

Bowie County, TX

Bowie County, TX had a total population of 92,565 in 2010. It experienced a 3.6 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 887.9 square miles, Bowie County's population density increased from 100.6 persons per square mile in 2000 to 104.3 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 68.8 percent White, 24.2 percent Black or African American, and 7.0 percent Other. Of the people living in Bowie County, 6.5 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 75.7 percent of the total population. There were a total of 38,493 housing units, of which 90.1 percent were occupied. The county seat of Bowie County is New Boston. It had a 2010 population of 4,550, which reflects a decline of -5.4 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

Bowie County, TX	
	Percent
Graduation Rate ¹ , 2009*	
Dekalb ISD	95.7
Hooks ISD	75.0
Liberty-Eylau ISD	90.7
Maud ISD	94.6
New Boston ISD	86.9
Pleasant Grove ISD	100.0
Redwater ISD	96.4
Simms ISD	94.9
Texarkana ISD	84.7

2. People Will Have Education and Training Needed to Compete in Today's Economy

Bowie County, TX		
	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's ² , 2005-2009	20,326	33.6
Population with Associate's Degree ² , 2005-2009	3,662	6.0
Population with Bachelor's Degree ² , 2005-2009	6,977	11.5
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree ² , 2005-2009	3,828	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

Bowie County, TX		
	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families ² , 2005-2009		
Children in Married Couple Families	13,643	61.4
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	8,572	38.6
Total Population Living in Poverty ³ , 2009	17,301	19.8
Children Living in Poverty ³ , 2009	6,273	27.7
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty ² , 2005-2009	1,426	12.4

* - Data only available at School District Level.

1 Source: Texas Education Agency, Division of Accountability Research.

2 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey.

3 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

4 Source: Texas Department of State Health Services.

5 Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

6 Source: Texas Workforce Commission.

7 Source: Texas Secretary of State's Office.

8 Source: Internal Revenue Service, Charitable Giving by Households that Itemize Deductions.

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4. People Will Be Healthy

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	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies ⁴ , 2007	9.6
	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate ⁴ , 2007	4.80
	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water ⁵ , 2008	0.0

5. People Will Have the Economic Means to Sustain a Quality Standard of Living

Bowie County, TX		
	Number	Percent
Median Household Income ³ (dollars), 2009	40,634	
Monthly Housing Costs ² (dollars), 2005-2009		
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	995	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	342	
Median Gross Rent	620	
Home Ownership ² , 2005-2009		
Owner Occupied Housing Units	22,748	66.6
Renter Occupied Housing Units	11,411	33.4
Unemployment Rate ⁶ , 2009		6.7

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

Bowie County, TX		
	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		58.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	36.7	

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