County Facts: Walker County, TX
Population 72,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.6% (Walker County), 4.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 17.1% (Walker County), 16.6% (TX), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $42 (Walker County), $56 (TX), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 17% (Walker County), 36% (TX), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Walker County), 2.8% (TX), 1.1% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 2.8% (Walker County), 3.2% (TX), 3.3% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.4% (Walker County), 6.6% (TX), 5.1% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 40% (Walker County), 41% (TX), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 19% (Walker County), 20% (TX), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 12% (Walker County), 10% (TX), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Walker County), 25% (TX), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 2.0% (Walker County), 1.9% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.5 (Walker County), $5.8 (TX), $6.4 (United States)
## Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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## Local Demographics

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### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

#### 4-Year Colleges

- **Sam Houston State Univ. (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 9.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 52.5%

- **Texas 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 9.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 13.6%
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#### 2-Year Colleges

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- 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)
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- 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