



Quality of Life

Golf Courses

Corpus Christi Country Club	Dune Crest Golf Course	Gabe Lozano Sr. Golf Course
Kings Crossing 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

2004	\$132,100
2005	\$146,900
2006	\$154,200
2007	\$160,400
2008	\$161,900

Source: Texas A&M University Real Estate Center

2008 Building Permits Issued (City of Corpus Christi)

New Residential	848
New Commercial	160

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 2008

Baltimore, MD	121.9
Baton Rouge, LA	89.6
Corpus Christi, TX	89.9
Houston, TX	90.7
Miami, FL	116.6
Mobile, AL	94.2
New Orleans, LA	98.0
Savannah, GA	94.5



Education



Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is a four-year university that offers 35 undergraduate and 26 graduate degree programs through its five colleges: Arts & Humanities, Business, Education, Nursing & Health, and Science & Technology. During the 2005 – 2006 academic year, 1,183 Bachelor, 374 Master, and 14 Doctoral degrees were awarded.

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 '07-'08

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	8,584
Del Mar College	12,006
Agua Dulce ISD	342
Banquete ISD	873
Bishop ISD	1,200
Calallen ISD	3,912
Corpus Christi ISD	39,101
Driscoll ISD	277
Flour Bluff ISD	5,271
London ISD	228
Port Aransas ISD	577
Robstown ISD	3,822
Tuloso-Midway ISD	3,417
West Oso ISD	1,958

Regional Educational Attainment - 2008 (over 25 years old)

High School Diploma	29.9%
Some College	21.9%
Associate Degree	7.1%
Bachelor Degree	11.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.3%

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 Temperature	84° F
Average January Temperature	56° 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	Nueces County	Region
1990	258,754	291,157	500,807
2000	277,451	313,645	549,012
2008*	290,541	324,768	564,199

*Estimate

Regional Age Distribution - 2008

Age Group

19 or Under	29.5 %
20 – 24	8.5 %
25 – 34	14.0 %
35 – 44	13.0 %
45 and Older	35.0 %

Regional Race & Ethnicity - 2008

White	76.8 %
Black	3.5 %
American Indian	0.5 %
Asian / Pacific Islander	1.4 %
Other Race	15.3 %
Hispanic Ethnicity	59.2 %

Regional Household Information - 2008

Average Persons per Household	2.72
Total Number of Households	199,869
Married Couple Households	98,348
Households With Children	77,395

Regional Income - 2008

Area	Avg. Household Income	Per Capita Income
Corpus Christi	\$59,384	\$22,134
Nueces County	\$60,664	\$22,801
Region	\$55,599	\$20,425

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

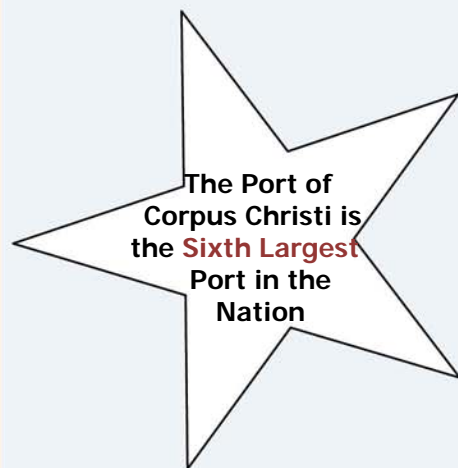
2008 Major Employers – Corpus Christi MSA

Business	Type of Product - Service	Civilian Employment
CHRISTUS Spohn Health System	Hospital	5,400
Corpus Christi ISD	School District	5,178
H.E.B.	Grocery Company	5,000
Corpus Christi Army Depot	Helicopter Repair	4,876
City of Corpus Christi	City Government	3,171
Bay, Ltd.	Industrial Construction	2,100
Naval Air Station- Corpus Christi	Flight Training	1,630
Del Mar College	Junior College	1,542
Driscoll Children's Hospital	Hospital	1,500
Corpus Christi Medical Center	Hospital	1,300
First Data Corporation	Teleservices	1,200
Susser Holdings Corporation	Convenience Stores	1,100
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

2008 Employment by Industry – Corpus Christi MSA

Industry	Employment
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	20,300
Manufacturing	11,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	32,800
Wholesale Trade	5,900
Retail Trade	21,300
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5,600
Information	2,500
Financial Activities	8,300
Professional & Business Services	16,900
Educational & Health Services	27,900
Leisure & Hospitality	20,800
Other Services	7,200
Government	33,400

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
- Dockside rail from multiple carriers
- Excellent highway access
- 295,500+ sq. ft. of covered dockside storage

POCC Ship and Barge Activity: 2008

Dry Cargo:	789
Tankers:	962
Barges:	4,281
Total:	6,032

Tonnage Figures: 2008 (in short tons)

Break Bulk:	552,590
Grain:	5,423,867
Chemical:	1,630,019
Dry Bulk:	7,891,343
Liquid Bulk:	301,007
Petroleum:	71,368,984
Total:	87,167,810

Top Trade Partners- 2008

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

Labor Force

2008 Labor Force

Nueces County	
Labor Force	163,856
Employment	154,042
Unemployment	9,814
Unemployment Rate	6.0%

Corpus Christi MSA	
Labor Force	204,553
Employment	194,902
Unemployment	9,651
Unemployment Rate	4.7%

Region	
Labor Force	271,949
Employment	259,087
Unemployment	12,862
Unemployment Rate	4.7%

Annual Unemployment Rate Average

	Corpus Christi MSA	Nueces County	Region
2005	5.6%	5.4%	5.6%
2006	5.0%	4.9%	5.1%
2007	4.4%	4.4%	4.5%
2008	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%

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, 2006
- **5th Best City for Relocating Families** - Worldwide ERC & Primacy, 2007
- **25th in the Nation** for percentage change in house prices- OFHEO, 3rd quarter 2007
- **Best Performing Cities of 2007 – Biggest Gains List**– Milken Institute (ranked 65th 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

- **Lowest Office Rents** – Moody's Economy.com
- **Low Construction Costs**- R.S. Means (78% of national average)
- **Low Cost of Doing Business** – Forbes (ranked 46th of 200 metros) and Moody's Economy.com (ranked within top 30%)
- **Top 20% for Low Workforce Costs** – Moody's Economy.com

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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