

The Border: Snapshot

This report tells it like it is for the 14 actual border counties. The study "Bordering the Future," issued by this office in 1998, looked at statistics for the original 43-county Border region which was really a South Texas Border Region. This report provides a closer look at the Actual Border Region which includes the 14 Texas counties whose boundary

touch the U.S.-Mexico Border at some point. Statistics have also been developed for a second group based on the federal definition of the border from the La Paz Agreement with Mexico. This region contains 32 counties and includes the 14 Actual Border counties as well as any county within 100 kilometers of the Rio Grande.

	Most Recent	The 14-County Actual Border Region	The 32-County Sub-Border (La Paz) Region	The 43-County South Texas Border Region	Texas	The 211-County Non-Border Region
Population						
Average long-term annual population growth rate	1990/2000 Census	2.9%	2.7%	2.1%	2.3%	2.3%
Average short-term annual population growth rate	2001-2002	2.4%	2.3%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
Population	2002	2.1 million	2.2 million	4.3 million	21.8 million	17.5 million
Birth rate	2001	23.7 live births per 1,000 population	23.2 live births per 1,000 population	19.9 live births per 1,000 population	17.2 live births per 1,000 population	16.4 live births per 1,000 population
Death rate	2001	554.2 deaths per 100,000 population	575.8 deaths per 100,000 population	660.9 deaths per 100,000 population	713.7 deaths per 100,000 population	726.6 deaths per 100,000 population
Percent of population that speaks Spanish at home	2000 Census	78.3%	77.4%	59.1%	27.0%	19.2%
Percent of population that is foreign-born	2000 Census	28.2%	26.8%	18.3%	13.9%	12.8%
Military veterans per population	2001	5.5%	5.6%	7.9%	8.1%	8.1%
Percent of population that is 5 to 17 years old	2002	23.8%	23.7%	22.1%	20.1%	19.7%
Marriage rate	2001	9.6 marriages per 1,000 population	9.3 marriages per 1,000 population	9.0 marriages per 1,000 population	9.0 marriages per 1,000 population	9.0 marriages per 1,000 population
Divorce rate	2001	1.1 divorces per 1,000 population	1.2 divorces per 1,000 population	2.3 divorces per 1,000 population	3.9 divorces per 1,000 population	4.3 divorces per 1,000 population
Motor vehicles registered per capita	2002	0.61	0.62	0.71	0.84	0.87

Poverty						
Poverty rate	2000 Census	29.1%	29.0%	22.9%	14.5%	12.4%
Percent of school children in poverty	2000 Census	35.3%	35.2%	28.8%	18.6%	15.8%

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Poverty (continued)						
Number of children under age 19 who are uninsured (preliminary estimate)	2002	113,430	121,725	215,070	886,000	670,930
Percent of children under age 19 who are uninsured (preliminary estimate)	2002	15.7%	15.7%	15.6%	14.0%	13.6%

Employment						
Average annual short-term employment growth	2001-2002	3.0%	2.7%	1.7%	0.2%	-0.1%
Unemployment rate	2002	10.7%	10.6%	7.9%	6.3%	6.0%
Civilian labor force	2002	812,998	878,474	1.9 million	10.8 million	8.9 million
Average annual long-term employment growth	1990-2000	2.6%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%
Department of Defense active military and civilian direct employment	2002	15,414	15,414	75,416	152,338	75,170

Educational Attainment						
Percent of population 25 years and over with some college education but no degree	2000 Census	17.6%	17.5%	20.7%	22.4%	22.7%
Percent of population 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree	2000 Census	9.3%	9.1%	11.2%	15.6%	16.6%
Percent of population 25 years and over with a postgraduate degree	2000 Census	5.0%	4.9%	6.3%	7.6%	7.9%
Percent of population 25 years and over with an associate's degree	2000 Census	4.1%	4.0%	4.9%	5.2%	5.3%
Percent of population 25 years and over without a high school diploma	2000 Census	43.2%	43.2%	33.6%	24.3%	22.2%
Per-capita actual spending on elementary and secondary education	2002	\$2,000	\$2,013	\$1,850	\$1,630	\$1,577
School enrollment as a percent of population	2002-2003	24.6%	24.4%	21.7%	19.2%	18.6%

Income						
Per-capita personal income	2001	\$16,493	\$17,200	\$18,347	\$28,472	\$22,865
Long-term growth in average annual pay	1990-2000	3.0%	3.2%	4.3%	6.2%	6.5%
Short-term growth in average annual pay	2001-2002	3.1%	3.0%	2.4%	0.6%	0.4%
Total personal income	2001	\$32.4 billion	\$35.0 billion	\$87.7 billion	\$608.5 billion	\$520.8 billion

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Industry						
Average annual pay	2002	\$24,550	\$24,398	\$28,011	\$36,058	\$37,734
Average annual pay in construction	2002	\$23,439	\$23,419	\$28,533	\$36,302	\$37,721
Average annual pay in education and health services	2002	\$26,524	\$26,199	\$28,580	\$31,713	\$32,565
Average annual pay in financial activities	2002	\$29,592	\$29,346	\$39,076	\$47,064	\$48,653
Average annual pay in information	2002	\$31,974	\$31,727	\$42,005	\$52,462	\$54,330
Average annual pay in leisure and hospitality	2002	\$11,119	\$11,057	\$13,146	\$14,914	\$15,338
Average annual pay in manufacturing	2002	\$27,597	\$27,539	\$32,759	\$46,969	\$48,866
Average annual pay in natural resources and mining	2002	\$21,351	\$22,553	\$28,743	\$59,769	\$65,668
Average annual pay in other services	2002	\$15,787	\$15,816	\$18,659	\$23,179	\$24,115
Average annual pay in professional and business services	2002	\$22,154	\$22,193	\$28,316	\$42,005	\$44,337
Average annual pay in public administration	2002	\$40,013	\$38,687	\$40,120	\$39,681	\$39,561
Average annual pay in trade, transportation and utilities	2002	\$23,464	\$23,386	\$26,376	\$34,828	\$36,496

Occupation						
Growth in number of business establishments	2001-2002	1.1%	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%
Department of Defense installations	2001	2	2	10	18	8

Health						
Death rate from chronic liver diseases and cirrhosis	2001	14.8 deaths per 100,000 population	15.3 deaths per 100,000 population	14.8 deaths per 100,000 population	10.3 deaths per 100,000 population	9.2 deaths per 100,000 population
Death rate from diabetes mellitus	2001	29.2 deaths per 100,000 population	30.6 deaths per 100,000 population	34.3 deaths per 100,000 population	25.0 deaths per 100,000 population	22.8 deaths per 100,000 population
Death rate from HIV/AIDS	2001	2.0 deaths per 100,000 population	2.0 deaths per 100,000 population	3.4 deaths per 100,000 population	4.9 deaths per 100,000 population	5.3 deaths per 100,000 population
Infant mortality rate	2001	4.6 deaths of infants under 1 year old per 1,000 live births	4.7 deaths of infants under 1 year old per 1,000 live births	5.3 deaths of infants under 1 year old per 1,000 live births	6.0 deaths of infants under 1 year old per 1,000 live births	6.2 deaths of infants under 1 year old per 1,000 live births

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Household						
Average household size	2000 Census	3.1 persons per household	3.0 persons per household	2.9 persons per household	2.7 persons per household	2.6 persons per household
Female-headed families (no husband present) as a percent of all households	2000 Census	17.0%	16.8%	15.8%	12.7%	12.0%
Married-couple families as a percent of all households	2000 Census	60.8%	60.6%	56.0%	54%	53.5%
Vehicles available per household	2000 Census	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
Percent of households with a telephone	2000 Census	94.3%	94.1%	95.6%	96.8%	97.1%

Crime						
Property crime rate	2002	4,620.1 crimes per 100,000 population	4,468.5 crimes per 100,000 population	5,200.4 crimes per 100,000 population	4,594.5 crimes per 100,000 population	4,445.0 crimes per 100,000 population
Violent crime rate	2002	504.3 crimes per 100,000 population	490.4 crimes per 100,000 population	574.3 crimes per 100,000 population	576.9 crimes per 100,000 population	577.6 crimes per 100,000 population
Total land area		34,122 square miles	66,263 square miles	77,519 square miles	261,914 square miles	184,395 square miles

NOTE: For this analysis, the Texas Actual Border region includes these 14 Texas counties touching the U.S.-Mexico border: Brewster, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata.

NOTE: For this analysis, the federal La Paz border region includes these 32 Texas counties either touching the U.S.-Mexico border or touching a county on the border: Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, McMullen, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, Zavala.

NOTE: For this analysis, the South Texas Border region includes these 43 Texas counties south of Interstate 10 and west of Interstate 37: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Maverick, Medina, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, San Patricio, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, Zavala.

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