

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Texas City is a medium-sized community located in Galveston County on the upper Texas Gulf Coast encompassing approximately 64 square miles of land. Established in 1911, it contains the 8th largest deep water port in the United States, with its shipping channel maintained to a depth of 45 feet. The community is heavily industrial and is home to a number of large petrochemical plants, oil refineries and related support businesses. It also contains a regional beverage distributor, a large outdoor retail mall, a number of small businesses and varied outdoor recreational facilities.

A large increase in new housing units is expected to occur within the three to five years, which will lead to both a significant increase in population numbers and a shift in population distribution to the western areas of Texas City.

A strong industrial tax base provides significantly more than half of the property tax revenues for the community.

The 2016 census estimates show that Texas City's population has increased about 7% since 2010. Texas City is racially diverse, with residents identifying themselves in the 2010 census as follows: 41.0% white, 29.7% black, 27.0% Latino or Hispanic, 1.0% Asian and .7% Native American. These statistics reflect an increase in the black and Latino/Hispanic populations, and a decrease in white residents over the 2000 census.

In 2016, 7% of the community reported being born in a foreign country, and in 2010, 18% reported speaking a language other than English at home.

The 2010 census data for Texas City describes a medium-sized community which continues to be undereducated compared to the median figures for the state of Texas. 82.1 % of persons in Texas City age 25 and older reported graduating from high school. However only 12.8% of persons 25 and older reported completing a bachelor's or higher degree.

This lower educational attainment correlates with below-average income levels in Texas City. The 2016 census estimates describe Texas City as a community where

the median household income is \$43,702 (as opposed to \$48,199 for the state of Texas in 2010), with 21.9% of its citizens living in poverty. 60.8% of Texas City citizens report living in owner-occupied housing and 41% report living in renter-occupied housing.

Population age demographics reflect a population with 7.5% of Texas City citizens under 5 years, 26.3% under 18 years , and 12.9% of the population over 65 years . These figures reflect an older population than the average age distribution in Texas.

Overall, census statistics support the description of Texas City as a diverse and growing community with a significant industrial base, but with a population which earns less and has less education than the average community in Texas.

Overview of the Library Service Population

Moore Memorial Public Library is a municipal library and a department of the City of Texas City. It receives the majority of its operational funding from the City of Texas City.

Moore Memorial Public Library is also a member of the Galveston County Library system, a federated system of eight public libraries which receives some funding from the Galveston County Commissioner's Court to allow all Galveston County residents to obtain and access free library services. The four neighboring communities of Santa Fe, Hitchcock, Dickinson and La Marque are smaller than Texas City, and many of the residents come to Moore Memorial for library services their community libraries do not provide. Some Texas City residents also utilize library services at other Galveston County Public libraries, particularly Helen Hall Library in League City and the Rosenberg Library in Galveston. In conjunction with the TexShare program set up and managed by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission, Moore Memorial Public Library also extends its services to residents of the state of Texas who provide appropriate proof of residency.

