

## Van Zandt County Quick Facts 2019

### *Demographics*

- Van Zandt County's percent of population growth (6.5%) is higher 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 Van Zandt County's population (27.0%) is between the ages of 45 – 64 followed by the age group of 0 - 17 (22.5%).

### *Socioeconomics*

- Van Zandt County's per capita income (\$25,015) is slightly higher than Region 4 (\$24,028). It is lower than Texas (\$28,583) and the United States (\$31,039).
- Van Zandt County's percent of single-parent households (23%) is lower than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Van Zandt County has a lower number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (111.7) compared to Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Van Zandt County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (20.3%) is lower than the region (24.6%) and the state (22.9%).

### *Education*

- Van Zandt County's dropout rate (5.0%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and higher than the region (2.9%).
- Van Zandt County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (10.4) is lower than the state (13.37) and higher than the region (10.22).
- Van Zandt County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (51.0) is higher than the state (48.9) and slightly lower than the region (51.3).

### *Family Violence*

- Van Zandt County has the 11th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children (13.8) in the region, 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.
- Van Zandt County reported 81 incidents of family violence in 2016.

### *Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes*

- Van Zandt County has a lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (3.6) than Region 4 (7.6) and the state (3.9).
- Van Zandt County has a lower rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (146.4) than that of 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 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***

- Van Zandt County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (2.9) is lower than the state (9.6) and Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Van Zandt County's rate (20.2%) is higher than the state (17.9%) and the region (19.1%).
- Van Zandt County's crude suicide rate (21.2), the highest in Region 4, is higher than the state (12.4) and the region (17.8).

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

- Van Zandt County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (216.0) is lower than that of the region (221.7).
- Van Zandt County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are marijuana, methamphetamine, and alcohol.

### ***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 has a higher Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (485.3) than the state (416.6) and lower than Region 4 (516.3).
- Van Zandt County has a higher adult smoking rate (15%) than the state (14.3%).
- Van Zandt County reports a higher number of prescriptions per 100 people (157) than the state (133) and lower than the region (199).
- Van Zandt County's percent of teen pregnancies (11.3%) is higher than the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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