

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

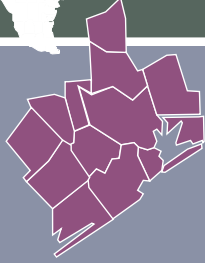
GULF COAST REGION



As the state's chief financial officer, I am charged with monitoring the economic health of our state and its regions. The state of Texas has 12 economic regions including the Gulf Coast Region.

The 13-county Gulf Coast Region covers about 13,900 square miles in eastern coastal Texas, stretching from Huntsville on the north to Matagorda Bay and Galveston along the Gulf Coast. Below we examine demographic and economic statistics that influence the region's economy.

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GULF COAST REGION COUNTIES:

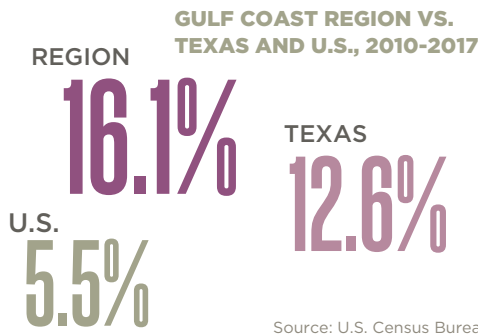
AUSTIN	GALVESTON	WALKER
BRAZORIA	HARRIS	WALLER
CHAMBERS	LIBERTY	WHARTON
COLORADO	MATAGORDA	
FORT BEND	MONTGOMERY	

CONCENTRATED INDUSTRIES:

- OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION
- PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION
- SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
- PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING
- WATER TRANSPORTATION
- CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING
- HEAVY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION
- AIR TRANSPORTATION
- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION

Source: JobsEQ®

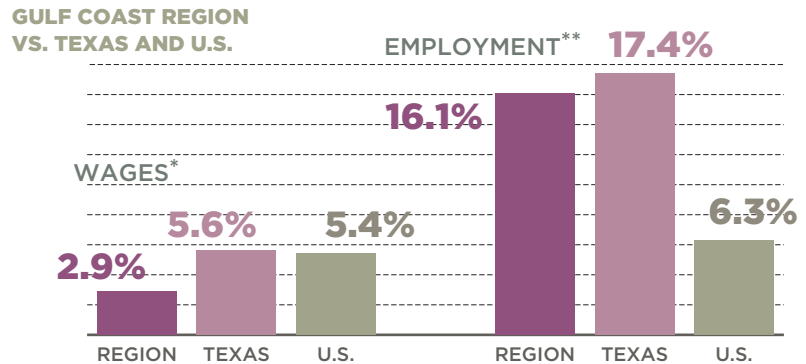
POPULATION GROWTH



The Gulf Coast Region's estimated total population in 2017 was more than 7 million, or nearly 25 percent of the state's total population. This is an increase of about 16 percent (almost 1 million people) since the 2010 census.

JOBS & WAGE CHANGES, 2007-2017

In 2017, the Gulf Coast Region accounted for nearly 25 percent of the state's total employment, making this region the second-largest employment base in the state.



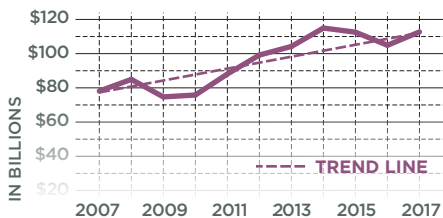
* Real rate of change

** Figures include private and public sector employees with the exception of active-duty military personnel, railroad employees, religious institution employees and the self-employed.

Sources: JobsEQ and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

ECONOMY

REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX 2007-2017



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Receipts subject to state sales tax directly attributed to the Gulf Coast Region trended upward in the past decade.

CONCLUSION

The Gulf Coast Region and its 13 counties contain 25 percent of the state's population, growing 16 percent since 2010, and is the most diverse region in Texas. If this region were a state, it would be the 14th most populous. While the region's median age is on par with that of the state, it has the largest percentage of households with income over \$125,000.

The region added more than 400,000 jobs from 2007 to 2017, and the average wage is significantly higher than the state average. The local economy is strong, with about 23 percent of the state's overall sales tax revenue coming from the Gulf Coast Region. Industry concentration in the region primarily revolves around the production of chemical and petroleum products, as well as certain transportation sectors, all contributing positively to this unique local economy.

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THE GULF COAST REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.

To see a complete list of these regions, plus more in-depth county-by-county data, visit: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/regions/