County Facts: Harrison County, TX

Population 67,000

The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: Harrison County 5.2%, TX 4.3%, United States 4.4%
- **Poverty rate**: Harrison County 16.6%, TX 6.6%, United States 15.1%
- **Median family income (000s)**: Harrison County $57, TX $56, United States $48
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: Harrison County 7%, TX 5.1%, United States 2.7%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: Harrison County 16%, TX 7%, United States 36%
- **Farming share of workforce**: Harrison County 12%, TX 9%, United States 16%
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: Harrison County 10%, TX 3%, United States 1.8%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: Harrison County 38%, TX 41%, United States 46%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: Harrison County 17%, TX 20%, United States 20%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: Harrison County 9%, TX 10%, United States 10%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: Harrison County 29%, TX 25%, United States 20%
- **Percent landing in jail**: Harrison County 3.1%, TX 1.9%, United States 1.5%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: Harrison County $6.4, TX $5.8, United States $5.1
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 10.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 56.0%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 18.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 37.1%

**E. Texas Baptist Univ.**
- Texas 4-year-college average: 13.6%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 48.2%

**Kilgore College (public)†**
- Texas 2-year-college average: 18.2%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 29.9%

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

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Local Demographics

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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