preface

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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Map 1: Location of County

Table 1: Overview

<table>
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<tr>
<th>2010 Population</th>
<th>585,375</th>
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<tr>
<td>Land Area (square miles)</td>
<td>861.48</td>
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<td>Population Density (per square mile)</td>
<td>679.50</td>
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<td>Largest City</td>
<td>Sugar Land</td>
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<td>County Seat</td>
<td>Richmond</td>
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Chart 1: Population and Forecasted Growth

Chart 2: Population by Race

Chart 3: Population by Age
HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Chart 1: Households by Type and Number

- Fort Bend County: 187,384
- Region: 2,120,706
- Texas: 8,922,933

Average Household Size:
- Fort Bend County: 3.09
- Region: 2.83
- Texas: 2.75

Average Family Size:
- Fort Bend County: 3.50
- Region: 3.47
- Texas: 3.40

Chart 2: Household Income

- Median Household Income:
  - Fort Bend County: $50,975
  - Region: $50,668
  - Texas: $64,972

- Average Household Income:
  - Fort Bend County: $85,924
  - Region: $86,056
  - Texas: $96,005

- Per Capita Income:
  - Fort Bend County: $30,299
  - Region: $30,914
  - Texas: $34,955

Chart 3: Housing Characteristics

- Median Value of Owner-Occupied Units:
  - Fort Bend County: $175,100
  - Region: $139,460
  - Texas: $126,400

Chart 4: Housing Type

- Fort Bend County:
  - Single-Family Units: 89.3%
  - Multi-Family Units: 6.7%
  - Mobile Home: 0.2%
  - Other Non-Family Households: 0.0%

- Region:
  - Single-Family Units: 90.4%
  - Multi-Family Units: 6.0%
  - Mobile Home: 0.1%
  - Other Non-Family Households: 0.0%

- Texas:
  - Single-Family Units: 91.5%
  - Multi-Family Units: 5.4%
  - Mobile Home: 0.2%
  - Other Non-Family Households: 0.0%

Chart 5: Household Type

- Fort Bend County:
  - Married Couple Family: 50.9%
  - Other Families: 19.9%
  - People Living Alone: 23.6%
  - Other Non-Family: 5.6%

- Region:
  - Married Couple Family: 50.6%
  - Other Families: 19.3%
  - People Living Alone: 24.2%
  - Other Non-Family: 5.9%

- Texas:
  - Married Couple Family: 64.9%
  - Other Families: 17.2%
  - People Living Alone: 14.9%
  - Other Non-Family: 3.0%
Chart 1: Employment

Fort Bend County

Region

Texas

% Population 16 & Over: Not Currently in Labor Force

% Population 16 & Over: Employed

Chart 2: Top Industry and Employment by Industry in Fort Bend County

Top Industry - Educational Services and Health Care/Social Assistance

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<th>Industry (U.S. Census Data Categories)</th>
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<td>Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance</td>
<td>24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retail Trade</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative and Waste Management Services</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing</td>
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<td>Other Services (Except Public Administration)</td>
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<td>Public Administration</td>
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<td>Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining</td>
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<td>Wholesale Trade</td>
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The Educational Services and Health Care/Social Assistance sector accounts for 24% of Fort Bend County’s jobs, more than any other industry. The percentage of jobs in the educational services and health care industry is above the regional and state average.

Chart 3: Income

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<th>Fort Bend County</th>
<th>Compared to Region</th>
<th>Compared to Texas</th>
<th>Compared to Nation</th>
<th>Regional Rank</th>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$82,571</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>Per Capita Income</td>
<td>$32,924</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Fort Bend County has a median household income of $82,571, which is above the regional, state and national median household income. The county ranks 1st out of the region’s 13 counties in terms of household median income.

The county has a per capita income of $32,924, which is above the regional, state and national per capita income. The county ranks 1st out of the region’s 13 counties in terms of per capita income.

Chart 4: Occupations in Fort Bend County

List 1: Major Employers

Administaff
Fluor Corporation
Fort Bend ISD
Fort Bend County
Lamar CISD
Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Richmond State School
Schlumberger Technology Corp
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Texas Instruments Incorporated
United Parcel Service
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.
Chart 1: Educational Attainment

Chart 2: Graduation Rate by Race

Chart 3: Poverty Levels

Table 1: Inventory of Educational Resources

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<th>Fort Bend County</th>
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<tr>
<td># of Two-Year Public Universities</td>
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<td># of Public Libraries</td>
<td>11</td>
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*Regional data not available for each race.
Map 1: Environmental Attributes

Map 2: Impaired Waterways

Table 1: Environmental Facts

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<td>Cultivated Land</td>
<td>211.9 sq. mi.</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>High-Intensity Development</td>
<td>11.7 sq. mi.</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Low-Intensity Development</td>
<td>42.7 sq. mi.</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium-Intensity Development</td>
<td>63.0 sq. mi.</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Developed Open Space</td>
<td>45.7 sq. mi.</td>
<td>5%</td>
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Residents living in 100-year floodplain 11% 14%

Table 2: Impaired Waterways

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<td>Forest</td>
<td>33.1 sq. mi.</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Grassland/Shrub</td>
<td>352.9 sq. mi.</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>5.7 sq. mi.</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Water</td>
<td>15.9 sq. mi.</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Wetlands</td>
<td>102.9 sq. mi.</td>
<td>12%</td>
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Residents living in Storm/Evacuation Zone 0% 25%
TRANSPORTATION

Map 1: Transportation Infrastructure

List 1: Transportation Facts

- There are 429.23 miles of state-maintained roadways in Fort Bend County.
- The average commute time is 30.6 minutes.
- There are 495,896 registered vehicles, with an average of 2.65 vehicles per household.
- Fort Bend County Transit and METRO are the local transit providers. Fort Bend County Transit offers demand response and park and ride services, while METRO provides park and ride services.

Table 1: Traffic Fatalities in Fort Bend County Per 100,000 Population

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>5.42</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>4.79</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>7.56</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>5.42</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>4.78</td>
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Chart 1: Commute to Work

Chart 2: Vehicle Miles Traveled Per Person

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