

# EDUCATION

The Corpus Christi MSA is served by one four-year university (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi) and one community college (Del Mar College). Another university (Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and another community college (Coastal Bend College) are within commuting distance.

The University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio offers courses on the Del Mar College campus. Park University, an independent private institution, ceased operations at Naval Air Station-Corpus Christi in May 2008. Twelve publicly funded school districts are located in Nueces County, and seven publicly funded school districts are located in San Patricio County.

Other important information includes:

- Enrollment in the 21 public educational entities in Nueces and San Patricio Counties are:

## 2007 HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLLMENT NUECES COUNTY

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	8,584
Del Mar College	12,006
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,590</b>

## 2007 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

Aransas Pass ISD	2,127
Gregory-Portland ISD	4,261
Ingleside ISD	2,268
Mathis ISD	1,900
Odem-Edroy ISD	1,191
Sinton ISD	2,114
Taft ISD	1,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,252</b>

## 2007 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NUECES COUNTY

Agua Dulce ISD	342
Banquete ISD	873
Bishop ISD	1,200
Calallen ISD	3,912
Corpus Christi ISD	39,101
Driscoll ISD	277
Flour Bluff	5,271
London ISD	228
Port Aransas ISD	577
Robstown ISD	3,822
Tuloso-Midway ISD	3,417
West Oso ISD	1,958
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,020</b>

Source: Sites on Texas

- In 2007, 11% of residents age 25 and older in Nueces and San Patricio Counties had less than a ninth-grade education. Statewide, the figure is 10% and nationwide the figure is 5%.
- 49.2% of residents age 25 and older in Nueces and San Patricio Counties have a high school diploma or less compared with 46% of residents statewide.
- 19% of residents age 25 and older in Nueces and San Patricio Counties have a bachelor's degree, graduate degree or higher compared with 25% of residents statewide.
- Anglo residents in Nueces County age 25 and older are more likely to have attended college (65.1% vs. 34.9%) and to have earned a degree (36% vs. 14.1%) than Hispanic residents.
- Hispanic residents age 25 and older are much more likely to have dropped out of high school than Anglo residents (38.9% vs. 10.9%) or to have less than a ninth-grade education than Anglo residents (21.3% vs. 2.8%).

## NUECES AND SAN PATRICIO COUNTIES EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2007-2017

Education	2007 Population	2017 Population	Number Change	Percent Change
Less than 9th Grade	25,593	27,498	1,905	7%
9th Grade to 12th Grade	29,475	33,312	3,837	13%
High School Diploma	64,204	66,642	2,438	4%
Some College	62,982	66,403	3,421	5%
Associate's Degree	13,405	13,744	339	3%
Bachelor's Degree	29,869	31,493	1,625	5%
Graduate/Professional Degree and Higher	16,714	17,757	1,042	6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>242,242</b>	<b>256,847</b>	<b>14,606</b>	<b>6%</b>

*Soucre: Complete Employment – Spring 2008*

- Overall levels of educational attainment among residents age 25 and older in Nueces and San Patricio Counties are expected to worsen between 2007 and 2017 unless something is done to intervene.
- The largest percentage increase in educational attainment levels among residents 25 and older in Nueces and San Patricio Counties by 2017 is predicted to be among high school dropouts (13%) and those who have less than a ninth-grade education (7%).
- The percentage of Nueces and San Patricio County residents age 25 and older with a high school diploma (without a GED) or less is expected to increase slightly from 49.2% in 2007 to 49.6% in 2017. The increase in the overall population, however, means that an additional 8,180 residents in the two counties will not have earned a high school diploma or a GED.
- Earnings rise in proportion to the amount of education a person has. The Census Bureau found in 2004 that monthly wages increased from \$2,692 for a person with a high school diploma to \$4,918 for a person with a bachelor's degree. A master's degree translated into \$5,930 a month, a doctorate into \$8,391 a month and a professional degree into \$8,905 a month.
- A 1995 group of public seventh-grade students demonstrates the challenge Texas and the Coastal Bend face in educating residents to a level necessary to fill jobs requiring a college degree:
  - Only 60% of Coastal Bend students graduated high school compared with 61% statewide;
  - Only 47% of Coastal Bend students enrolled in higher education any time after high school graduation compared with 48% statewide and;
  - Only 16% of Coastal Bend students went on to earn a higher education degree or certification by 2003 compared with 18% statewide.
- The percentage of students who passed the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests has improved in the Coastal Bend region, but has not yet reached state levels. Gaps persist between Anglo and minority students.

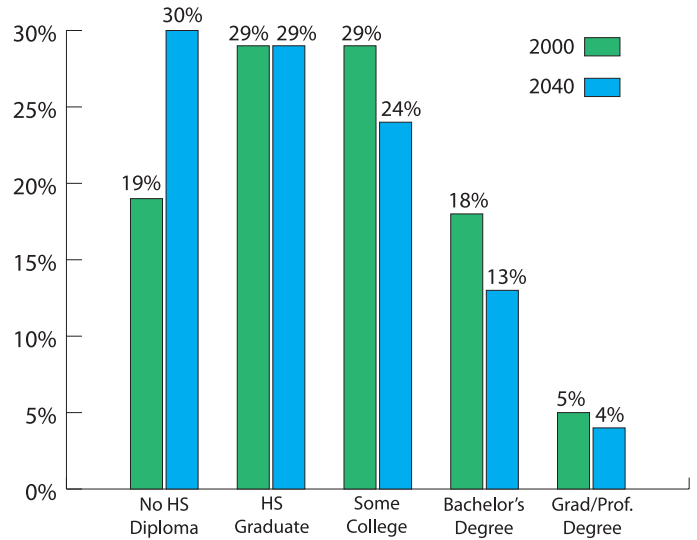
## PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PASSING TAKS TEST IN 2005 GRADES 3-11

Subject	Black	Hispanic	White
Reading/ELA	74	75	88
Writing	86	87	93
Math	55	58	79
Science	49	52	78
Social Studies	79	79	93

Source: Texas Education Agency, Region 2 Education Service Center

- In Nueces and San Patricio Counties, approximately 70% of ninth-grade students graduate from high school in four years compared with 68% statewide.
- 63% of 2007 high school graduates from Nueces and San Patricio Counties who attended Del Mar College within three months of their high school graduation were placed in developmental (remedial) education in one or more subjects.
- However, among 2007 CCISD graduates, 61% who attended Del Mar College were placed in developmental education classes in one or more subjects, a significant drop from the 79% in 2004.
- On average, more than 80% of all Del Mar College academic graduates who transfer choose to attend Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.
- 61% of FY 2004 high school graduates from Nueces County who enrolled in Texas higher education in the fall of 2004 returned the following year, compared with 60% statewide.
- Educational attainment in the Texas labor force is projected to drop between 2000 and 2040:

## PROJECTED DROP OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IN THE TEXAS LABOR FORCE 2000-2040



Source: Texas State Data Center, Projections are show for the 1.0 scenario.

### Questions We Need to Consider

1. What do these education attainment trends predict for the region?
2. How can we improve our education attainment levels?
3. How can we increase college attendance and completion rates?

### Sources:

Del Mar College, EMSI Complete Employment, The University of the Incarnate Word, Park University, Sites on Texas, Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas State Data Center, U.S. Census Bureau