



Rusk County Quick Facts 2018

Demographics

- Rusk County's percent of **population growth** is **-0.9%**. This is significantly lower than Region 4's rate (2.9%), the state (12.6 %) and the U.S. (5.5%).
- The **majority of Rusk County's population (27%)** is between the ages of 45-64 followed by the ages of 25-44 at (26%).

Socioeconomics

- Rusk County's **per capita income** is **\$ 22,704**. This is **higher** than Region 4's per capita income (\$22,678), and lower than Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Rusk County's **percent of single-parent households (34%)** is **higher** than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Rusk County has a **lower number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients (14.3) per a population of 100** compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Rusk County's **percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (24.5%)** is **lower** than the regional rate (26.5%) and **higher** than the state rate (23.9%).

Education

- Rusk County's **dropout rate (3.8%)**, is **lower** than the than the state rate of 6.2%, and **higher** than the regional rate of 3.6.
- Rusk County's **rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students** is **lower** than that of the state (53.9 vs. 57.5) and **higher** than the regional rate (53.9 vs. 53.3).

Family Violence

- Rusk County has the **10th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (15.3)**, which is significantly higher than that of the state (15.3 vs. 8.6) and the region (15.3 vs. 13.7).

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Rusk County has a **lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people** at (3.8) vs. Region 4 (5.6). However, the rate is still **higher than the state rate (2.7)**.
- Rusk County has the **2nd lowest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people** at (7.4), which is significantly lower than that of the region (21.3) and the state (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 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

- Rusk County's percent of teen pregnancies (11%) is significantly higher than that of the state (8.1%) and the region (10.3%).

Mental Health

- Rusk 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, Rusk County's rate (18.2%) is higher than that of the state (17%) and the region (17.6%).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Rusk County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (2.3) is slightly lower than that of the region (2.7).

Health Factors

- Rusk County ranks **#189 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.
- Rusk County has **one of the highest adult smoking rates in the entire state at 17% compared to Texas at 14%.**

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