



# What We Heard

in FORT BEND COUNTY



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## Bringing H-GAC to Fort Bend 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 Fort Bend County.

### Top Successes

- Growth
- Green space
- New business

### Issues to Explore Further:

- Trains and at-grade rail crossings
- Access and availability of groundwater
- Transportation into Houston/Harris County



## Fort Bend County Quick Facts

### 889,146 Population (2022)

- Population increased by 25% in the last 5 years and is projected to increase by 13% in the next 5 years.

### 244,765 Total County Employment (2023)

- Jobs grew by 20% in the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 14% in the next 5 years.

### \$110K Median Household Income (2022)

- Median household income is \$35K above the national median household income of \$75K.

### Top Three Largest Industries

1. Elementary and secondary schools
2. Restaurants and other eating establishments
3. Grocery and convenience retailers

### Top Three Growing Industries

1. Elementary and secondary schools
2. Warehousing and storage
3. Restaurants and other eating establishments

### Top Growing Occupations

1. Elementary school teachers, except special education
2. Stockers and order fillers
3. General and operations managers

### Top Five Employers of County Residents

1. Fort Bend Independent School District
2. Lamar Consolidated School District
3. Fort Bend County
4. Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
5. Schlumberger



Source: American Community Survey