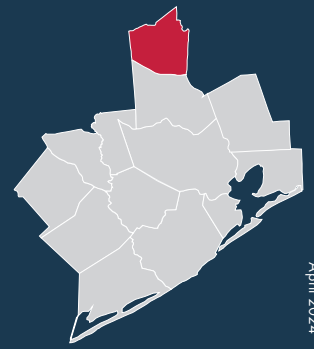




What We Heard

in WALKER COUNTY



April 2024

Bringing H-GAC to Walker County

Beginning in late 2022 and throughout 2023, the Houston-Galveston Area Council embraced the theme of "Year of Service" by embarking on a journey to enhance its support of stakeholders, members, and the communities they represent.

This is what we heard in Walker County.

Top Successes:

- Texas General Land Office grant for hazard mitigation plans
- Community enhancement grants to beautify downtown
- Improving MLK Center

Issues to Explore Further:

- Strain on infrastructure with population surge
- Transportation/traffic



Walker County Quick Facts

78,870 Population (2022)

- Population increased by 11% in the last 5 years and is projected to increase by 9% in the next 5 years.

24,113 Total County Employment (2023)

- Jobs grew by 1% in the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 6% in the next 5 years.

\$47K Median Household Income (2022)

- Median household income is \$28K below the national median household income of \$75K.

Top Three Largest Industries

1. Justice, public order, and safety activities
2. Colleges, universities, and professional schools
3. Restaurants and other eating establishments

Top Three Growing Industries

1. Colleges, universities, and professional schools
2. Sawmills and wood preservation
3. Department stores

Top Growing Occupations

1. General and operations managers
2. Personal care aides
3. Fast food and counter workers

Top Five Employers of County Residents

1. Texas Department of Criminal Justice
2. Sam Houston State University
3. Huntsville Independent School District
4. Huntsville Memorial Hospital
5. Walmart



Source: American Community Survey