County Facts: Hardin County, TX
Population 57,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 6.1% (Hardin County), 4.3% (TX), 1.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 4.4% (Hardin County), 13.6% (TX), 16% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $56 (Hardin County), $56 (TX), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 19% (Hardin County), 36% (TX), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% (Hardin County), 9% (TX), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Hardin County), 1.1% (TX), 0.6% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.2% (Hardin County), 3.3% (TX), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 38% (Hardin County), 41% (TX), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Hardin County), 20% (TX), 27% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Hardin County), 10% (TX), 16% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 21% (Hardin County), 20% (TX), 25% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.2% (Hardin County), 1.5% (TX), 1.9% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.6 (Hardin County), $5.8 (TX), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**: Lamar Univ. (public)† 13.6%, Lamar Inst Of Tech (public)† 24.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Lamar Univ. (public)† 56.0%, Lamar Inst Of Tech (public)† 17.5%

**2-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**: Lamar Univ. (public)† 13.6%, Lamar Inst Of Tech (public)† 24.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Lamar Univ. (public)† 51.3%, Lamar Inst Of Tech (public)† 15.6%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Hardin County 8%, TX 13%, United States 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Hardin County 13%, TX 38%, United States 38%
- **Percent over age 65**: Hardin County 13.5%, TX 13.0%, United States 13%
- **Percent college grad**: Hardin County 18%, TX 21%, United States 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Hardin County 82, TX 76, United States 71
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Hardin County 82.9, TX 82.9, United States 82.9
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Hardin County 12, TX 12, United States 15

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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