

# Matagorda County Profile

**Matagorda County** is located in East Central Texas and is one of 13 counties in the Gulf Coast Workforce Development Area. Matagorda County's 2007 population is estimated to be 37,024. Bay City is the county seat. Other towns include Palacios and Blessing. The Trade, Services, Construction, and Local Government Sectors fuel county employment. Matagorda County, is home of the South Texas Nuclear Plant and is one of the largest nuclear plants of its kind in the world. The average unemployment rate in Matagorda County for 2008 was 7.0 percent.

## Per Capita Personal Income (2007)

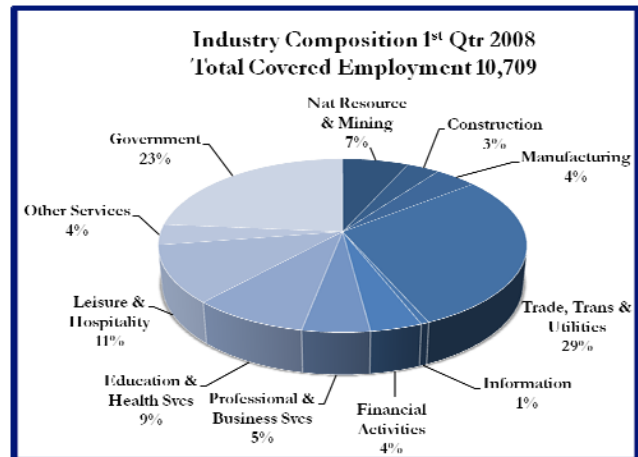
\$26,027 ranking 182<sup>nd</sup> in the State and was 70 percent of the State average, \$37,083. The annual growth rate over the past 10 years was 3.4 percent as compared to 4.6 percent for the State and 4.3 percent for the nation.

## Total Personal Income (2007)

\$959,353,000 ranking 82<sup>nd</sup> in the State with an annual growth rate of 3.2 percent as compared to 6.6 percent for the State and 5.4 percent for the nation.

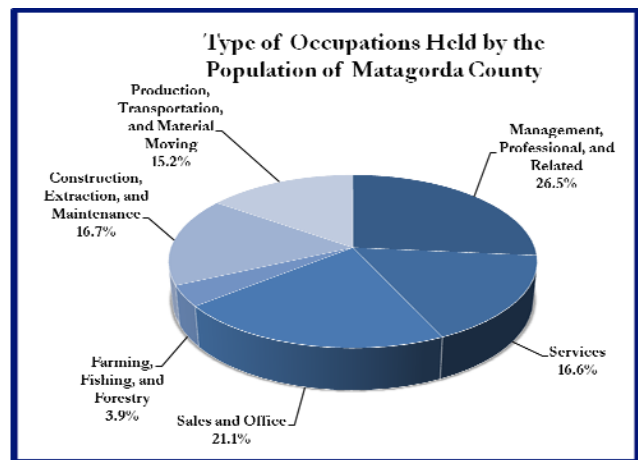
## Median Household Income (2007)

\$38,680



## Major Employers

Bay City, City of  
 Bay City ISD  
 Celanese Chemical Co  
 H E Butt Grocery Co  
 Matagorda County  
 Matagorda County Hospital District  
 Palacios ISD  
 STP Nuclear Operating Company  
 Tidehaven ISD  
 Van Vleck ISD  
 Wal-Mart Associates Inc



## Size Class of Employers (2006)

Employees per Firm	Number of Firms
Total	753
1-19	693
20-99	52
100-499	7
>499	1

**Race Statistics of the Population (2000)**

Race	Population
Total	37,957
White	25,745
Black or African American	4,829
American Indian and Alaska Native	256
Asian	903
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	16
Some Other Race	5,305
Two or More Races	903
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)*	11,898

**Race and Population 2007 Estimate**

Race	Population
Total	37,024
White	83.6%
Black or African American	12.2%
Hispanic	36.2%
Asian	2.2%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Texas Workforce Commission

\*Hispanic Persons are of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or South American or some other Spanish Origin.