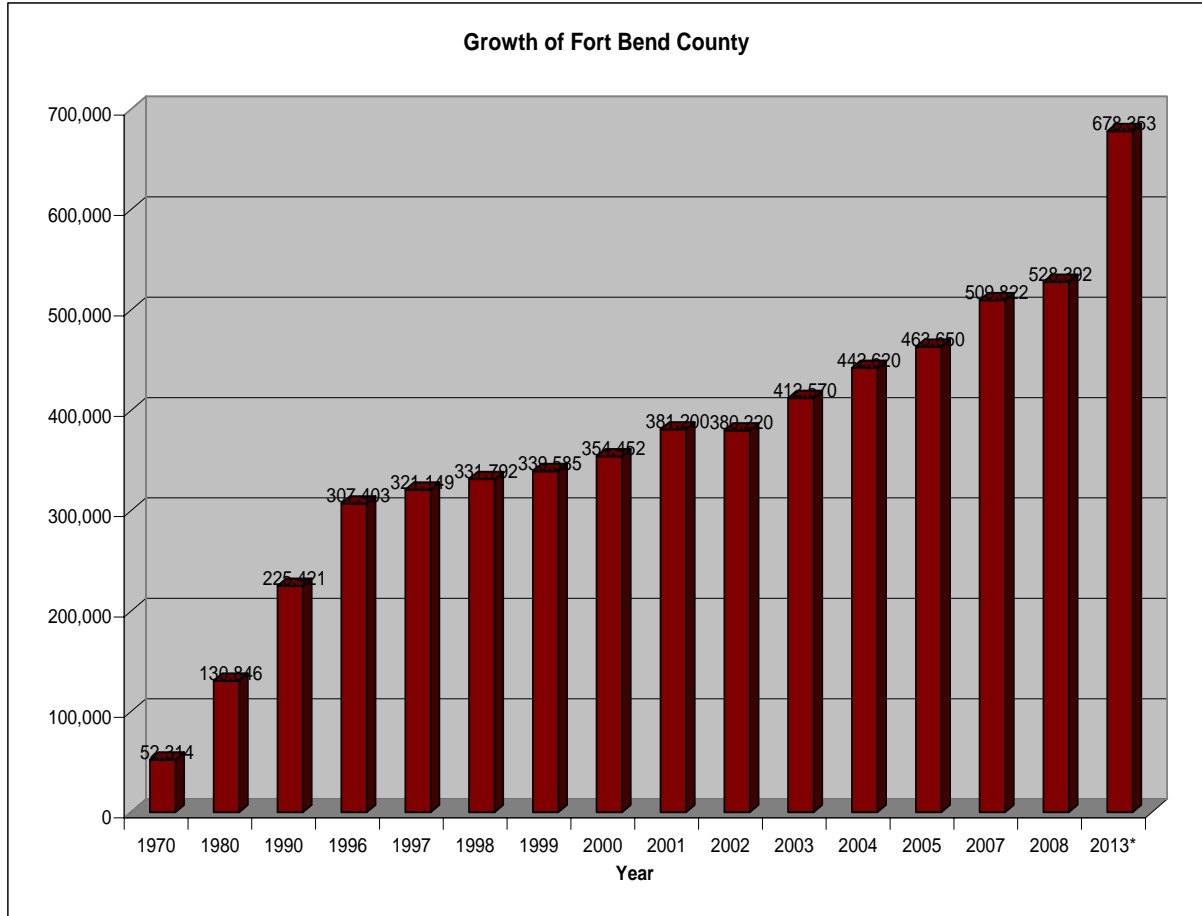

POPULATION

Fort Bend County's population is among the fastest growing in the United States. While the state of Texas grew at a rate of 7.9%, the U.S. Bureau of Census concluded that Fort Bend County grew at a rate of 23.4% in 2000 through 2004. That growth is predicted to continue - Woods and Poole Economics ranks Fort Bend as 2nd in growth for all U.S. counties with more than 250,000 in population for the years 2003 - 2025.

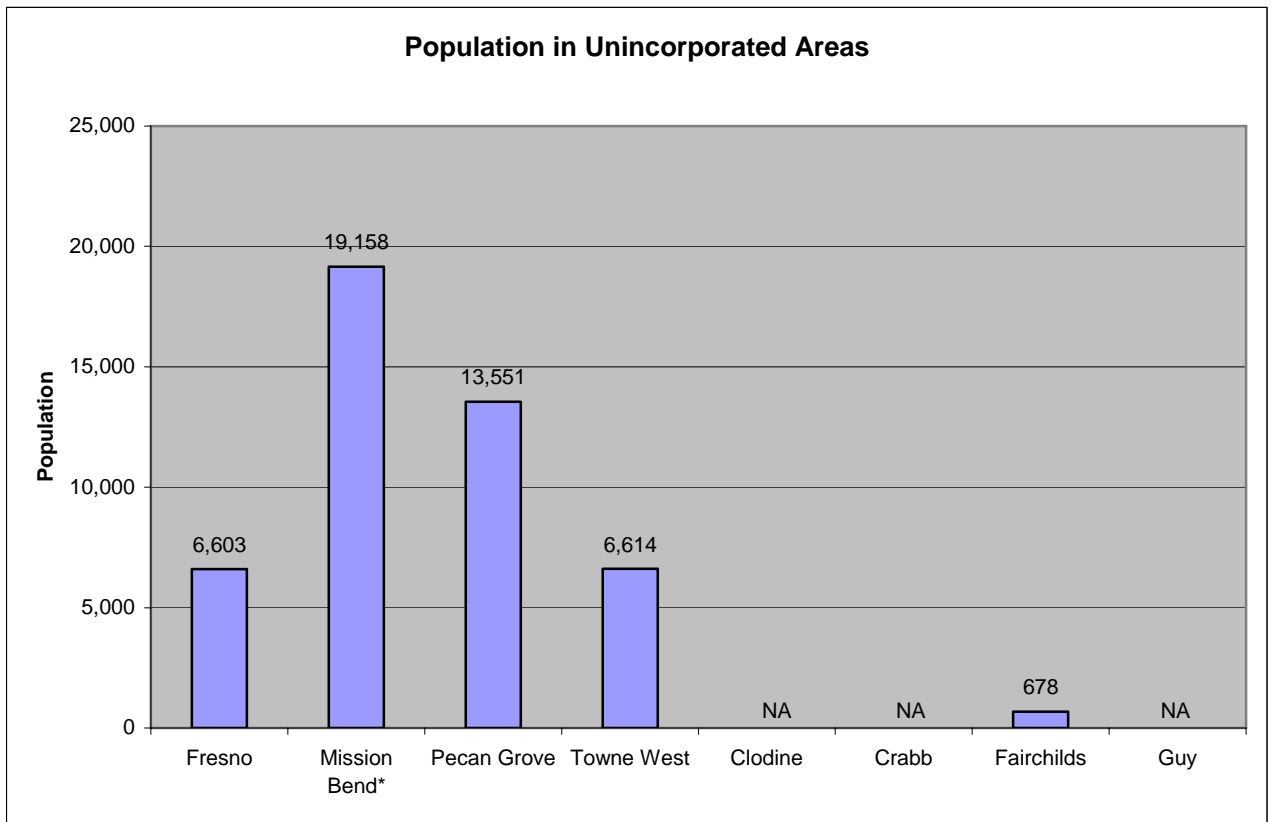


* 2013 Projected population by Fort Bend Economic Development Council

The Texas State Data Center estimates that the population could reach 770,060 by the year 2020. In other words, it took 160 years for Fort Bend to gain its first 350,000 residents, but will add the next 350,000 residents within the next 20 years. The population increases daily with the construction of new homes and subdivisions.

1. Population in Unincorporated Areas

An estimated 83,000 of Fort Bend's population lives in other unincorporated or rural areas. The following is a chart of unincorporated communities in Fort Bend County that add another 35,000 to the population. Those with population numbers are defined as Census Designated Places. The remainder of the 83,000 population lives in other unincorporated or rural areas. Since the 1990 census several other master planned communities have developed which include New Territory, Greatwood, and Cinco Ranch, each adding additional population. Other residential developments including Teal Run, Tara, Pheasant Creek, Providence, Teal Briar, Waterford, Dover, and Weston Lakes also account for a portion of the population. Current new developments include Sienna Plantation, Grand River, Bridlewood, and Texana.

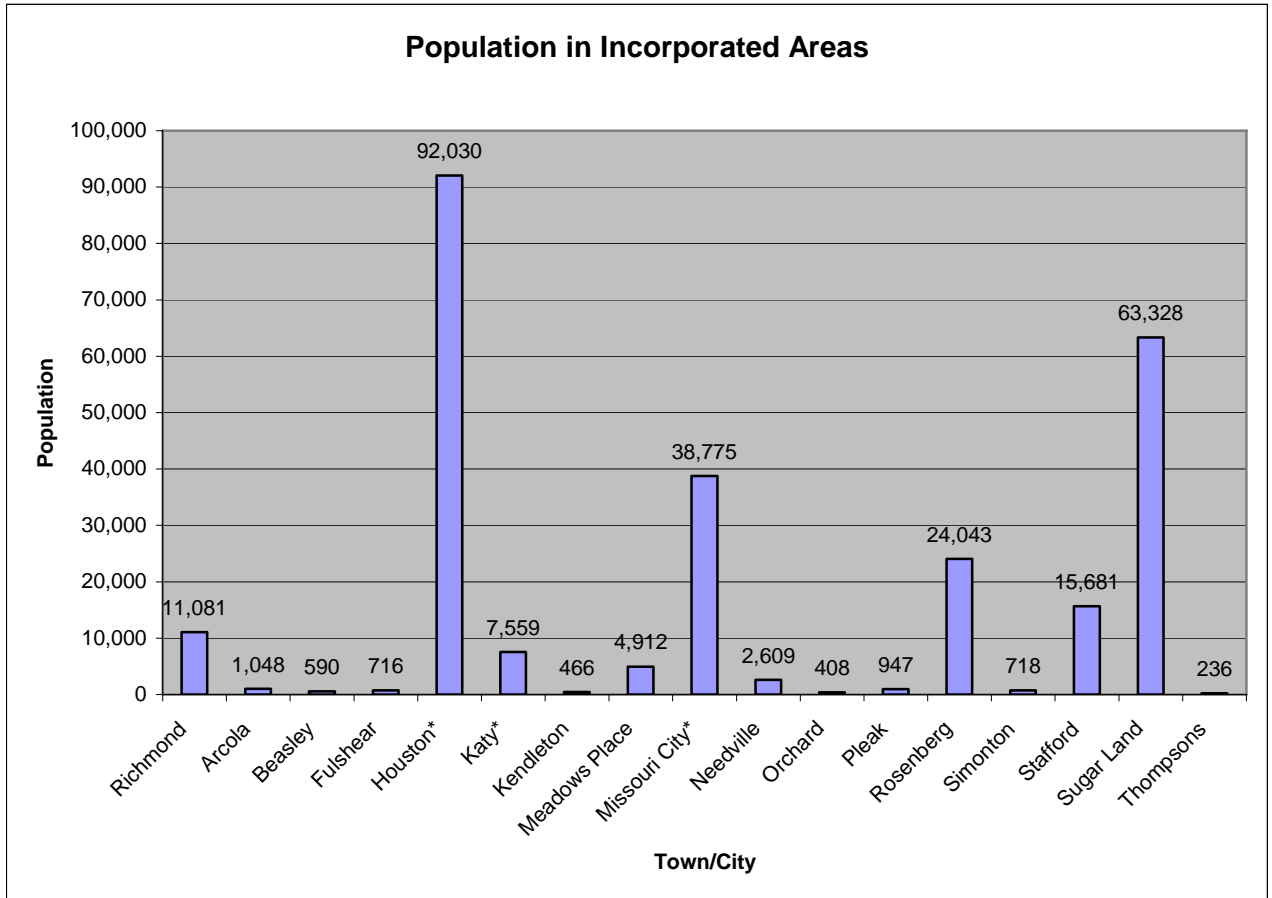


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

*Fort Bend portion. Also located in Harris County

2. Population in Incorporated Areas

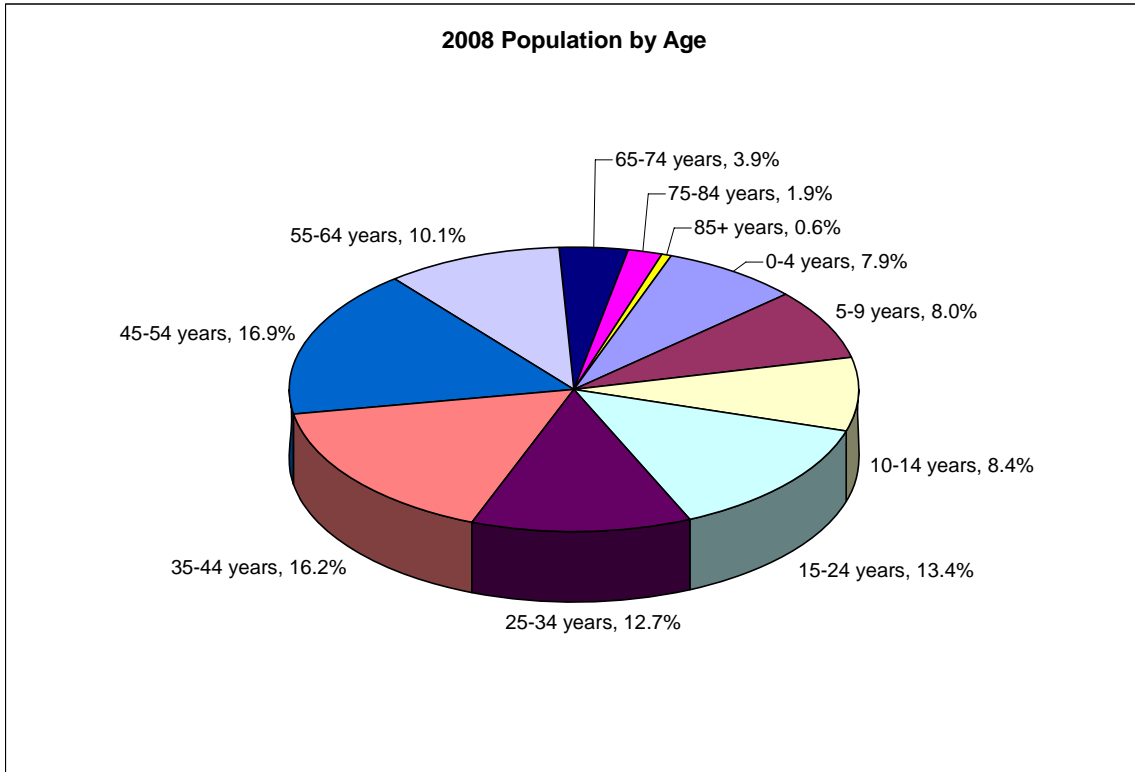
Population in incorporated areas of the County includes citizens in 17 cities and towns ranging in population from 200 to 73,000. The incorporated communities account for a population of more than 199,000 in 2000. Katy, Missouri City and Houston are also in Harris County. A portion of Katy is in Waller County. The Chart below gives only the population that is in Fort Bend County in the 1990 census. The population for the remaining cities in Fort Bend County is the 2004 estimate provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000; * Fort Bend portion

3. Population Distribution by Age

The following population distribution chart shows a large number in the 45-54 years group and in the 35-44 years group.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

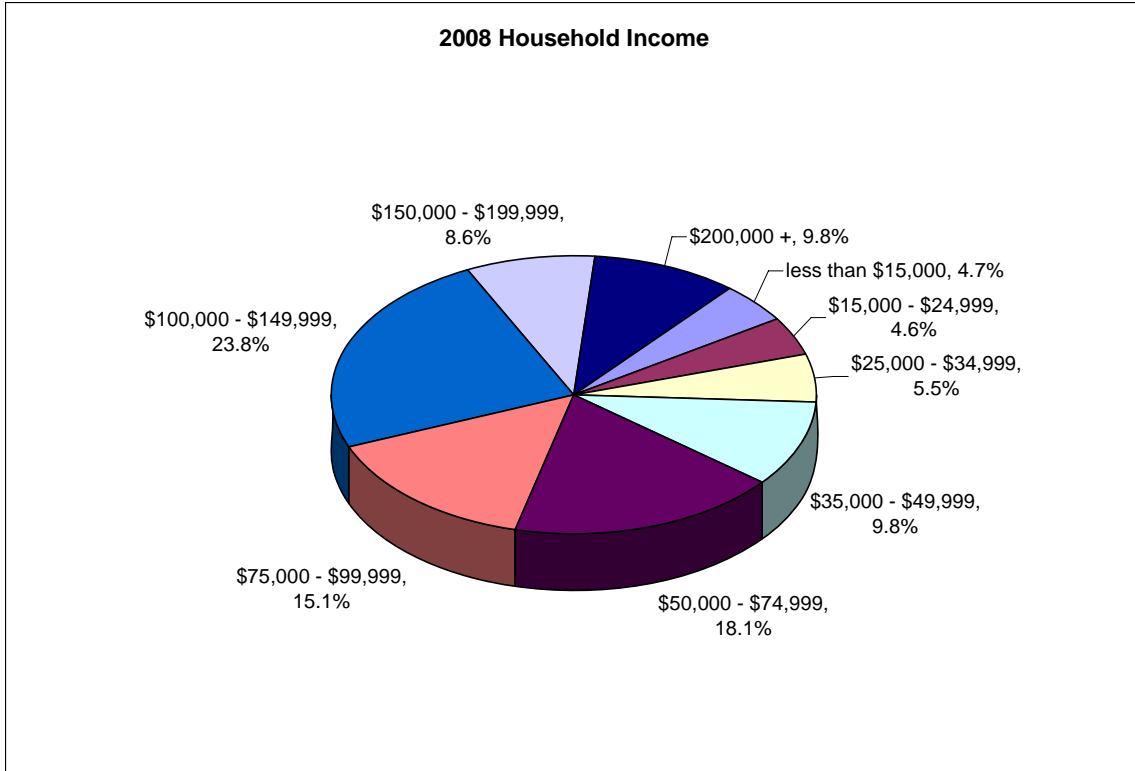
The population of the county by age is very much concentrated in the young family categories. People are continuing to locate to Fort Bend to take advantage of the quality of life provided by the cities, County and school districts. In the foreseeable future, the age distribution should be assumed to be essentially the same as in 2008. As the baby boomers get older, an increase in the over 60 age group is expected to occur.

4. Household Income

Household incomes were generally higher in Fort Bend County in 2000 than in the surrounding counties, as well as the national average.

Average Household Income (\$)			
Fort Bend County	\$85,692	Fort Bend County	65.3%
Harris County	\$63,609	Harris County	44.7%
Texas	\$58,653	Texas	42.8%
United States	\$62,556	United States	46.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Household Income \$50,000+



Source: Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council

5. Population by Race and Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity population distribution is from the 2008 Census estimates. The distribution is assumed to remain approximately the same throughout the time frame of the budget period.

2008 POPULATION BY RACE

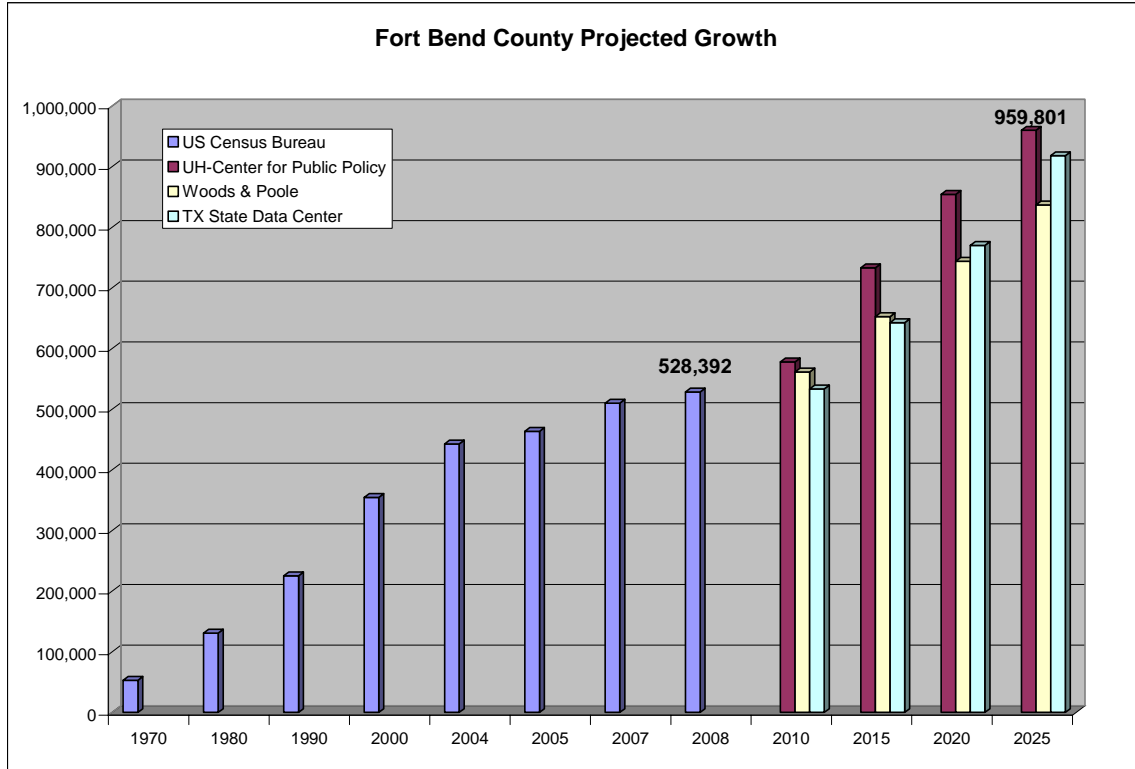
White Alone	279,519	52.9%
Black Alone	104,093	19.7%
American Indian Alone	1,585	0.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander Alone	70,276	13.3%
Some Other Race Alone	58,123	11.0%
Two or more Races	15,323	2.9%
TOTAL	528,920	100.00%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	134,740	25.5%
Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin	394,180	75.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing. ESRI forecasts for 2008.

6. Population Projections and Expected Growth

Projections by Woods and Poole Economics for the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council show increasing population growth continuing through the year 2030. The projections of the *Fort Bend Mobility Plan* update uses Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC), the regional Council of Governments numbers. Information from the Texas State Data Center (TXSDC) at Texas A&M University, uses two growth scenarios. One is for the population growth from 1990 to 2030 to continue at a rate that is 50% of the growth from 1980 to 1990; the other is for 100% of that same period.

The following table shows those projections.



Source: Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council

These projections for the population growth for Fort Bend County are based on the historical growth trends. For the past few years' growth has exceeded four percent (4%) per year. This level is expected to continue for the next three years, then continue at three percent (3%) for the next ten years with a long-term sustained growth of two percent. Even the most conservative population estimates are triple in the next 20 years.
