



2020 CENSUS REGIONAL IMPACTS

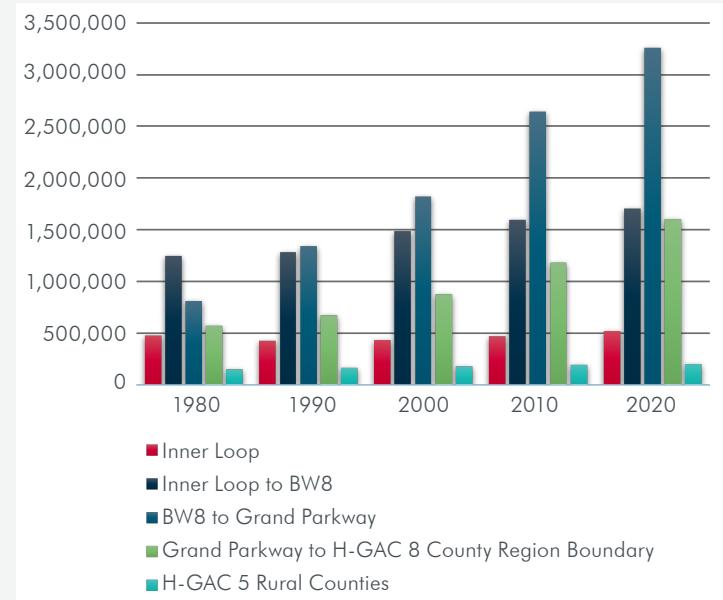
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SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) has studied preliminary data of the 2020 U.S. Census. According to the data, the 13-county Houston-Galveston region experienced one of the highest concentrations of population growth in the country. The Greater Houston metropolitan area is one of the three metropolitan areas in the U.S. that gained more than one million people in the last 10 years. New York and Dallas are the other two. Houston moved up from the sixth-largest metro area in 2010 to the fifth-largest in 2020. Additionally, the region is becoming increasingly more diverse. Below are H-GAC's top census data highlights for the region:



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The region added 1.2 million people in each of the last two decades. Harris County and its incorporated cities accounted for more than half (53%) of the total population growth.

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The five counties that received the largest percent increase in population over the last 10 years are: Fort Bend County (41%), Montgomery County (36%), Chambers County (33%), Waller County (31%), and Liberty County (21%).

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The region is becoming more diversified, driven primarily by the rapidly-growing Hispanic population. Hispanics account for 37% of the population, followed by 34% White, 17% Black, 8.1% Asian, and 3.6% all other races (non-Hispanic).

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Fort Bend County is one of the most diverse counties in both Texas and the U.S. (29.6% White, 24% Hispanic, 22% Asian, and 20% Black). The Asian community has played a major role in driving this diversity. Over the past decades, Fort Bend County experienced a substantial increase in the Asian population, moving primarily to Sugar Land, Katy, Fulshear, and Richmond.



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Among the regional cities, Houston added the most residents (205,129). In terms of percent growth, Fulshear experienced a remarkable 1,386% population increase (from 1,134 to 16,856), making it not only the biggest population percent increase in the region, but also one of the highest in the nation. Iowa Colony had the next largest percent increase at 597% (from 1,170 to 8,154).

Mont Belvieu's population doubled from 3,835 to 7,654. Other cities and townships that experienced significantly large percent increases in population are: Conroe 60% (from 56,207 to 89,956), Katy 55% (from 14,102 to 21,894), Manvel 93% (5,179 to 9,992), and Barrett 63% (3,199 to 5,223).

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The sector of the region with the highest amount of growth share is the geographic ring that exists between Beltway 8 and the Grand Parkway (51%). A key contributing factor to the growth of this sector is the widespread availability of housing. The land outside Beltway 8 hosts several master planned communities offering amenities such as parks, sidewalks, schools, healthcare,

public safety, and commercial centers. Inside Beltway 8, more multifamily units have been developed aimed primarily towards singles who prefer to reside close to their jobs.



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The number of adults (18 years and older) in the region increased slightly (by 2%) while the number of children (younger than 18 years) shrank also by 2%. People of voting age account for 76% of the region's total population.



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Over the last 10 years, the number of people in correctional institutions and juvenile facilities has decreased by 14.9%, whereas the number of people attending colleges and universities has increased by 44.7%. The number of people living in nursing homes has also increased by 26.4%.

RESOURCES

2020 CENSUS DATA REDISTRICTING TOOL

Get a closer look at the census results for the region using H-GAC's 2020 Census Data Redistricting Tool. The interactive tool provides visual breakdowns of census data by age, demographics, geographic areas, congressional districts, school districts, and much more. View the tool online at datalab.h-gac.com/2020census.

MORE CENSUS RESOURCES

H-GAC Census 2020 Summary Data at h-gac.com/census-data.

Decennial Census P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data at census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.htm.