



## Cherokee County Quick Facts 2018

### Demographics

- Cherokee County's percent of **population growth** is 2.7%. This is lower than Region 4's rate (2.9%), the state (12.6 %) and the U.S. (5.5%).
- Cherokee County has the **2<sup>nd</sup> highest percent of the population between the ages of 18-24** in the region (9.8%) and the **3<sup>rd</sup> highest percent of the population between the ages of 0-17** in the region (25.4%).

### Socioeconomics

- Cherokee County has the **2<sup>nd</sup> lowest per capita income in Region 4** at \$19,871. It is significantly lower than that of Region (\$22,678), Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Cherokee County's **percent of single-parent households (38%)** is higher than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Cherokee County has a **higher number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients (16.3) per a population of 100** compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Cherokee County has the **2<sup>nd</sup> highest percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (34.8%)** compared to Region 4 (26.5%) and the state (23.9%).

### Education

- Cherokee County has the **2<sup>nd</sup> highest dropout rate in the region (7.8%)**, which is higher than the state rate of 6.2%, and significantly higher than the regional rate of 3.6%.
- Cherokee County has the **3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students in the region**; significantly lower than that of the state (47.6 vs. 57.5) and the region (47.6 vs. 53.3).

### Family Violence

- Cherokee County has the **11th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (14.8)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (14.8 vs. 8.6) and the region (14.8 vs. 13.7).

### Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Cherokee County has the **3<sup>rd</sup> highest rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people at (9.6)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (2.7) and the region (5.6).
- Cherokee County has a **lower rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people at (14.4) vs. Region 4 (21.3)**. However, the rate is still higher than the state rate (10.7).



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## *Texas School Survey- Youth Regional Consumption*

- **Marijuana:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher rates than the state** for current, school year use, and lifetime use for all grades (Grades 7-12).
- **Prescription Drugs:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher numbers for prescription drug use**. Regions 4&5 have the **highest reported current (30-day) use, school year use, and lifetime use for all grades and for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the state**. It should be noted that the reported lifetime use for 7<sup>th</sup> graders (14.4%) is not too far behind lifetime use for all grades (20.4%).
- **Prescription Drugs:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher reported rates than the state for the two opioid categories** ('Codeine Cough Syrup' and 'OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, Oxycodone, Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet, Hydrocodone').
- **Alcohol:** Students in Regions 4&5 **report substantially higher usage of alcohol in every category compared to the state**.

## *Teen Births*

- Cherokee County has the **3<sup>rd</sup> highest percent of teen pregnancies in the region (12.3%)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (8.1%) and the region (10.3%).

## *Mental Health*

- Cherokee County has **one of the highest rates of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (15)**, which is significantly higher than that of the region (10) and the state (14).
- Of the **percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Cherokee County has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the region (19.7%)**, compared to Region 4 (17.6%) and the state (17%).

## *ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings*

- Cherokee County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (2.4) is slightly lower than that of the region (2.7).

## *Health Factors*

- Cherokee County **ranks #213 out of the 242 Texas counties that were ranked for social determinants of health**, which include health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.
- Cherokee County has **one of the highest adult smoking rates in the entire state at 18%**.

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