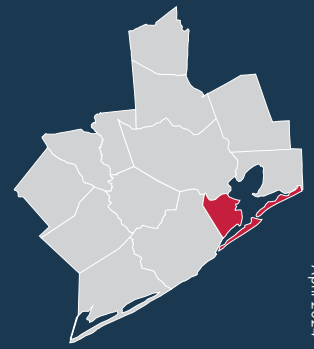




What We Heard

in GALVESTON COUNTY



April 2024

Bringing H-GAC to Galveston 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 Galveston County.

Top Successes:

- Investments in roads, including recent progress on the Grand Parkway
- Improvements in water quality
- Grant-supported programs

Issues to Explore Further:

- Mental health and foster care outcomes
- Railroad safety and funding for education/awareness



Galveston County Quick Facts

357,117 Population (2022)

- Population increased by 11% in the last 5 years and is projected to increase by 7% in the next 5 years.

120,409 Total County Employment

- Jobs grew by 15% in the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 10% in the next 5 years.

\$84K Median Household Income (2023)

- Median household income is \$9K above the national median household income of \$75K.

Top Three Largest Industries

1. Restaurants and other eating establishments
2. Elementary and secondary schools
3. Colleges, universities, and professional schools

Top Three Growing Industries

1. Elementary and secondary schools
2. Restaurants and other eating establishments
3. Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment (except automotive and electronic) repair and maintenance

Top Growing Occupations

1. General and operations managers
2. Elementary school teachers, except special education
3. Managers

Top Five Employers of County Residents

1. University of Texas Medical Branch
2. Clear Creek Independent School District
3. Landry's Seafood Inc./Fertitta Hospitality, LLC
4. Dickinson Independent School District
5. Marathon Petroleum Corp.



Source: American Community Survey