



Quality of Life

Golf Courses

Corpus Christi Country Club	Dune Crest Golf Course	Gabe Lozano Sr. Golf Course
Newport Country Club	Northshore Country Club	Oso Beach Golf Course
Padre Isles Country Club	Pharaohs Country Club	River Hills Country Club
Alice Municipal Golf Course	L.E. Ramey Golf Course	Sinton Municipal Golf Course

Average Home Prices

2005	\$146,900
2006	\$154,200
2007	\$160,400
2008	\$161,900
2009	\$223,000

Source: Texas A&M University Real Estate Center

2009 Building Permits Issued

(City of Corpus Christi)

New Residential	734
New Commercial	140

Source: City of Corpus Christi

Museums & Attractions

- American Bank Center
- Art Museum of South Texas
- Texas State Aquarium
- Richardson Performance Hall
- Corpus Christi Performing Arts Center
- Asian Cultures Museum and Education Center
- Ortiz International Center
- Corpus Christi Arts Center
- Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History
- Concrete Street Amphitheater

ACCRA Cost of Living Rankings: Average Annual 2009

Baltimore, MD	120.9
Baton Rouge, LA	93.2
Corpus Christi, TX	90.6
Houston, TX	88.2
Miami, FL	106.5
Mobile, AL	93.3
New Orleans, LA	105.1
Savannah, GA	94.6



Education



Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is a four-year university that offers numerous bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in five colleges: Business, Education, Nursing & Health Sciences, Science & Technology, and Liberal Arts.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, located on its own 240-acre island, features state-of-the-art learning centers, support facilities, student apartments and its own beach. Surrounded by the Corpus Christi and Oso Bays, the campus is approximately ten miles from downtown Corpus Christi.

Del Mar College

Del Mar is a comprehensive community college that offers academic, occupational and non-credit courses. Associate of Art, Science and Applied Science degrees in over 50 university transfer majors are awarded at Del Mar, as well as Enhanced Skills Certificates and Certificates of Achievement in more than 80 occupational fields.

Both non-credit and credit students have access to classes, laboratories and the latest technology that upgrade their current skills, prepare them for further study or train them for immediate employment in the Coastal Bend area.

In 2005, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board visited the College and rated 14 programs as exemplary--a record for an institution of Del Mar College's size.

Educational Institution Enrollment '08-'09

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	9,468
Del Mar College	12,056
Agua Dulce ISD	370
Banquete ISD	839
Bishop ISD	1,200
Calallen ISD	3,841
Corpus Christi ISD	38,474
Driscoll ISD	272
Flour Bluff ISD	5,601
London ISD	266
Port Aransas ISD	538
Robstown ISD	3,376
Tuloso-Midway ISD	3,389
West Oso ISD	2,086

Regional Educational Attainment - 2009 (over 25 years old)

High School Diploma	29.6%
Some College	22.1%
Associate Degree	6.1%
Bachelor Degree	11.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	6.6%

Source: Sites on Texas



Regional Profile 2009

Location



The City of Corpus Christi is strategically located on the Gulf of Mexico.

Climate

Average Daily Temperature	71° F
Average July High Temp.	93° F
Average January High Temp.	66° F
Average Wind Speed	13 mph
Average Annual Rainfall	30.4 Inches
Average Days of Sunshine	288

Mileage to Other Major Texas Cities

Austin	192
Dallas / Fort Worth	377
Houston	207
San Antonio	143



Demographics



Population

	Corpus Christi MSA	Nueces County	Region
1990	258,754	291,157	500,807
2000	277,451	313,645	549,012
2009*	410,741	319,581	555,364

*Estimate

Regional Age Distribution - 2009

Age Group

19 or Under	28.6 %
20 - 24	7.7 %
25 - 34	13.6 %
35 - 44	12.6 %
45 and Older	37.5 %

Regional Race & Ethnicity - 2009

White	34.2 %
Black	3.7 %
Hispanic	59.5 %
American Indian	0.4 %
Asian/Pacific Islander/Other	2.2 %

Source: Texas Edge

Regional Household Information - 2009

Average Persons per Household	2.60
Total Number of Households	204,811
Married Couple Households	103,441
Households With Children	79,362

Regional Income - 2009

Area	Avg. Household Income	Per Capita Income
Corpus Christi	\$57,608	\$22,285
Nueces County	\$59,676	\$22,490
Region	\$54,456	\$20,840

Source: Sites on Texas

Corpus Christi Metropolitan Statistical Area consists of Nueces, Aransas and San Patricio Counties.

The **Coastal Bend Region** consists of Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio counties.

Employers

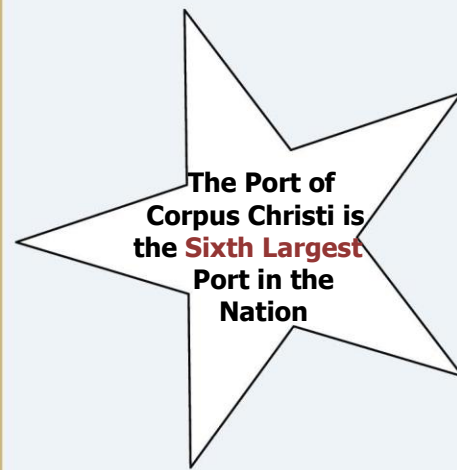
2009 Major Employers – Corpus Christi MSA

Business	Type of Product - Service	Civilian Employment
Naval Air Station – Corpus Christi	Flight Training	5,525
Corpus Christi ISD	School District	5,178
CHRISTUS Spohn Health Systems	Hospital	5,144
H.E.B.	Grocery Company	5,000
Corpus Christi Army Depot	Helicopter Repair	3,541
City of Corpus Christi	City Government	3,171
Bay, Ltd.	Industrial Construction	2,100
Driscoll Children's Hospital	Hospital	1,800
Del Mar College	Junior College	1,542
Corpus Christi Medical Center	Hospital	1,300
First Data Corporation	Teleservices	1,200
Nueces County	County Government	1,034
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	Four-year University	991
Flint Hills Resources	Crude Oil Refining	920
Kiewit Offshore Services	Offshore Rig Manufacturer	900
Corpus Christi State School	Special-needs Facility	850
Valero Refining	Crude Oil Refining	824
Sherwin Alumina	Alumina	800
Sam Kane Beef Processors	Beef Packing & Processing	800
Flour Bluff ISD	School District	750

2009 Employment by Industry – Corpus Christi MSA

Industry	Employment
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	18,500
Manufacturing	9,500
Wholesale Trade	5,500
Retail Trade	20,900
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5,400
Information	2,200
Financial Activities	7,600
Professional & Business Services	15,000
Educational & Health Services	29,400
Leisure & Hospitality	20,300
Other Services	6,900
Government	35,600

Source: Texas Workforce Commission



The Port of
Corpus Christi is
the **Sixth Largest**
Port in the
Nation

Port of Corpus Christi

- 150 miles from U.S./Mexico border
- 45' channel depth
- 24,019-acre Foreign Trade Zone, the largest in the U.S.
- 125+ acres of open storage and fabrication sites
- Heavy lift capabilities
- Docksides rail from multiple carriers
- Excellent highway access
- 295,500+ sq. ft. of covered dockside storage

POCC Ship and Barge Activity: 2009

Dry Cargo:	332
Tankers:	979
Barges:	3,839
Total:	5,151

Tonnage Figures: 2009 (short tons)

Break Bulk:	133,037
Grain:	3,951,347
Chemical:	43,982
Dry Bulk:	1,974,232
Liquid Bulk:	131,100
Petroleum:	56,586,340
Total:	62,820,038

Top Trade Partners- 2009

1. Venezuela
2. Nigeria
3. Mexico
4. Russia
5. United Kingdom
6. Iraq
7. Kuwait
8. Jamaica
9. Algeria
10. Brazil
11. China

Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Labor Force

2010 Labor Force

Nueces County	
Labor Force	166,916
Employment	153,831
Unemployment	13,085
Unemployment Rate	7.8%
Corpus Christi MSA	
Labor Force	210,313
Employment	192,683
Unemployment	17,630
Unemployment Rate	8.4%
Region	
Labor Force	281,069
Employment	257,033
Unemployment	24,036
Unemployment Rate	8.6%

Annual Unemployment Rate Average

	Corpus Christi MSA	Nueces County	Region
2006	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%
2007	4.4%	4.3%	4.4%
2008	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%
2009	7.2%	6.9%	7.5%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Tax & Incentives

Potential Incentives

- Renewal Community
- Industrial Districts
- Enterprise Zones
- Foreign Trade Zone 122
- Property Tax Phase-ins/Abatements
- Single Freeport Exemption
- Corpus Christi 4(A) Fund Performance-based Grants
- Job Training Programs

Retail Sales Tax

State of Texas	6.25%
Nueces County	.50%
Corpus Christi	1.50%

Margins Tax

1% on gross receipts less compensation or cost of goods sold. Retailers and wholesalers will have a rate of .5% and sole proprietorships and general partnerships are exempt.

Texas has no personal income tax.

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

Accolades

Community

- **6th Best Mid-sized Cities For Jobs** - Forbes, 2009
- **2^{1st} Best City for Riding Out a Recession** – Business Weekly - 2008
- **#1 for Best Small City Commute** - Forbes, 2008
- **Smart 21 Community** - Intelligent Community Forum, 2007
- **#1 Digital City** - Center for Digital Government, 2009
- **5th Best City for Relocating Families** - Worldwide ERC & Primacy, 2007
- **38th out of 299 cities in the Nation for percentage change in house prices- OFHEO, 4th quarter 2009**
- **Best Performing Cities of 2009** – Milken Institute (ranked 16th overall)
- **Best for Bargains for Real Estate List** - Business Week, 2007
- **Top 20 for Best Metro Areas for Overall Quality of Public Schools** – Expansion Management Magazine, 2004
- **All-America City 2003**

Business

- **6th Best Mid-size Cities for Jobs** – Forbes, 2009
- **Texas Ranks 4th in the U.S. as a Place to do Business** – Forbes Magazine
- **Texas ranks 41st in Total Tax Burden (one of the lowest in the U.S.)** Tax Foundation
- **Industrial Construction Costs are 22% below National Average** – R.S. Means

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Transportation

Corpus Christi International Airport

- Located 8 miles from Downtown Corpus Christi
- Two Runways: 6,080' x 15' and 7,508' x 15'
- Daily Flights to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston
- Carriers: American, Continental, Southwest
- Air Freight Services: Southwest Airlines Cargo, Signature Flight Support, and DHL Express
- Two full service Fixed Base Operators:

Rail Service

Three Class I railroads:

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe
- Union Pacific
- Kansas City Southern

Major 2 or 4 Lane Highways

- Interstate 37
- US Highway 181 & 77
- State 44, 358, 286, 357, 443, 35