COUNTY PROFILE

brazoria county

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The purpose of the County Profiles is to provide a snapshot of existing conditions within each of the 13-counties in the Houston-Galveston region at the inception of the Our Great Region 2040. The county profiles will help establish baseline information that may be used to measure progress and change over time. The profiles do not provide strategies or recommendations. The profiles are a companion to the Existing Conditions Report that provides a regional level snapshot of the 13-county region. The Existing Conditions Report is available on the Our Great Region 2040 website (ourregion.org).

acknowledgements

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is working with a broad based coalition to develop a regional plan for sustainable development for the 13-county region. The Our Great Region 2040 will be a long range plan to ensure the region is as good or better a place to live and work in the future as it is today. This plan will be build on local plans and initiatives to capitalize on opportunities and address the challenges faced by our region’s urban, suburban, rural and coastal communities.

disclaimer

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The content of this report has been gathered from a variety of sources that can be referenced in the data sources on the back page of this document. All maps were produced by the Houston-Galveston Area Council.
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Table 1: Overview

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2010 Population</th>
<th>Land Area (square miles)</th>
<th>Population Density (per square mile)</th>
<th>Largest City</th>
<th>County Seat</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Brazoria County</td>
<td>313,166</td>
<td>1,357.70</td>
<td>230.66</td>
<td>Pearland</td>
<td>Angleton</td>
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Charts:

Chart 1: Population and Forecasted Growth

- Brazoria County
- Region
- Texas

Chart 2: Population by Race

- Hispanic
- White
- African-American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Other

Chart 3: Population by Age

- Age 0-17
- Age 18-34
- Age 35-64
- Age 65+

Map 1: Location of County

Map 2: Population and Forecasted Growth

Map 3: Population by Race

Map 4: Population by Age

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# HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

**Chart 1: Households by Type and Number**

- **Brazoria County**
  - % Households: Families: 50.9%
  - % Households: One Person Under 18: 23.6%
  - % Households: One Person 65 or Over: 11.6%

- **Region**
  - % Households: Families: 50.6%
  - % Households: One Person Under 18: 24.2%
  - % Households: One Person 65 or Over: 5.9%

- **Texas**
  - % Households: Families: 58.4%
  - % Households: One Person Under 18: 17.2%
  - % Households: One Person 65 or Over: 4.5%

**Number of Households**

- **Brazoria County**: 106,589
- **Region**: 2120,706
- **Texas**: 8,922,933

**Average Household Size**

- **Brazoria County**: 2.84
- **Region**: 2.83
- **Texas**: 2.75

**Average Family Size**

- **Brazoria County**: 3.36
- **Region**: 3.47
- **Texas**: 3.40

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**Chart 2: Household Income**

- **Median Household Income**
  - **Brazoria County**: $50,900
  - **Region**: $50,600
  - **Texas**: $58,400

- **Average Household Income**
  - **Brazoria County**: $19,900
  - **Region**: $19,300
  - **Texas**: $19,900

- **Per Capita Income**
  - **Brazoria County**: $14,400
  - **Region**: $13,940
  - **Texas**: $12,400

**Median Value of Owner-Occupied Units**

- **Brazoria County**: $143,900
- **Region**: $139,460
- **Texas**: $126,400

**Chart 3: Housing Characteristics**

- **Brazoria County**
  - % Under 18: 18%
  - % 65 or Over: 12%
  - % Single-Family Unit: 51%
  - % Multi-Family Unit: 23%
  - % Mobile Home: 6%
  - % Boat, RV, Van, etc.: 3%

- **Region**
  - % Under 18: 17%
  - % 65 or Over: 12%
  - % Single-Family Unit: 48%
  - % Multi-Family Unit: 28%
  - % Mobile Home: 6%
  - % Boat, RV, Van, etc.: 8%

- **Texas**
  - % Under 18: 19%
  - % 65 or Over: 12%
  - % Single-Family Unit: 49%
  - % Multi-Family Unit: 26%
  - % Mobile Home: 6%
  - % Boat, RV, Van, etc.: 9%

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**Chart 4: Housing Type**

- **Brazoria County**
  - Single-Family Unit: 51%
  - Multi-Family Unit: 23%
  - Mobile Home: 6%
  - Boat, RV, Van, etc.: 3%

- **Region**
  - Single-Family Unit: 48%
  - Multi-Family Unit: 28%
  - Mobile Home: 6%
  - Boat, RV, Van, etc.: 8%

- **Texas**
  - Single-Family Unit: 49%
  - Multi-Family Unit: 26%
  - Mobile Home: 6%
  - Boat, RV, Van, etc.: 9%

**Chart 5: Household Type**

- **Brazoria County**
  - Married Couple Family: 58%
  - Other Families: 15%
  - People Living Alone: 21%
  - Other Non-Family Households: 6%

- **Region**
  - Married Couple Family: 58%
  - Other Families: 15%
  - People Living Alone: 21%
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- **Texas**
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Chart 1: Employment

Brazoria County
Region
Texas

- % Population 16 & Over: Not Currently in Labor Force
- % Population 16 & Over: Employed

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Largest Employment Sector</th>
<th>%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Brazoria County</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Region</td>
<td>Health Care and Social Assistance</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Texas</td>
<td>Health Care and Social Assistance</td>
<td>24%</td>
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Chart 2: Top Industry and Employment by Industry in Brazoria County

Top Industry - Educational Services and Health Care/Social Assistance

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Industry (U.S. Census Data Categories)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Educational Services and Health Care and Social Assistance</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Retail Trade</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional, Scientific, and Management and Administrative and Waste Management Services</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Services (Except Public Administration)</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Administration</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Wholesale Trade</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Information</td>
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Chart 3: Income

Brazoria County
Region
Texas

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Median Household Income</th>
<th>Per Capita Income</th>
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<tr>
<td>Compared to Region</td>
<td>$67,018, 17%</td>
<td>$28,533, 1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compared to Texas</td>
<td>$57,986, 32%</td>
<td>$19,403, 12%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional Rank</td>
<td>#3</td>
<td>#5</td>
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Brazoria County has a median household income of $67,018, which is above the regional, state and national median household income. The county ranks 3rd out of the region’s 13 counties in terms of household median income. The county has a per capita income of $28,533, which is above the regional, state and national per capita income. The county ranks 5th out of the region’s 13 counties in terms of per capita income.

Chart 4: Occupations in Brazoria County

The Educational Services and Health Care/Social Assistance sector accounts for 19% of Brazoria County’s jobs, more than any other industry. The percentage of jobs in the educational services and health care industry is below the regional and state average.

List 1: Major Employers

Alvin ISD
Brazosport ISD
Brazoria County
Dow Chemical Co.
Gulf States Inc.
Industrial Specialists Inc.
Infinity Construction Services
Kroger Co.
Pearland ISD
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.
EDUCATION AND POVERTY

Chart 1: Educational Attainment

Chart 2: Graduation Rate by Race

Chart 3: Poverty Levels

Table 1: Inventory of Educational Resources

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Resource</th>
<th>Brazoria County</th>
<th>Region</th>
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<tr>
<td># of Two-Year Public Universities</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td># of Four-Year Public Universities</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td># of Two-Year Private Universities</td>
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<td>20</td>
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<td># of Four-Year Private Universities</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td># of Public Libraries</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>140</td>
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HEALTH

Chart 1: Insurance Coverage

- Brazoria County
- Region
- Texas

Chart 2: Causes of Deaths

- Heart Disease
- All Cancer
- Diabetes
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Suicide

Table 1: Medical Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th># Acute Care Hospitals</th>
<th># Acute Care Beds</th>
<th># Psychiatric Hospitals</th>
<th>Ratio* of Direct Care Physicians</th>
<th>Ratio* of Dentists</th>
<th>Ratio* of Registered Nurses</th>
<th>Ratio* of EMS Personnel</th>
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<tr>
<td>Brazoria County</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>78.4</td>
<td>411</td>
<td>563</td>
<td>245.4</td>
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*Ratios are per 100,000 people

Chart 3: Obesity

- Brazoria County
- Texas
- U.S.

Chart 4: Diabetes Rate

- Brazoria County
- Texas
- U.S.

Chart 5: Low Birth Rates/Prenatal Care

- Brazoria County
- Region
- Texas

Chart 6: Infant Mortality

- Brazoria County
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA
- Texas
- U.S.

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ENVIRONMENT

Map 1: Environmental Attributes

Map 2: Impaired Waterways

Table 1: Environmental Facts

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Cultivated Land</td>
<td>157.7 sq. mi.</td>
<td>1,706.5 sq. mi.</td>
<td>12 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>High-Intensity Development</td>
<td>11.1 sq. mi.</td>
<td>229.6 sq. mi.</td>
<td>2 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low-Intensity Development</td>
<td>44.0 sq. mi.</td>
<td>585.2 sq. mi.</td>
<td>4 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium-Intensity Development</td>
<td>28.2 sq. mi.</td>
<td>565.1 sq. mi.</td>
<td>4 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Developed Open Space</td>
<td>49.5 sq. mi.</td>
<td>418.2 sq. mi.</td>
<td>3 %</td>
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Residents living in 100-year floodplain: 20% in Brazoria County, 14% in Region

Table 2: Environmental Facts

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Forest</td>
<td>79.0 sq. mi.</td>
<td>1,729.0 sq. mi.</td>
<td>12 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grassland/Shrub</td>
<td>465.8 sq. mi.</td>
<td>4,545.2 sq. mi.</td>
<td>33 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>20.8 sq. mi.</td>
<td>127.8 sq. mi.</td>
<td>1 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>217.8 sq. mi.</td>
<td>1,627.3 sq. mi.</td>
<td>12 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wetlands</td>
<td>534.9 sq. mi.</td>
<td>2,373.5 sq. mi.</td>
<td>17 %</td>
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Residents living in Storm/Evacuation Zone: 100% in Brazoria County, 25% in Region

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Map 1: Transportation Infrastructure

There are 494.03 miles of state-maintained roadways in Brazoria County.

The average commute time is 28.7 minutes.

There are 300,497 registered vehicles, with an average of 2.82 vehicles per household.

Gulf Coast Center Connect Transit is the local transit provider, offering demand response and fixed route bus service.

List 1: Transportation Facts

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Traffic Fatalities in Brazoria County Per 100,000 Population</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>9.89</td>
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<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>16.26</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>11.96</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>12.4</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>5.94</td>
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Chart 1: Commute to Work

Chart 2: Vehicle Miles Traveled Per Person
BRAZORIA COUNTY

Population
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Economy

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