

Panola County Quick Facts 2019

Demographics

- Panola County's percent of population growth (-2.7%) is 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 Panola County's population (24.8%) is between the ages of 25 - 44 followed by the ages of 45 - 64 (24.4%).

Socioeconomics

- Panola County's per capita income (\$26,313) is higher than Region 4 (\$24,028). It is lower than Texas (\$28,583) and the United States (\$31,039).
- Panola County's percent of single-parent households (31%) is lower than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Panola County's number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (141.1) is higher than Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Panola County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (22.3%) is lower than the region (24.6%) and the state (22.9%).

Education

- Panola County's dropout rate (3.6%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and higher than the region (2.9%).
- Panola County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (2.49), the lowest in Region 4, is lower than the state (13.37) and the region (10.22).
- Panola County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (66.9) is higher than the state (48.9) and the region (51.3).

Family Violence

- Panola County has the 14th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (12.1), which is higher than the state (9.0) and lower than 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.
- Panola County reported 78 incidents of family violence in 2016.

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Panola County has the highest of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (38.9) in Region 4. Both Region 4 (7.6) and the state (3.9) are significantly lower.
- Panola County has a lower rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (103.7) 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

- Panola County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (1.2) is lower than the state (9.6) and Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Panola County's rate (15.8%) is lower than the state (17.9%) and the region (19.1%).
- Panola County's crude suicide rate (16.9) is higher than the state (12.4) and lower than the region (17.8).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Panola County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (211.7) is lower than that of the region (221.7).
- Panola County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are methamphetamine, marijuana, and alcohol.

Health Factors

- Panola County ranks 178 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.
- Panola County has a higher Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (522.9) than the state (416.6) and Region 4 (516.3).
- Panola County has a higher adult smoking rate (16%) than the state (14.3%).
- Panola County reports a higher number of prescriptions per 100 people (171) than the state (133) and lower than the region (199).
- Panola County's percent of teen pregnancies (12.2%) is significantly higher than the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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