County Facts: Madison County, TX
Population 14,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.6% (Madison County), 4.3% (TX), 4.4% (United States)
Poverty rate: 16.6% (Madison County), 14.6% (TX), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $56 (Madison County), $50 (TX), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 36% (Madison County), 10% (TX), 12% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Madison County), 9% (TX), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 1.1% (Madison County), 1.7% (TX), 1.7% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 3.2% (Madison County), 3.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 35% (Madison County), 46% (TX), 41% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 13% (Madison County), 20% (TX), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 9% (Madison County), 10% (TX), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Madison County), 1.9% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 2.4% (Madison County), 20% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.4 (Madison County), $5.8 (TX), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.1%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 52.5%

- **Sam Houston State Univ. (public)†**: 9.1%
- **Texas 4-year-college average**: 56.0%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 26.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 17.5%

- **Angelina College (public)†**: 26.2%
- **Texas 2-year-college average**: 15.6%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 22.4%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Madison County 15%, TX 14%, United States 13%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Madison County 38%, TX 20%, United States 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Madison County 13.9%, TX 10.3%, United States 12%
- **Percent college grad**: Madison County 13.0%, TX 18%, United States 12%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Madison County 45, TX 71, United States 76

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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