

## Rusk County Quick Facts 2019

### *Demographics*

- Rusk County's percent of population growth (2.1%) is slightly lower than Region 4 (3.8%). In comparison, the state (14.1 %) and the United States (6.0%) had significantly higher population growth rates.
- The majority of Rusk County's population (27.1%) is between the ages of 25 - 44 followed by the ages of 45 – 64 (25.5%).

### *Socioeconomics*

- Rusk County's per capita income (\$22,822) is lower than Region 4 (\$24,028), Texas (\$28,583), and the United States (\$31,039).
- Rusk County's percent of single-parent households (31%) is lower than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Rusk County has a lower number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (117.7) compared to Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Rusk County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (23.1%) is lower than the region (24.6%) and higher than the state (22.9%).

### *Education*

- Rusk County's dropout rate (3.3%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and higher than the region (2.9%).
- Rusk County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (9.28) is lower than the state (13.37) and the region (10.22).
- Rusk 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*

- Rusk County has the 10th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (14.1), which is 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.
- Rusk County reported 583 incidents of family violence in 2016.

### *Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes*

- Rusk County has a lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (4.0) than Region 4 (7.6). However, the rate is slightly higher than the state (3.9).
- Rusk County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (75.3), which is significantly lower than the region (228.1) and 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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***

- Rusk 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, Rusk County's rate (17.8%) is lower than the state (17.9%) and the region (19.1%).
- Rusk County's crude suicide rate (15.8) is higher than the state (12.4) and lower than the regional rate (17.8).

### ***ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings***

- Rusk County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (139.6) is lower than that of the region (221.7).
- Rusk County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are methamphetamine, marijuana, and alcohol.

### ***Health Factors***

- Rusk County ranks 189 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.
- Rusk County has a Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (498.2) higher than the state (416.6) and lower than Region 4 (516.3).
- Rusk County has a higher adult smoking rate (17%) than the state (14.3%).
- Rusk County reports a lower number of prescriptions per 100 people (115) than both the state (133) and the region (199).
- Rusk County's percent of teen pregnancies (11%) is higher than the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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