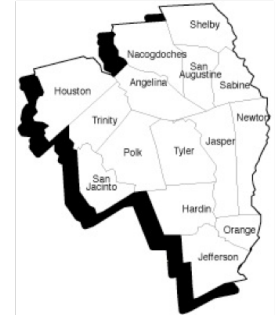


# Jasper County



The Region 5 2017 Regional Needs Assessment (RNA), covers 15 counties served by the Region 5 Prevention Resource Center at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Deep East Texas.



The RNA focuses on underage consumption of alcohol and tobacco and the consumption of illicit drugs or prescription drugs not according to a doctor's orders. It contains both quantitative and qualitative data about each of the counties. Both risk and protective factors for substance use as well as descriptive statistics about the population are included.

This county summary includes numbers for the county based on its population and that can be compared directly to other counties, to the region, to the state or to the U.S.

1	<b>Older</b>	Jasper County has fewer young people (under 25 years old) by percentage (32.4%) than the region (33.4%). Its "old" people (ages 45 and older) represent 45.9% compared to the region's 42.3%.
2	<b>Smaller</b>	Population estimates for Jasper County have decreased from 2014 to 2016 by -4.4% compared to the region's estimated loss of population of -0.1%.
3	<b>Sparse</b>	Jasper County is estimated to have 38.7 people in each square mile in 2015 compared to the region's 66.0 persons per square mile.
4	<b>Language Proficient</b>	In 2015, it was estimated that 5.4% of the people in Jasper County speak Spanish. Of those speaking Spanish, 37.0% do not speak English well. That is, only 2.0% of the county are lacking English skills.
5	<b>Low Income</b>	2015 per capita income in Jasper County was \$20,121, lower than the average regional per capita income by 11.9%, and lower than the Texas average by 25.5% and the U.S. average by 30.4%.
6	<b>2 Parents</b>	Compared to the 39% of regional households headed by single parents in 2017, Jasper County had only 31%.
7	<b>Divorces</b>	The divorce rate per 100,000 in 2014 for Region 5 was 281.1 compared to the rate of 328.3 per 100,000 for Jasper County.
8	<b>No Jobs</b>	After 2 years of decline unemployment increased in the region in 2016 to 6.3%. In that year the unemployment rate in Jasper County was 7.8%.
9	<b>Low Level Assistance</b>	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) was at a level of 173.7 per 100,000 in the region in 2016, while Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), previously known as food stamps, was given to 16.7 % in 2015. This compares to 136.2 and 16.4% for Jasper County.
10	<b>Lunches</b>	64.7% of Jasper County's school children received free or reduced school lunches compared to 61.2% of the children in Region 5.
11	<b>Life/Health</b>	Considering how long people live (mortality) and how healthy people are (morbidity), and ranking the 254 counties in Texas, Jasper County ranks at 175 in 2017.
12	<b>Race</b>	In 2015 estimates Region 5 is 74% White and 20% Black. (Texas 75% and 12%; the U.S. 74%, 13%) Jasper County is 79% White and 16% Black.

Data requests and submissions of data for next year's RNA can be addressed to the PRC Region 5.