County Facts: Hidalgo County, TX
Population 861,000

The Local Economy

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<td>51%</td>
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- S. Texas College (public):
  - Low-income share of students: 52.4%
  - Low-income student success rate: 56.0%

- Texas 4-year-college average:
  - Low-income share of students: 43.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 61.8%

- U.S. 4-year-college average:
  - Low-income share of students: 37.8%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Texas State Tech College Harlingen (public)†:
  - Low-income share of students: 43.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 17.5%

- Texas 2-year-college average:
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 34.1%

- U.S. 2-year-college average:
  - Low-income share of students: 32.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black
  - Hidalgo County: 1%
  - TX: 13%
  - United States: 11%

- Percent Hispanic
  - Hidalgo County: 14%
  - TX: 38%
  - United States: 15%

- Percent over age 65
  - Hidalgo County: 9.3%
  - TX: 10.3%
  - United States: 10.3%

- Percent college grad
  - Hidalgo County: 10%
  - TX: 18%
  - United States: 23%

- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
  - Hidalgo County: 71
  - TX: 76
  - United States: 82

- Life expectancy (years)
  - Hidalgo County: 84.5
  - TX: 82.9
  - United States: 83.2
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