

Geographic Characteristics

State land area (sq. mi): 261,797	% of U.S.: 7.4
Coastline (mi): 367	Shoreline (mi): 3,359
County equivalents: 254	Coastal: 41 Marine: 17

2000 Sex by Age: State of Texas and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
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Texas	20,851,820	49.6%	7.8%	15.7%	15.2%	15.2%	15.9%	12.5%	7.7%	5.5%	3.3%	1.1%
Fishing Communities	2,262,819	49.3%	7.9%	16.4%	14.8%	13.1%	14.9%	12.4%	8.3%	7.1%	4.1%	1.1%
		50.4%										
		50.7%										

2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Texas and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
Texas	20,851,820	71.0%	11.5%	0.6%	2.7%	0.1%	11.7%	2.5%	32.0%
Fishing Communities	2,262,819	70.1%	16.9%	0.5%	3.1%	0.0%	12.1%	2.5%	30.3%

2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
Texas	20,851,820	\$39,927	12.0%	63.6%	Some college	31.2%
Brownsville	139,722	\$24,468	32.4%	52.4%	HS graduate	87.2%
Freeport	12,708	\$30,245	22.3%	54.3%	HS graduate	45.3%
Galveston	57,247	\$28,895	17.8%	59.7%	Some college	26.5%
Houston	1,953,631	\$36,616	16.0%	63.2%	Some college	41.3%
Nederland	17,422	\$45,188	5.5%	62.0%	Some college	8.2%
Palacios	5,153	\$27,623	19.8%	50.7%	HS graduate	49.9%
Port Arthur	57,755	\$26,455	22.9%	52.8%	HS graduate	23.2%
Port Bolivar ¹	715	\$38,631	8.8%	53.5%	HS graduate	NA ²
Port Isabel	4,865	\$25,323	21.7%	57.2%	HS graduate	71.3%
Port Neches	13,601	\$47,523	4.4%	63.1%	Some college	8.6%

Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Texas

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population ³	19,355,427	19,712,389	20,044,141	20,851,820	21,357,926	21,762,430	22,134,047	22,517,901	22,928,508	23,507,783
Building Permits	125,974	156,729	146,564	141,231	150,342	165,027	177,194	188,842	210,611	216,642
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.4	5.0	6.4	6.7	6.0	5.4	4.9
Disaster Declarations	1	3	2	1	2	3	1	0	1	2
Emergency Declarations	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0

¹Census data for Port Bolivar was identified as Block Group 3, Census Tract 7239 in Galveston County.

²NA = data not available.

³Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.