



# What We Heard

in MATAGORDA COUNTY



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## Bringing H-GAC to Matagorda 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 Matagorda County.

### Top Successes:

- Workforce Solutions office prominent and active in community
- Opened new high school for first time in 75 years
- Implemented public alert warning system

### Issues to Explore Further:

- Healthy communities including mental health capacity/ law enforcement
- County infrastructure improvements and funding
- Affordable housing



## Matagorda County Quick Facts

### 36,125 Population (2022)

- Population decreased by 2% in the last 5 years and is projected to decrease by 2% in the next 5 years.

### 10,653 Total County Employment (2023)

- Jobs decreased by 4% in the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 5% in the next 5 years.

### \$56K Median Household Income (2022)

- Median household income is \$19K below the national median household income of \$75K.

### Top Three Largest Industries

1. Elementary and secondary schools
2. Electric power generation, transmission and distribution
3. Restaurants and other eating establishments

### Top Three Growing Industries

1. Basic chemical manufacturing
2. Fabricated metal product manufacturing
3. Specialty trade contractors

### Top Growing Occupations

1. Chemical equipment operators and tenders
2. Managers
3. Team assemblers

### Top Five Employers of County Residents

1. South Texas Project
2. Bay City ISD
3. Matagorda County
4. Walmart
5. Van Vleck ISD



Source: American Community Survey