



Bell County

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Demographics

	<u>2010</u> ¹	<u>2018</u> ²	<u>2025</u> ³ (Projection)	<u>Families with Own Children</u> ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
Population					
Total population	28,691	26,569	25,291	... Married couple	1,721 (+/-213)
... Under 20 years old	7,020	6,194	6,051	... Female householder	873 (+/-193)
... Ages 65 and over	4,508	5,105	5,372	... Male householder	245 (+/-92)

Youth

	<u>2013-2017</u>
# of grandparents who live with and are responsible for grandchildren ⁴	524 (+/-199)
% of own children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force ⁴	45.3% (+/-11.1%)
STARS certified and licensed child care: ⁵	<u>2018</u>
... Number of Providers	8
... Capacity	355

Education

	<u>2013-2017</u>
% of population 25 and over with high school or higher ⁴	67.2% (+/-2.3%)
% of population 25 and over with bachelor's degree or higher ⁴	9.3% (+/-1.2%)
% of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on math in the 2017-18 school year ⁵	37.9%
# of children enrolled in Head Start during the 2017-18 school year ⁵	182
High school graduates in 2017: ⁷	
... average high school GPA	3.07
... % earning an industry certificate	16.7%
... % college/career ready	64.2%

Income/Earnings

Median household income (2017) ⁶	\$28,150 (\$25,118-\$31,182)
Median earnings in past 12 months ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
... Women	\$15,796 (+/- \$1,808)
... Men	\$22,825 (+/- \$3,160)
... High school graduate	\$20,931 (+/- \$1,341)
... Bachelor's degree	\$34,952 (+/- \$8,386)

Agriculture

	<u>2017</u> ⁸		<u>2017</u> ⁸
# of farms	110	Farms with food sold directly to consumers	8
% of land in farms	6.6%	Value of food sold directly to consumers	\$16,000
% of farms operated by a family or an individual	86.4%	Processed or value-added agricultural products sold	
% of principal producers under age 35	4.1%	... Farms	6
% of principal producers who are female	25.5%	... Value	data n/a
# of new and beginning principal producers	49	Food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products	
# of farms with income from agri-tourism and recreational services	0	... Farms	0
		... Value	\$0

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Employment

	2017
Total employment (# of jobs) ⁹	10,519
	2016
# of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	331
% of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	69.8%
Nonemployer establishments (w/o employees) ¹¹	1,339
% of workers ages 16 and over who: ⁴	2013-2017
... work inside the county	78.1% (+/-2.9%)
... work outside the county	14.0% (+/-3.0%)
... work outside the state	7.9% (+/-2.0%)

Coal Employment

	2011¹²	2016¹³
(-- = no data)		
Direct employment at coal mines	692	332
% of total employment	8.42%	4.00%

Health

	2015-2017
% of adults with obesity ¹⁴	41% (31.07-51.61%)
% of adults with diabetes ¹⁴	25% (17.15-33.85%)
% of adults reporting a time in past year they needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost ¹⁴	11% (6.21-17.42%)

Substance Abuse

Drug-related inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits for overdose among county residents¹⁵

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
Heroin	1-4	1-4	1-4	Benzodiazepines (i.e. Valium, etc.)	32	15	12
Cocaine	1-4	1-4	1-4	Antidepressants	9	9	11
Opioids other than Heroin	37	24	15	Any Substance	155	132	92

Drug overdose deaths among county residents¹⁶

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
All Drug Overdose Deaths	11	8	8	Involving Benzodiazepines	6	6	1-4
Involving Heroin	0	0	1-4	Involving Fentanyl	1-4	0	0

Poverty/Insecurity

% of workers ages 16 and over who worked full-time year-round and were below poverty (2013-2017) ⁴	6.8% (+/-2.4%)
Estimated food insecurity rate (2017) ¹⁷	21.8%
Youth under age 18 who lived in households that received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months (2013-2017) ⁴	3,284 (+/-330)
Children determined by the Dept. of Community Based Services to have been victims of child abuse or neglect (2018) ¹⁸	173

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