County Facts: Victoria County, TX
Population 92,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.8% for Victoria County, 4.3% for TX, and 4.7% for the United States.
- Poverty rate: 16.6% for Victoria County, 15.0% for TX, and 15.1% for the United States.
- Median family income (000s): $57 for Victoria County, $56 for TX, and $54 for the United States.
- Population growth 2000-2017: 10% for Victoria County, 9% for TX, and 15% for the United States.
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 36% for Victoria County, 16% for TX, and 13% for the United States.
- Farming share of workforce: 13% for Victoria County, 1.7% for TX, and 3.5% for the United States.
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.1% for Victoria County, 1.1% for TX, and 1.7% for the United States.

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 46% for Victoria County, 23% for TX, and 20% for the United States.
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 12% for Victoria County, 10% for TX, and 10% for the United States.
- Percent achieving American Dream: 27% for Victoria County, 25% for TX, and 20% for the United States.
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 2.5% for Victoria County, 1.9% for TX, and 1.5% for the United States.
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% for Victoria County, 20% for TX, and 20% for the United States.
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 for Victoria County, $5.8 for TX, and $5.2 for the United States.
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**
  - U of Houston - Victoria (public)*: 15.7%
  - Texas 4-year-college average: 13.6%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - U of Houston - Victoria (public)*: 59.2%
  - Texas 4-year-college average: 56.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Victoria College (public): 17.5%
  - Texas 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 38.0%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Victoria College (public): 32.9%
  - Texas 2-year-college average: 37.1%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Victoria County: 7%
  - TX: 13%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Victoria County: 46%
  - TX: 38%
  - United States: 13.4%

- **Percent over age 65**
  - Victoria County: 17%
  - TX: 10.3%
  - United States: 12%

- **Percent college grad**
  - Victoria County: 21%
  - TX: 18%
  - United States: 21%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Victoria County: 102
  - TX: 71
  - United States: 76

- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Victoria County: 83.3
  - TX: 83.2
  - United States: 82.9
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