County Facts: Galveston County, TX
Population 335,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 5.2% (Galveston County), 4.3% (TX), 4.4% (United States)
Poverty rate: 16.6% (Galveston County), 13.6% (TX), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $63 (Galveston County), $56 (TX), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 34% (Galveston County), 36% (TX), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Galveston County), 10% (TX), 9% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 0.6% (Galveston County), 1.1% (TX), 1.7% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Galveston County), 3.3% (TX), 3.3% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 41% (Galveston County), 46% (TX), 24% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Galveston County), 24% (TX), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Galveston County), 10% (TX), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Galveston County), 24% (TX), 20% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.9% (Galveston County), 1.9% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.9 (Galveston County), $5.8 (TX), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - U of Houston (public): 15.7%
  - Texas 4-year-college average: 13.6%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - U of Houston (public): 59.2%
  - Texas 4-year-college average: 56.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - College Of The Mainland (public): 17.5%
  - Texas 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 33.2%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - College Of The Mainland (public): 37.1%
  - Texas 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:**
  - Galveston County: 14%
  - TX: 14%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic:**
  - Galveston County: 38%
  - TX: 24%
  - United States: 21%

- **Percent over age 65:**
  - Galveston County: 13.0%
  - TX: 11.3%
  - United States: 20%

- **Percent college grad:**
  - Galveston County: 21%
  - TX: 76
  - United States: 83.2

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):**
  - Galveston County: 64
  - TX: 71
  - United States: 82.5

- **Life expectancy (years):**
  - Galveston County: 82
  - TX: 82.9
  - United States: 85

- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents):**
  - Galveston County: 8
  - TX: 5
  - United States: 15
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