



## Smith County Quick Facts 2018

### Demographics

- Smith County has the **highest percent of population growth in the region at 8.6%**. This is significantly higher than Region 4's rate (2.9%) and the U.S. rate (5.5%), but it is lower than the state rate (12.6 %).
- The **majority of Smith County's population (26.5%) is between the ages of 25-44 (3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the region)** followed by the ages of 0-17 at (24.8%).

### Socioeconomics

- Smith County has the **3<sup>rd</sup> highest per capita income in Region 4 at \$25,299**. It is significantly higher than that of the Region (\$22,678), but lower than Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Smith County's **percent of single-parent households (31%) is lower** than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Smith County **ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> for the least number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients in the region at 12.6 per a population of 100** compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Smith County's **percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (23.8%) is lower** than the regional rate (26.5%) and the state (23.9%).

### Education

- Smith County's **dropout rate (4.5%), is lower** than the than the state rate of 6.2%, and **higher** than the regional rate of 3.6.
- Smith County's **rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students is lower** than that of the state (56.8 vs. 57.5) and **higher** than the regional rate (56.8 vs. 53.3).

### Family Violence

- Smith County has the **lowest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (9.2) vs.** Region 4 (13.7). However, **the rate is still higher** than the state rate (8.6).

### Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Smith County has a **lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people at (4) vs. Region 4 (5.6)**. However, **the rate is still higher** than the state rate (2.7).
- Smith County has the **3<sup>rd</sup> highest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people at (30.1)**, 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 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*

- Smith County has a **lower percent of teen pregnancies at (8.3%) vs. Region 4 (10.3%)**. However, the percent is still **higher than the state (8.1%)**.

## *Mental Health*

- Smith County has the **highest rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (16)**, which is significantly higher than that of the region (10) and the state (14).
- Of the **percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Smith County's rate (18.9%) is higher than that of the state (17%) and the region (17.6%)**.

## *ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings*

- Smith County has the **lowest rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (1.2) vs. Region 4's (2.7)**.

## *Health Factors*

- Smith County **ranks #61 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.
- Smith County has **one of the highest adult smoking rates in the entire state at 16% compared to Texas at 14%**.

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