

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

SOUTH TEXAS REGION



As the state's chief financial officer, I am charged with monitoring the economic health of our state and its regions. The state of Texas has 12 economic regions including the South Texas Region.

The 28-county South Texas Region covers about 37,800 square miles in southernmost Texas, stretching along the Mexican border from Del Rio to Brownsville and up the Gulf Coast past Rockport to Aransas Pass and San Antonio Bay. Below we examine demographic and economic statistics that influence the region's economy.

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SOUTH TEXAS REGION COUNTIES:

ARANSAS	HIDALGO	LIVE OAK	STARR
BEE	JIM HOGG	MAVERICK	UVALDE
BROOKS	JIM WELLS	MCMULLEN	VAL VERDE
CAMERON	KENEDY	NUECES	WEBB
DIMMIT	KINNEY	REAL	WILLACY
DUVAL	KLEBERG	REFUGIO	ZAPATA
EDWARDS	LA SALLE	SAN PATRICIO	ZAVALA

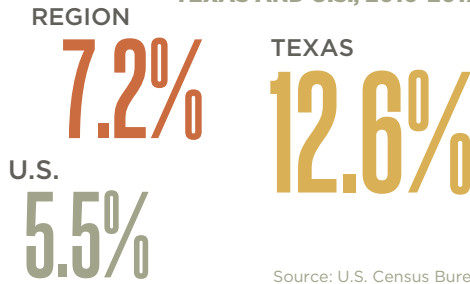
CONCENTRATED INDUSTRIES:

- PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION
- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION
- JUSTICE, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES
- AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE SERVICES
- RAIL TRANSPORTATION
- OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION
- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
- LEATHER AND ALLIED PRODUCT MANUFACTURING
- PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING
- FISHING, HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Source: JobsEQ®

POPULATION GROWTH

SOUTH TEXAS REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2010-2017



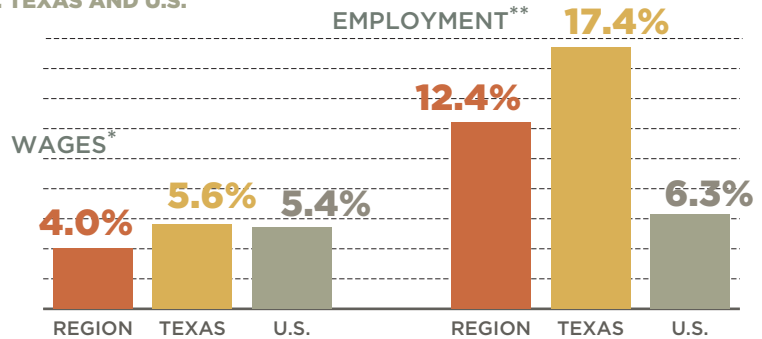
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The South Texas Region's estimated total population in 2017 was more than 2.4 million, or nearly 9 percent of the state's total population. This is an increase of 7.2 percent (more than 163,000 people) since the 2010 census.

JOBS & WAGE CHANGES, 2007-2017

In 2017, the South Texas Region accounted for nearly 7 percent of the state's total employment.

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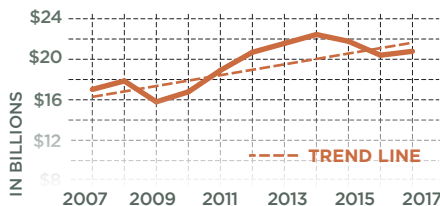
* Real rate of change

** Figures include private and public sector employees with the exception of active-duty military personnel, railroad employees, religious institution employees and the self-employed.

Sources: JobsEQ® and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

ECONOMY

REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX 2007-2017



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Receipts subject to state sales tax directly attributed to the South Texas Region trended upward in the past decade.

CONCLUSION

The South Texas Region and its 28 counties have many economic variables and challenges that are unique. The region contains six of the counties with the youngest average populations in the state with more than 30 percent younger than 18 years of age. If this region were a state, it would have the youngest population in the nation.

Household income in the South Texas Region is significantly lower than the state's with 59 percent of households having an income below \$50,000. Thirty-five percent of the region's workforce is employed within four industries (justice; public order and safety activities; ambulatory health care services; and educational services and social assistance), helping to differentiate the South Texas Region from other regions.

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THE SOUTH TEXAS REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.

To see a complete list of these regions, plus more in-depth county-by-county data, visit: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/regions/