### Demographic Profile

**Palacios County**
- Population in Matagorda County, Texas was 32,846 per American Community Survey data for 2013-2017.
- The region has a civilian labor force of 17,102 with a participation rate of 53.7%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Matagorda County, Texas, 13.3% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 32.3% in the nation.
- The median household income in Matagorda County, Texas is $46,898 and the median house value is $120,280.

**Bay City**
- Population in the City of Bay City, TX was 17,943 per American Community Survey data for 2013-2017.
- The region has a civilian labor force of 8,234 with a participation rate of 64.0%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the City of Bay City, TX, 13.1% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 32.3% in the nation.
- The median household income in the City of Bay City, TX is $49,422 and the median house value is $91,100.

**Palacios**
- The population in the City of Palacios, TX was 6,447 per American Community Survey data for 2013-2017.
- The region has a civilian labor force of 2,186 with a participation rate of 59.3%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the City of Palacios, TX, 10.6% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 32.3% in the nation.
- The median household income in the City of Palacios, TX is $40,690 and the median house value is $108,600.

### Education Levels

**Matagorda County**
- The median age for completing a college degree varies by the education and training required. While all employment in Matagorda County, Texas is projected to grow 0.3% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.5% per year, those requiring a bachelor’s degree are forecast to grow 0.6% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 0.7% per year.

### Industry Snapshot

**Matagorda County, Texas**
- The largest sector in Matagorda County, Texas in Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 1,429 workers. The next largest sector is in Construction, employing 624 workers. The largest locations in the Matagorda County, Texas labor market are Bay City, TX, Palacios, TX, and Matagorda, TX.

**City of Palacios, Texas**
- The largest sector in the City of Palacios, TX is Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services, employing 131 workers. The next largest sector is in Accommodation and Food Services, employing 115 workers. The largest locations in the Palacios, TX labor market are Palacios, TX and Matagorda, TX.

**Bay City, Texas**
- The largest sector in the City of Bay City, TX is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 1,111 workers. The next largest sector is in Construction, employing 216 workers. The largest locations in the Bay City, TX labor market are Bay City, TX and Matagorda, TX.

### Living Costs

**Cost of Living Index**
- The cost of living is 12.5% lower in City of Bay City, TX than the U.S. average.
- The cost of living index for Matagorda County, Texas is 89.1 which compares to the national average.

### Jobs EQ Data

- **Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required for Matagorda County, Texas**
- **Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required for City of Palacios, Texas**

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### Tax Rates

**Property Tax Rate**
- The property tax rate in Matagorda County is 0.0487. The property tax rate in the City of Bay City is 0.0471.
- The property tax rate in the City of Palacios is 0.0439.

### Port of Bay City Authority

Since 1965, the Port of Bay City Authority (PBCA) has been serving the maritime needs of Matagorda County. The commercial docks at the Port of Bay City connect the heart of Matagorda County with global trading partners via the Colorado River and ship channel. The Port of Bay City Authority is working to ensure the future success of Matagorda County by continuing to attract new business and services to the region.