

**Brazos County, Texas**  
**Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2006-2008**  
**2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**  
**American Community Survey**

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the [official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties](#).

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** In 2006-2008 there were 62,000 households in Brazos County. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 55 percent of the households in Brazos County. This figure includes both married-couple families (39 percent) and other families (16 percent). Nonfamily households made up 45 percent of all households in Brazos County. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

**NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE:** Twelve percent of the people living in Brazos County in 2006-2008 were foreign born. Eighty-eight percent was native, including 70 percent who were born in Texas.

Among people at least five years old living in Brazos County in 2006-2008, 19 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 70 percent spoke Spanish and 30 percent spoke some other language; 43 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

**GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY:** In 2006-2008, 67 percent of the people at least one year old living in Brazos County were living in the same residence one year earlier; 17 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same county, 12 percent from another county in the same state, 3 percent from another state, and 2 percent from abroad.

**EDUCATION:** In 2006-2008, 85 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 40 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Fifteen percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Brazos County was 76,000 in 2006-2008. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 3,800 and elementary or high school enrollment was 24,000 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 49,000.

**DISABILITY:** Data for this section cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small. Displaying the data would risk disclosing information for individuals.

**INDUSTRIES:** In 2006-2008, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Brazos County were Educational services, and health care, and social assistance, 33 percent, and Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services, 11 percent.

**OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER:** Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 40 percent; Sales and office occupations, 23 percent; Service occupations, 19 percent; Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 10 percent; and Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 8 percent. Sixty-six percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 28 percent was Federal, state, or local government workers; and 6 percent was Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

**TRAVEL TO WORK:** Seventy-seven percent of Brazos County workers drove to work alone in 2006-2008, 11 percent carpooled, 3 percent took public transportation, and 6 percent used other means. The remaining 3 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 16.9 minutes to get to work.

**INCOME:** The median income of households in Brazos County was \$38,733. Eighty-six percent of the households received earnings and 9 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Fifteen percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$14,845. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

**POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:** In 2006-2008, 28 percent of people were in poverty. Twenty-three percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 7 percent of people 65 years old and over. Sixteen percent of all families and 39 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

**POPULATION OF Brazos County:** In 2006-2008, Brazos County had a total population of 171,000 - 84,000 (49 percent) females and 87,000 (51 percent) males. The median age was 24.5 years. Twenty-two percent of the population was under 18 years and 7 percent was 65 years and older.

For people reporting one race alone, 75 percent was White; 10 percent was Black or African American; less than 0.5 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native; 5 percent was Asian; less than 0.5 percent was Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 7 percent was Some other race. Three percent reported Two or more races. Twenty-one percent of the people in Brazos County was Hispanic. Sixty-three percent of the people in Brazos County was White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS:** In 2006-2008, Brazos County had a total of 70,000 housing units, 12 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 54 percent was in single-unit structures, 39 percent was in multi-unit structures, and 7 percent was mobile homes. Thirty-nine percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

**OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS:** In 2006-2008, Brazos County had 62,000 occupied housing units - 30,000 (48 percent) owner occupied and 32,000 (52 percent) renter occupied. Seven percent of the households did not have telephone service and 6 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi Vehicle households were not rare. Thirty-nine percent had two vehicles and another 18 percent had three or more.

**HOUSING COSTS:** The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,345, nonmortgaged owners \$470, and renters \$708. Thirty-one percent of owners with mortgages, 13 percent of owners without mortgages, and 58 percent of renters in Brazos County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program produces the [official population estimates for the nation, states, counties and places, and the official estimates of housing units for states and counties](#). The population and housing characteristics included above are derived from the American Community Survey.

Notes:

- Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Percentages are based on unrounded numbers.