



What We Heard

in AUSTIN COUNTY



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Bringing H-GAC to Austin County

Beginning in late 2022 and throughout 2023, the Houston-Galveston Area Council embraced the theme of “Year of Service” by embarking on a journey to enhance its support of stakeholders, members, and the communities they represent.

This is what we heard in Austin County.

Top Successes:

- Growth with many people moving here from Houston
- Growing number of Meals on Wheels deliveries throughout the county
- Workforce Solutions helping with employment

Issues to Explore Further:

- Transportation of goods and the training expense of CDL licensure; greater awareness of the Colorado Valley Transit Authority.
- Solid Waste grants/competitive grant application process
- Improved marketing of Workforce Solutions



Austin County Quick Facts

31,079 Population (2022)

- Population grew by 10% in the last 5 years and is projected to grow by 9% in the next 5 years.

11,038 Total County Employment

- Jobs grew by 8% in the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 4% in the next 5 years.

\$73K Median Household Income (2023)

- Median household income is \$2K below the national median household income of \$75K.

Top Three Largest Industries

1. Elementary and secondary schools
2. Warehouse clubs, supercenters, and other general merchandise retailers
3. Restaurants and other eating establishments

Top Three Growing Industries

1. Computer systems design and related services
2. Elementary and secondary schools
3. Restaurants and other eating establishments

Top Growing Occupations

1. General and operations managers
2. Stockers and order fillers
3. Customer service representatives

Top Five Employers of County Residents

1. Sealy ISD
2. Lone Star Prestress MFG Inc.
3. International Paper Co.
4. Seacon Advanced Products
5. Newmark International Inc.



Source: American Community Survey