

# Matagorda County Profile

**Matagorda County** is located in East Central Texas and is one of 13 counties in the Gulf Coast Region. Matagorda County's 2018 population estimate was 36,743. 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 2019 was 5.7 percent.

## Per Capita Personal Income (2018)

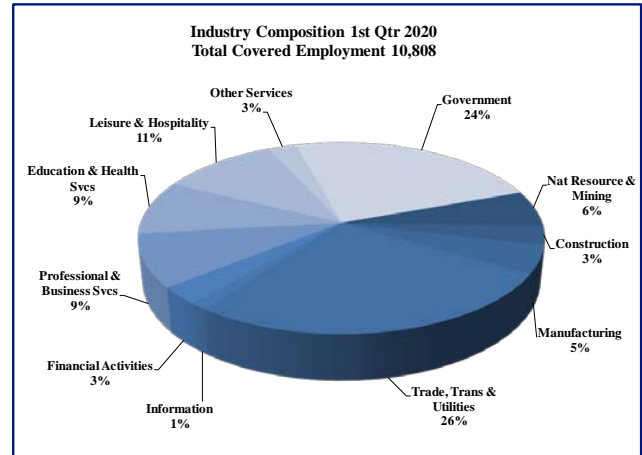
\$40,596 ranking 143<sup>rd</sup> in the State and was 81 percent of the State average, \$50,355. The compound annual growth rate over the past 10 years was 2.5 percent as compared to 2.5 percent for the State and 2.9 percent for the nation.

## Total Personal Income (2018)

\$1,483,848,000 ranking 84<sup>th</sup> in the State and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total.

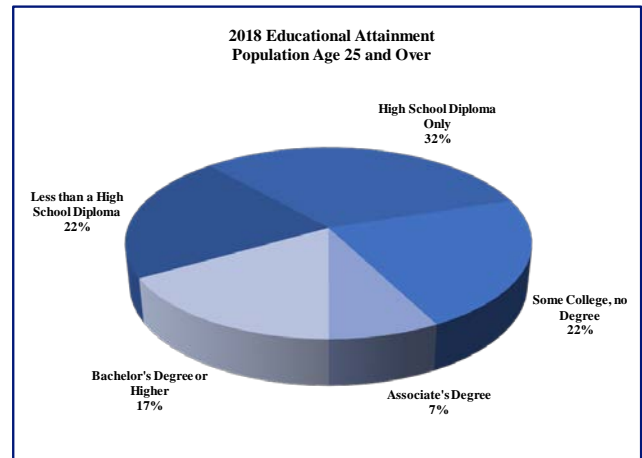
## Median Household Income (2017)

\$46,801



## 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 (2017)

Total	721
Establishments with less than 5 employees	403
Establishments with 5 to 9 employees	153
Establishments with 10 to 19 employees	102
Establishments with 20 to 49 employees	43
Establishments with 50 to 99 employees	11
Establishments with 100 to 249 employees	5
Establishments with 250 to 499 employees	3
Establishments with 500 to 999 employees	0
Establishments with 1,000 employees or more	0

## Race Statistics of the Population 2018

Total Population	36,743	
Not Hispanic or Latino	21,302	58.0%
Hispanic or Latino	15,441	42.0%
Total Population	36,743	
White alone	26,782	72.9%
Black or African American alone	3,595	9.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	141	0.4%
Asian alone	710	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	53	0.1%
Some other race alone	4,464	12.1%
Two or more races:	998	2.7%

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.