

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Texas Coastal Bend is a demographic anomaly. We share many of the economic, educational, industrial and cultural features of other Texas communities that are growing and providing new opportunities for their citizens. However, the Coastal Bend lags behind the state average on data points critical to building a tax base capable of supporting our population and the community services we depend on to maintain our current quality of life.

Coastal Bend Growth Below State Average

■ The combined population of Nueces and San Patricio Counties was estimated at 392,986 in 2007, with 322,836 people residing in Nueces County and 70,150 in San Patricio County. The region's total population represents approximately 1.65% of the state's 23,891,602 residents.

■ Corpus Christi's population increased 4.3% between 1996 and 2006 compared with a statewide average of 18.2%. Only four of 24 other major Texas cities grew at a slower rate.

Population Growth by Ethnicity

■ The population of the Corpus Christi MSA will increase by an estimated 13.6% between 2005 and 2015, while the state's population as a whole will grow by an estimated 15.9%.

■ The region's population was 55.2% Hispanic in 2005, and that percentage is expected to grow to 59.6% by 2015.

POPULATION GROWTH BY ETHNICITY CORPUS CHRISTI MSA

Year	Total	Anglo	Black	Hispanic	Other
2000	403,280	168,207	15,544	212,703	6,826
2005	430,952	168,943	16,242	237,747	8,020
2010	460,846	169,761	17,037	264,678	9,370
2015	489,651	169,378	17,827	291,640	10,806
2020	516,695	167,613	18,578	318,205	12,299
2025	541,676	164,422	19,186	344,231	13,837
2030	564,933	160,128	19,570	369,853	15,382
2035	586,557	155,144	19,772	394,697	16,944
2040	606,132	149,848	19,821	417,978	18,485

Source: Texas State Data Center

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Coastal Bend Population Aging

- The median age in Nueces and San Patricio Counties continues to rise. The median age of 30.5 years in 1990 had grown to 34.2 years by 2007, and projections call for the median age to increase to 34.6 years by 2012.
- The two fastest-growing age groups in the region between 2007 and 2012 are expected to be the 65-to-74 age group (18.6%) and the 55-to-64 age group (16.4%). The population between ages 5 and 24 is expected to decline by around 1%.

Household Income Below State Average

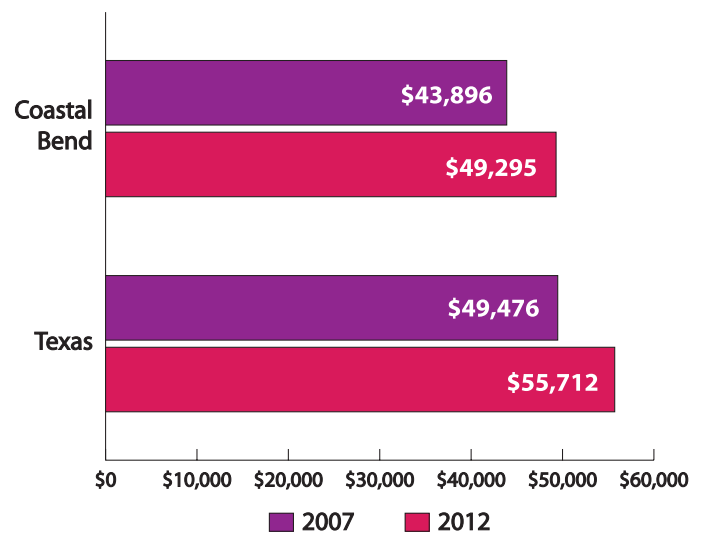
- The total number of households in Nueces and San Patricio Counties is expected to rise from 139,908 in 2007 to 145,933 in 2012, an increase of 4.3%.
- 42.9% of Nueces County residents and 39.1% of San Patricio County residents five years or older reported speaking a language other than English in their home in 2000. The figure statewide was 31.2%.
- The median household income in the region is expected to increase 12.3% between 2007 and 2012, climbing from \$43,896 to \$49,295. The median household income statewide is expected to increase 12.6% from \$49,476 in 2007 to \$55,712 in 2012.
- 35.2% of Nueces County residents and 35.7% of San Patricio County households earned \$24,999 or less in 2000 compared with 30.5% statewide. The two counties also had a lower percentage of households earning \$50,000 or more than the statewide average.

- Poverty is more prevalent in Nueces and San Patricio Counties than the statewide average. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 19.4% of Nueces County residents and 18.6% of San Patricio County residents lived below the poverty level in 2004. That compares with 16.2% statewide.

Homeless and People with Disabilities Impact Region

- Statewide, the number of residents aged 5 and over reporting a disability is 15.3%. Both Nueces and San Patricio Counties report disability percentages over 18%. Cities of similar size across Texas (or the United States) report homeless populations at 1% of their total population base.
- Corpus Christi's homeless population is estimated at between 3,000 and 3,500.

INCREASE IN MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2007-2012



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Questions We Need to Consider

1. Why is our population growth lagging behind other Texas communities? To what extent should the Coastal Bend population grow?
2. Will this slower growth be beneficial or detrimental to maintaining the Coastal Bend qualities we value?
3. How can we provide adequate services for our population?
4. What does the rising average age of our residents mean to the future of the Coastal Bend?
5. How does a higher-than-the-state-average poverty rate of Coastal Bend households impact the region?
6. How does a higher-than-average percentage of persons with disabilities impact the region?
7. What changes can we expect in the Coastal Bend if we maintain these regional demographic differences?
8. What changes can we expect if they grow more pronounced?
9. How will these demographic differences change the Coastal Bend over the next 10 to 20 years?

Sources:

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