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Demographic Profile

The population in Delta County, Texas was 5,277 per American Community Survey data for 2016-2020. The region has a civilian labor force of 2,304 with a participation rate of 53.7%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Delta County, Texas, 24.8% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 34.3% in the nation. The median household income in Delta County, Texas is \$49,868 and the median house value is \$107,600.

Summary¹

Demographics	Percent			Value		
	Delta County, Texas	Texas	USA	Delta County, Texas	Texas	USA
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	5,277	28,635,442	326,569,308
Male	44.9%	49.7%	49.2%	2,368	14,221,720	160,818,530
Female	55.1%	50.3%	50.8%	2,909	14,413,722	165,750,778
Median Age ²	—	—	—	41.7	34.8	38.2
Under 18 Years	23.1%	25.8%	22.4%	1,220	7,381,482	73,296,738
18 to 24 Years	8.6%	9.8%	9.3%	452	2,804,109	30,435,736
25 to 34 Years	11.0%	14.7%	13.9%	579	4,210,488	45,485,165
35 to 44 Years	9.5%	13.6%	12.7%	502	3,888,044	41,346,677
45 to 54 Years	12.5%	12.4%	12.7%	661	3,542,967	41,540,736
55 to 64 Years	15.1%	11.2%	12.9%	799	3,214,983	42,101,439
65 to 74 Years	11.6%	7.6%	9.4%	611	2,166,863	30,547,950
75 Years and Over	8.6%	5.0%	6.7%	453	1,426,506	21,814,867
Race: White	85.4%	69.2%	70.4%	4,506	19,805,623	229,960,813
Race: Black or African American	7.4%	12.1%	12.6%	388	3,464,424	41,227,384
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.5%	0.8%	9	137,921	2,688,614
Race: Asian	0.4%	4.9%	5.6%	19	1,415,664	18,421,637
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0	25,328	611,404
Race: Some Other Race	0.2%	6.2%	5.1%	11	1,788,398	16,783,914
Race: Two or More Races	6.5%	7.0%	5.2%	344	1,998,084	16,875,542
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	8.3%	39.4%	18.2%	437	11,294,257	59,361,020
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	5,349	29,360,759	329,484,123
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	0.2%	1.5%	0.6%	11	411,886	2,015,698
People per Square Mile	—	—	—	20.8	111.0	92.9
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	53.7%	64.7%	63.2%	2,304	14,214,242	164,759,496
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	82.2%	81.0%	82.4%	1,432	9,378,835	105,137,520
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0	94,824	1,143,342
Veterans, Age 18-64	6.3%	4.7%	4.5%	188	832,547	8,920,267
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	34.0%	78.5%	76.8%	64	653,740	6,853,673
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$49,868	\$63,826	\$64,994
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$28,197	\$32,177	\$35,384
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	31.5	26.6	26.9
Commute via Public Transportation	0.6%	1.3%	4.6%	12	166,825	7,044,886
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	7.9%	14.6%	10.5%	202	2,171,844	17,929,220
High School Graduate	29.7%	24.4%	25.4%	755	3,627,667	43,289,555
Some College, No Degree	27.9%	21.6%	20.5%	709	3,213,443	34,959,338
Associate's Degree	9.6%	7.8%	9.3%	244	1,163,242	15,776,790
Bachelor's Degree	15.7%	20.8%	21.6%	398	3,089,698	36,888,244
Postgraduate Degree	9.2%	10.7%	12.7%	233	1,590,588	21,630,870

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Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Delta County, Texas	Texas	USA	Delta County, Texas	Texas	USA
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	2,496	11,112,975	138,432,751
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$107,600	\$187,200	\$229,800
Homeowner Vacancy	2.6%	1.4%	1.4%	44	87,068	1,129,755
Rental Vacancy	5.9%	7.8%	5.8%	25	319,748	2,704,553
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	19.2%	37.7%	35.6%	396	3,737,262	43,552,843
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	5.9%	5.2%	8.5%	122	518,950	10,344,521
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	16.2%	14.2%	12.8%	844	3,984,260	40,910,326
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	9.8%	11.5%	11.4%	202	1,137,919	13,892,407
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%	71	414,927	4,358,865
Disconnected Youth ³	1.5%	2.9%	2.5%	7	46,974	433,164
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	17.7%	34.3%	34.0%	206	2,407,343	23,628,508
Uninsured	9.7%	17.3%	8.7%	508	4,877,069	28,058,903
With a Disability, Age 18-64	14.1%	9.5%	10.3%	421	1,635,809	20,231,217
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	19.0%	46.3%	43.2%	80	757,894	8,740,236
Foreign Born	1.0%	16.8%	13.5%	54	4,822,952	44,125,628
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	0.2%	13.3%	8.2%	11	3,531,850	25,312,024

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2016-2020, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

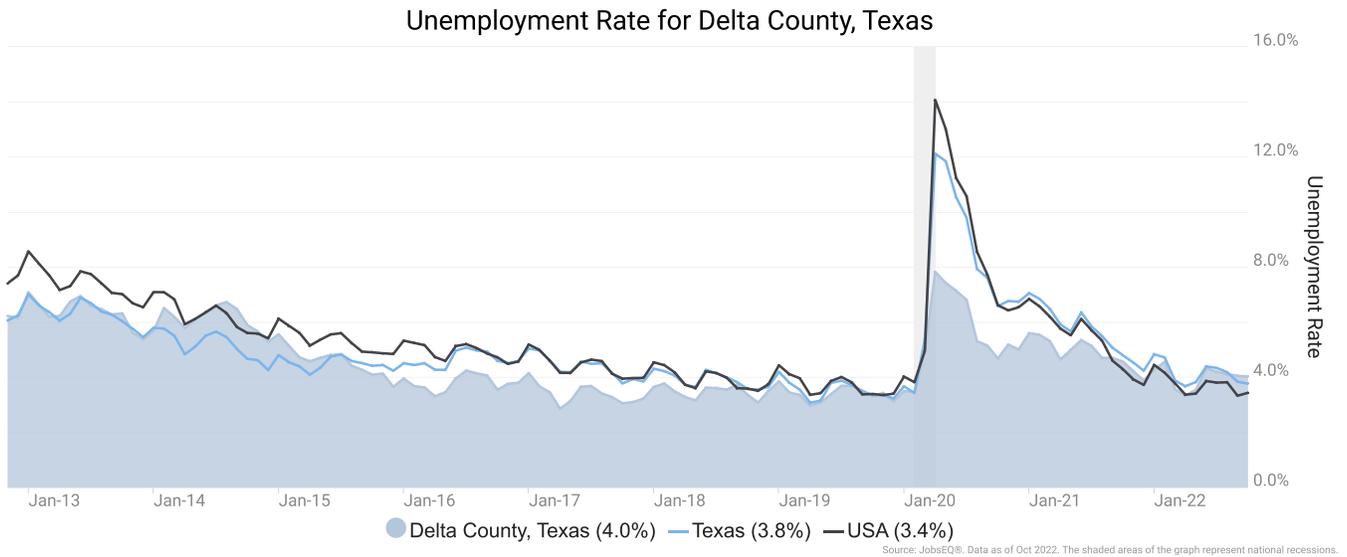
4. Census Population Estimate for 2020, annual average growth rate since 2010. preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q2.

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Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for Delta County, Texas was 4.0% as of October 2022. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 3.4%. One year earlier, in October 2021, the unemployment rate in Delta County, Texas was 4.6%.



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through October 2022.

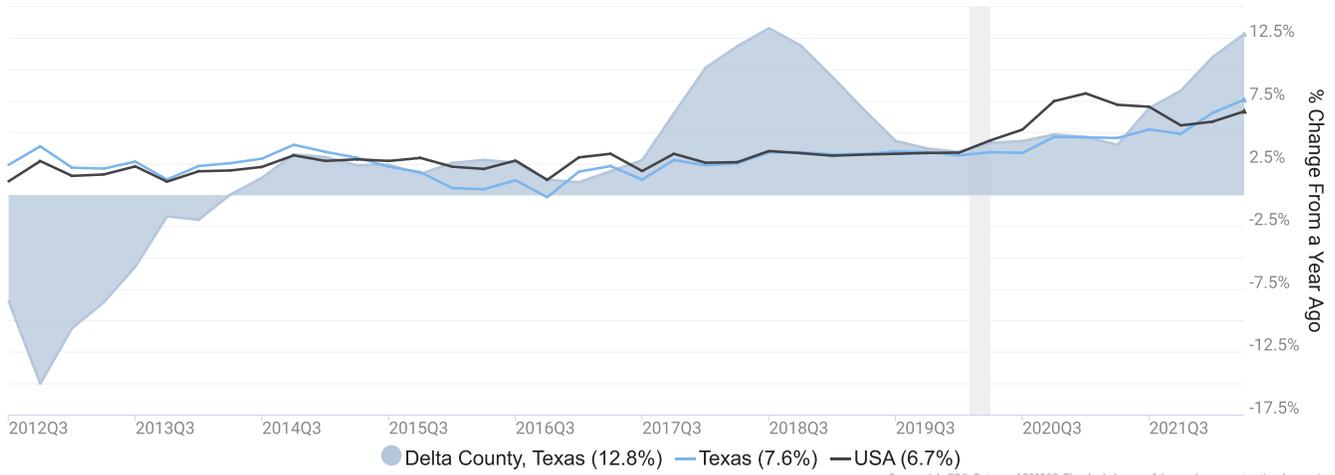
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Wage Trends

The average worker in Delta County, Texas earned annual wages of \$30,852 as of 2022Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 12.8% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$67,777 in the nation as of 2022Q2.

Average Annual Wages for Delta County, Texas



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2022Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q2.

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Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 12.5% lower in Delta County, Texas than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index	
		(Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Delta County, Texas	\$30,852	87.5	\$35,274
Texas	\$66,137	94.4	\$70,085
USA	\$67,777	100.0	\$67,777

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2022Q2

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2022Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Delta County, Texas is Management Occupations, employing 243 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Healthcare Support Occupations (219 workers) and Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (121). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (LQ = 6.20), Healthcare Support Occupations (3.68), and Management Occupations (2.63).

Occupation groups in Delta County, Texas with the highest average wages per worker are Legal Occupations (\$82,800), Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$65,600), and Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations (\$62,500). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.4% among Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations to 9.7% among Personal Care and Service Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in Delta County, Texas is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +2.5% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+5 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+2). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Healthcare Support Occupations (31 jobs) and Management Occupations (22).

Delta County, Texas, 2022Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	Current			5-Year History			1-Year Forecast				
				LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
11-0000	Management	243	\$59,900	2.63	5	1.8%	6	-24	-1.9%	23	12	10	1	0.4%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	219	\$20,400	3.68	8	4.8%	7	-209	-12.6%	36	16	15	5	2.5%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	121	\$38,000	1.68	6	2.4%	0	7	1.3%	11	5	6	1	0.9%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	113	\$32,200	0.68	11	4.6%	1	-41	-6.0%	12	5	7	0	0.1%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	92	\$57,100	1.18	2	1.4%	8	-95	-13.2%	8	3	3	2	1.8%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	87	\$35,000	1.42	7	7.1%	1	-12	-2.5%	9	3	6	1	0.7%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	54	\$24,700	6.20	2	5.5%	1	26	13.8%	9	2	6	1	0.9%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	47	\$32,700	0.40	9	7.0%	19	8	4.0%	6	2	3	0	1.0%
41-0000	Sales and Related	45	\$36,800	0.35	10	6.5%	4	-10	-3.9%	5	2	3	0	-0.2%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	42	\$24,800	0.95	3	6.0%	0	-2	-1.1%	6	2	3	0	0.5%
51-0000	Production	41	\$34,000	0.53	6	5.9%	1	20	14.8%	5	1	3	0	0.6%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	40	\$20,000	0.38	11	8.8%	6	5	2.7%	8	3	4	1	1.6%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	38	\$56,200	0.44	2	2.4%	0	4	2.3%	4	1	2	0	1.0%
33-0000	Protective Service	34	\$38,500	1.17	1	2.9%	10	0	0.1%	4	1	2	0	0.9%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	32	\$38,200	0.61	2	3.5%	1	4	2.4%	3	1	2	0	0.8%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	25	\$23,300	0.77	4	9.7%	0	1	1.0%	4	2	2	0	1.7%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	23	\$44,200	0.96	1	1.8%	0	-8	-6.1%	3	1	2	0	1.4%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	18	\$65,600	0.39	1	1.7%	7	4	4.8%	1	0	1	0	0.9%

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Delta County, Texas, 2022Q2¹

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				LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
27-0000	Arts, Entertainment, and Media	13	\$41,000	0.55	1	5.5%	0	-1	-1.5%	2	1	1	0	1.4%
23-0000	Legal	12	\$82,800	1.03	0	n/a	n/a	0	-0.2%	1	0	0	0	0.7%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	6	\$60,600	0.29	1	2.6%	0	2	5.8%	1	0	0	0	0.5%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	5	\$62,500	0.44	1	2.6%	0	0	1.0%	0	0	0	0	0.8%
Total - All Occupations		1,351	\$39,200	1.00	96	4.2%	72	-321	-4.2%	162	65	82	14	1.1%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2022Q2 unless noted otherwise

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Data based on a four-quarter moving average unless noted otherwise.

2. Wage data are as of 2021 and represent the average for all Covered Employment

3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region; data represents a sampling rather than the complete universe of postings. Ads lacking zip code information but designating a place (city, town, etc.) may be assigned to the zip code with greatest employment in that place for queries in this analytic. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list).

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2022Q1, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q2. Wages by occupation are as of 2021 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

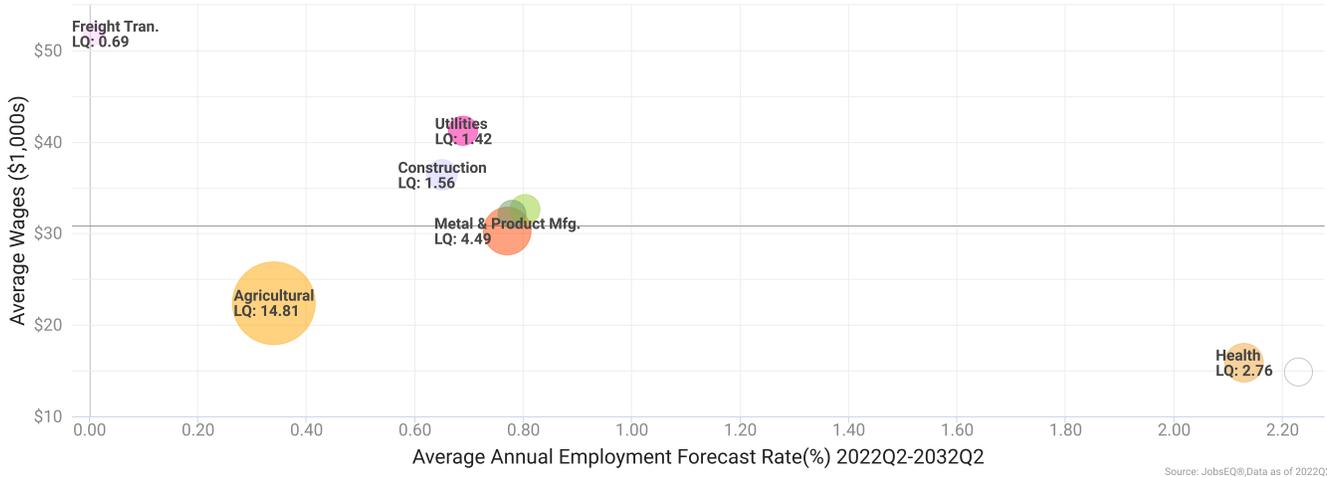
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Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in Delta County, Texas with the highest relative concentration is Agricultural with a location quotient of 14.81. This cluster employs 283 workers in the region with an average wage of \$22,383. Employment in the Agricultural cluster is projected to expand in the region about 0.3% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Delta County, Texas as of 2022Q2



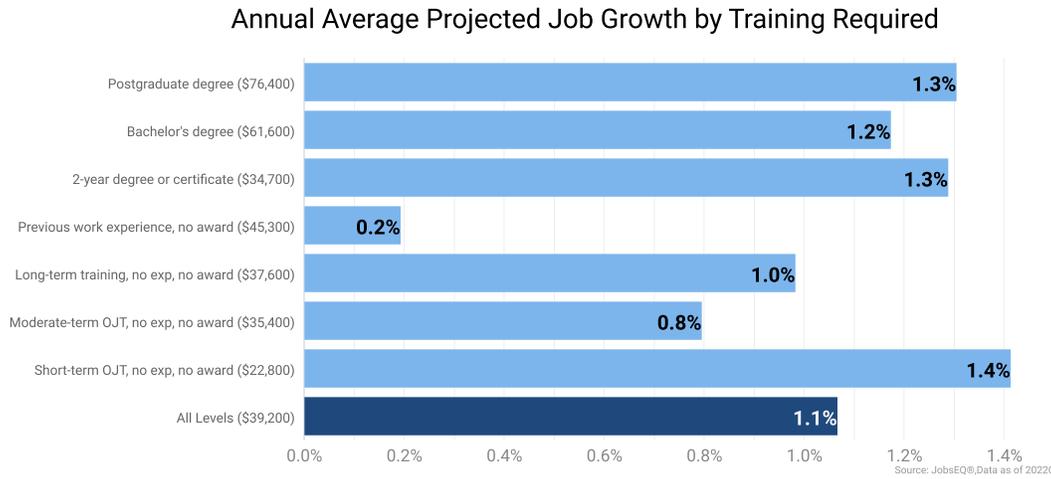
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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Delta County, Texas is projected to grow 1.1% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.3% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.2% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.3% per year.



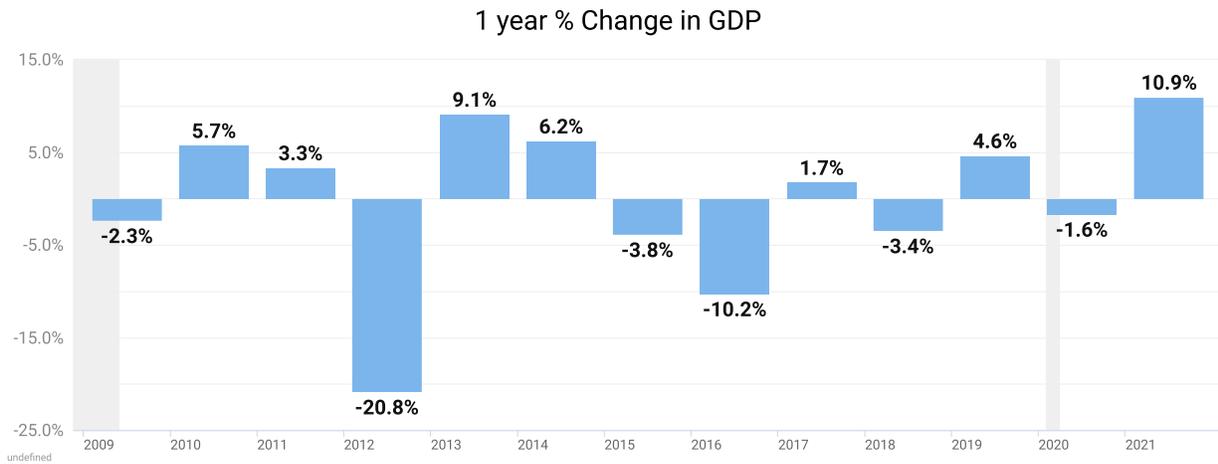
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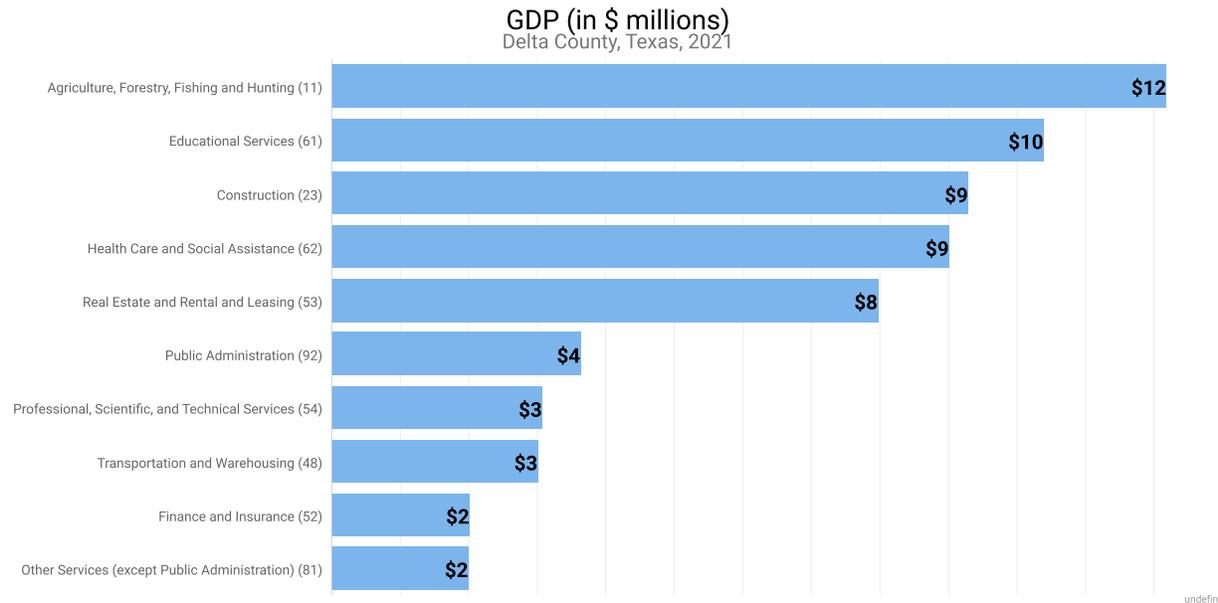
Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2021, nominal GDP in Delta County, Texas expanded 10.9%. This follows a contraction of 1.6% in 2020. As of 2021, total GDP in Delta County, Texas was \$71,874,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2021.

Of the sectors in Delta County, Texas, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2021, \$12,182,000. The next-largest contributions came from Educational Services (\$10,389,000); Construction (\$9,293,000); and Health Care and Social Assistance (\$9,012,000).



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