Country Facts: Val Verde County, TX
Population 49,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 5.1% (Val Verde County), 4.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 22.9% (Val Verde County), 16.6% (TX), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $56 (Val Verde County), $57 (TX), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 10% (Val Verde County), 16% (TX), 6% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 9% (Val Verde County), 10% (TX), 3.2% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Val Verde County), 1.1% (TX), 3.3% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 11% (Val Verde County), 10% (TX), 13% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 30% (Val Verde County), 41% (TX), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Val Verde County), 20% (TX), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 11% (Val Verde County), 10% (TX), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Val Verde County), 25% (TX), 20% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.9% (Val Verde County), 1.9% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.9 (Val Verde County), $5.8 (TX), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 13.6% (Texas) vs. 9.3% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 56.0% (Texas) vs. 51.3% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 17.5% (Texas) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 37.1% (Texas) vs. 32.9% (U.S.)

Texas 4-year-college average: 13.6% (students) vs. 56.0% (success rate)
U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3% (students) vs. 51.3% (success rate)
Texas 2-year-college average: 17.5% (students) vs. 37.1% (success rate)
U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6% (students) vs. 32.9% (success rate)

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

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—their 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