

Gregg County Quick Facts 2019

Demographics

- Gregg County's percent of population growth (1.6%) 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 Gregg County's population (26.7%) is between the ages of 25 - 44 followed by the ages of 0 - 17 (25.4%).

Socioeconomics

- Gregg County's per capita income (\$25,075) is higher than Region 4 (\$24,028). It is lower than Texas (\$28,583) and the United States (\$31,039).
- Gregg County's percent of single-parent households (39%) is higher than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Gregg County has a higher number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (152.8) compared to Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Gregg County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (35.9%) is the 3rd highest in the region. It is higher than the region (24.6%) and the state (22.9%).

Education

- Gregg County's dropout rate (4.2%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and higher than the region (2.9%).
- Gregg County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (5.17) is lower than that of the state (13.37) and the region (10.22).
- Gregg County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (50.9) is higher than that of the state (48.9) and lower than the region (51.3).

Family Violence

- Gregg County has the 5th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children (17.4) in the region, which is significantly 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.
- Gregg County reported 1,194 incidents of family violence in 2016.

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Gregg County has a lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (4.9) compared to Region 4 (7.6). However, the rate is still higher than the state (3.9).
- Gregg County has the 5th highest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (284.5), 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

- Gregg County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (12.8) is the highest in the region. It is higher than that of the state (9.6) and Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Gregg County's rate (18.9%) is higher than that of the state (17.9%) and lower than the region (19.1%).
- Gregg County's crude suicide rate (15.7) is higher than the state (12.4) and lower than the region (17.8).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Gregg County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (481.0) is higher than that of the region (221.7).
- Gregg County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are marijuana, alcohol, and methamphetamine.

Health Factors

- Gregg County ranks 186 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.
- Gregg County has a Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (516.3) which is higher than the state (416.6) and equal to Region 4 (516.3).
- Gregg County has one of the highest adult smoking rates (16%) in the entire state compared to Texas (14.3%).
- Gregg County reports a higher rate of prescriptions per 100 people (287) than both the state (133) and the region (199).
- Gregg County's percent of teen pregnancies (10.6%) is higher than that of the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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