**County Facts: Brooks County, TX**

Population 7,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate:** 8.2% (Brooks County), 4.3% (TX), 4.4% (United States)
- **Poverty rate:** 26.5% (Brooks County), 16.6% (TX), 15.1% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s):** $56 (Brooks County), $57 (TX), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017:** -9% (Brooks County), 16% (TX), 4% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce:** 4% (Brooks County), 9% (TX), 10% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce:** 4.6% (Brooks County), 1.7% (TX), 3.3% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college:** 34% (Brooks County), 41% (TX), 46% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class:** 20% (Brooks County), 20% (TX), 20% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream:** 15% (Brooks County), 10% (TX), 10% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen:** 36% (Brooks County), 25% (TX), 20% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail:** 1.8% (Brooks County), 1.9% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s):** $5.8 (Brooks County), $5.8 (TX), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 9.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 57.6%
- **Texas A&M Univ. - Corpus Christi (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 13.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 56.0%
- **Texas 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 9.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 22.4%
  - Low-income student success rate: 37.8%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 17.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 37.1%
- **Del Mar College (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 38%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%
- **Texas 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 37%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 17%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Brooks County 2%, TX 13%, United States 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Brooks County 17%, TX 38%, United States 80%
- **Percent over age 65**: Brooks County 10.3%, TX 17%, United States 17.0%
- **Percent college grad**: Brooks County 9%, TX 13.0%, United States 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Brooks County 56, TX 71, United States 76
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Brooks County 10, TX 15, United States 5

**Brooks County** | **TX** | **United States**
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