

# Matagorda County Profile

**Matagorda County** is located in East Central Texas and is one of 13 counties in the Gulf Coast Region. Matagorda County's 2013 population estimate was 36,592. Bay City is the county seat. Other towns include Palacios and Blessing. The Trade, Services, Construction, and Local Government Sectors fuel county employment. Matagorda County, is home of the South Texas Nuclear Plant and is one of the largest nuclear plants of its kind in the world. The average unemployment rate in Matagorda County for 2013 was 9.6 percent.

## Per Capita Personal Income (2012)

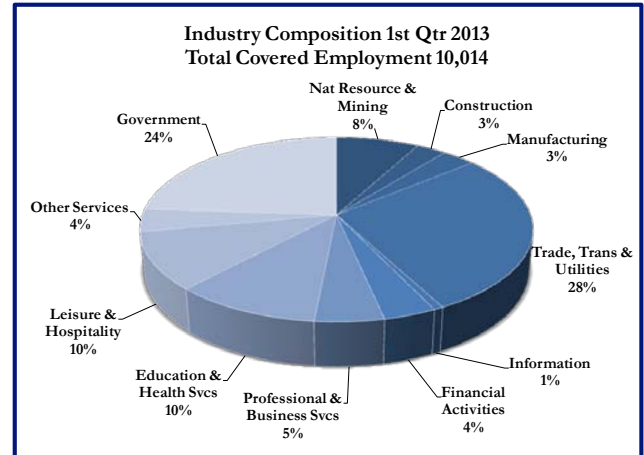
\$33,696 ranking 185<sup>th</sup> in the State and was 79 percent of the State average, \$42,638. The compound annual growth rate over the past 10 years was 3.9 percent as compared to 3.8 percent for the State and 3.2 percent for the nation.

## Total Personal Income (2012)

\$1,231,490,000 ranking 82<sup>nd</sup> in the State with a compound annual growth rate over the past 10 years of 3.6 percent as compared to 5.7 percent for the State and 4.1 percent for the nation.

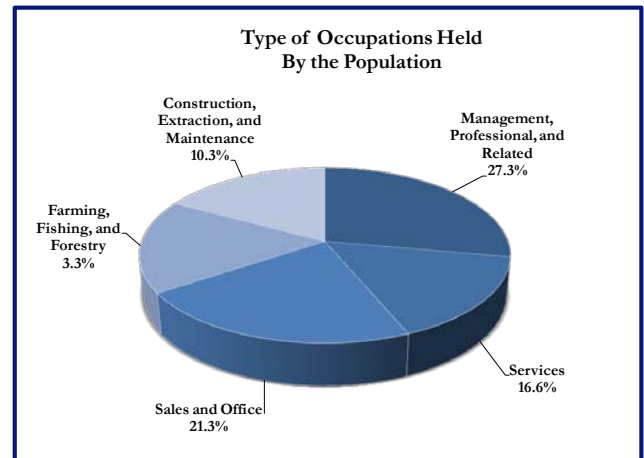
## Median Household Income (2012)

\$43,146



## Major Employers

Bay City, City of  
 Bay City ISD  
 Celanese Chemical Co  
 H E Butt Grocery Co  
 Matagorda County  
 Matagorda County Hospital District  
 Palacios ISD  
 STP Nuclear Operating Company  
 Tidehaven ISD  
 Van Vleck ISD  
 Wal-Mart Associates Inc



## Size Class of Employers (2012)

<u>Employers per Firm</u>	<u>Number of Firms</u>
Total	726
1-19	665
20-99	50
100-499	10
>499	1

## Race Statistics of the Population 2010

Total Population	36,702	100.0%
White, Not Hispanic	17,400	47.4%
Black or African American, Not Hispanic	4,060	11.1%
American Indian, Not Hispanic	111	0.3%
Asian, Not Hispanic	693	1.9%
Some other Race, Not Hispanic	33	0.1%
Two or More Races, Not Hispanic	331	0.9%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)*	14,074	38.3%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Texas Workforce Commission

\*Hispanic Persons are of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or South American or some other Spanish Origin.