



Morris County Quick Facts 2018

Demographics

- Morris County has the 3rd least percent of population growth in the region at -3.6%. This is significantly lower than Region 4's rate (2.9%), the state (12.6 %) and the U.S. (5.5%).
- The majority of Morris County's population (26%) is between the ages of 45-64 followed by the ages of 0-17 at (22.9%).

Socioeconomics

- Morris County's per capita income is \$ 21,616. This is lower than Region 4's per capita income (\$22,678), Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Morris County has one of the lowest percent of single-parent households (28%) compared to the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Morris County ranks 2nd for the most number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients in the region at 21 per a population of 100 compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Morris County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (26.6%) is slightly higher than the regional rate (26.5%) and the state (23.9%).

Education

- Morris County's dropout rate (2.6%), is lower than the than the state rate of 6.2%, and the regional rate of 3.6.
- Morris County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students is lower than that of the state (54.5 vs. 57.5) and higher than the regional rate (54.5 vs. 53.3).

Family Violence

- Morris County's rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children (12.2) is lower than the regional rate (13.7) and significantly higher than the state rate (8.6).

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Morris County has the 7th highest rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people at (8), which is significantly higher than that of the state (2.7) and the region (5.6).
- Morris County has a lower rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people at (16.8) vs. Region 4 (21.3). However, the rate is still higher than the state rate (10.7).



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 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

- Morris County has the **6th highest percent of teen pregnancies at (11.8%),** which is significantly higher than that of the state (8.1%) and the region (10.3%).

Mental Health

- Morris County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (6) is lower than that of the state (14) and the region (10).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Morris County has one of the lowest in the region (16.4%), compared to Region 4 (17.6%) and the state (17%).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Morris County has the **3rd highest rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (4.5),** which is significantly higher than the region (2.7).

Health Factors

- Morris County **ranks #211 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.
- Morris County has **one of the highest adult smoking rates in the entire state at 16%.**

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