



THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS



COUNTY JUDGE
RAMON GARCIA

Nestled deep in the heart of South Texas and known to be one of the fastest growing areas in the nation, Hidalgo County is the eighth most populous county in the State of Texas and home to close to 800,000 people.

The county is located along the border with Mexico (north of the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico) and its 1,588 square miles are rich in parks and nature centers perfect for birding, biking, and other outdoor activities. Attractions can be found year long thanks to our tropical-like climate.

Our friendly communities and mild climate, coupled with a unique location that bridges two countries makes Hidalgo County one of the most attractive areas in the United States. Our culture and history are deeply rooted in our communities, and we are proud of our rich heritage and traditions.

In Hidalgo County, you will find a region abundant in cultural attractions, business opportunities, and desire for growth. Some of the many attractions of our region include art expositions, outdoor activities, and great shopping areas.

We invite you to visit us and encourage you to start planning your trip soon. Hidalgo County is the place to be, and we can't wait to see you!

Sincerely,

Ramon Garcia

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Hidalgo County Judge

ECONOMIC PROFILE

POPULATION

774,769

MEDIAN INCOME

\$30,360

BUSINESSES

Manufacturing, Wholesale, Trade
Sales, Mining, Agriculture and
Farming

AGRICULTURE

Ranks #1 in production of water-
melon and #3 in production of
grapefruit nationwide

SHOPPING

Rio Grande Valley
Premium Outlets





Welcome to Hidalgo County!

HISTORY

Hidalgo County was formed in 1852 and named for Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the priest who raised the call for Mexico's independence from Spanish rule. Abutting the Mexican border along the Gulf of Mexico, Hidalgo County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States and the eighth most populous in the State of Texas.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The 2010 U.S. Census Bureau estimates the county population at 774,769, a 36% increase from 2000. The population is spread out with 35% under the age of 18, 11% from 18 to 24, 28% from 25 to 44, 16% from 45-64, and 10% 65 years of age or older. The median age is 27 years old. The racial makeup of the county is 88% White (90.6% Latino or Hispanic), 0.6% Black or African American, 0.3% Native American, 1.0% Asian, & 10% from other races .

OUR MISSION

Hidalgo County strives to provide *sustainable* economic development throughout the county, provide citizens with *accessible* local government, provide the infrastructure necessary to ensure the most *enjoyable* quality of life for our residents, and provide the *best* in public service to

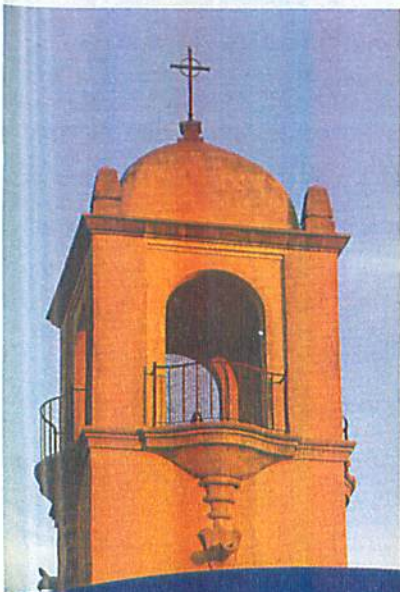
*protect, preserve
& care*

for the County's environment and promote its natural and man-made beauty.

EMPLOYMENT

Top 15 Hidalgo County Employers

| Rank | Employer | Sector | No. of Employees |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | PSJA Independent School District | Education | 4,100 |
| 2 | McAllen Independent School District | Education | 3,900 |
| 3 | Edinburg Independent School District | Education | 3,600 |
| 4 | Edinburg Regional Medical Center | Health Care | 3,000 |
| 5 | Hidalgo County | Government | 2,976 |
| 6 | University of Texas Pan-American | Education | 2,850 |
| 7 | McAllen Medical Center | Health Care | 2,500 |
| 8 | Mission CISD | Education | 2,412 |
| 9 | Doctors Hospital at Renaissance | Health Care | 2,400 |
| 10 | City of McAllen | Government | 1,800 |
| 11 | U.S. Customs & Border Patrol | Government | 1,609 |
| 12 | South Texas College | Education | 1,546 |
| 13 | Sharyland Independent School District | Education | 1,168 |
| 14 | Mission Regional Medical Center | Health Care | 950 |
| 15 | T-Mobile | Communications | 904 |



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