

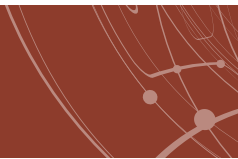


2017 PROFILE

montgomery 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

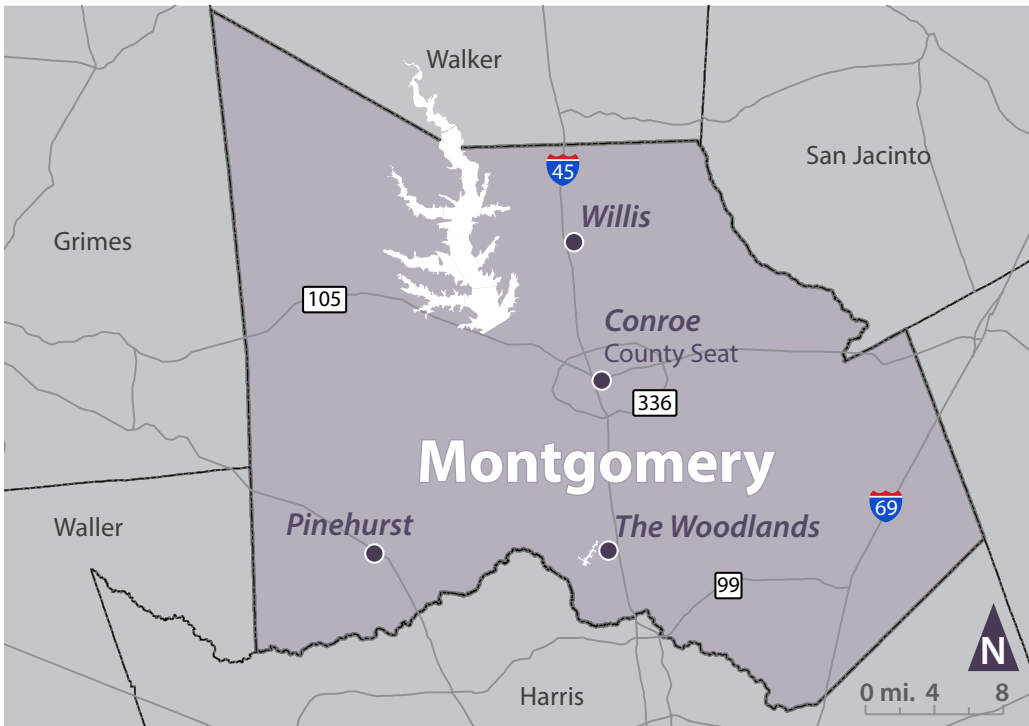
Cultivating places where people can lead active, healthy lives



Transportation

Achieving a world-class transportation network

OVERVIEW



Montgomery County Boundaries

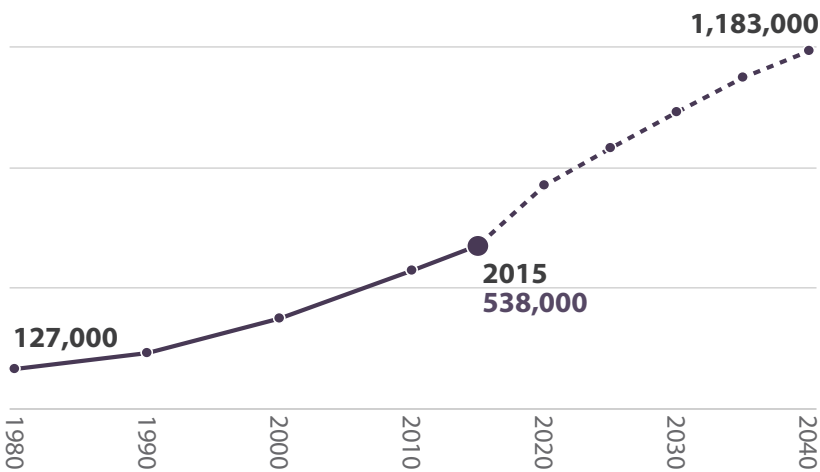
- Montgomery County
- Other counties
- Top 4 cities
- Major roads

County Seat: Conroe
Largest City: The Woodlands



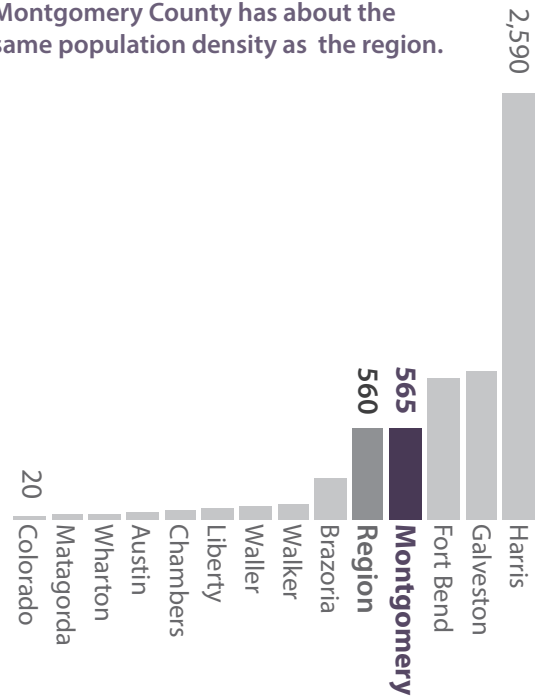
Population Growth Forecast

Montgomery County grew by 323% from 1980 to 2015 and is expected to reach 1,183,000 residents by 2040.



Residents Per Square Mile

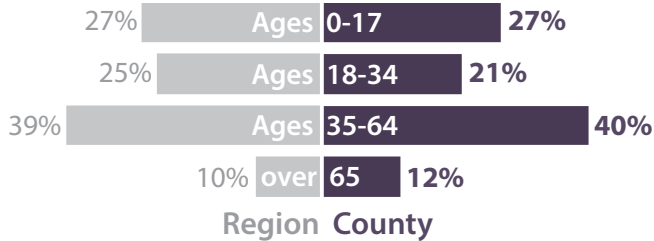
Montgomery County has about the same population density as the region.





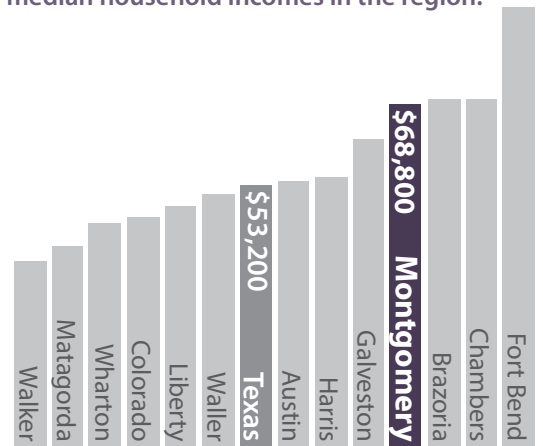
Age

Montgomery County has a similar age profile as the region.



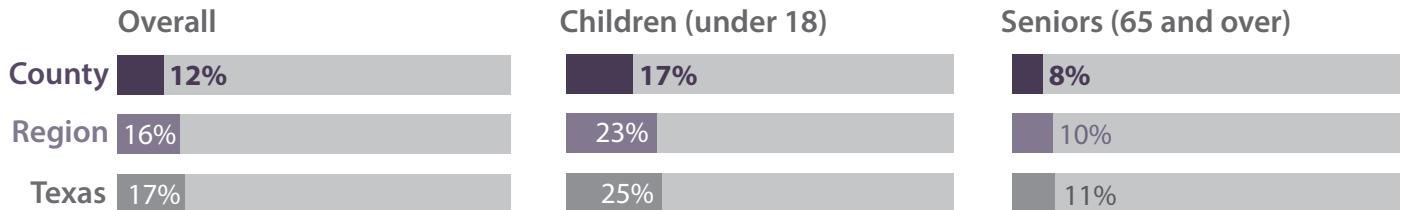
Median Household Income

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



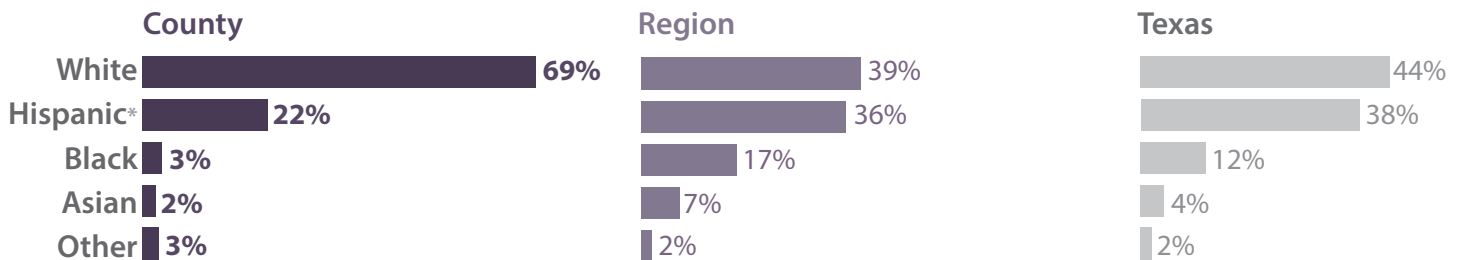
Poverty Rate

Montgomery County has a lower rate of poverty than the region, particularly for children.



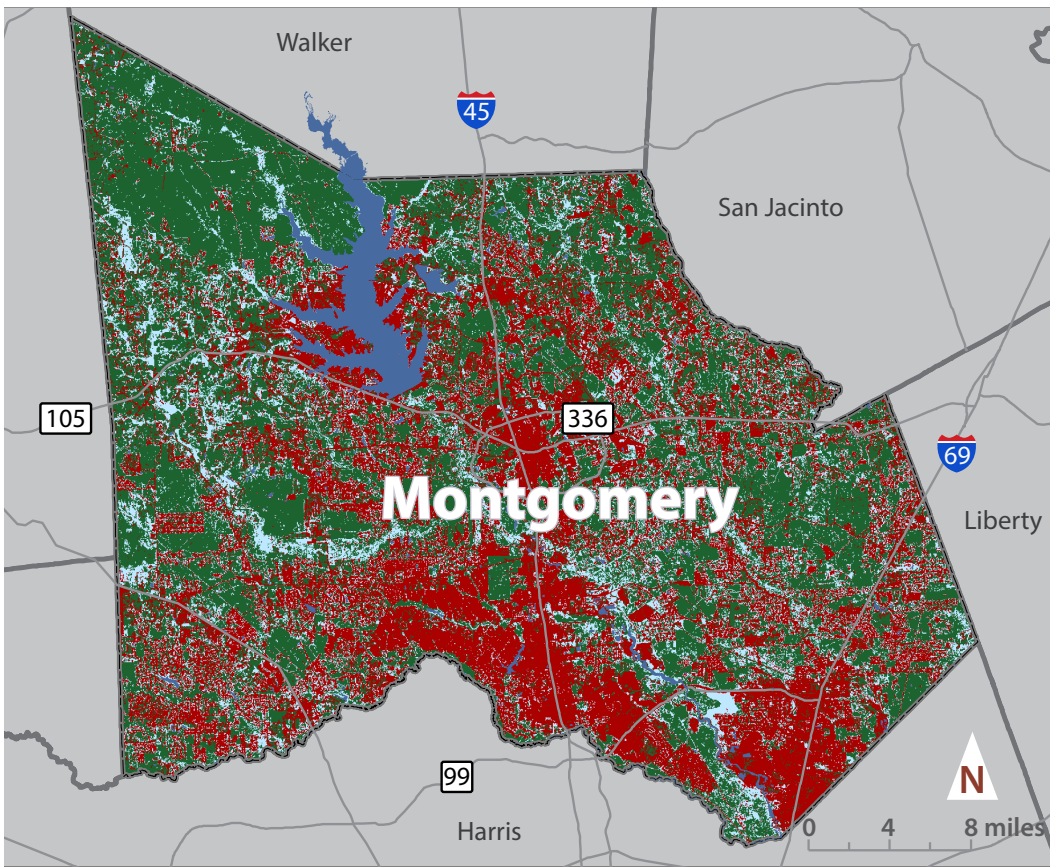
Race and Ethnicity

Montgomery County is less racially diverse 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

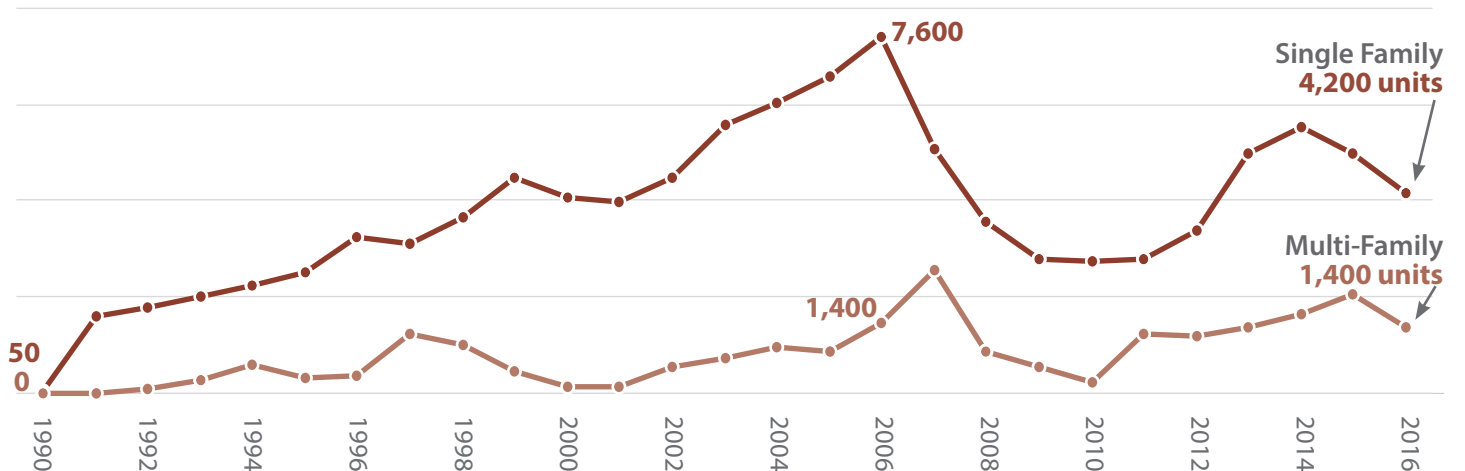


Montgomery County Land Use

- Other counties
- 3% Open water
- 34% Developed Land
- 17% Wetlands
- 47% Forest, shrubs, pasture, grasslands, barren lands and cultivated crops

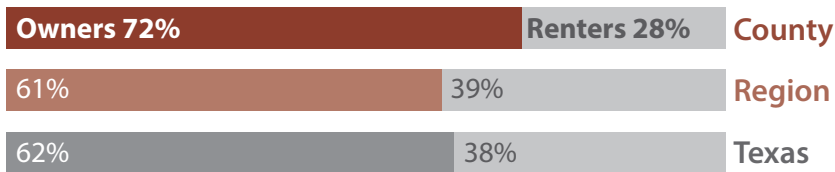
Building Permits Issued

Single-family construction started declining in 2014 after a rise since 2010. Multi-family permits followed a similar pattern.



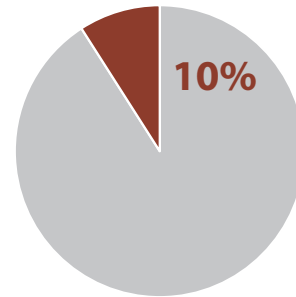
Housing Tenure

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



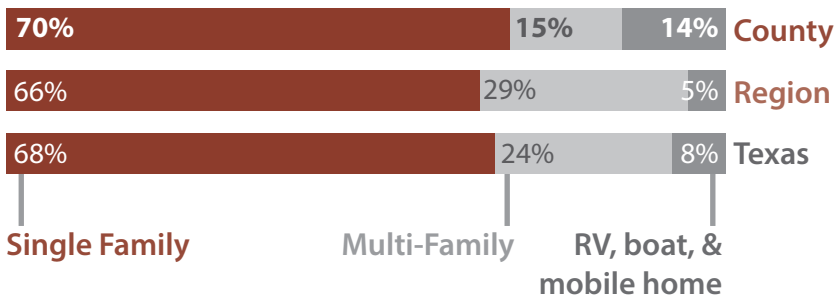
Vacant Housing Units

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



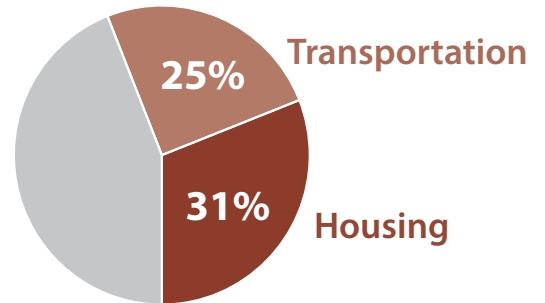
Housing Type

Montgomery County's homes are mostly single-family residences.



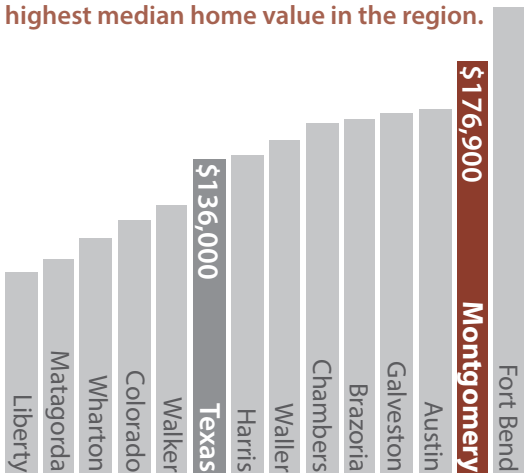
Living Costs

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



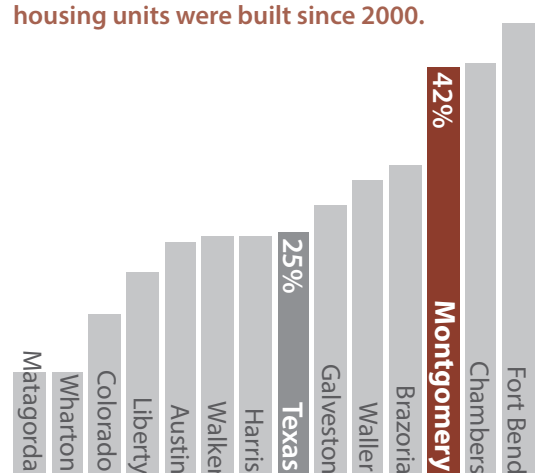
Median Home Value

Montgomery County has the second highest median home value in the region.



Housing Units Built Since 2000

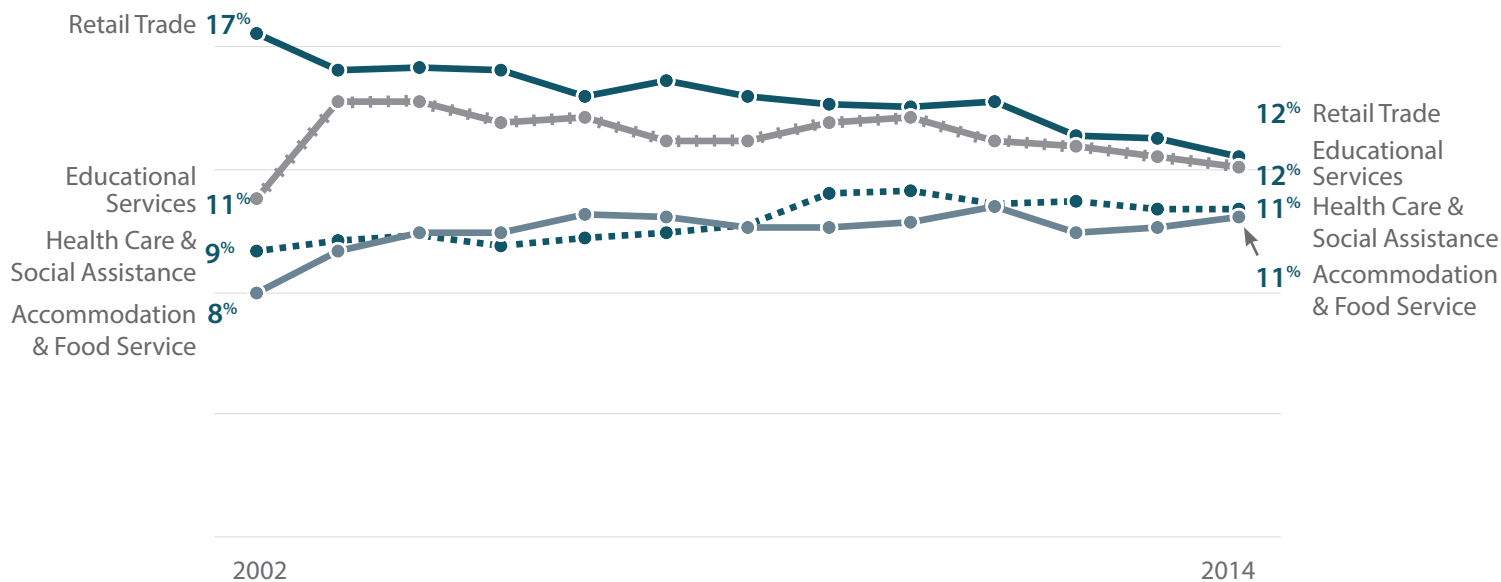
Over 40% of Montgomery County's housing units were built since 2000.



ECONOMY & WORKFORCE

Top Industries by Percent of Overall Jobs

Employment in Montgomery County diversified between 2002 and 2014. While the Manufacturing and Construction industries declined as a percentage of overall jobs, they still employed about the same number of workers.



Major Employers in Montgomery County

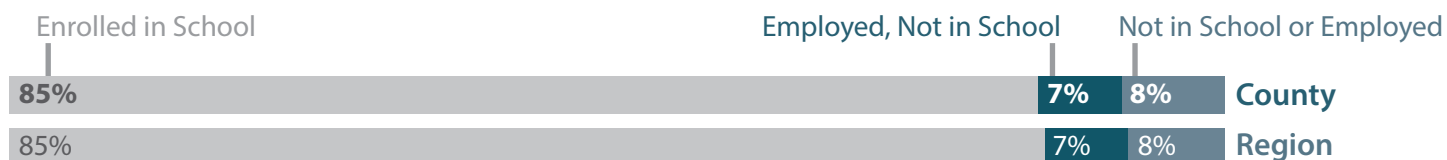
- Conroe ISD
- Hewitt Associates
- HEB Grocery
- Kroger
- Magnolia ISD

- Medical Center Hospital
- Montgomery County
- New Caney ISD
- Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
- Willis ISD

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

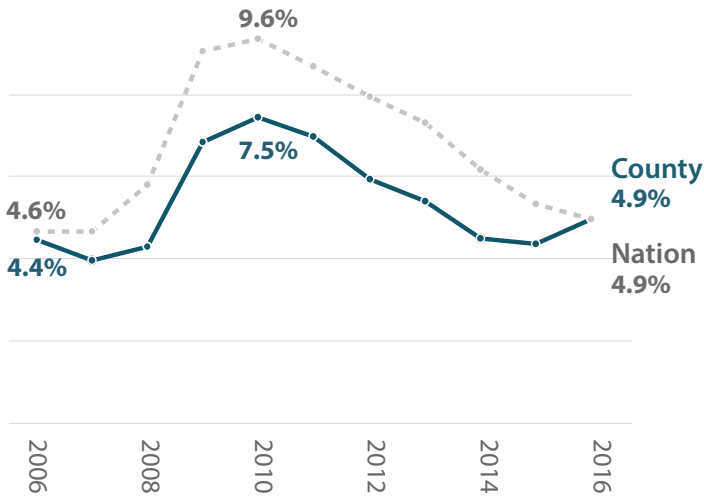
Employment & Education (16-19 Year Olds)

Around 8% of Montgomery County's working-age teens are both unemployed and out of school.



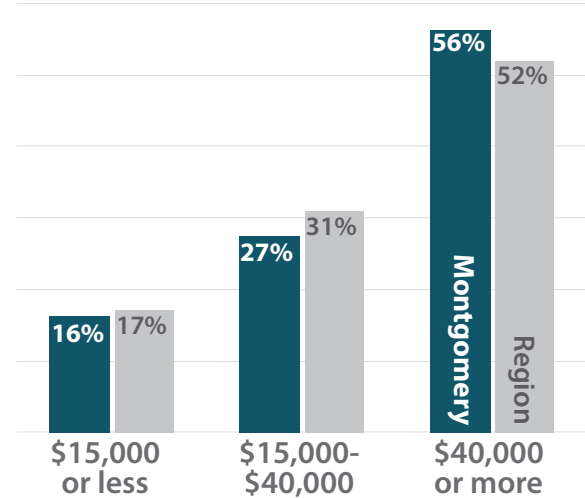
Unemployment Rate

Montgomery County's unemployment has recently been lower than the national average, until 2016.



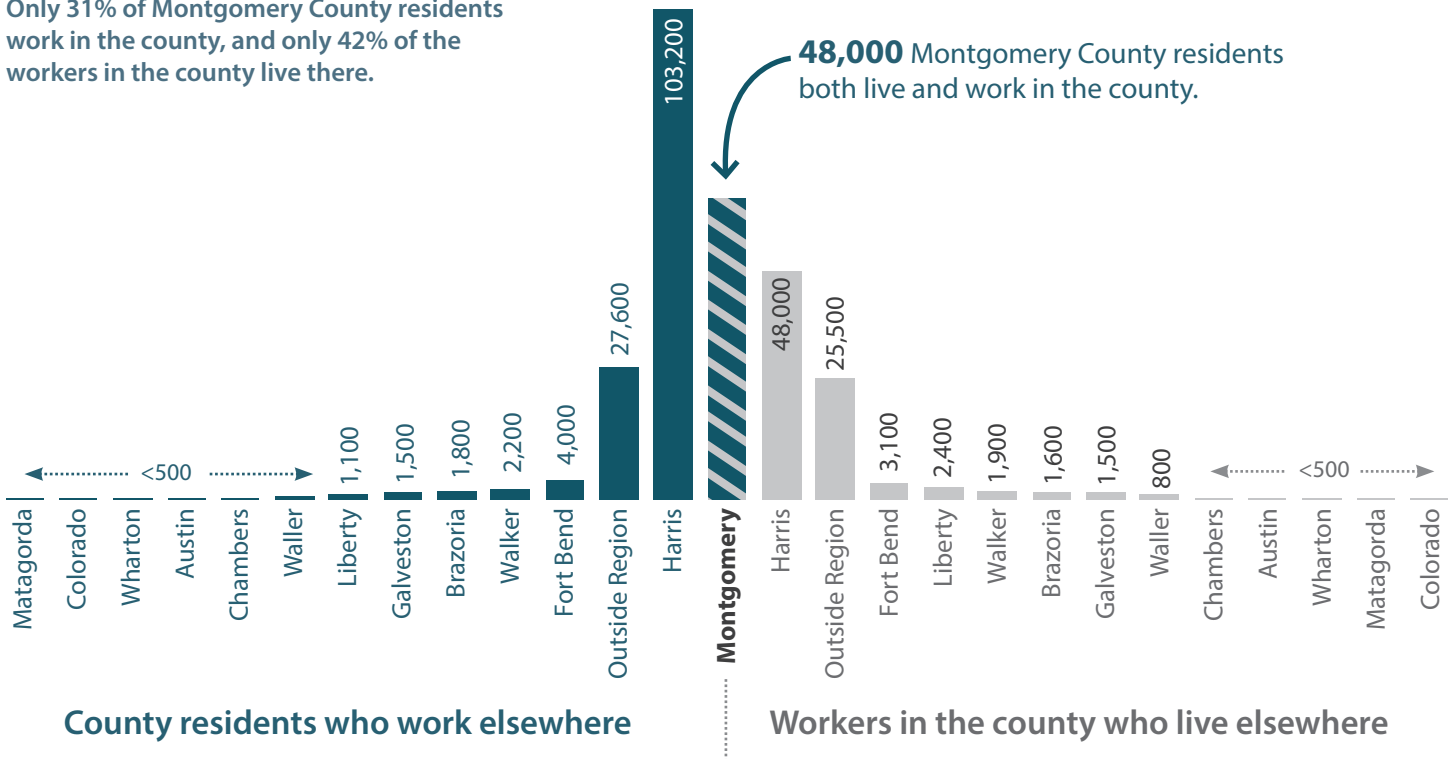
Earnings of Residents

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



Workers' Job & Home Destinations

Only 31% of Montgomery County residents work in the county, and only 42% of the workers in the county live there.



EDUCATION

Educational Attainment

A higher percentage of Montgomery County residents have a bachelor's degree or higher than the region and state.

Less than High School

County **14%**

Region 18%

Texas 18%

High School or Equivalent

24%

24%

25%

Some College or Associate's

30%

28%

29%

Bachelor's Degree or More

32%

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28%

Local Schools

Public Secondary Schools

Conroe ISD

Magnolia ISD

New Caney ISD

Richards ISD

Splendora ISD

Tomball ISD

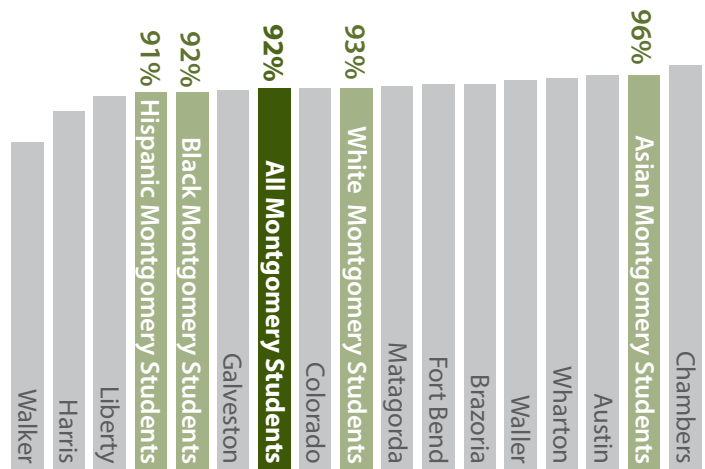
Willis ISD

Post-Secondary Schools

Lone Star College

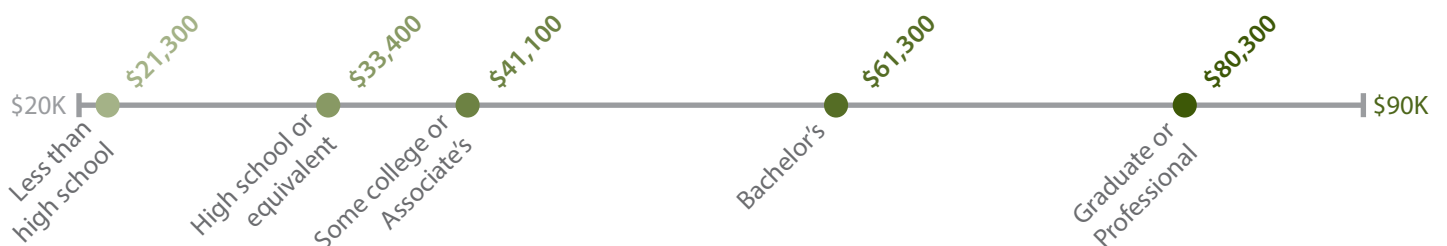
Class of 2015 Graduation Rate

Montgomery County students graduated at a lower rate in 2015 than the students of most counties in the region.



Median Earnings by Educational Attainment

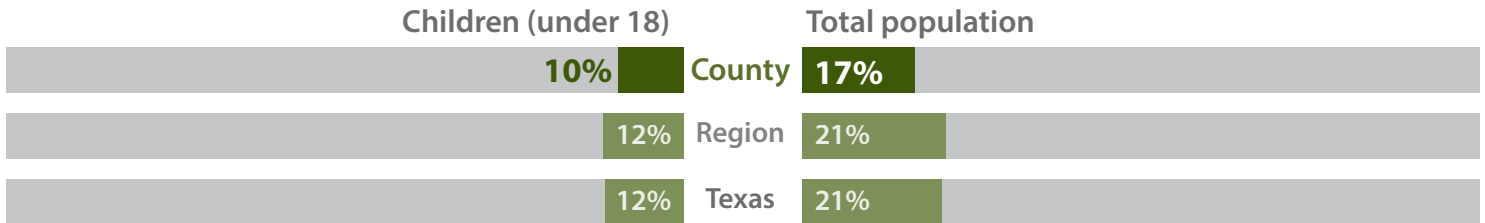
A Montgomery County resident with a graduate or professional degree makes, on average, \$59,000 more than a resident with less than a high school education annually.



HEALTH

Population without Health Insurance

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



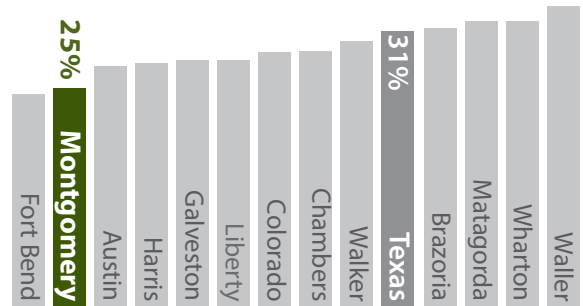
Top Causes of Death

Per 100,000 Montgomery County residents

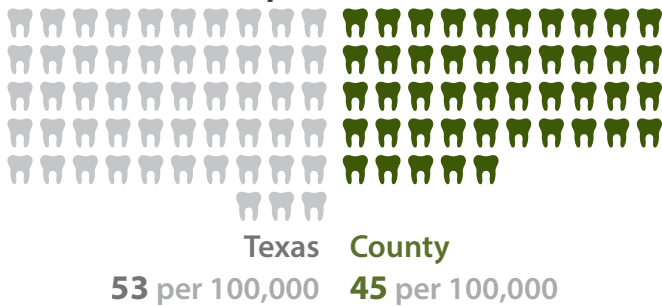
- 161 Cancer (all types)
- 154 Heart disease
- 50 Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease
- 30 Accidents
- 30 Stroke

Adult Obesity Rate

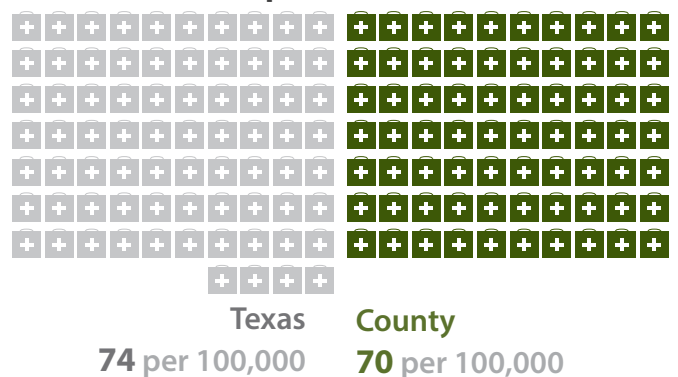
Montgomery County has a lower obesity rate than the state.

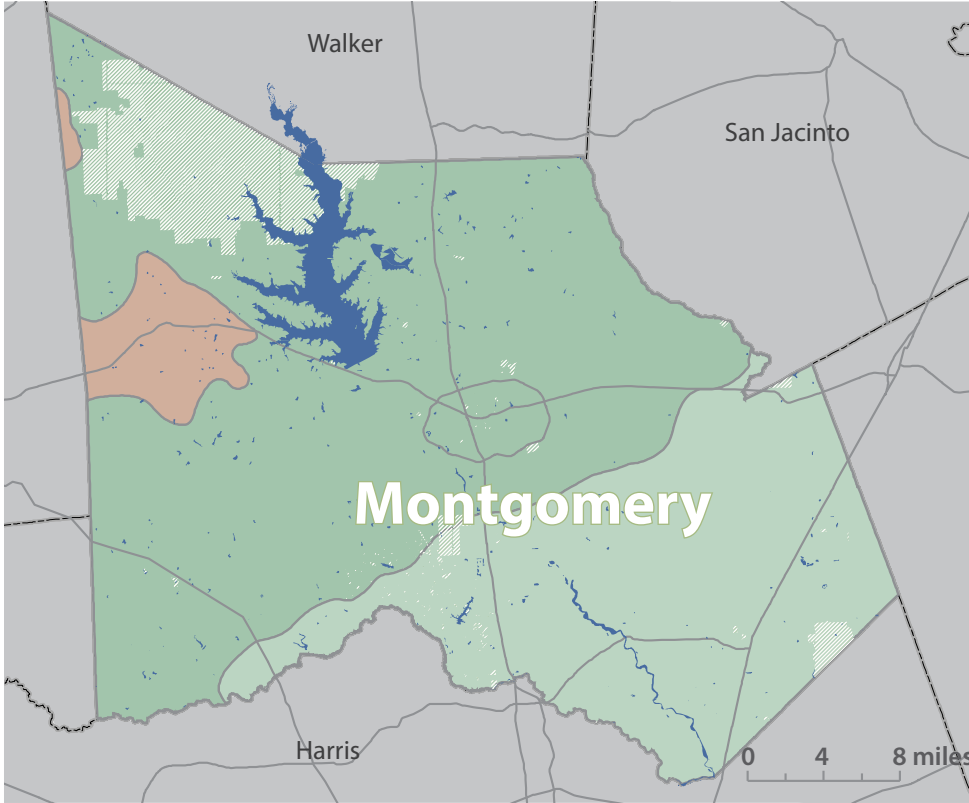


Dentists Per Capita



Doctors Per Capita



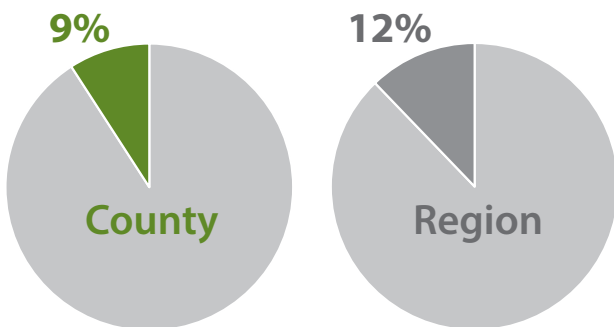


Montgomery County EcoRegions & Conservation Districts

- Other counties
- Southern Tertiary Uplands
- South Central Plains Flatwoods
- Southern Blackland/Fayette Prairie
- Conservation and Recreation Lands

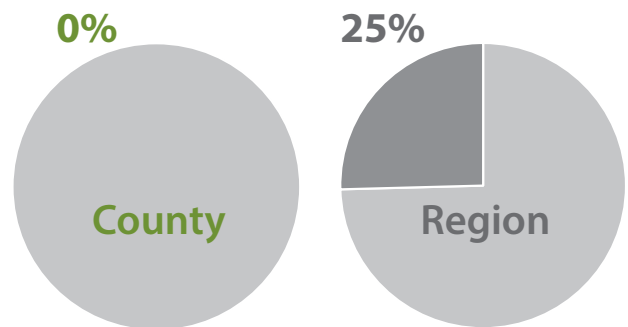
Residents in 100-year Floodplain

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



Residents in Hurricane Evacuation Zone

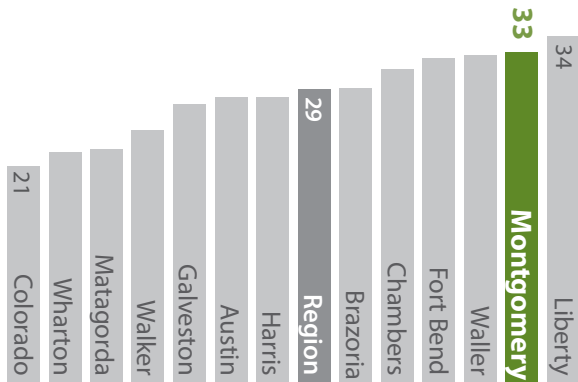
No Montgomery County residents live in a hurricane evacuation zone, as opposed to 25% of the region.



TRANSPORTATION

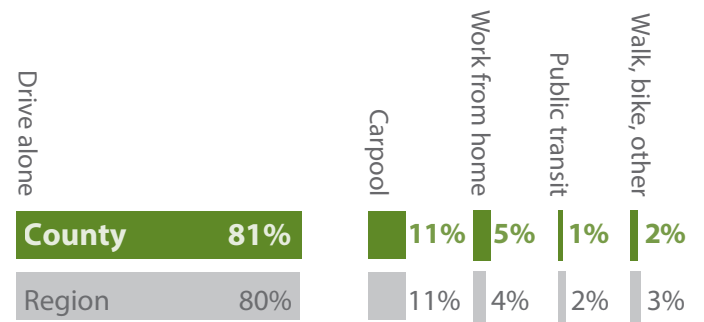
Mean Commute to Work (minutes)

Montgomery County workers have a longer average commute than the region as a whole.



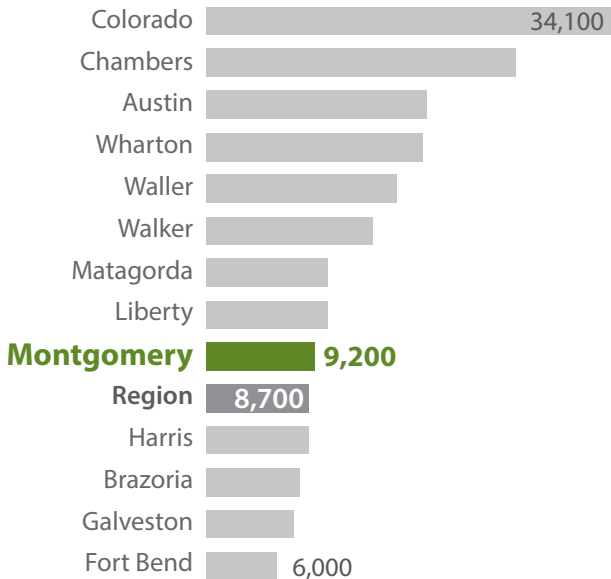
Commute Mode to Work

Montgomery County workers have a similar commute split as the rest of the region.



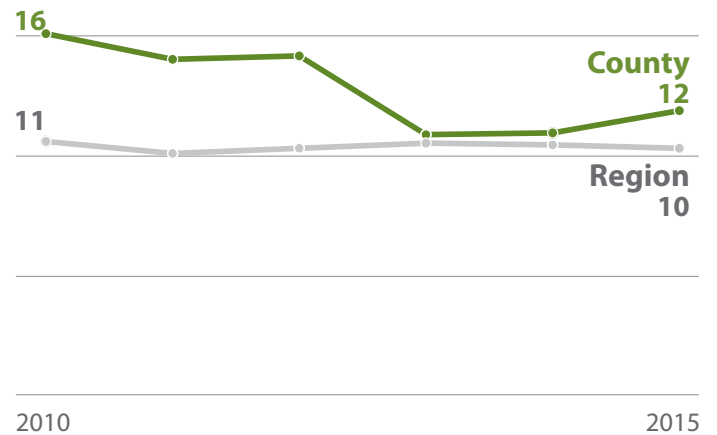
Vehicle Miles Traveled per Person

Montgomery County drivers travel more annually than drivers in the region as a whole.



Traffic Fatalities per 100,000 Residents

Montgomery County has a slightly higher rate of traffic fatalities than the region.



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Dentists per Capita

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Vehicle Miles Traveled per Person

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