

HISPANIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

THE DIVERSE REALITIES  
OF THE LATINO  
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LATINOS IN TEXAS AND THE BRAZOS VALLEY

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## **Latino Diversity in the Brazos Valley**

### **1990-2000 Population Change**

- ∅ Brazos Valley Latinos increased from 25,743 in 1990 to 41,712 in 2000 (62% increase)
- ∅ Latinos comprise 32% of States' population vs. 16% for Brazos Valley
- ∅ 77% of Latino population in Brazos Valley are of Mexican descent (vs. 76% in Texas)
- ∅ Latino population percent increase in the Brazos Valley exceeded the State's;
  - The only notable exception is Robertson County
- ∅ Leon County experienced the greatest percent (138%) increase in Latino population
- ∅ Washington and Robertson Counties are the most diversified with only 60% White
- ∅ Leon County is the most homogeneous with 81% White
- ∅ Brazos County has the highest concentration (27%) of Latinos in the Brazos Valley

### **1990-2000 Changes in Age Distribution**

- ∅ 6 of the 7 Brazos Valley Counties have a higher median age in 2000 than in 1990
- ∅ The youngest population, median age of 23.6 years is in Brazos County, it is also the only Brazos Valley County in which the median age decreased and the only county in the Brazos Valley with a median age lower than the State's
- ∅ Leon County is the oldest - with a median age of 42.1 years
- ∅ Robertson County is the only county in Brazos Valley without a net gain of 65+ residents
- ∅ 23% of the State's population is 14 years old or younger;
  - No Brazos Valley county reaches that proportion
- ∅ Robertson County registered a negative 1990-2000 percent change in 0-14 age residents
- ∅ 28% of Latino population in Brazos Valley under 15 years old; 3.6% over 65 years old
- ∅ 15% of White population in Brazos Valley under 15 years old; 12.9% over 65 years old

### **Changes in Age Structure**

- ∅ Every County except Brazos County experienced a decline in the young adult age group
- ∅ Burleson County => 3% decline in 25-34 age group
- ∅ Grimes County => 11.4% decline in 20-34 age group;  
=> 15.5% drop in the 20-24 age group
- ∅ Leon County => 11.7% decline in 25-34 age group
- ∅ Madison County => 8% decline in 15-24 age group
- ∅ Robertson County => 16.6% decline in young adults ages 20-34:  
=> 12.6% decline for 20-24 age group;  
=> 18.3% decline for 24-35 age group
- ∅ Washington => 11.9% decline in 25-34 age group

Table 1. Brazos Valley: 1990-2000 Percent Population Change

County	Percent Population Change			
	Total	Whites	Latinos	Blacks
Brazos	25.0	15.5	63.1	20.4
Burleson	20.9	19.1	48.5	2.1
Grimes	25.1	27.9	42.5	2.5
Leon	21.1	17.7	138.3	-1.1
Madison	18.4	9.5	73.3	14.5
Robertson	3.2	2.2	23.9	-8.74
Washington	16.1	11.4	128.6	3.26
<b>Texas</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>19.6</b>

Source: Texas Data Center, Dept of Rural Sociology, Texas A&M University

Table 2. Brazos Valley: 1990-2000 Changes in Age Distribution

County	Mean Age		Percent Over 65			Percent 0-14 Years Old		
	1990	2000	1990	2000	Pct Chge	1990	2000	Pct. Chge
Brazos	24.0	23.6	6.7	6.7	26.0	18.6	17.8	19.7
Burleson	35.4	37.9	17.5	16.1	11.4	22.8	21.8	15.6
Grimes	32.5	38.1	13.7	13.8	25.4	22.2	20.2	14.1
Leon	37.6	42.1	19.8	20.0	22.4	21.8	19.3	7.1
Madison	29.9	33.4	16.0	14.0	3.5	17.9	17.4	14.6
Robertson	34.2	37.6	18.4	17.0	-4.8	24.1	23.4	-0.1
Washington	34.8	37.4	17.3	16.9	13.2	21.5	20.0	8.2
<b>Texas</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>20.3</b>

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Table 3. Brazos Valley: 2000 Age Distribution

County	Percent of Population		Percent Over 65			Percent 0-14 Years Old		
	White	Latino	white pct65+	Latino pct65+	Total	White	Latino	Total
Brazos	66%	27%	8.0	3.0	6.7	13.5	27.0	17.8
Burleson	69%	15%	18.4	6.6	16.1	18.3	31.2	21.8
Grimes	63%	16%	16.0	5.9	13.8	18.3	26.8	20.2
Leon	81%	8%	21.3	2.2	20.0	17.7	34.2	19.3
Madison	60%	16%	19.2	1.4	14.0	17.5	22.3	17.4
Robertson	60%	15%	20.9	6.6	17.0	18.1	33.5	23.4
Washington	71%	9%	20.4	2.7	16.9	17.0	29.6	20.0
Brazos Valley	67%	16%	12.9	3.6	10.8	15.3	27.8	18.9
<b>Texas</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>23.6</b>

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