



Van Zandt County Quick Facts 2018

Demographics

- Van Zandt County's percent of population growth is 5%. This is higher than Region 4's rate (2.9%), and lower than the state rate (12.6 %) and the U.S. rate (5.5%).
- The majority of Van Zandt County's population (27.8%) is between the ages of 45-64 followed by the ages of 0-17 at (22.1%).

Socioeconomics

- Van Zandt County's per capita income is \$ 24,399. This is higher than Region 4's per capita income (\$22,678), Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Van Zandt County has the 2nd lowest percent of single-parent households (26%) compared to the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Van Zandt County ranks 2nd for the least number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients in the region at 12.3 per a population of 100 compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Van Zandt County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (24%) is lower than the regional rate (26.5%) and higher than the state rate (23.9%).

Education

- Van Zandt County's dropout rate (4%), is lower than the than the state rate of 6.2%, and higher than the regional rate of 3.6.
- Van Zandt County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students is lower than that of the state (51 vs. 57.5) and the region (51 vs. 53.3).

Family Violence

- Van Zandt County has the 13th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (14), which is significantly higher than that of the state (14 vs. 8.6) and the region (14 vs. 13.7).

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Van Zandt County has a lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people at (3.6) vs. Region 4 (5.6). However, the rate is still higher than the state rate (2.7).
- Van Zandt County has a lower rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people at (12.9) 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 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

- Van Zandt County's **percent of teen pregnancies (11.3%) is higher than that of the state (8.1%) and the region (10.3%).**

Mental Health

- Van Zandt County has **one of the lowest rates of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (5),** which is significantly lower than that of the state (14) and the region (10).
- Of the **percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Van Zandt County has the 2nd highest in the region (19.9%),** compared to Region 4 (17.6%) and the state (17%).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Van Zandt County's **rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (2.1) is lower than that of the region (2.7).**

Health Factors

- Van Zandt County **ranks #89 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.
- Van Zandt County's **adult smoking rate (15%) is higher than the state rate (14%).**

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