County Facts: Bowie County, TX
Population 94,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Bowie County 4.5%, TX 4.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Bowie County 18.6%, TX 15.1%, United States 16.6%
- Median family income (000s): Bowie County $56, TX $43, United States $57
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Bowie County 36%, TX 5%, United States 16%
- Farming share of workforce: Bowie County 11%, TX 9%, United States 10%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Bowie County 1.7%, TX 1.1%, United States 3.3%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Bowie County 39%, TX 41%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Bowie County 20%, TX 16%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Bowie County 10%, TX 7%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Bowie County 29%, TX 25%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Bowie County 2.5%, TX 1.9%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Bowie County $5.6, TX $5.8, United States $6.4
## Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**:
  - Bowie County: 13.6%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**:
  - Bowie County: 56.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**:
  - Bowie County: 18.8%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**:
  - Bowie County: 37.1%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

*Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county*

## Local Demographics

### Percent Black

- Bowie County: 24%
- Texas: 13%
- United States: 14%

### Percent Hispanic

- Bowie County: 36%
- Texas: 17%
- United States: 10.3%

### Percent over age 65

- Bowie County: 14.2%
- Texas: 13.0%
- United States: 12%

### Percent college grad

- Bowie County: 21%
- Texas: 18%
- United States: 12%

### Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)

- Bowie County: 119
- Texas: 71
- United States: 76

### Life expectancy (years)

- Bowie County: 82.9
- Texas: 80.9
- United States: 83.2

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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics

- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend

- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau