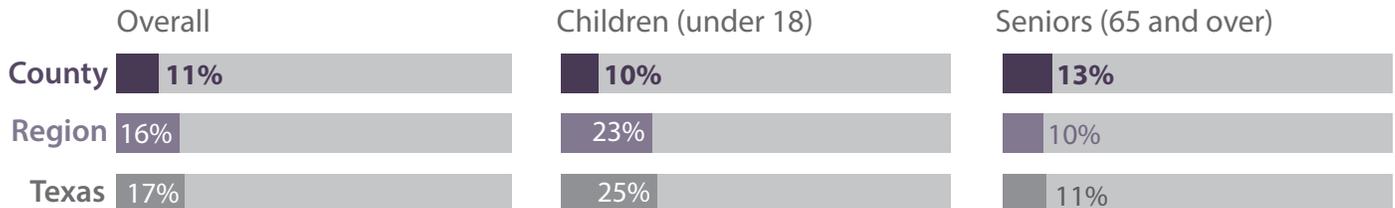
Median Household Income

Chambers County has one of the highest median household incomes in the region.



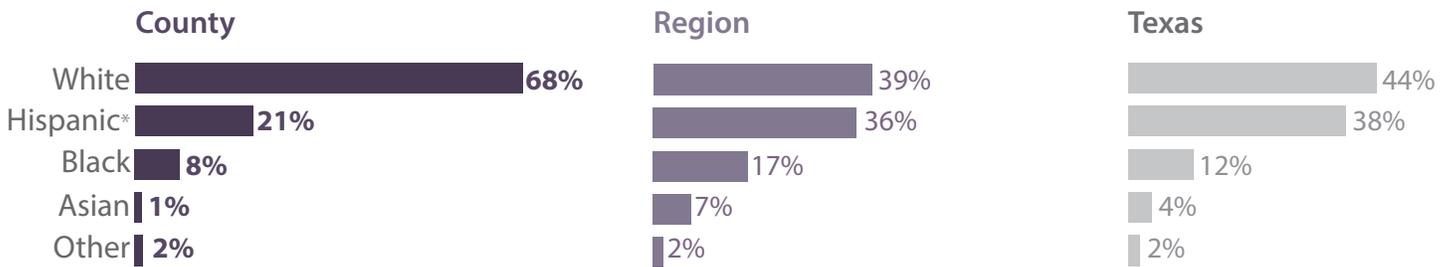
Poverty Rate

Chambers County has a lower rate of poverty for the general population and for children, but a higher rate for seniors.



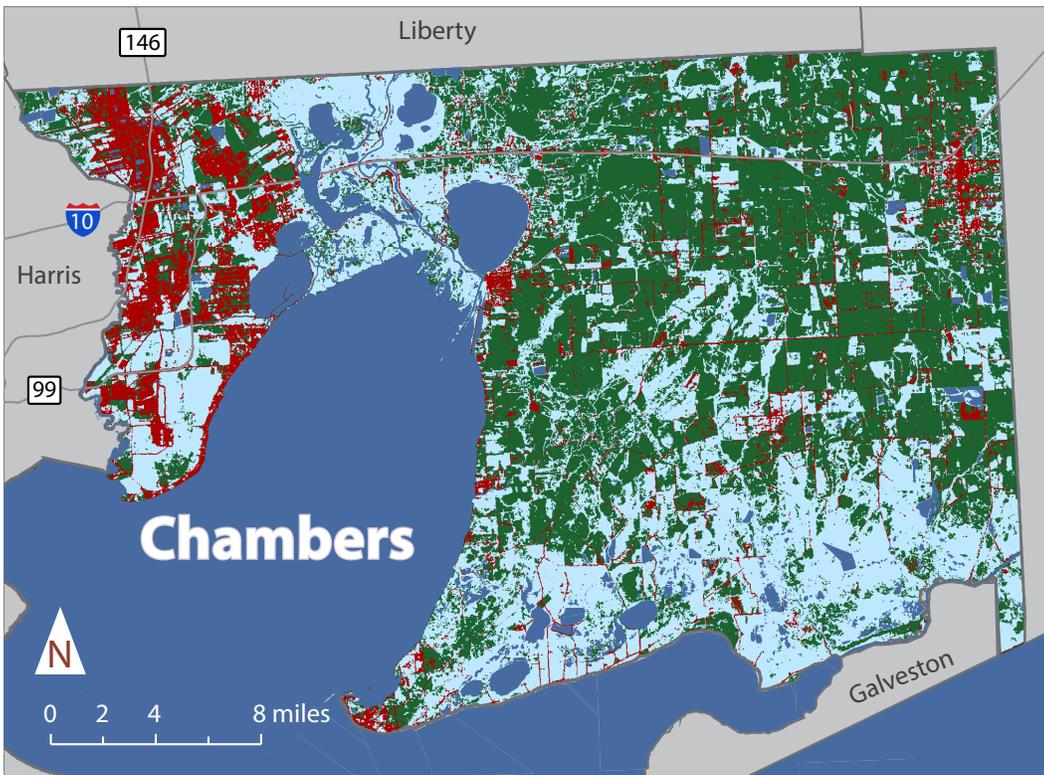
Race and Ethnicity

Chambers County is less racially diverse than the region or the state.



*As defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

HOUSING & LAND USE



Chambers County Land Use

- Other counties
- 6% Open water
- 11% Developed Land
- 39% Wetlands
- 44% Forest, shrubs, pasture, grasslands, barren lands and cultivated crops

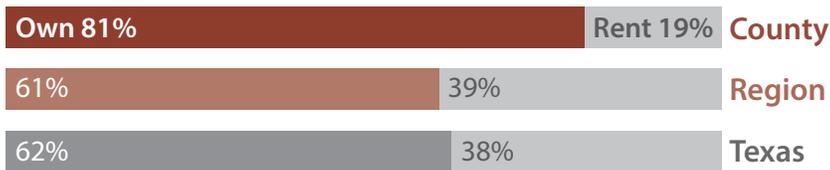
Building Permits Issued (units)

Single-family construction has not returned to its 2004 high and multi-family construction has been flat since 2009.



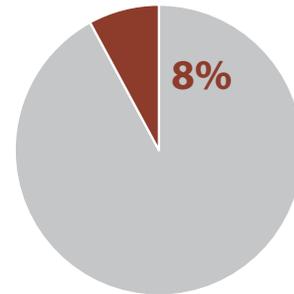
Housing Tenure

Chambers County has a far higher rate of homeownership than the region or the state.



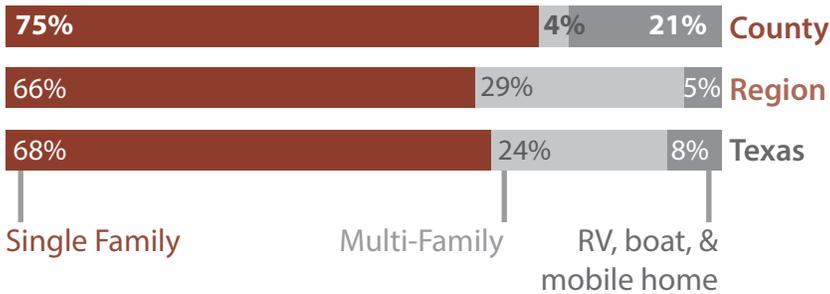
Vacant Housing Units

Around 10% of Chambers County's housing units are vacant.



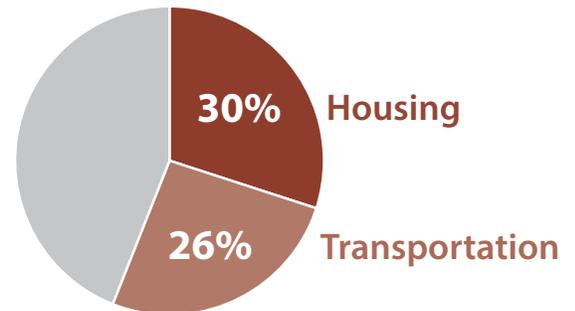
Housing Type

Chambers County has a low portion of multi-family homes and a high portion of RV, boat, and mobile homes.



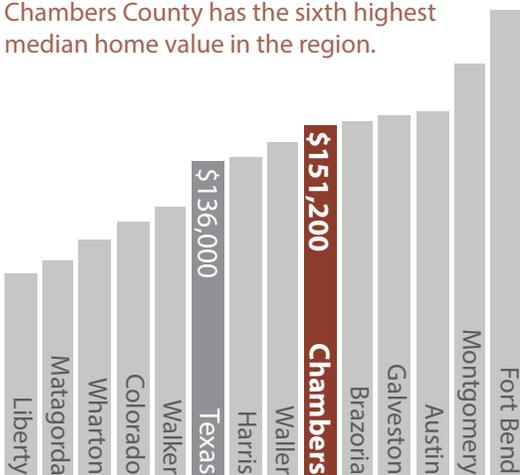
Living Costs

Chambers County households spend 56% of their income on transportation and housing.



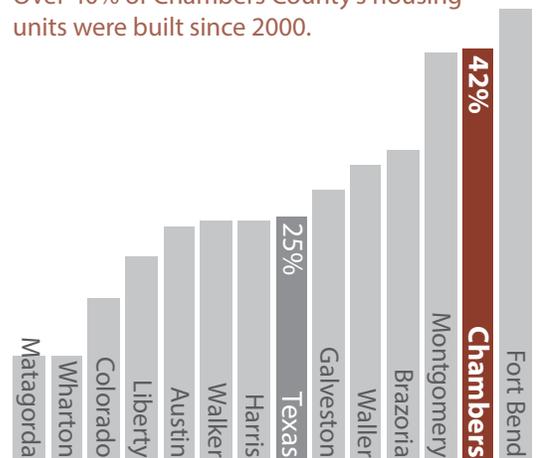
Median Home Value

Chambers County has the sixth highest median home value in the region.



Housing Units Built Since 2000

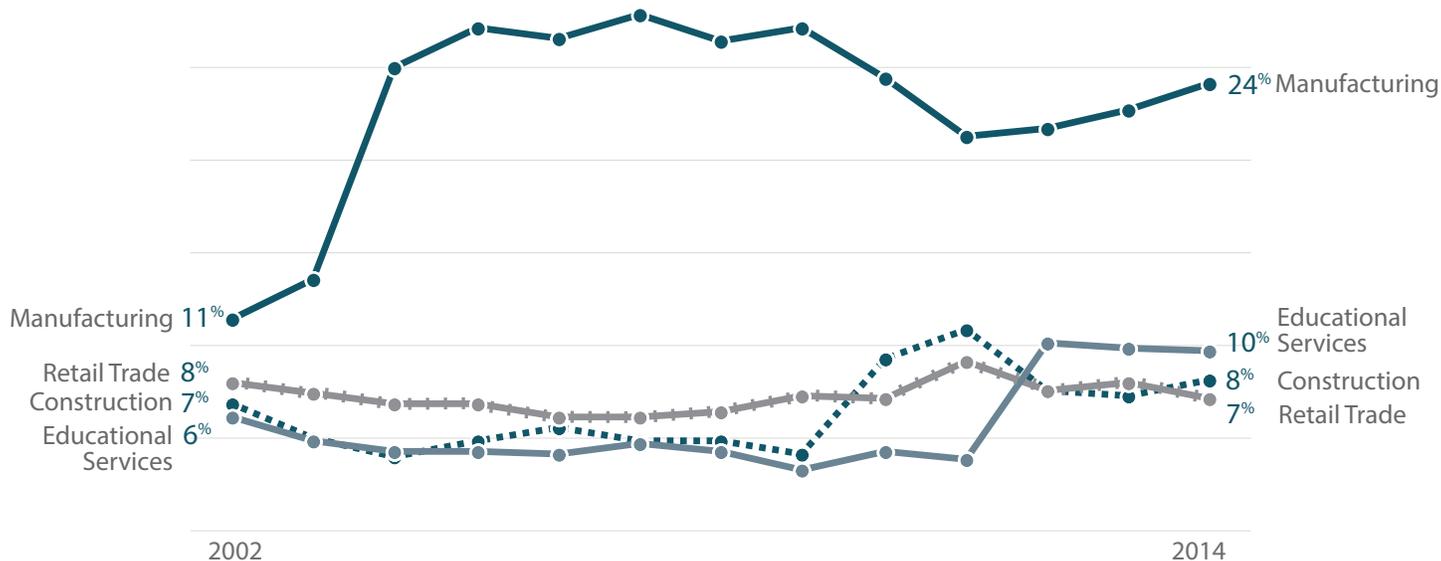
Over 40% of Chambers County's housing units were built since 2000.



ECONOMY & WORKFORCE

Top Industries by Percent of Overall Jobs

The Manufacturing industry employs a much larger portion of Chambers County workers than any other industry, at nearly one quarter of all county employment, up from 11% in 2002.



Major Employers in Chambers County

- Anahuac ISD
- Barbers Hill ISD
- Bayer Corporation
- CEG Staffing Services
- Chambers County

- Cryogenic Vessel Alternatives
- East Chambers ISD
- Exxon Mobil Corporation
- Jindal United Steel
- Saw Pipes USA, Inc.

*This reflects the most up-to-date publicly available data and may not represent the current mix of major employers in the county.

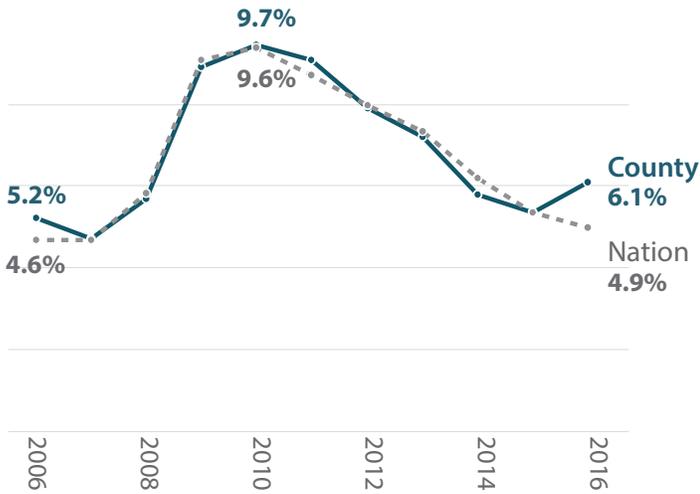
Employment & Education (16-19 Year Olds)

Around 7% of Chambers County's working-age teens are both unemployed and out of school.



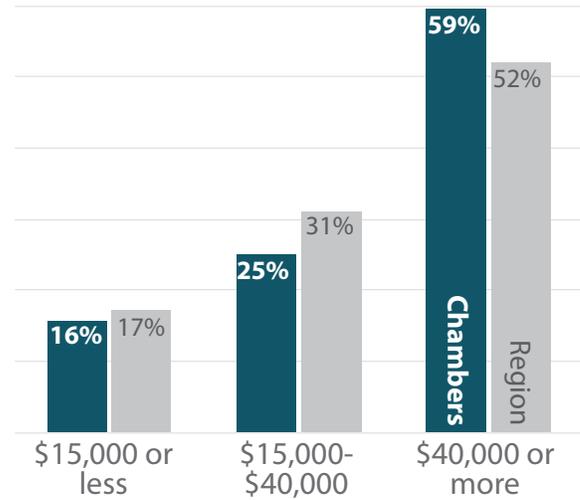
Unemployment Rate

Chambers County's unemployment mirrors national trends, but was higher than the nation in 2016.



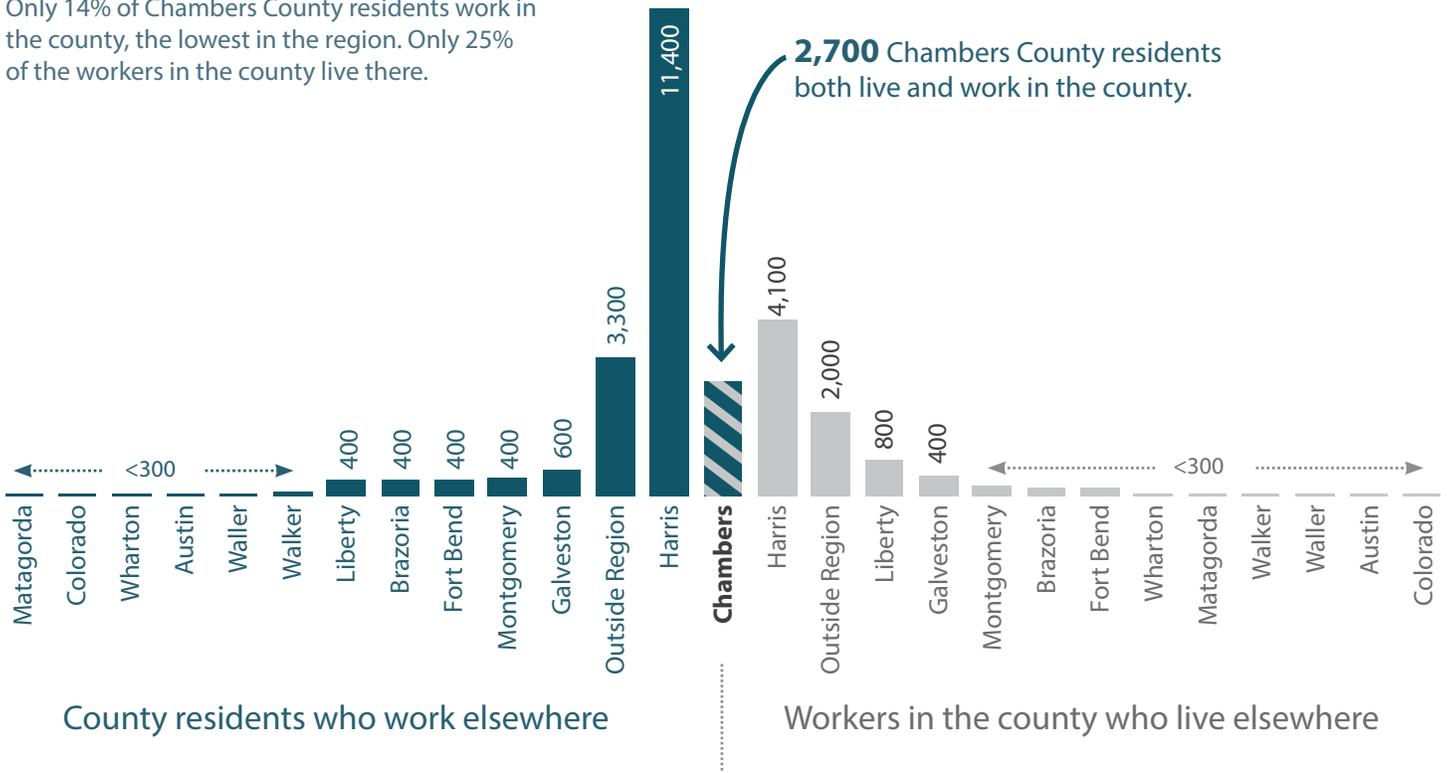
Earnings of Residents

Nearly 60% of Chambers County residents earn more than \$40,000 annually, a higher percentage than the region.



Workers' Job & Home Destinations

Only 14% of Chambers County residents work in the county, the lowest in the region. Only 25% of the workers in the county live there.

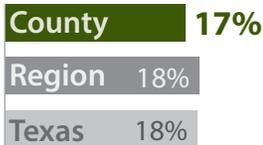


EDUCATION

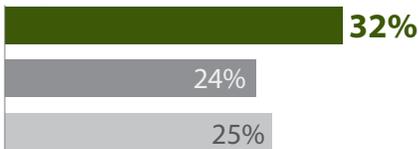
Educational Attainment

A lower percentage of Chambers County residents have completed a bachelor's degree the region and state.

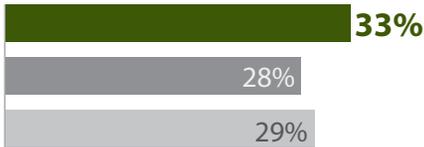
Less than High School



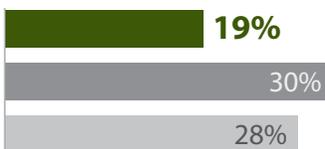
High School or Equivalent



Some College or Associate's



Bachelor's Degree or More



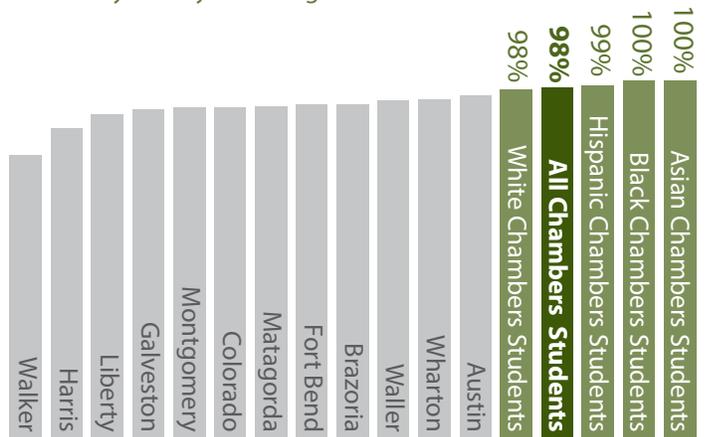
Local Schools

Public Secondary Schools
 Anahuac ISD
 Barbers Hill ISD
 East Chambers ISD

Post-Secondary Schools
 None

Class of 2015 Graduation Rate

Chambers County students had the highest graduation rate of any county in the region in 2015.



Median Earnings by Educational Attainment

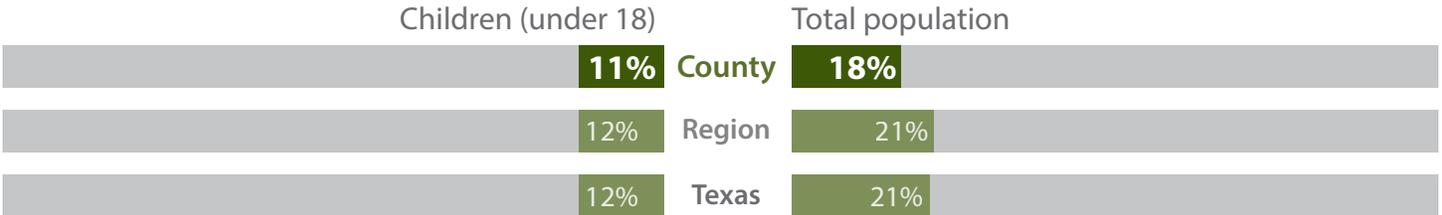
A Chambers County resident with a graduate or professional degree makes, on average, \$40,500 more than a resident with less than a high school education annually.



HEALTH

Population without Health Insurance

A lower percentage of Chambers County residents lack health insurance than the region or state.



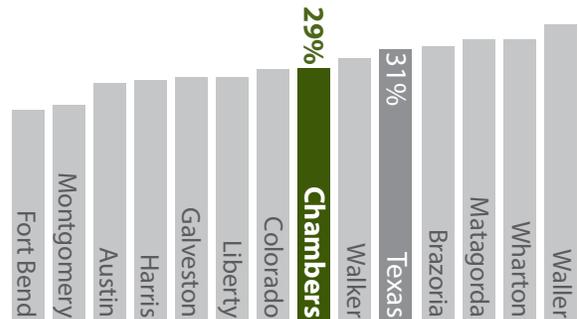
Top Causes of Death, 2013

Per 100,000 Chambers County residents

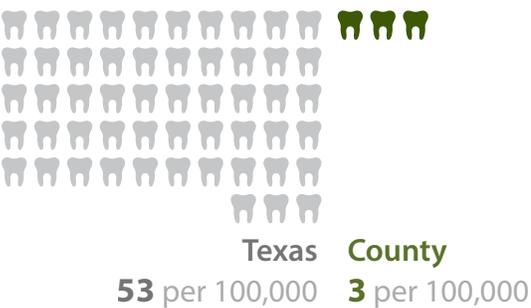
- 175 Heart disease
- 154 Cancer (all but Lung Cancer)
- 65 Lung Cancer

Adult Obesity Rate

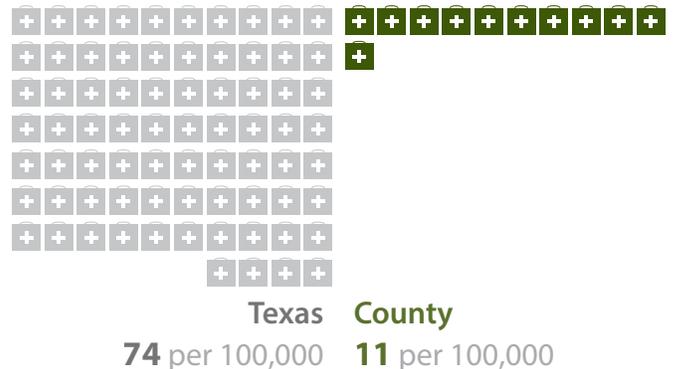
Chambers County has a slightly lower obesity rate than the state.

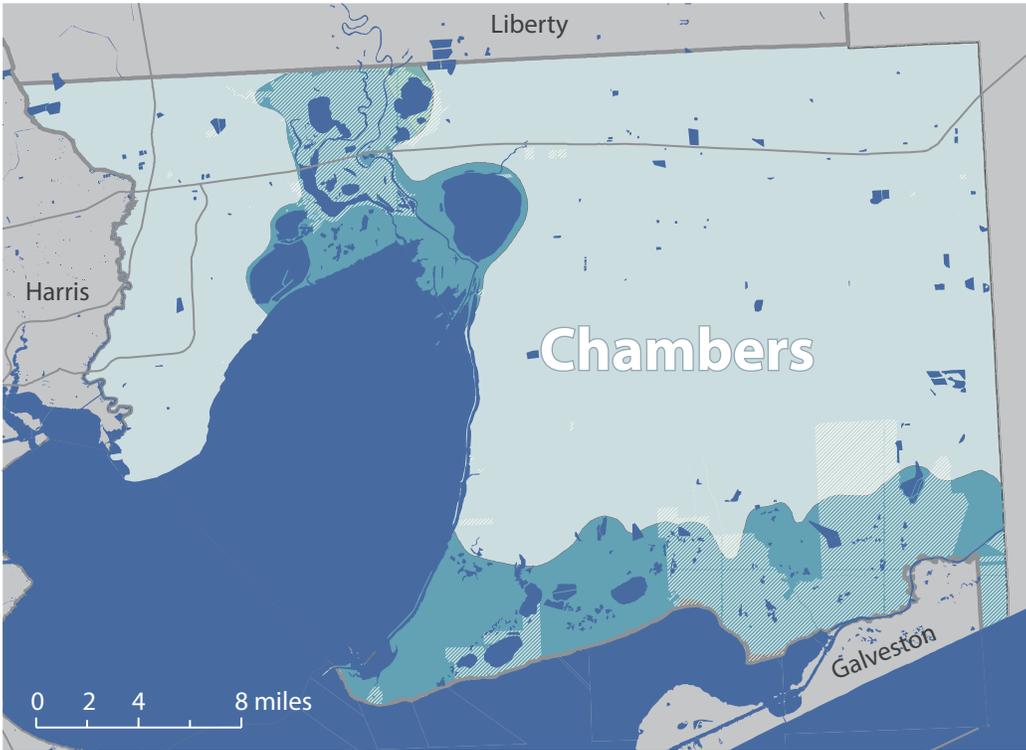


Dentists Per Capita



Doctors Per Capita



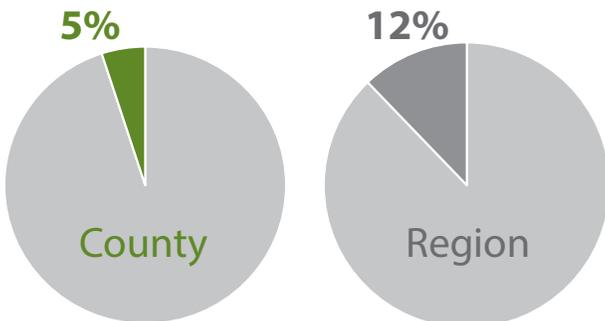


Chambers County EcoRegions & Conservation Districts

- Other counties
- Northern Humid Gulf Coast Prairie
- Texas-Louisiana Coastal Marshes
- Conservation and Recreation Lands

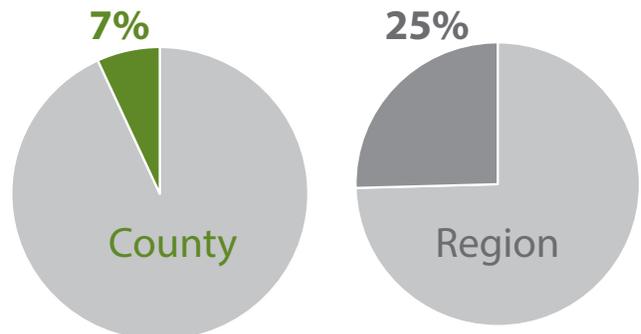
Residents in 100-year Floodplain

A smaller percentage of Chambers County residents live in a 100-year floodplain than the region.



Residents in Hurricane Evacuation Zone

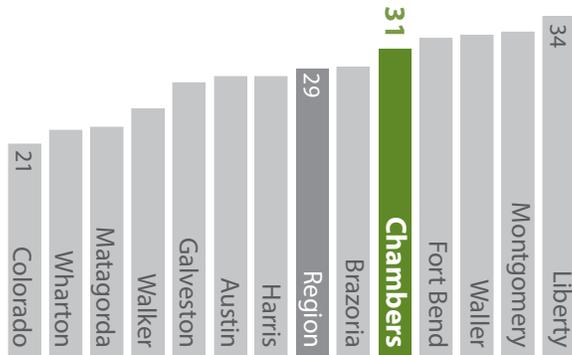
Fewer than 10% of Chambers County residents live in a hurricane evacuation zone, as opposed to 25% of the region.



TRANSPORTATION

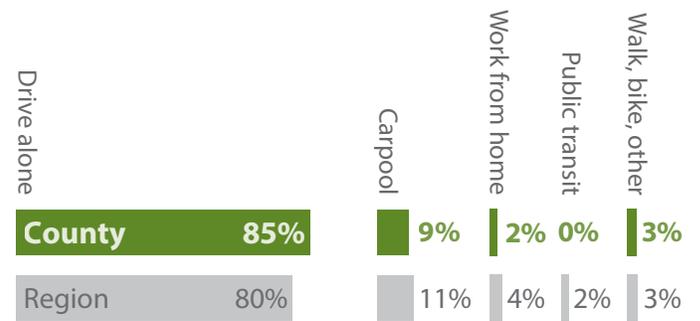
Mean Commute to Work (minutes)

Chambers County workers commute for more time than the region as a whole.



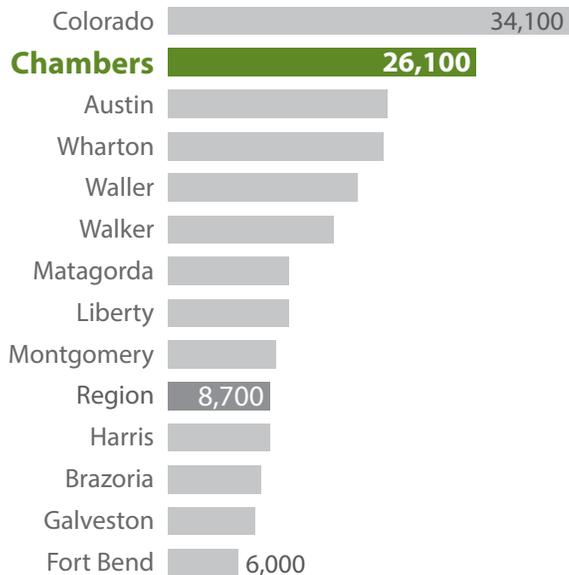
Commute Mode to Work

A higher percentage of Chambers County workers drive to work compared to the region as a whole.



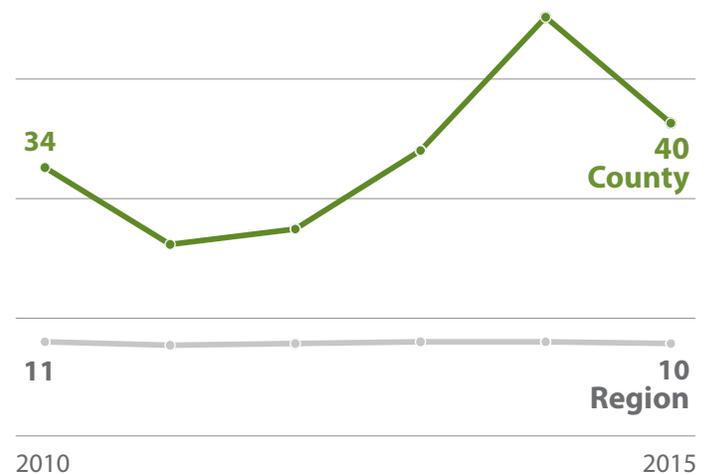
Vehicle Miles Traveled per Person

Chambers County drivers drive the second most annual miles of any county in the region.



Traffic Fatalities per 100,000 Residents

Chambers County has a higher rate of traffic fatalities than the rest of the region.



SOURCES

Overview

Chambers County Boundaries (map)

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Population Growth Forecast

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Residents per Square Mile

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Age

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001

Median Household Income

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Poverty Rate

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table S1701

Race and Ethnicity

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table B03002

Housing & Land Use

Chambers County Land Use (map)

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Building Permits Issued

U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, 1990-2015

Housing Tenure

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Housing Type

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Vacant Housing Units

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Living Costs

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Median Home Value

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Housing Units Built Since 2000

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Economy & Workforce

Top Industries by Percent of Overall Jobs

U.S. Census Bureau, 2002-2014, OnTheMap Application, Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics Program

Major Employers in Chambers County

2016 Workforce Solutions, County Economic Profiles

Employment & Education (16-19 Year Olds)

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table B14005

Unemployment Rate

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2006-2016

Earnings of Residents

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Education & Health

Educational Attainment

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Local Schools

Texas Education Agency and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Class of 2015 Graduation Rate

Texas Education Agency, Four-Year Graduation and Dropout Data, Class of 2015

Median Earnings by Educational Attainment

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Population without Health Insurance

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table S2701

Top Causes of Death

Texas Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Health Statistics, 2013 County Health Facts Profiles

Adult Obesity Rate

Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013 County Data Indicators

Dentists per Capita

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration, Area Health Resources Files

Doctors per Capita

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Mean Commute to Work (minutes)

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Vehicle Miles Traveled per Person

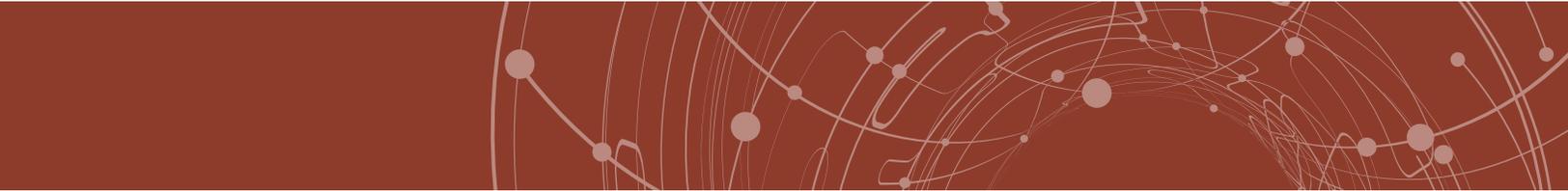
Texas Department of Transportation, 2015 Roadway Inventory

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