

Texas Coastal County Stats

Current and Projected Population Growth and Populations at Risk

As of 2010 U.S. Census figures, an estimated 6,537,074 people reside in Texas counties along the Gulf of Mexico coast. That number is expected to grow by 33 percent to 8,675,202 people by 2035, according to data provided by the Texas State Data Center at The University of Texas at San Antonio. The chart below indicates projected growth by county.

Counties highlighted in green are inhabited by populations considered to be “at risk.” Their rankings are calculated on child and elderly poverty rates; percentage of single-parent-headed households with children under 18 years of age; percentage of households with no car available; percentage of persons age 65 and older who speak English not well or not at all; and poverty rate. Each county is assigned a ranking based around the Texas median of 21.4. This Neighborhood Metric is provided by DataPlace, which extrapolated data from 2000 U.S. Census figures.

County	2010	2035	Increase	At Risk
Chambers	35,096	53,906	54%	15.7
Brazoria	313,166	474,892	52%	15.6
Cameron	406,220	600,956	48%	44.1
Willacey	22,134	31,465	42%	46.8
Harris	4,092,459	5,536,397	35%	22.8
Calhoun	21,381	27,951	31%	22.3
Kleberg	2,061	40,654	27%	34.1
Galveston	291,309	363,364	25%	19.6
Nueces	340,223	411,383	21%	27.7
San Patricio	64,804	76,966	19%	27.4
Victoria	86,793	103,243	19%	20.6
Kenedy	416,000	478,000	16%	33.2
Matagorda	36,702	42,725	16%	24.3
Jefferson	252,273	292,256	16%	24.3
Orange	81,837	92,666	13%	19.6
Jackson	14,075	15,350	9%	20.8
Aransas	23,158	25,111	8%	24.0
Refugio	7,383	7,917	7%	24.9
All Counties	6,537,074	8,675,202	33%	
All of Texas	25,145,561	32,680,217	30%	21.4 (median)