Guadalupe County, TX

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County Facts: Guadalupe County, TX
Population 160,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 3.3% 4.3% 4.4% Guadalupe County
Poverty rate 9.4% 16.6% 15.1% TX
Median family income (000s) $69 $56 $57 United States
Population growth 2000-2017 80% 36% 16% Guadalupe County
Manufacturing share of workforce 11% 9% 10% TX
Farming share of workforce 1.7% 1.1% 0.9% United States
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 4.7% 3.3% 2.6% United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 38% 41% 46% Guadalupe County
Percent reaching upper-middle class 18% 20% 20% TX
Percent achieving American Dream 9% 10% 10% United States
Percent giving birth as a teen 23% 10% 25% Guadalupe County
Percent landing in jail 1.8% 1.5% 1.9% TX
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $5.8 $5.8 $6.4 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 6.3%, 13.6%, 17.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.3%, 56.0%, 34.1%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 21.8%, 34.1%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%, 32.9%

**Local Demographics**

- **Percent Black**: 9%, 13%, 11.6%, 18%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 14%, 37%, 38%, 18%
- **Percent over age 65**: 17%, 0.3%, 18%
- **Percent college grad**: 44, 71, 82.9
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 76, 82.9
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 5, 5

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