

Sutton County Overview Report

Population

Total county population in 2007 for Sutton County: 4,303, up 0.6 percent from 2006.

State population increased 2.1 percent in the same time period.

Sutton County was the state's 207th largest county in population in 2007 and the 124th fastest growing county from 2006 to 2007.

Sutton County population in 2007 was:

42.3 percent White	(below the state average of 47.9 percent.)
0.4 percent Black	(below the state average of 11.4 percent.)
56.5 percent Hispanic	(above the state average of 36.0 percent.)

2007 population of the largest cities and places in Sutton County:

Sonora:	3,060
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Economy and Income

Employment

April 2009 total employment in Sutton County: 3,681, up 10.1 percent from April 2008.

State total employment increased 0.3 percent during the same period.

April 2009 Sutton County unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, up from 1.8 percent in April 2008.

The statewide unemployment rate for April 2009 was 6.7 percent, up from 4.6 percent in April 2008.

April 2009 unemployment rate in the city of:

N/A

(Note: County and State unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, but the Texas Workforce Commission City unemployment rates are not. Seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates are not comparable with unadjusted rates.)

Income

Sutton County's ranking in per capita personal income in 2006: 50th with an average per capita income of \$31,947, up 15.6 percent from 2005.

Statewide average per capita personal income was \$35,166 in 2006 up 5.8 percent from 2005.

Industry

Agricultural cash values in Sutton County averaged \$22.7 million annually from 2004 to 2007. County total agricultural values in 2007 were down 34.9 percent from 2006. Major agriculture related commodities in Sutton County during 2007 included:

Goats	Hunting	Mohair	Other Beef	Sheep
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2007 preliminary oil and gas production in Sutton County: 12,845 barrels of oil and 85,045,117 Mcf of gas.

In February 2009, there were 23 producing oil wells and 5,980 producing gas wells.

Taxes

Sales Tax - Taxable Sales

Quarterly (July through September 2008)

Taxable sales in Sutton County during the third quarter of 2008: \$25,935,573, up 30.0 percent from the same quarter in 2007.

Taxable sales during the third quarter in the city of:

Sonora \$8,091,342, down 4.9 percent from the same quarter in 2007.

Annual (2007)

Taxable sales in Sutton County during 2007: \$83,286,286, up 12.9 percent from 2006.

Taxable sales during 2007 in the city of:

Sonora \$35,270,378, down 9.8 percent from 2006.

"-" represent amounts subject to state sales tax values that are suppressed for confidentiality reasons.

Sales Tax - Local Sales Tax Allocations

Monthly (March 2009)

Statewide payments based on the sales activity month of March 2009: \$541,814,507, down 2.3 percent from March 2008.

Payments to all cities in Sutton County based on the sales activity month of March 2009: \$59,727, down 49.7 percent from March 2008.

Payments based on the sales activity month of March 2009 in the city of:

Sonora \$59,727, down 49.7 percent from March 2008.

Annual (2008)

Statewide payments based on the sales activity months of 2008: \$6,026,220,888, up 5.8 percent from 2007.

Payments to all cities in Sutton County based on the sales activity months of 2008: \$1,191,881, up 2.8 percent from 2007.

Sonora \$1,191,881, up 2.8 percent from 2007.

Property Tax

As of 2007, property values in Sutton County: \$1,995,373,645, up 5.2 percent from 2006 values.

The property tax base per person in Sutton County is \$463,717, above the statewide average of \$78,684.

About 54.1 percent of the property tax base is derived from oil, gas and minerals.

State Expenditures

Sutton County's ranking in state expenditures by county in state fiscal year (FY) 2008: 222nd. State expenditures in the county for FY 2008: \$13,704,629, up 18.8 percent from FY 2007.

In Sutton County, 6 state agencies provide a total of 47 jobs and \$2,086,228 in annualized wages (as of 4th quarter 2008).

Major state agencies in the county (as of 4th quarter 2008):

- AgriLife Extension Service
- Department of State Health Services
- Department of Public Safety
- AgriLife Research
- Department of Transportation

School Districts

Sutton County had 1 school district with 3 schools and 990 students in the 2007-2008 school year.

(Statewide, the average teacher salary in school year 2007-2008 was \$46,179. The percentage of students, statewide, meeting the 2008 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) passing standard for all 2007-2008 TAKS tests was 72 percent.)

SONORA ISD had 990 students in the 2007-2008 school year. The average teacher salary was \$41,658. The percentage of students meeting the 2008 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 70 percent.

Higher Education

(Fall 2008 enrollment)

Community Colleges in Sutton County:

None

Sutton County is in the service area of the following:

Howard County Junior College District with a fall 2008 enrollment of 3,562 Students.
Counties in the service area include

Coke
Concho
Dawson
Glasscock
Howard
Irion
Kimble
Martin
Menard
Schleicher
Sterling
Sutton
Tom Green

Institutes of Higher Education in Sutton County with a fall 2008 enrollment

None

References

Population uses data from the following source:

U.S. Census Bureau, as of 8/20/08

Employment uses data from the following sources:

Texas Workforce Commission, as of 6/9/09

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, as of 5/20/09

Income uses data from the following source:

U.S. Department of Commerce-Bureau of Economic Analysis, as of 2/2/09

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Texas AgriLife Extension Service, as of 8/25/08

Railroad Commission of Texas, as of 8/21/08

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Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, as of 6/2/09

Sales Tax Allocation uses data from the following source:

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, as of 5/26/09

Property Tax uses data from the following source:

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, as of 1/7/09

State Expenditures uses data from the following source:

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, as of 5/20/09

Higher Education uses data from the following source:

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, as of 5/14/09

School Districts uses data from the following source:

Texas Education Agency, as of 1/21/09

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