

Morris County Quick Facts 2019

Demographics

- Morris County's percent of population growth (-4.6%) 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 Morris County's population (25.8%) is between the ages of 45 - 64 followed by the ages of 65 and older (22.8%).

Socioeconomics

- Morris County's per capita income (\$26,288) is higher than Region 4 (\$24,028). It is lower than Texas (\$28,583) and the United States (\$31,039).
- Morris County's percent of single-parent households (22%), the lowest in Region 4, is lower than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Morris County has a number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (190.5) significantly higher than Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Morris County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (20.9%) is lower than the region (24.6%) and the state (22.9%).

Education

- Morris County's dropout rate (3.4%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and higher than the region (2.9%).
- Morris County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (36.22) is higher than that of the state (13.37) and the region (10.22).
- Morris County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (51.5) is higher than the state (48.9) and equal to the region (51.3).

Family Violence

- Morris County has the highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (23.8), which is significantly higher than 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.
- Morris County reported 23 incidents of family violence in 2016.

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Morris County has a higher rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (8.1) than Region 4 (7.6) and the state (3.9).
- Morris County has the 12th highest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (170.2), 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

- Morris County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (2.4) is lower than the state (9.6) and Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Morris County's rate (17.0%) is lower than the state (17.9%) and the region (19.1%).
- Morris 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

- Morris County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (291.8) is higher than that of the region (221.7).
- Morris County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are methamphetamine, marijuana, and alcohol.

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 a higher Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (541.4) than the state (416.6) and the Region 4 (516.3).
- Morris County has a higher adult smoking rate (16%) than the state (14.3%).
- Morris County reports a higher number of prescriptions per 100 people (176) than the state (133) and lower than the region (199).
- Morris County's percent of teen pregnancies (11.8%) is higher than the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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