County Facts: Garza County, TX
Population 7,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Garza County (3.3%), TX (4.3%), United States (4.4%)
- Poverty rate: Garza County (18.4%), TX (6.6%), United States (5.1%)
- Median family income (000s): Garza County ($56), TX ($40), United States ($34)
- Population growth 2000-2017: Garza County (10%), TX (16%), United States (16%)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Garza County (9%), TX (5%), United States (5%)
- Farming share of workforce: Garza County (10.7%), TX (1.1%), United States (1.7%)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Garza County (3.3%), TX (4.7%), United States (3.3%)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Garza County (39%), TX (41%), United States (46%)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Garza County (14%), TX (20%), United States (20%)
- Percent achieving American Dream: Garza County (9%), TX (10%), United States (10%)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Garza County (25%), TX (20%), United States (20%)
- Percent landing in jail: Garza County (1.9%), TX (1.5%), United States (1.5%)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Garza County ($6.5), TX ($5.8), United States ($6.4)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 4.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 13.6%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 18.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 37.1%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Garza County = 5%, TX = 13%, United States = 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Garza County = 54%, TX = 38%, United States = 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Garza County = 10.9%, TX = 10.3%, United States = 9%
- **Percent college grad**: Garza County = 21%, TX = 18%, United States = 9%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Garza County = 25, TX = 71, United States = 76
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Garza County = 6, TX = 5, United States = 15

Garza County vs. TX vs. 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