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Population, Income, Food Insecurity, Education, and Employment

Population		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Year				
	1980	2,460,759	11,764,754	14,225,513
	1990	2,579,643	14,406,692	16,986,335
	2000	2,856,010	17,995,018	20,851,028
	2010	3,005,290	22,140,810	25,146,100
	2017	3,061,090	25,243,506	28,304,596

More information on population in Texas

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Topic Page](#)
- Contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

Income		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Per-capita income (2016 dollars)				
	2015	39,193	48,448	47,420
	2016	37,629	47,339	46,274
	Percent change	-4.0	-2.3	-2.4
Earnings per job (2016 dollars)				
	2015	44,723	61,484	59,870
	2016	41,175	59,866	58,107
	Percent change	-7.9	-2.6	-2.9
Poverty rate (percent)				
	1979	19.1	13.7	14.7
	1989	23.5	17.1	18.1
	1999	18.9	14.8	15.4
Poverty rate, American Community Survey (percent)				
	2016	18.1	15.3	15.6

More information on poverty rates in Texas

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Poverty & Well-being Topic Page](#)
- These estimates are based on the [Census Bureau's official poverty measure](#). See important notes about [poverty data](#).
- Contact [Tracey Farrigan](#), 202-694-5489

Household-level Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security		2008-2010 avg.	2011-2013 avg.	2014-2016 avg.
Percent				
	Food insecure households	18.8	18.0	14.3
	Very low food secure households	6.9	6.3	5.6

More information on Food Insecurity in Texas

- [Food Security in the U.S. Topic Page](#)

- [Definitions of Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security](#)
- Comparisons of prevalence rates of food insecurity between States must take account of the margins of error, which are sizeable for many States. Margins of error are published along with State prevalence rates in each year's [Household Food Security in the United States](#) report.
- Contact [Alisha Coleman-Jensen](#), 202-694-5456.

Education (Persons 25 and older)	Rural*	Urban*	Total
Not completing high school			
1980	50.1	37.4	37.4
1990	37.7	26.0	27.9
2000	30.6	23.3	24.3
2012-2016	21.5	17.1	17.7
Completing high school only			
1980	27.0	28.8	28.8
1990	29.5	24.9	25.6
2000	31.6	23.7	24.8
2012-2016	33.2	24.0	25.1
Completing some college			
1980	12.7	17.0	17.0
1990	21.2	27.2	26.2
2000	24.3	28.1	27.6
2012-2016	29.2	29.2	29.2
Completing college			
1980	10.2	16.9	16.9
1990	11.5	22.0	20.3
2000	13.5	24.9	23.2
2012-2016	16.1	29.7	28.1

More information on education in Texas

- [County-level Education Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Alexander Marré](#), 202-694-5338

Employment	Rural*	Urban*	Total
Employment change (percent)			
2013-2014	1.1	2.4	2.2
2014-2015	-2.0	1.3	1.0
2015-2016	-1.8	2.1	1.7
Unemployment rate (percent)			
2015	5.2	4.4	4.5
2016	5.6	4.5	4.6

More information on unemployment rates in Texas

- [County-level Unemployment Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Tim Parker](#), 202-694-5435.

* The terms “rural” and “urban” here refer to data for nonmetro and metro areas, a county-level classification defined by the Office of Management and Budget. We use the February 2013 version of nonmetro and metro areas, unless otherwise noted, because it reflects conditions at the beginning of the decade. See [What is Rural?](#) for a discussion of differences between metro-nonmetro categories and the Census Bureau’s rural-urban classification.

Organic Agriculture

Organic agriculture	2000	2010	2011
Certified operations (number)	161	250	222
Crops (acres)	39,563	129,301	136,806
Pasture & rangeland (acres)	61,162	84,596	130,740
Total (acres)	100,726	213,897	267,546

More information on organic agriculture in Texas

- [Organic Production Data](#)
- [Organic Agriculture Topic Page](#)
- Contact [Catherine Greene](#), 202-694-5541.

Farm Characteristics

Census of Agriculture	2002	2007	2012
Farms (number)	228,926	247,437	248,809
Approximate total land area (acres)	167,550,149	167,145,209	167,189,947
Farmland (acres)	129,877,666	130,398,753	130,153,438
Farmland in total land area (percent)	77.5	78.0	77.8
Cropland (acres)	38,657,710	33,667,177	29,147,537
Cropland in farmland (percent)	29.8	25.8	22.4
Cropland in pasture (percent)	33.5	23.3	9.8
Cropland irrigated (percent)	11.8	13.7	14.3
Harvested cropland (acres)	17,750,938	19,174,301	16,458,332
Woodland (acres)	5,651,181	7,099,790	7,951,154
Woodland in farmland (percent)	4.4	5.4	6.1
Woodland in pasture (percent)	74.4	74.4	72.4
Pastureland (acres)	83,402,865	87,217,416	90,287,767
Pastureland in farmland (percent)	64.2	66.9	69.4
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)	2,165,910	2,414,370	2,766,980
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. in farmland (percent of total farms)	1.7	1.9	2.1
Conservation practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetland reserve program (acres)	3,302,766	4,170,044	3,203,342
Average farm size (acres)	567	527	523
Farms by size (percent of total farms)			
1 to 99 acres	48.3	52.5	53.1
100 to 499 acres	33.7	31.2	31.1
500 to 999 acres	8.1	7.2	7.0
1000 to 1,999 acres	5.3	4.6	4.5
2000 or more acres	4.6	4.5	4.3
Farms by sales, current dollars (percent of total farms)			
Less than \$9,999	71.5	71.0	70.3
\$10,000 to \$49,999	18.3	18.3	19.0

\$50,000 to \$99,999	3.8	3.5	3.7
\$100,000 to \$499,999	4.9	4.7	4.6
More than \$500,000	1.5	2.4	2.4
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner farms (farms)	155,053	177,147	179,783
Full owner farms (percent of total farms)	67.7	71.6	72.3
Part owner farms (farms)	55,703	54,773	54,297
Part owner farms (percent of total farms)	24.3	22.1	21.8
Tenant farms (farms)	18,170	15,517	14,729
Tenant farms (percent of total farms)	7.9	6.3	5.9
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	210,409	218,126	222,580
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (percent of total farms)	91.9	88.2	89.5
Family-held corporations (farms)	3,842	4,956	5,997
Family-held corporations (percent of total farms)	1.7	2.0	2.4
Partnerships (farms)	12,720	20,657	16,660
Partnerships (percent of total farms)	5.6	8.3	6.7
Non-family corporations (farms)	456	750	862
Non-family corporations (percent of total farms)	0.2	0.3	0.3
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	1,499	2,948	2,710
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (percent)	0.7	1.2	1.1
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	56.9	58.9	60.1
Farm operators with farming as their principal occupation (percent)	53.6	39.9	42.1
Men (number)	201,734	212,426	210,357
Women (number)	27,192	35,011	38,452

More information on farm characteristics in Texas

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.
- See [errata](#) in 2012 "cropland in pasture (percent)"

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data	2015	2016
Final crop output (1,000 dollars)	6,246,922	7,323,506
+ Final animals output (1,000 dollars)	16,851,381	13,782,039
+ Services and forestry (1,000 dollars)	5,508,067	3,454,858
= Final agricultural sector output (1,000 dollars)	28,606,370	24,560,403
- Contract labor (1,000 dollars)	247,482	299,555

- Intermediate consumption outlays (1,000 dollars)	15,814,287	14,618,248
+ Net government transactions (1,000 dollars)	-16,266	5,832
= Gross value added (1,000 dollars)	12,528,335	9,648,432
- Capital consumption (1,000 dollars)	3,283,170	3,691,013
= Net value added (1,000 dollars)	9,245,166	5,957,419
- Factor payments (1,000 dollars)	2,873,686	2,574,516
Employee compensation (total hired labor) (1,000 dollars)	1,812,518	1,540,445
Net rent paid to operator landlords (1,000 dollars)	7,264	-2,806
Net rent paid to nonoperator landlords (1,000 dollars)	53,436	-20,640
Real estate and nonreal estate interest (1,000 dollars)	1,000,469	1,057,517
= Net farm income (1,000 dollars)	6,371,480	3,382,903

More information on farm income in Texas

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)
- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#)
- Data as of February 7, 2018
- Contact the [Farm Income Team](#), 202-694-5121.

Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2016	Farm receipts 1,000 dollars	Farm receipts percent of State	Farm receipts percent of U.S.
Farm receipts			
1. Cattle and calves	8,470,005	40.6	13.2
2. Cotton lint, Upland	2,104,892	10.1	47.2
3. Dairy products, Milk	1,848,140	8.9	5.4
4. Broilers	1,835,520	8.8	7.1
5. Miscellaneous crops	1,814,437	8.7	7.7
All commodities	20,878,502		5.8

More information on agricultural commodities in Texas

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)
- Data as of February 7, 2018
- Contact the [Farm Income Team](#), 202-694-5121.

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2016	Exports rank among States	Exports million dollars
Exports		
1. Cotton	1	1,808.0
2. Other plant products 5/	3	1,123.4
3. Beef and veal	2	842.3
4. Feeds and other feed grains 3/	8	330.7

5. Dairy products	6	251.5
Total exports	6	6,273.3

More information on agricultural exports in Texas

- [State Export Data](#)
- [U.S. Agricultural Trade Topic Page](#)
- 1/ Includes other nonpoultry meats, animal fat, live farm animals, and other animal parts.
- 2/ Includes turkey meat, eggs, and other fowl products.
- 3/ Includes processed feeds, fodder, barley, oats, rye, and sorghum.
- 4/ Includes peanuts (oilstock), other oil crops, corn meal, other oilcake and meal, protein substances, bran and residues.
- 5/ Includes sweeteners and products, other horticulture products, planting seeds, cocoa, coffee, and other processed foods.
- [See errata as of December 13, 2017](#)
- Contact [Kamron Daugherty](#), 202-694-5578.

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales, 2012		Total receipts percent of State	Total receipts 1,000 dollars
	Total receipts		
	1. Deaf Smith County	5.4	1,379,076
	2. Parmer County	5.2	1,329,538
	3. Castro County	5.2	1,312,140
	4. Hartley County	4.7	1,180,897
	5. Hansford County	3.1	783,207
	State Total		25,375,581

More information on agricultural sales in Texas

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Data Sources

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- [Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017](#), U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.
- Local Area Personal Income and Employment, [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#), U.S. Department of Commerce.
- Current Population Survey, [Food Security Supplements](#).
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics, county data, [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).
- Organic data, [USDA, Economic Research Service](#), based on information from USDA-accredited State and private organic certifiers.
- [U.S. Agricultural Trade](#), Economic Research Service, USDA.
- Census of Agriculture, [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#), USDA.
- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#), Economic Research Service, USDA.
- U.S. Census Bureau, [American Community Survey](#), 2016, and 2012-2016, 1 and 5-Year estimates, poverty and education tables.

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