**County Facts: Hockley County, TX**

Population 23,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 3.7% (Hockley County), 4.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 6.6% (Hockley County), 5.1% (TX), 5% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $40 (Hockley County), $56 (TX), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 2% (Hockley County), 36% (TX), 16% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 16% (Hockley County), 9% (TX), 10% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 10% (Hockley County), 10.7% (TX), 1.1% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 3.3% (Hockley County), 1.7% (TX), 1.9% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 46% (Hockley County), 41% (TX), 40% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 24% (Hockley County), 20% (TX), 20% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 13% (Hockley County), 10% (TX), 10% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 30% (Hockley County), 25% (TX), 20% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 1.9% (Hockley County), 1.7% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $7.4 (Hockley County), $6.4 (TX), $5.8 (United States)
**Local Colleges and Upward Mobility**

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**Low-income student success rate**

- **Texas Tech Univ. (public)†**: 56.0%
- **Texas 4-year-college average**: 37.1%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 32.9%

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

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**Local Demographics**

- **Percent Black**: Hockley County 5%, TX 13%, United States 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Hockley County 17%, TX 38%, United States 54%
- **Percent over age 65**: Hockley County 10.3%, TX 12.8%, United States 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**: Hockley County 9%, TX 18%, United States 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Hockley County 74, TX 71, United States 6
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Hockley County 5, TX 6, United States 15
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