



2017 PROFILE

matagorda 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

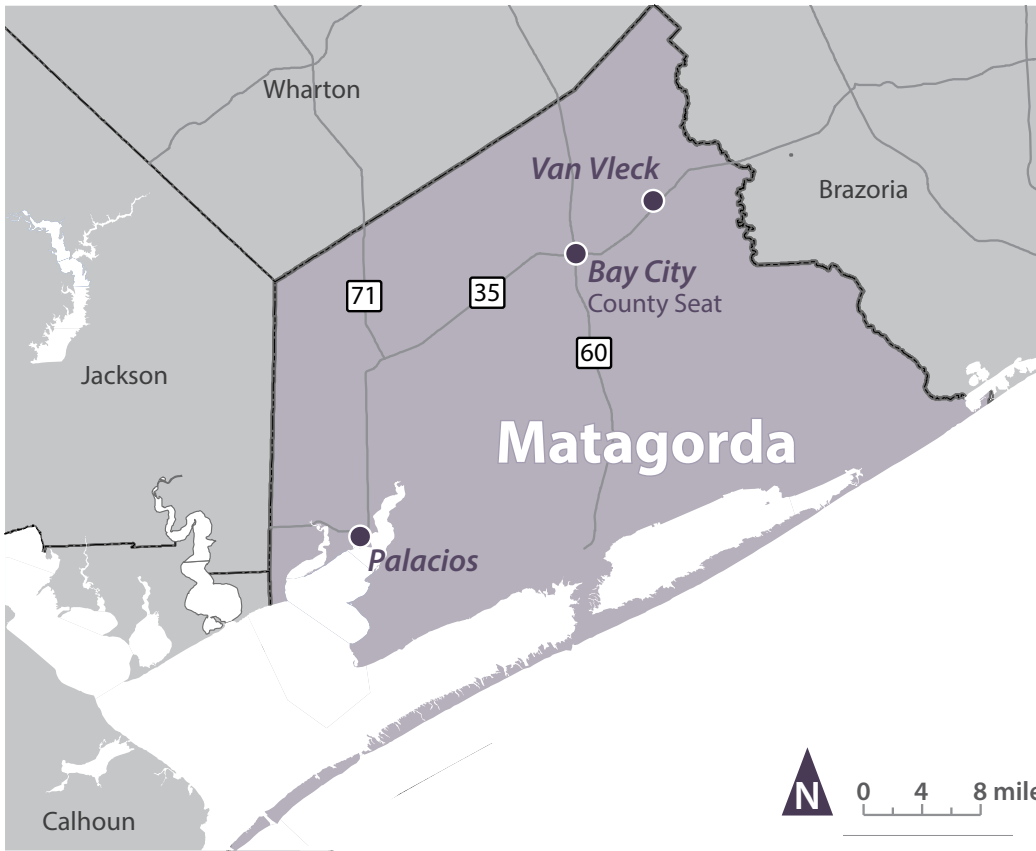
Cultivating places where people can lead active, healthy lives



Transportation

Achieving a world-class transportation network

OVERVIEW



Matagorda County Boundaries

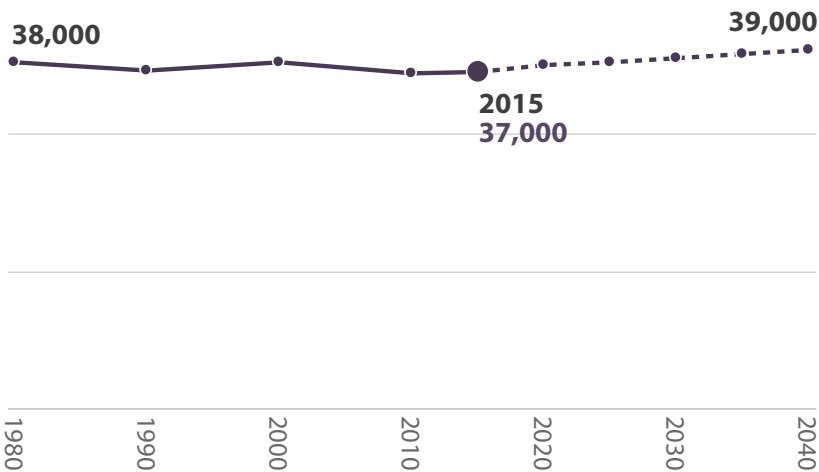
- Matagorda County
- Other counties
- Top 3 cities
- Major roads

County Seat: Bay City
Largest City: Bay City



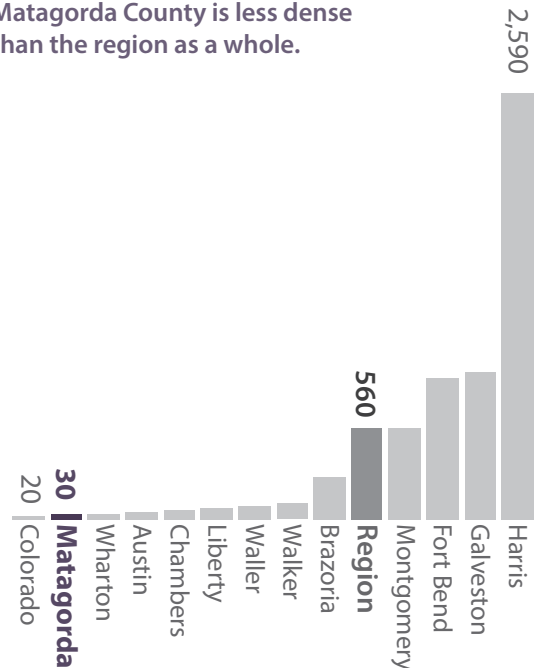
Population Growth Forecast

Matagorda County declined by 3% from 1980 to 2015 and is expected to reach 39,000 residents by 2040.



Residents Per Square Mile

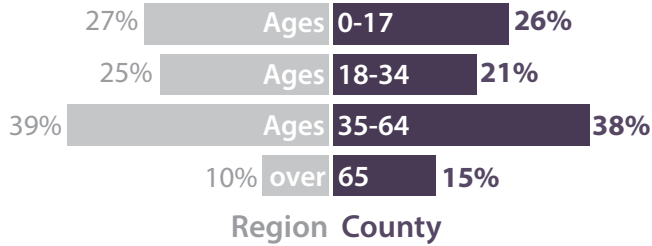
Matagorda County is less dense than the region as a whole.





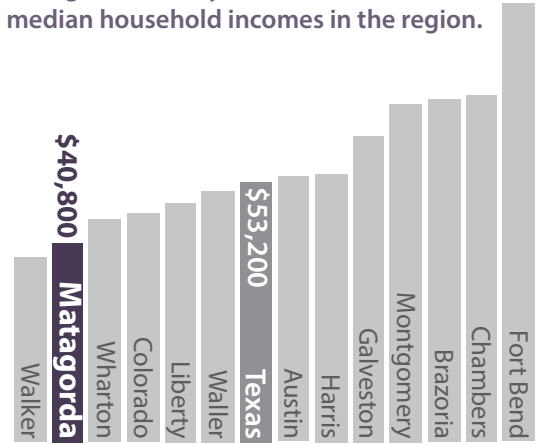
Age

Matagorda County is older than the region, with a higher portion of residents over 65.



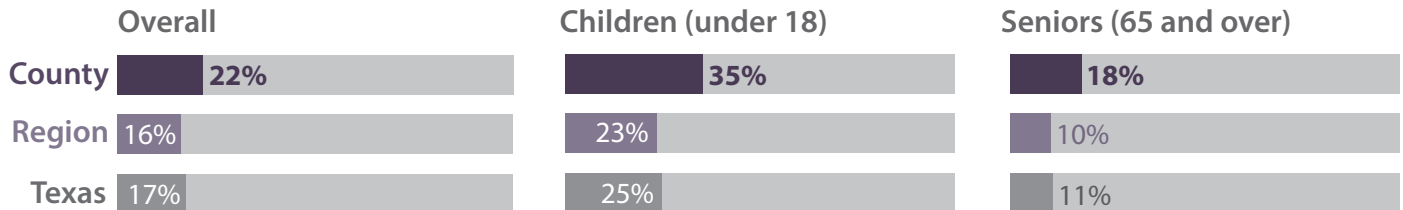
Median Household Income

Matagorda County has one of the lowest median household incomes in the region.



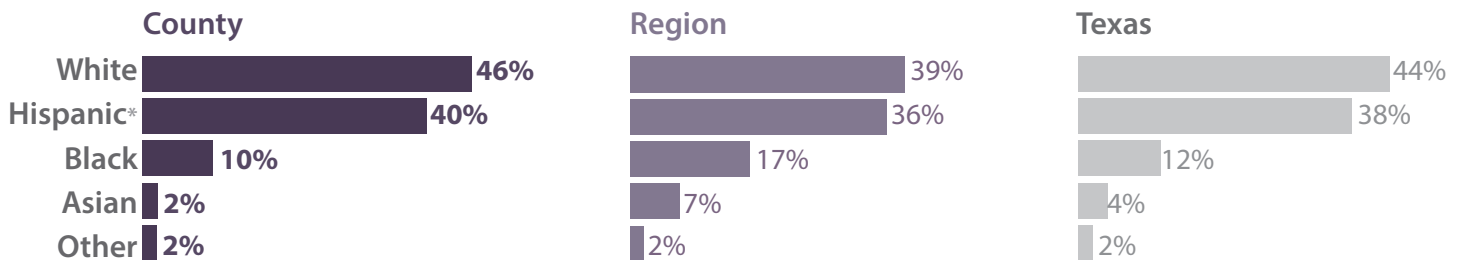
Poverty Rate

Matagorda County has a higher rate of poverty than the region, particularly for children.



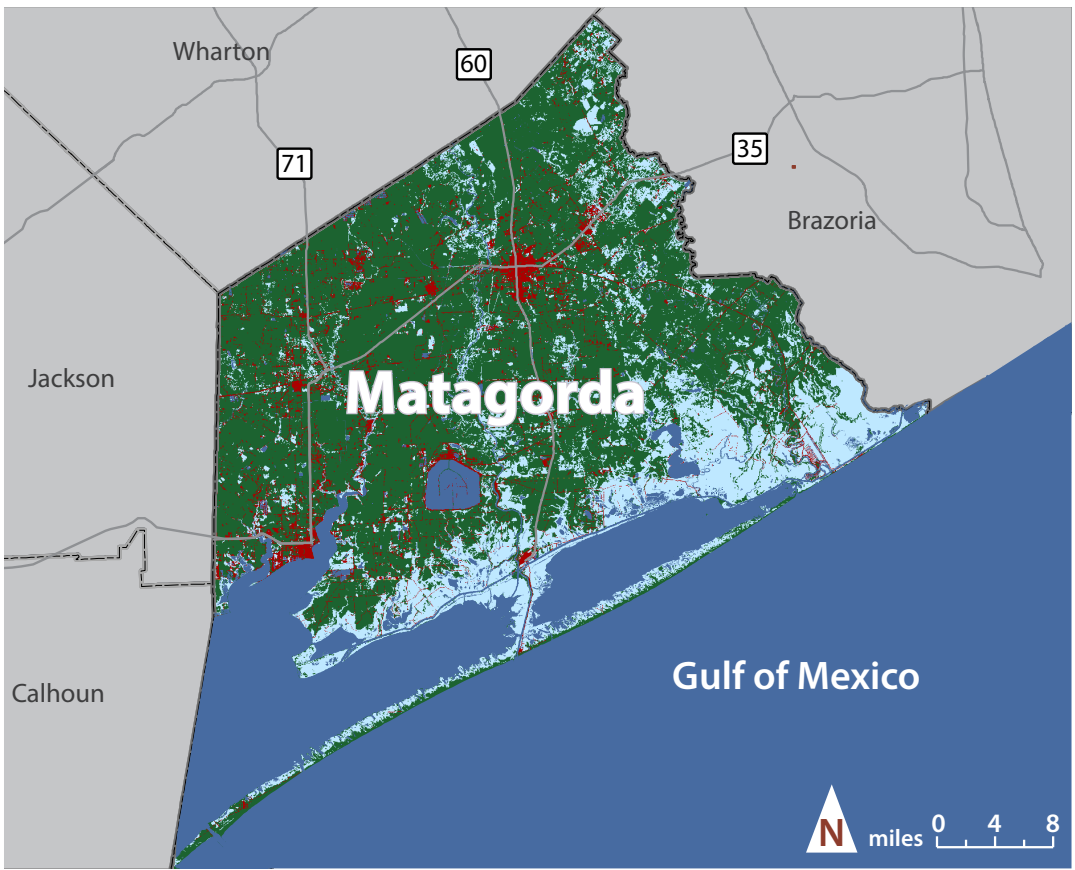
Race and Ethnicity

Matagorda County has a higher portion of both White and Hispanic residents than the region and the state.



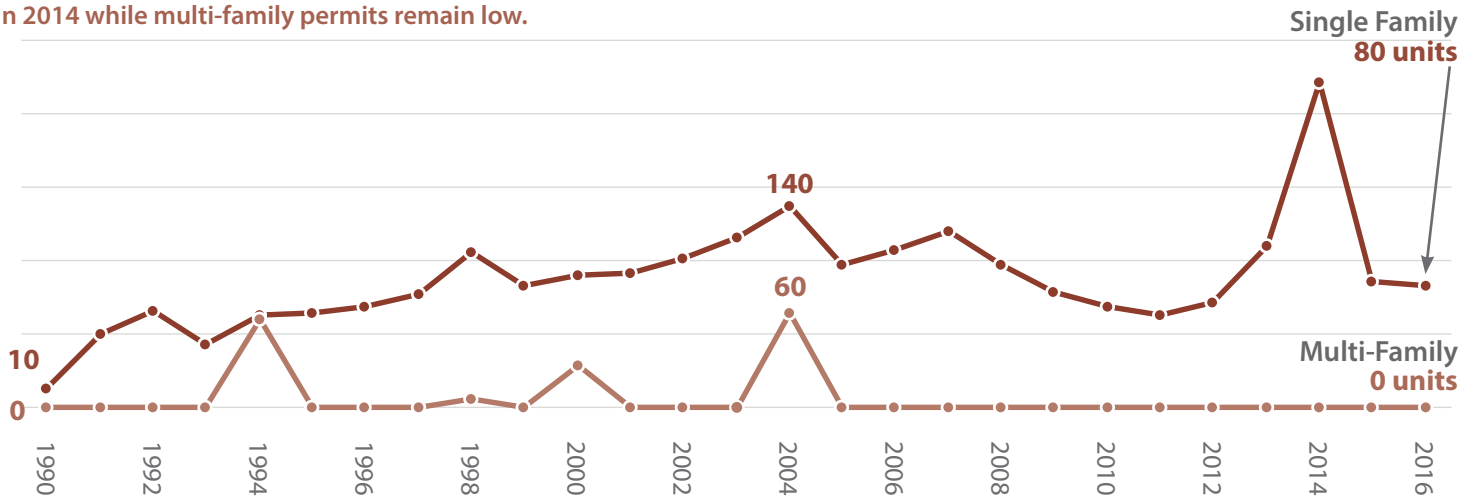
*As defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

HOUSING & LAND USE



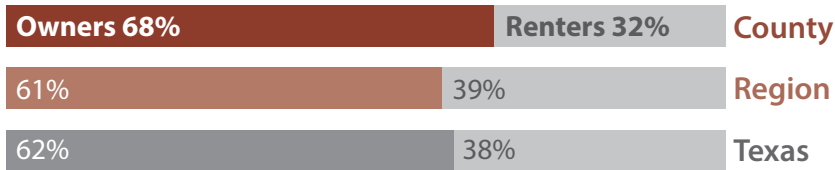
Building Permits Issued

Single-family construction has dropped from a spike in 2014 while multi-family permits remain low.



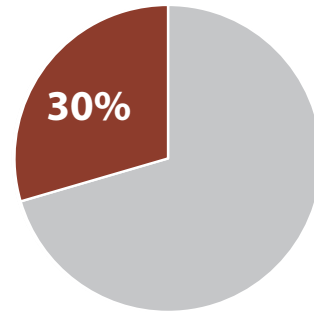
Housing Tenure

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



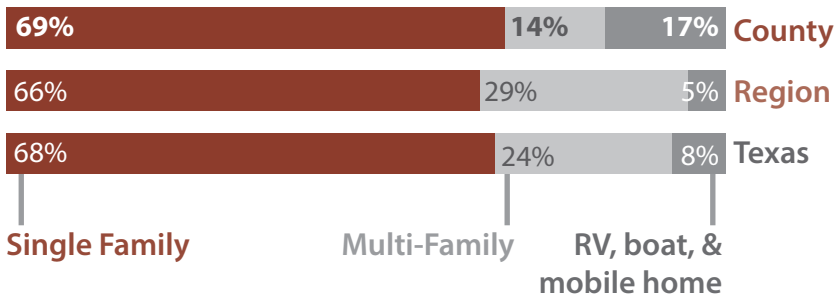
Vacant Housing Units

Around 30% of Matagorda County's housing units are vacant.



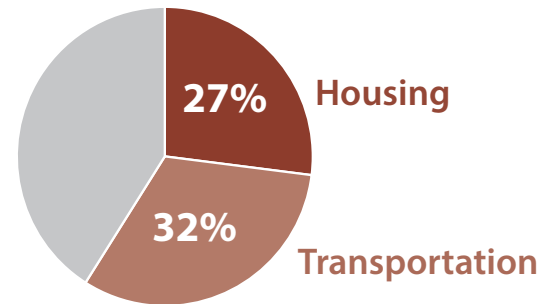
Housing Type

Matagorda County has a lower rate of multi-family homes and a higher rate of RV, boat and mobile homes than the region and state.



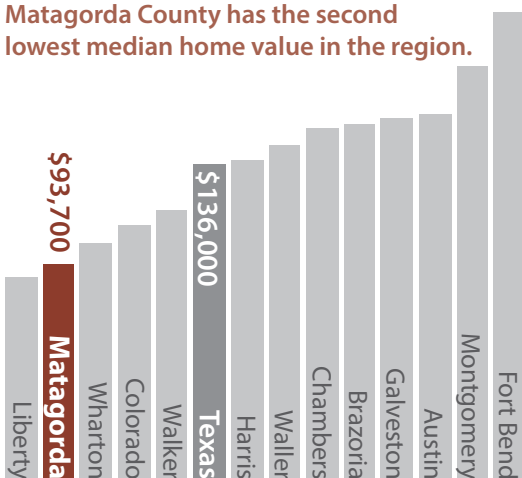
Living Costs

Matagorda County households spend 59% of their income on transportation and housing.



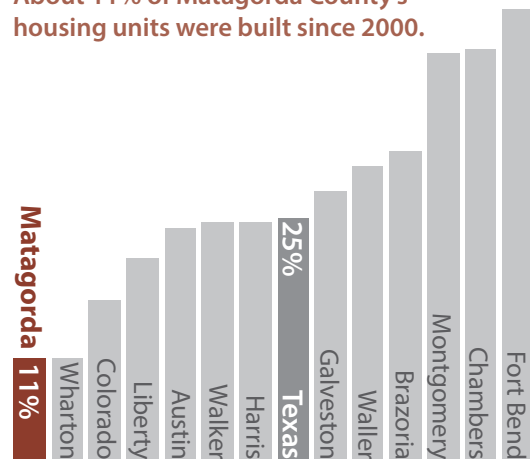
Median Home Value

Matagorda County has the second lowest median home value in the region.



Housing Units Built Since 2000

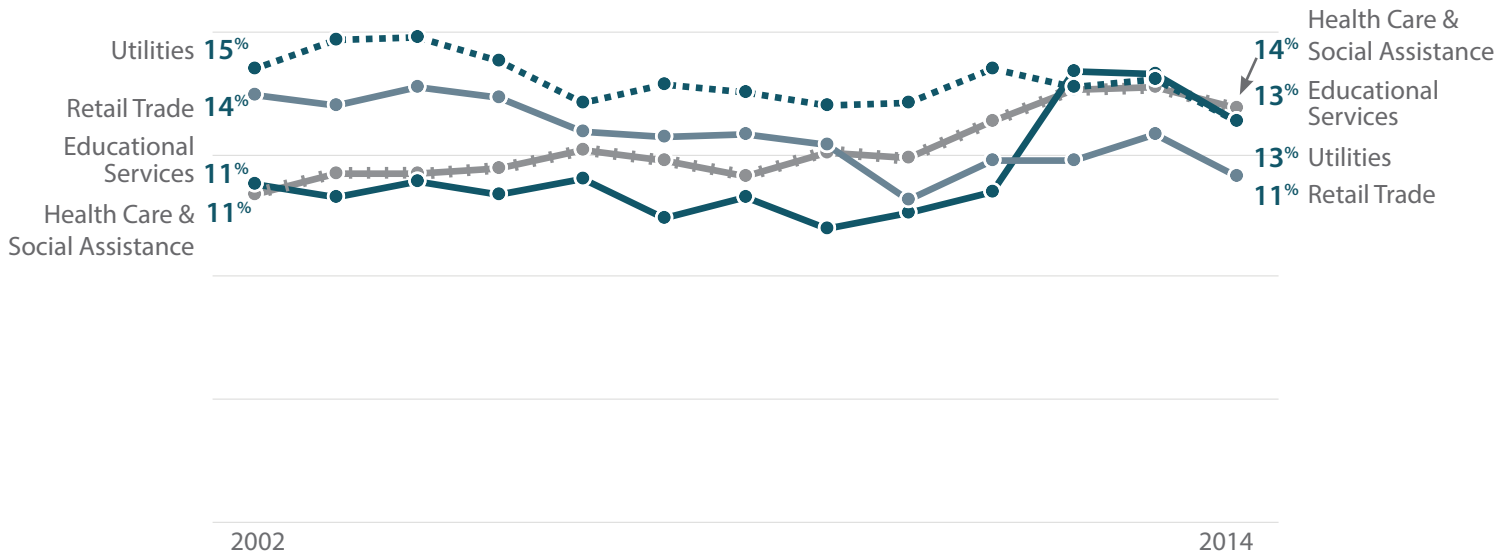
About 11% of Matagorda County's housing units were built since 2000.



ECONOMY & WORKFORCE

Top Industries by Percent of Overall Jobs

The industries in Matagorda County with the largest portion of employees remained consistent from 2002 to 2014 with a small jump for Health Care & Social Assistance employment.



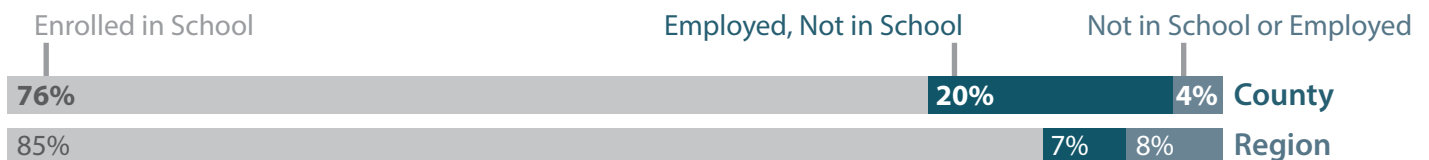
Major Employers in Matagorda County

- Bay City ISD
- Celanese Chemical Co.
- City of Bay City
- HEB Grocery Co.
- Matagorda County
- Matagorda County Hospital District
- Palacios ISD
- STP Nuclear Operating Co.
- Tidehaven ISD
- Van Vleck ISD
- Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.

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

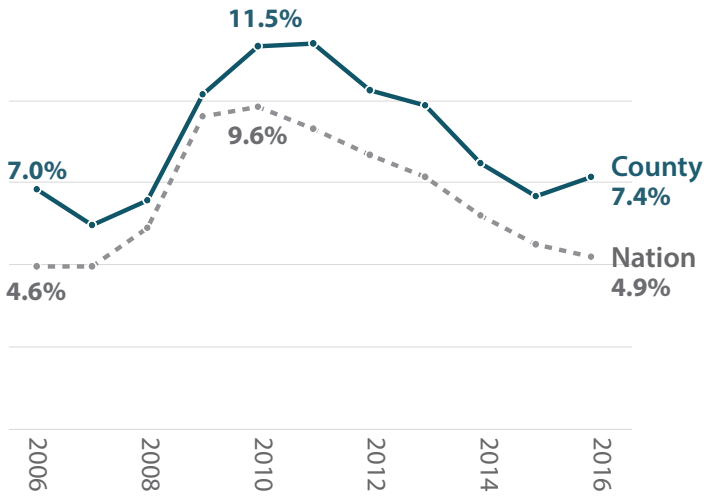
Employment & Education (16-19 Year Olds)

Nearly one-quarter of Matagorda County's working-age teens out of school, but only 4% are also unemployed.



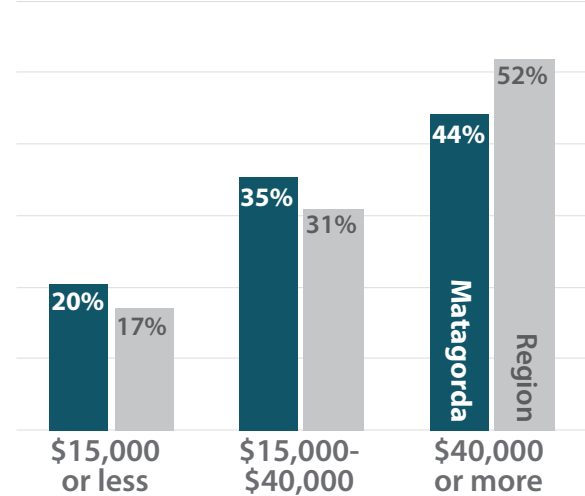
Unemployment Rate

Matagorda County's unemployment was higher than the national average between 2006 and 2016.



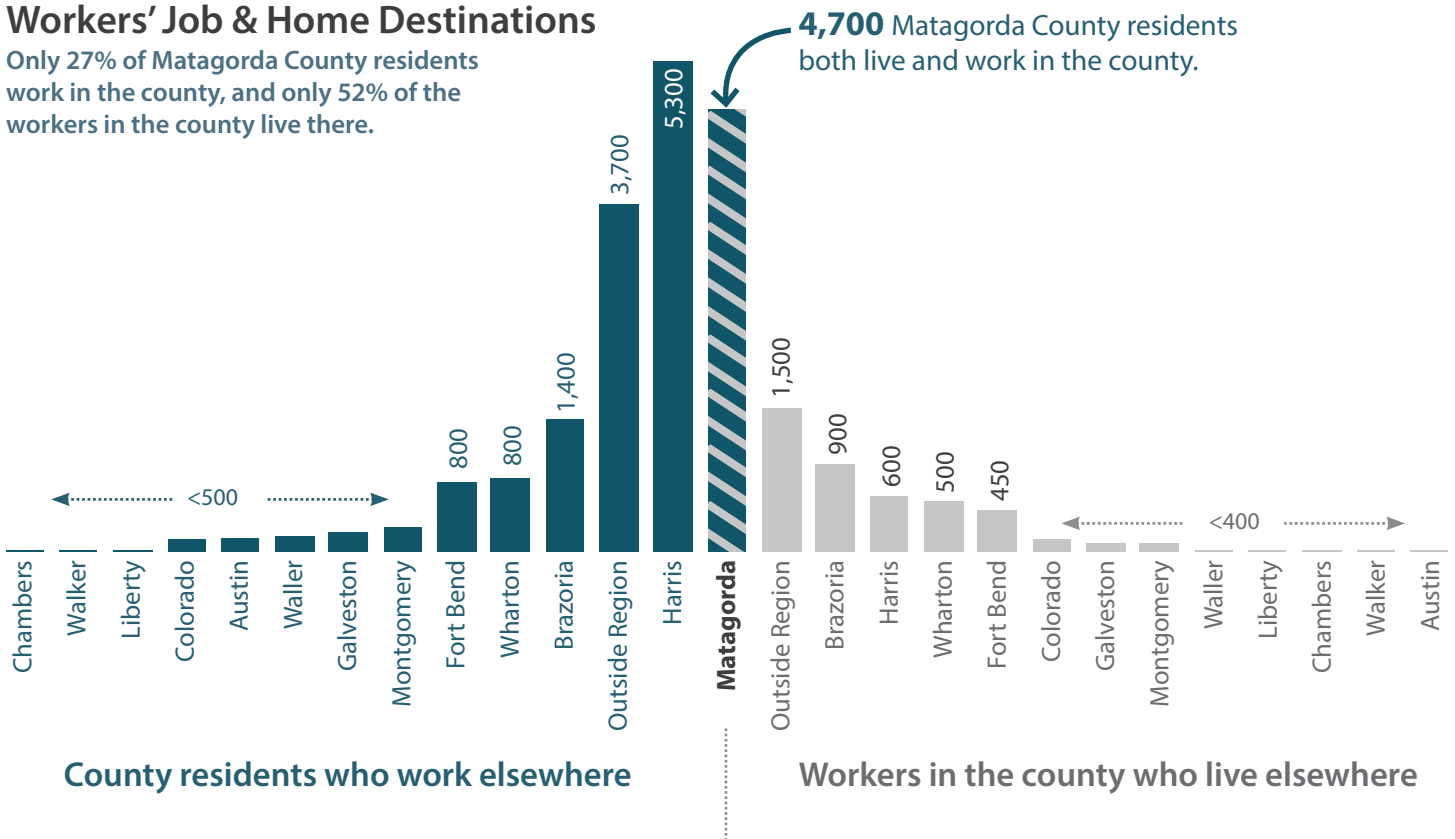
Earnings of Residents

Around 44% of Matagorda County residents earn more than \$40,000 annually, a lower percentage than the region.



Workers' Job & Home Destinations

Only 27% of Matagorda County residents work in the county, and only 52% of the workers in the county live there.

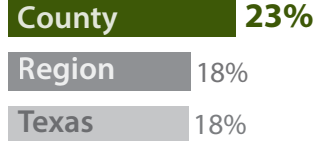


EDUCATION

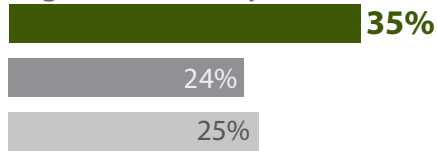
Educational Attainment

A lower percentage of Matagorda County residents have completed a bachelor's degree or more than the region or state.

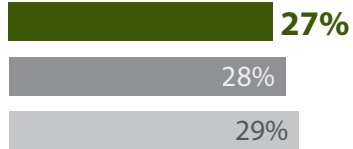
Less than High School



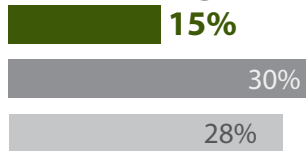
High School or Equivalent



Some College or Associate's



Bachelor's Degree or More

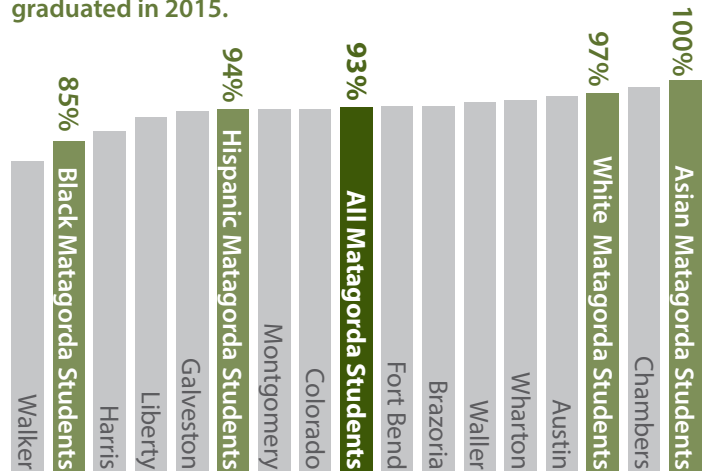


Local Schools

- Public Secondary Schools
 - Bay City ISD
 - Boling ISD
 - Matagorda ISD
 - Palacios ISD
 - Tidehaven ISD
 - Van Vleck ISD
- Post-Secondary Schools
 - None

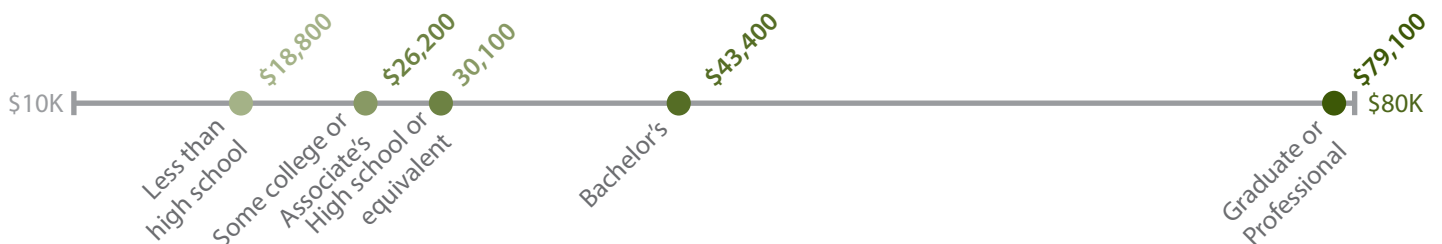
Class of 2015 Graduation Rate

About 93% of Matagorda County students graduated in 2015.



Median Earnings by Educational Attainment

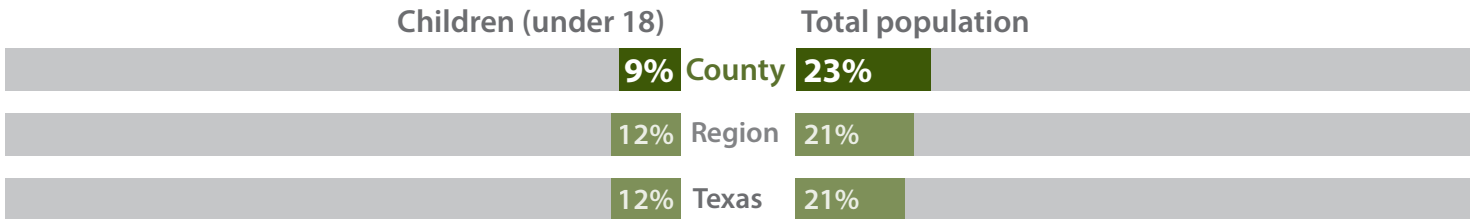
A Matagorda County resident with a graduate or professional degree makes, on average, \$60,300 more than a resident with less than a high school education annually.



HEALTH

Population without Health Insurance

A lower percentage of Matagorda County children but a higher percentage of total residents lack health insurance than the region or state.



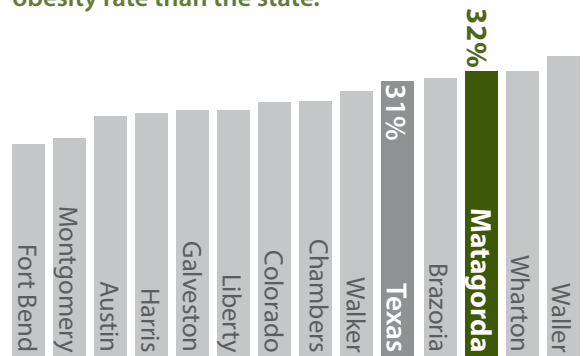
Top Causes of Death

Per 100,000 Matagorda County residents

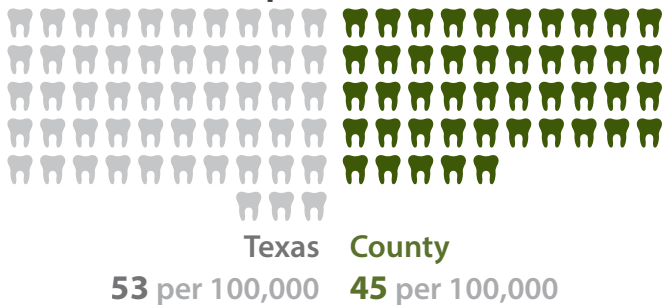
- 193** Cancer (all types)
- 186** Heart disease
- 58** Stroke
- 52** Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

Adult Obesity Rate

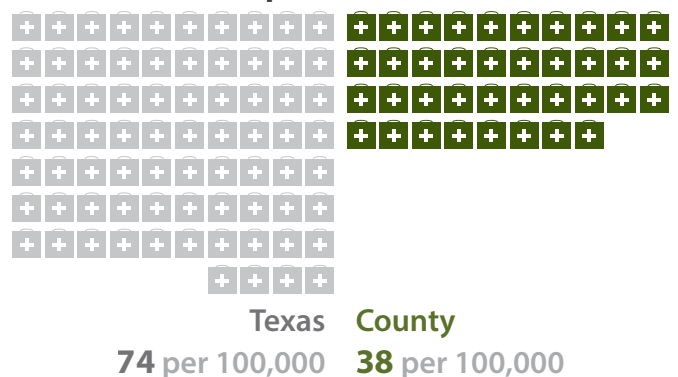
Matagorda County has a higher obesity rate than the state.

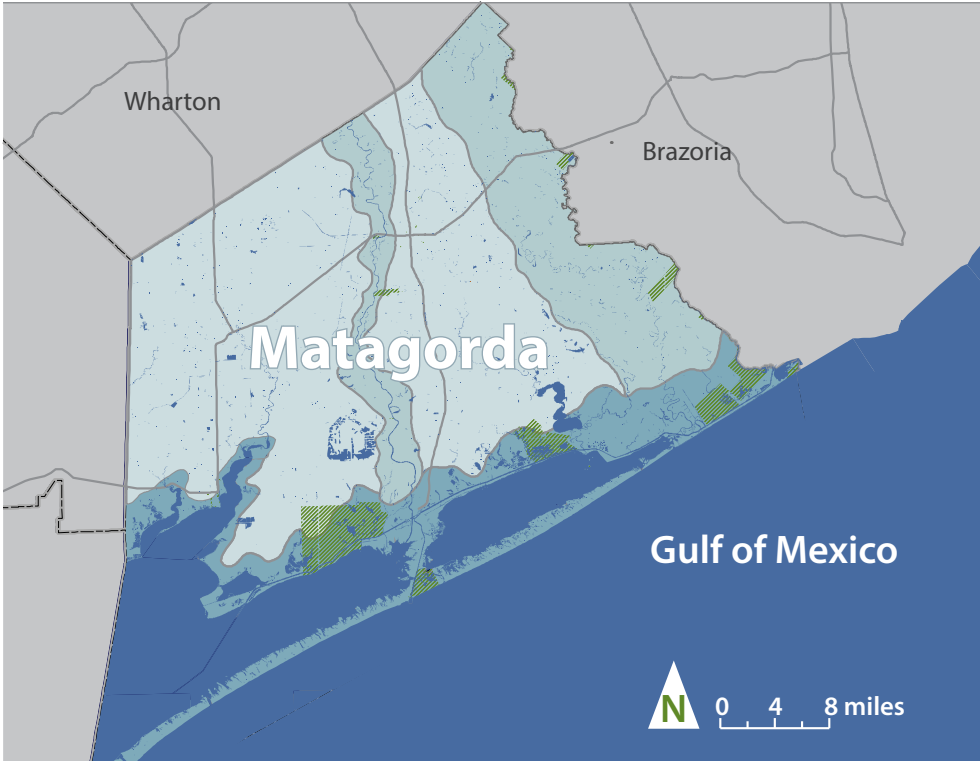


Dentists Per Capita



Doctors Per Capita



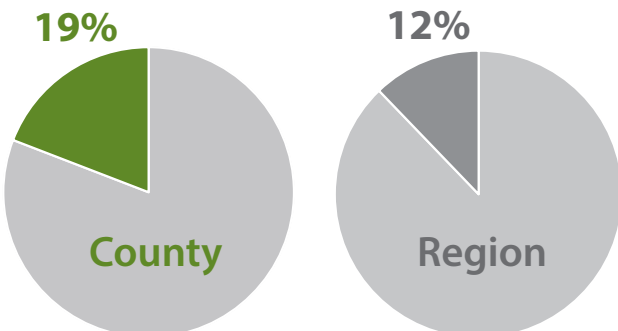


Matagorda County EcoRegions & Conservation Districts

- Other counties
- Northern Humid Gulf Coast Prairie
- Mid-Coast Barrier Islands & Marshes
- Floodplains & Low Terraces
- Conservation and Recreation Lands

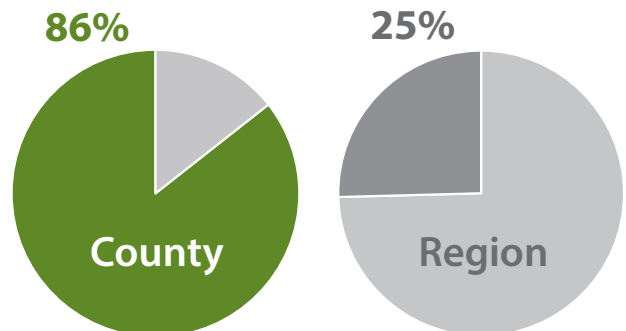
Residents in 100-year Floodplain

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



Residents in Hurricane Evacuation Zone

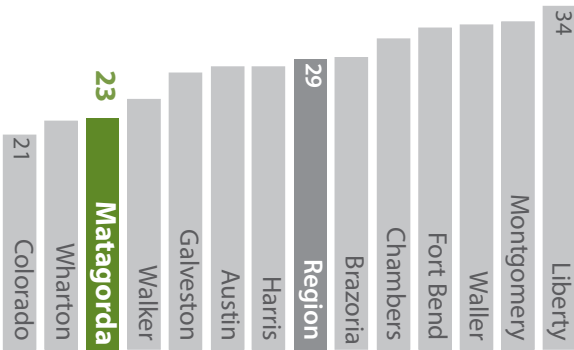
Around 86% of Matagorda County residents live in a hurricane evacuation zone, as opposed to 25% of the region.



TRANSPORTATION

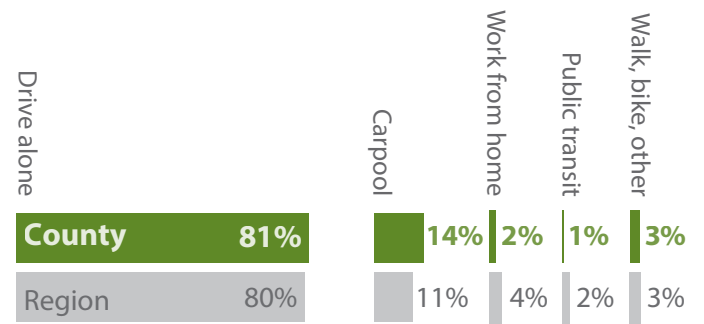
Mean Commute to Work (minutes)

Matagorda County workers have a shorter commute time than the region as a whole.



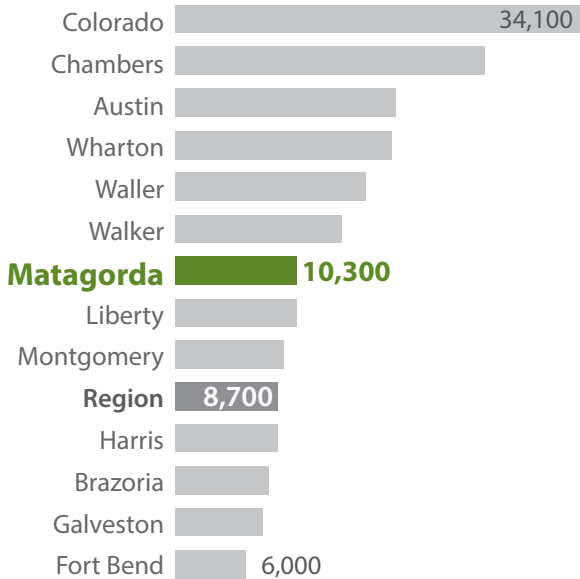
Commute Mode to Work

A similar percentage of Matagorda County workers drive to work compared to the region as a whole.



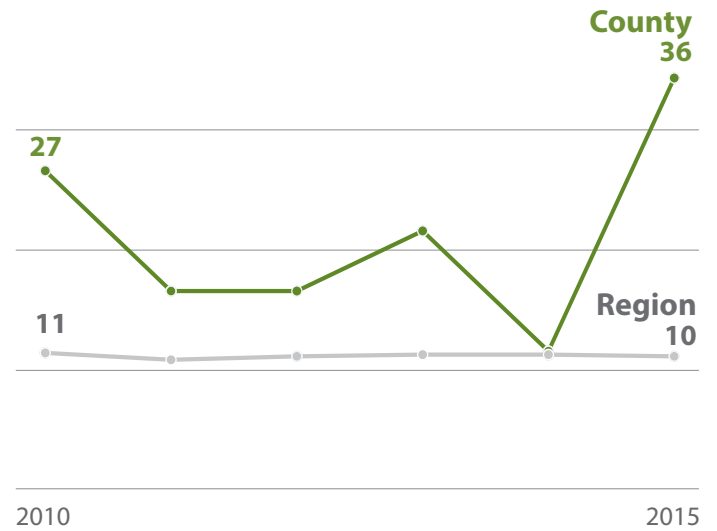
Vehicle Miles Traveled per Person

Matagorda County residents drive more miles annually than the region as a whole.



Traffic Fatalities per 100,000 Residents

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



SOURCES

Overview

Matagorda County Boundaries (map)

Houston-Galveston Area Council, 2017

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

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table S2503

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

Matagorda County Land Use (map)

Houston-Galveston Area Council, 2017

Building Permits Issued

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

Housing Tenure

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table DP04

Housing Type

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Vacant Housing Units

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Living Costs

Center for Neighborhood Technology 2013 H+T® Index

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 Matagorda 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

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

Workers' Job & Home Destinations

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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

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table B20004

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

Commute Mode to Work

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Traffic Fatalities per 100,000 Residents

Texas Department of Transportation, 2010-2015, Crash Records Information System



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