

Anderson County Quick Facts 2019

Demographics

- Anderson County's percent of population growth (-6.9%) is the lowest in Region 4. This is significantly lower than Region 4's rate (3.8%). In comparison, the state (14.1 %) and the U.S. (6.0%) are both higher.
- The majority of Anderson County's population (32.4%) is between the ages of 25 - 44, the highest in the region. This is followed by the ages of 45 - 64 (25.6%).

Socioeconomics

- Anderson County's per capita income (\$17,371) is the lowest in Region 4. This is lower than Region 4's per capita income (\$24,028), Texas (\$28,583), and the United States (\$31,039).
- Anderson County's percent of single-parent households (33%) is equal to the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Anderson County has a lower number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (117.9) compared to Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Anderson County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (23.0%) is 14th in the region. It is lower than the regional rate (24.6%) and slightly higher than the state rate (22.9%).

Education

- Anderson County's dropout rate (0.7%) is significantly lower than the state (5.9%) and the region (2.9%).
- Anderson County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (7.10), the 6th lowest in the region, is lower than that of the state (13.37) and the regional rate (10.22).
- Anderson County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (44.7) is lower than that of the state (48.9) and the region (51.3).

Family Violence

- Anderson County has the 4th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children (17.7) in the region, which is 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.
- Anderson County reported 289 incidents of family violence in 2016.

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Anderson County has a lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (5.2) compared to Region 4 (7.6). However, the rate is still higher than the state rate (3.9).
- Anderson County has the 4th highest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (294.5) which is significantly higher than that of the region (228.1) and the state (108.6).



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

- Anderson County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (4.1) is significantly lower than that of the state (9.6) and Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Anderson County's rate (20.1%) is higher than that of the state (17.9%) and the region (19.1%).
- Anderson County's crude suicide rate (22.9) is significantly higher than the state rate (12.4) and the regional rate (17.8).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Anderson County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (229.1) is higher than that of the region (221.7).
- Anderson County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are methamphetamine, marijuana, and alcohol.

Health Factors

- Anderson County ranks 183 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.
- Anderson County has a Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (645.9) that is the highest in the region. This is higher than the state (416.6) and the Region 4 (516.3).
- Anderson County's adult smoking rate (18%) is higher compared to the state (14.3%).
- Anderson County reports a higher rate of prescriptions per 100 people (148) than the state (133) and slightly lower than that of the region (199).
- Anderson County's percent of teen pregnancies (11.9%) is higher than that of the state (8.1%) and of Region 4 (10.3%).

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