

Marion County Quick Facts 2019

Demographics

- Marion County's percent of population growth (-5.9%) is significantly lower than Region 4 (3.8%). In comparison, the state (14.1 %) and the U.S. (6.0%) had significantly higher population growth rates.
- The majority of Marion County's population (30.0%) is between the ages of 45 - 64 followed by the ages of 65 and older (25.0%).

Socioeconomics

- Marion County's per capita income (\$26,288) is the highest in Region 4. This is higher than Region 4 (\$24,028) and lower than Texas (\$28,583) and the United States (\$31,039).
- Marion County's percent of single-parent households (24%) is lower than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Marion County has the highest number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (207.0) in Region 4. Marion County's number is significantly higher compared to Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Marion County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (37.9%) is second highest in Region 4. It is higher than the region (24.6%) and the state (22.9%).

Education

- Marion County's dropout rate (2.3%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and the region (2.9%).
- Marion County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (9.82) is lower than that of the state (13.37) and the region (10.22).
- Marion County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (52.9) is higher than the state (48.9) and the region (51.3).

Family Violence

- Marion County has the 6th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (17.2), which is significantly higher than that of the state (9.0) and the region (13.3).
- In 2018, Texas had 205,215 reported victims of family violence and 200,062 reported offenders. These numbers are significantly lower than last year with 212,529 reported victims and 207,422 reported offenders. Family violence offenses include assault, murder, robbery, rape, and kidnapping/abduction.
- Marion County reported 95 incidents of family violence in 2016.

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Marion County reported no DUI fatalities. The Region 4 rate is 7.6 and the state rate is 3.9.
- Marion County has the 2nd lowest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (251.8), which is lower than the region (228.1) and higher than the state (108.6).



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Texas School Survey- Youth Regional Consumption

- *Marijuana*: Students in Regions 4&5 have lower 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.
- *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.

Mental Health

- Marion County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (2) is lower than the state (9.6) and Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Marion County's rate (20.7%) is higher than the state (17.9%) and the region (19.1%).
- Marion County's crude suicide rate is listed as unreliable because the rate is calculated with a numerator of 20 or less. The state rate is 12.4 with the Region 4 rate at 17.8.

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Marion County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (302.2) is higher than that of the region (221.7).
- Marion County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are marijuana, methamphetamine, and alcohol.

Health Factors

- Marion County ranks 209 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.
- Marion County's Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (587.2) is higher than the state (416.6) and Region 4 (516.3).
- Marion County has a higher adult smoking rate (17%) than the state (14.3%).
- Marion County reports the lowest number of prescriptions per 100 people (45) in the region. This is lower than both the state (133) and the region (199).
- Marion County's percent of teen pregnancies (17.3%), the highest in Region 4, is significantly higher than the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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