



Gregg County Quick Facts 2018

Demographics

- Gregg County's percent of **population growth** is 1.3%. This is lower than Region 4's rate (2.9%), the state (12.6 %) and the U.S. (5.5%).
- The **majority of Gregg County's population (27.4%)** is between the ages of 25-44 (2nd highest in the region) followed by the ages of 0-17 at (25.1%).

Socioeconomics

- Gregg County's **per capita income** is \$ 24,386. This is **higher** than Region 4's per capita income (\$22,678), but lower than Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Gregg County has **one of the highest percent of single-parent households (40%)** compared to the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Gregg County has a **higher number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients (17.4) per a population of 100** compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Gregg County's **percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (26.1%)** is slightly lower than the regional rate (26.5%) and higher than the state rate (23.9%).

Education

- Gregg County's **dropout rate (3.4%)**, is lower than the than the state rate of 6.2%, and the regional rate of 3.6.
- Gregg County's **rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students** is lower than that of the state (55.3 vs. 57.5) and higher than the regional rate (55.3 vs. 53.3).

Family Violence

- Gregg County has the **12th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (14.2)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (14.2 vs. 8.6) and the region (14.2 vs. 13.7).

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Gregg County has the **6th highest rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people at (8.1)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (2.7) and the region (5.6).
- Gregg County has the **5th highest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people at (25.4)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (10.7) and the region (21.3).



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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 12th grade in the state.** It should be noted that the reported lifetime use for 7th 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

- Gregg County's percent of teen pregnancies (10.6%) is higher than that of the state (8.1%) and the region (10.3%).

Mental Health

- Gregg 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, Gregg County's rate (17.8%) is slightly higher than that of the state (17%) and the region (17.6%).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Gregg County has the **highest rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (5.7),** which is significantly higher than the region (2.7).

Health Factors

- Gregg County **ranks #186 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.
- Gregg County has **one of the highest adult smoking rates in the entire state at 16%.**

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