

# South Central Texas Region L Population Projection study

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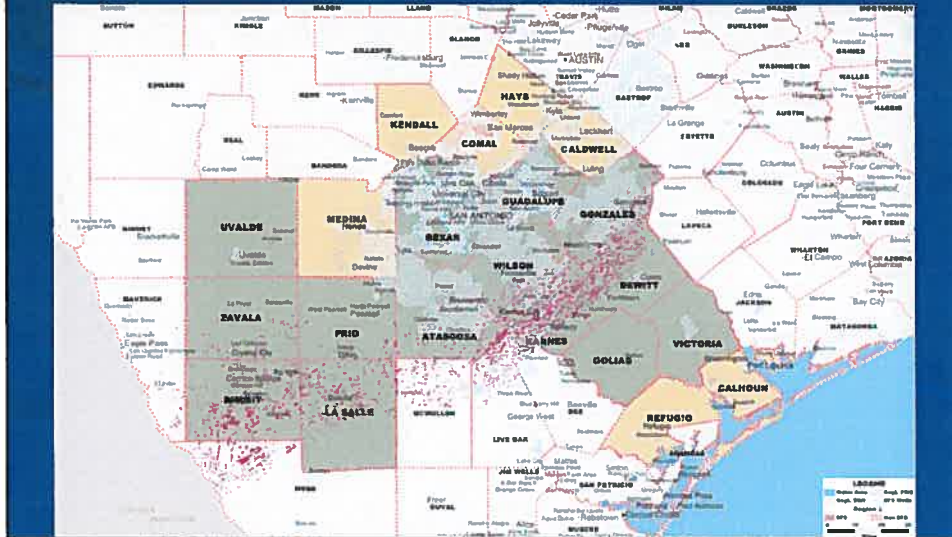
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## Region L, WUG and EFS Well Sites

- Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, DeWitt, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Karnes, Kendall, La Salle, Medina, Refugio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wilson and Zavala



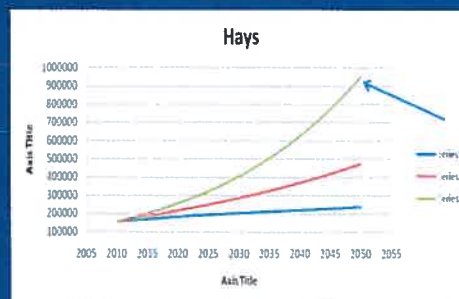
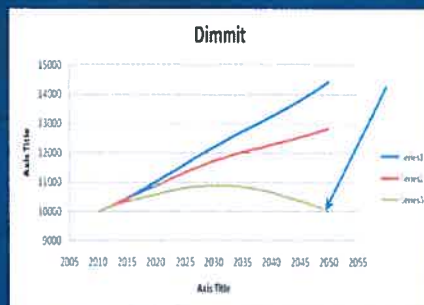
## South Central Texas Region L Population Projection Study

- San Antonio River Authority contracted with CCBR to conduct a study on population projection data
- Usable for planning documents Region L county Water User Groups need to submit to the Texas Water Development Board, Summer 2013
- Standard population data is from Texas State Data Center, Office of the State Demographer

## State Demographer Population Projections

- Based on formula of births, deaths and in-out-migration patterns
- Three scenarios: normal (0), conservative (.5), aggressive (1)
- TWDB suggests conservative (.5)
- Files used for this study published on TSDC website:
  - Population Projection data
  - Methodology document

## Looking at Projection Scenarios



## Texas Water Development Board and Regional Planning

Three options of justification criteria and documentation for submitting alternative population data:

- 1) Request for recount from USCensus
  - paperwork making request is sufficient documentation
  - Cibolo just won a recount appeal
- 2) Evidence of substantial difference in rate
  - “bubble”
- 3) Evidence of significant differences in rate
- - 2010 Base & 2050 Target population numbers; Range and confidence intervals; bubbles/slope

## Summary of Options:

- Submit documentation for recount request
- choose ANY of the three population projection scenarios
- Submit documentation and alt numbers
- CCBR study found evidence for all options
  - Significant difference
  - Substantial difference
  - Recount
  - Scenario
  - (2010 Base & 2050 Target population numbers; Range and confidence intervals; bubble/slope)

## Statistics

- Projections are abstract number values for unknown future
- “concrete” number not possible = needs “best fit” judgment, situation
- This study looked at
  - Methodology
  - Issues and assumptions
  - Alternatives
  - Tests illustrations
  - Information to aid judgment and selection

## What is a Population Projection?

- Populations go through “phases of transition”
- Population is never a certain number due to constant births, deaths, migration
- Population science looks at “stability”
- Phases may last 10-40 years, transition from pre to post = 100- 400 years,  $\pm$
- TSDC projections are considered “brief” time period, use B/D/M method, focus on stable patterns applied overall

## CCBR Resources

- Expert advice and information
  - State Demographer (StDmg)
  - Various topic experts
  - Professional researchers
- Objectivity
- Experience with research in region
- Public institution:
  - Focus on transparency,
  - Replication,
  - Goal- study as a reference

## Alternative Population Projections

- Alternative data suggested by StDmg and Demographic Literature:
  - employment,
  - school enrollment,
  - housing units
- Considered better than B/D/M (cohort component)
- Good for smaller areas
- Method of trend: stepwise autoregressive, SAS
- Graphics, tables, charts, maps for better understanding

## Design of Report

- Introduction
- Background
- Methodology
- Issues with B/D/M method
- Presentation of alternative data types, issues
- Situation faced by Region L
- Summary
- Appendix of data workbooks and worksheets for each data set

## Results and Findings Documentation

- Uses historical population from 2000
- Each data section lists
  - Data sources and method
  - Situation discussion
  - Total counts (also shown in map)
  - Household Multipliers calculated from data
  - Percent change across 40 years for data versus population across 40 years
  - Comparisons of projection target numbers
  - Forecasts based on historic and event periods

## From StDmg Methods:

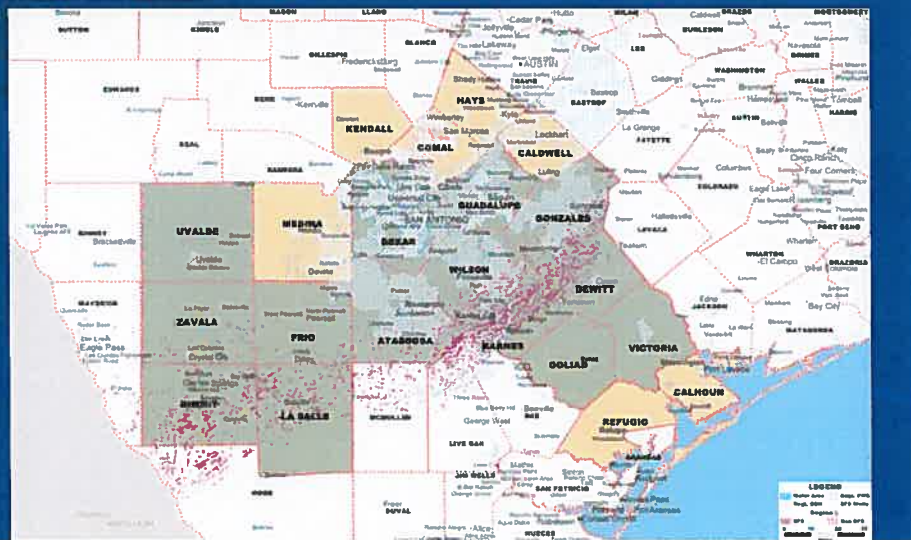
“ . . . four major steps must be completed:”

1. The selection of a baseline set of cohorts for the projection area or areas of interest for the baseline time period (usually the last census and for other dates for which detailed base data are available);
2. The determination of appropriate baseline migration, mortality, and fertility measures for each cohort for the baseline time period;
3. The determination of a method for projecting trends in fertility, mortality and migration rates over the projection period;
4. The selection of a computational procedure for applying the rates to the baseline cohort to project the population for the projection period

■ This study followed the four steps

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## Population Projections

- Census enumerates people; American Community Survey, Community Population Survey periodic samples
- B/D/M Formulas use assumptions
- PopProjections must be assessed alongside other metrics (triangulation) for accuracy, confidence intervals, realism, excessive randomness, ID “unreliable modeling”
- PopProjections may profile uniform generalities and not uniqueness needed for local accuracy
- Some pop characteristics are not shared by all (SAC, EMP, HU, mobile, PHH multiplier, etc.)

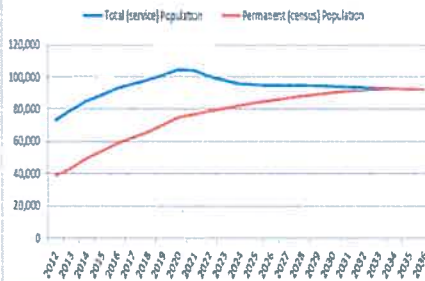
## Region L Situation

- EFS activity since 2008: high pop influx
- Pop issues “visible” to Region L counties, but not reflected in official documentation
- Study helps document punctuated population
- Issue: lack of “official” or accessible records
- This study supports ongoing State revisions and continual research, also supports local work for better records and access

## “Sector 21” Effects

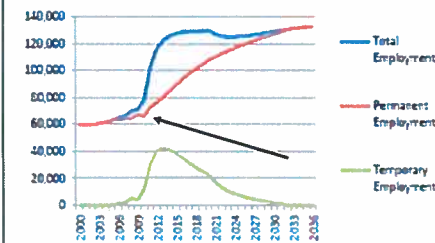
### Bakken Population Pressures

Figure 14. Population Potential, Consensus Scenario, Williston Region (State Planning Region 1), North Dakota 2012 - 2036



Bangsund & Hodur, 2013

Figure 16. Employment Figures and Projections for Oil-impacted Counties in North Dakota, 2000 to 2036



Source: North Dakota State University Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics

[www.ndhfa.org](http://www.ndhfa.org)

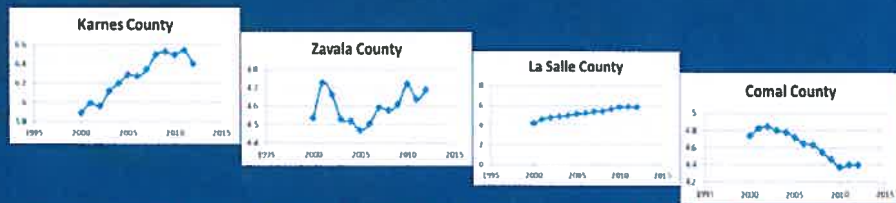
## TSDC Methodology Issues Related to Region L Situation

- Enumeration (counting) Issues
- Method and Formula Issues
- Situation Issues:
  - Location
  - Unique socio-economic
  - “growth phase” in population transition

## Issues with State Methods addressed

- 1) All population not counted in Census (report goal)
- 2) Multipliers not uniform; (B/D/M assumes stable)
- 3) Macro-economic pressure, Punctuated not “seen”
- 4) Special populations removed
- 5) Phases used, not whole pop transition
- 6) Outliers smoothed
- 7) Enumeration overlooks mobile workers
- 8) Smoothing normalizes subgroups: subgroup data is erased and substituted with “standard” data

## “2) Multipliers not uniform”

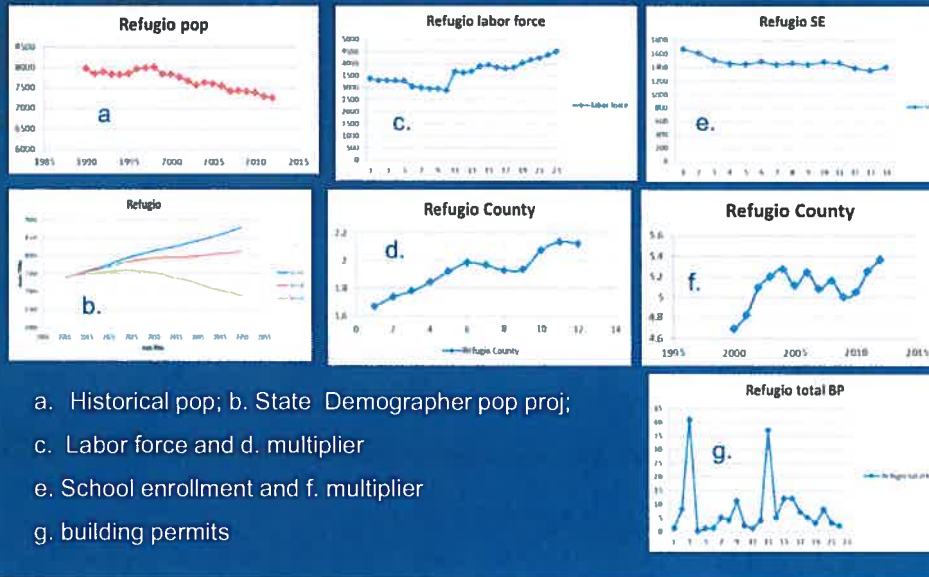


Multiplier graphs for Karnes, Zavala, La Salle and Comal based on school enrollment



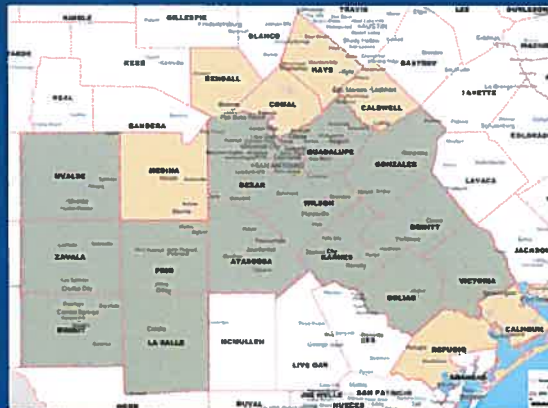
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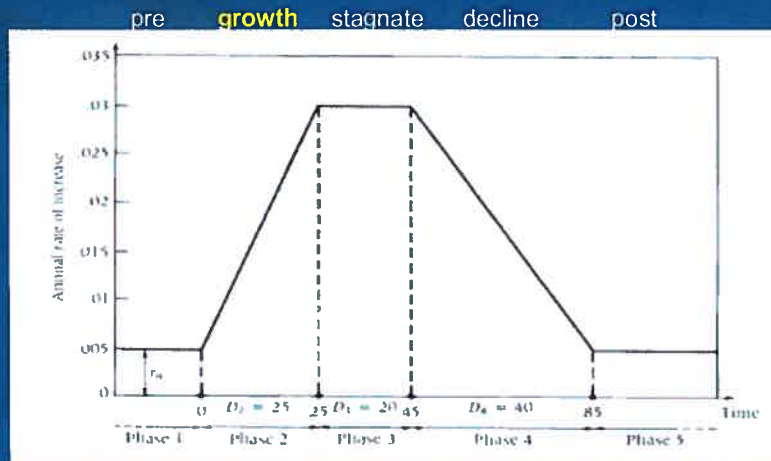


### “4) Special populations”

■ Military, High Education, Prisons



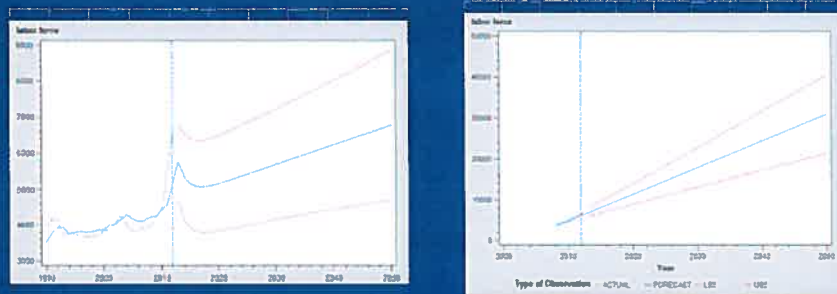
## “5)” Population transitions: 5 phases



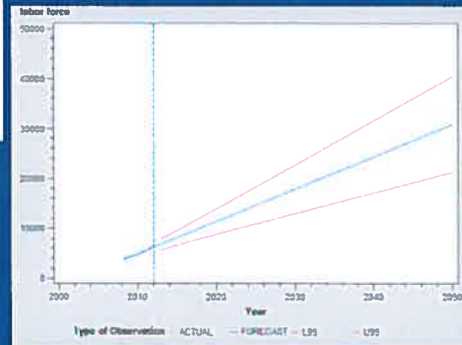
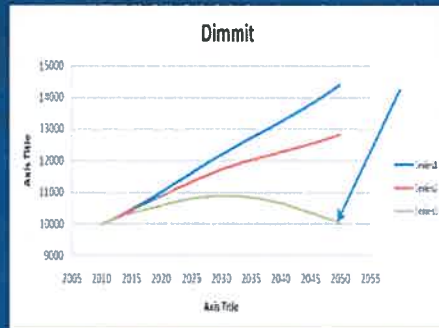
Chesnais, 1990

## “6) Outliers smoothed

Dimmit County example: Historic and event  
Note effect of method on “Bubble”  
and confidence interval



## Looking at Projection Ranges



“7) Enumeration overlooks mobile workers”



“8) Smoothing normalizes subgroups:  
subgroup data is erased and  
substituted with ‘standard’ data”

## Long term smoothing method using substitution for actual non-normal data

... for some counties the migration rates were problematic in yet another manner. The use of historical rates often resulted in substantially higher rates of net migration for one sex than the other. Such an imbalance cannot be expected to continue over the entire projection period. The ratio of male rates relative to female rates for each age was examined by computing means for each ratio and analyzing standard deviations for such means. From this analysis, it was decided that a ratio greater than 2 should result in a replacement of the migration rate. Given this, rates were adjusted to be no larger than twice the ratio of male to female rates or visa versa at the COG and State levels within county types for the same age, sex, and race/ethnicity group . . . If the ratio of male to female migration rates for a county of a given type for any age exceeded this limit for the COG type, its rate for that age, sex, and race/ethnicity was replaced with that for the county type for the COG. If the COG's rate for the county type was still problematic, the rate for that county type for the State as a whole was substituted for the county rate.

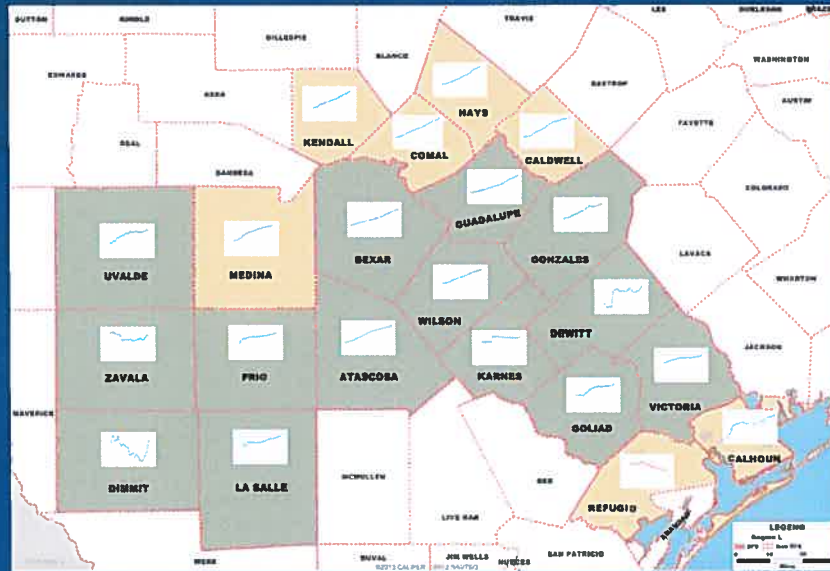
[emphasis added] (StDmg, TSDC, 2012)

## Region L Study

(Base & Target pop; range and confidence intervals; bubbles/slope)

- Alternative data
  - Recommended:
    - Employment, Housing Units, School Enrollment
- Multipliers
- Percent change differences
  - Show significant and substantial rate changes
- Comparisons
  - 2050 population targets: StDmg scenarios & Alts
- Forecast charts
  - Allow assessment of confidence intervals and slope

## Historical Population of Region L



## Use of Household Multipliers

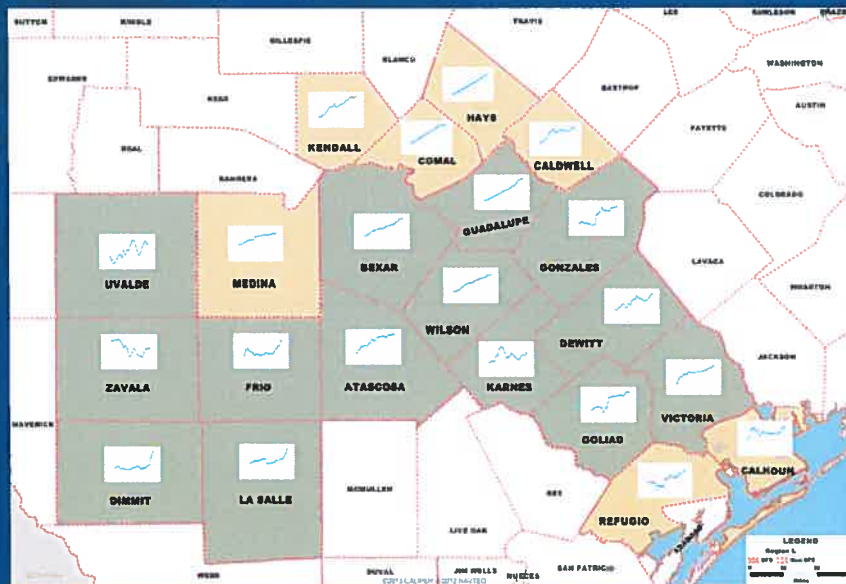
- US overall, Texas, Region, etc: different
- TX 2.75 recommended, but income, location, family situation effect PHH
- This study used average of ratio between historic annual data and population
- Used ratio multiplier for autoregressive projections, SAS

# I: Employment

## Data:

- Labor Force Numbers
  - Available for work: employed, unemployed
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Texas Workforce Commission, Tracer2

## Employment 2000-2012







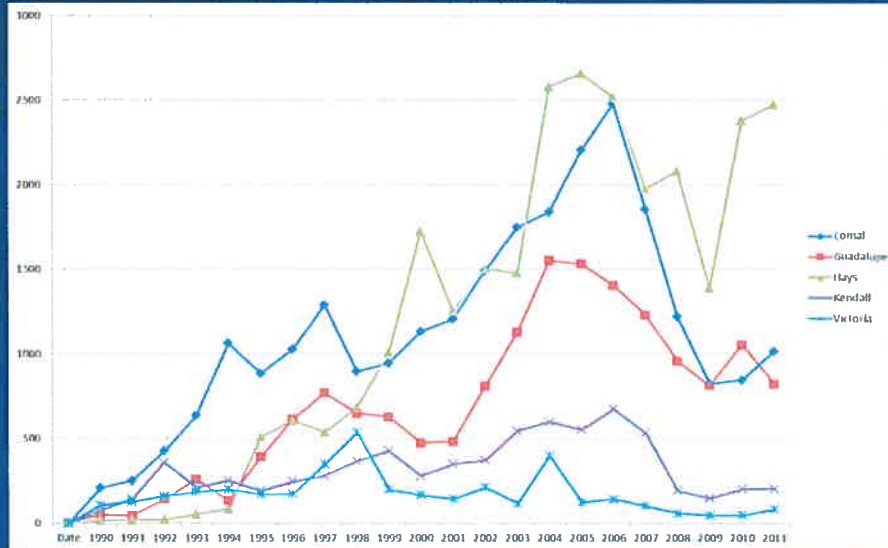
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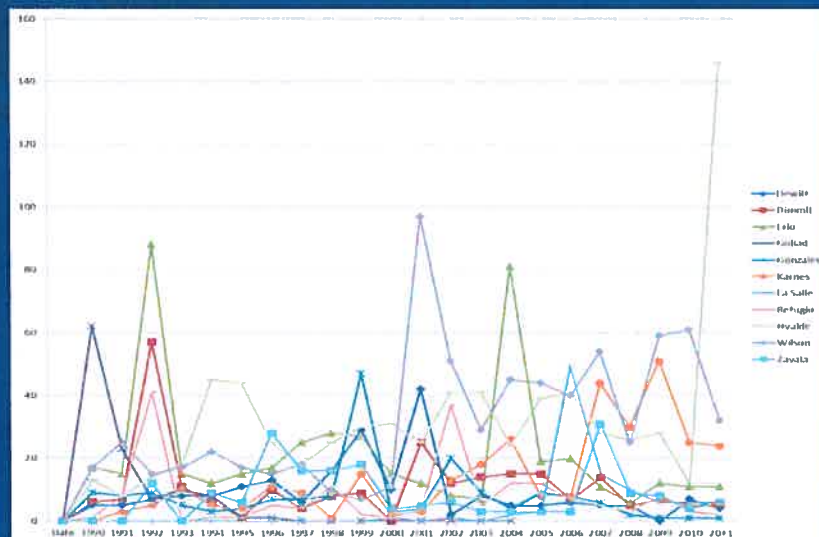
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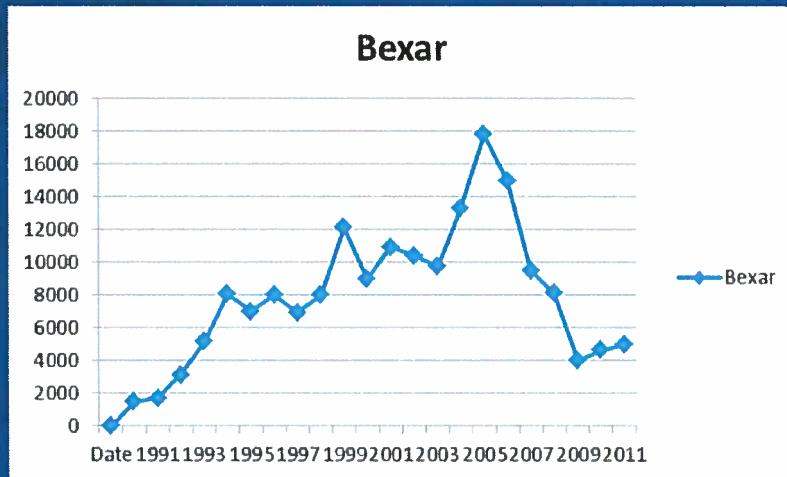
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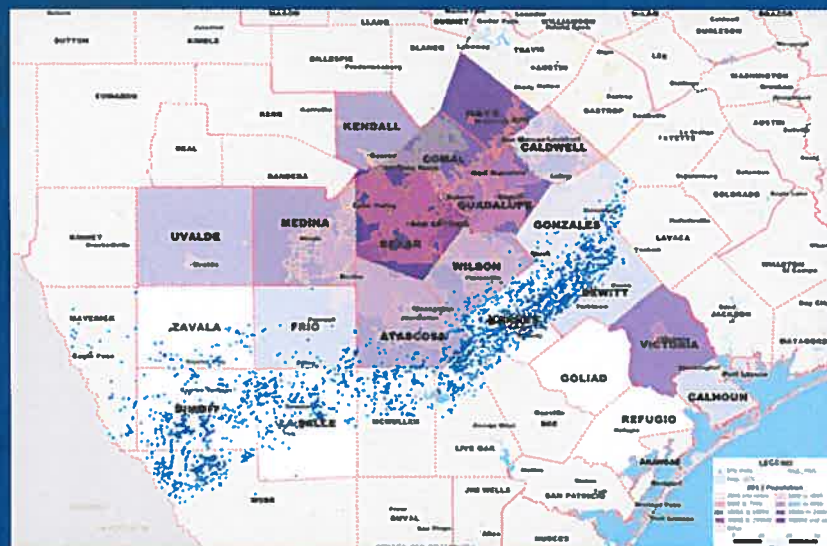
## III: School Enrollment

- Data:
- StDmg data age 6-17
- Texas Education Agency
  - Public school aged children (SAC)
  - Does not include private or other school

# TEA Regional Service Centers



# 2013 School Enrollment

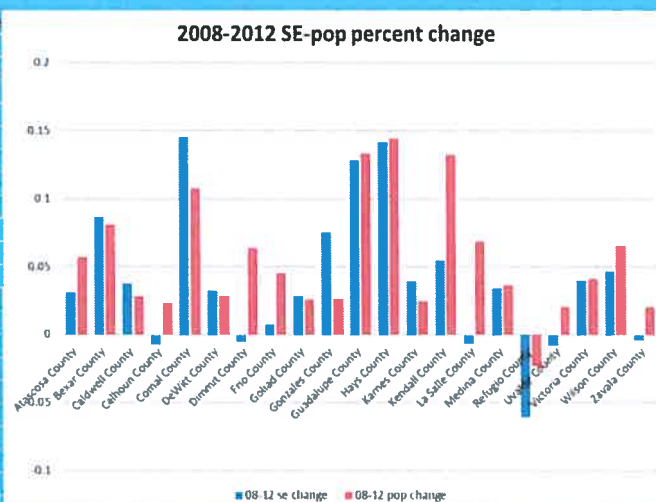


## Where Are the SAC?

YEAR	TEA / EFS	CNTYNAME	COUNTY ENROLLMENT	Census SAC
2009-2010	20/y	ATASCOSA COUNTY	8761	8788
2009-2010	20/y	BEXAR COUNTY	323988	309232
2009-2010	13/n	CALDWELL COUNTY	6351	6868
2009-2010	3/n	CALHOUN COUNTY	4276	3863
2009-2010	13/n	COMAL COUNTY	24833	18131
2009-2010	3/y	DEWITT COUNTY	4263	3021
2009-2010	20/y	DIMMIT COUNTY	2395	2009
2009-2010	20/y	FRIO COUNTY	3192	2827
2009-2010	3/y	GOLIAD COUNTY	1349	1175
2009-2010	13/y	GONZALES COUNTY	3856	3542
2009-2010	13/y	GUADALUPE COUNTY	22198	25236
2009-2010	13/n	HAYS COUNTY	28652	26011
2009-2010	3/y	KARNES COUNTY	2283	1983
2009-2010	13/20/AL/n	KENDALL COUNTY	7611	5906
2009-2010	20/y	LA SALLE COUNTY	1178	1000
2009-2010	20/n	MEDINA COUNTY	8990	8288
2009-2010	3/n	REFUGIO COUNTY	1462	1243
2009-2010	20/y	UVALDE COUNTY	6170	5190
2009-2010	3/n	VICTORIA COUNTY	14918	15343
2009-2010	20/y	WILSON COUNTY	8406	8096
2009-2010	20/y	ZAVALA COUNTY	2473	2379

## Percent change difference SE-Pop

08-12 se change	08-12 pop change
3.09%	5.69%
8.58%	8.11%
3.74%	2.82%
-0.68%	2.28%
14.49%	10.76%
3.25%	2.83%
-0.46%	6.39%
0.79%	4.50%
2.88%	2.61%
7.53%	2.59%
12.81%	13.33%
14.12%	14.43%
3.98%	2.46%
5.50%	13.23%
-0.57%	6.85%
3.44%	3.62%
-6.05%	-2.30%
-0.74%	2.08%
3.95%	4.09%
4.58%	6.51%
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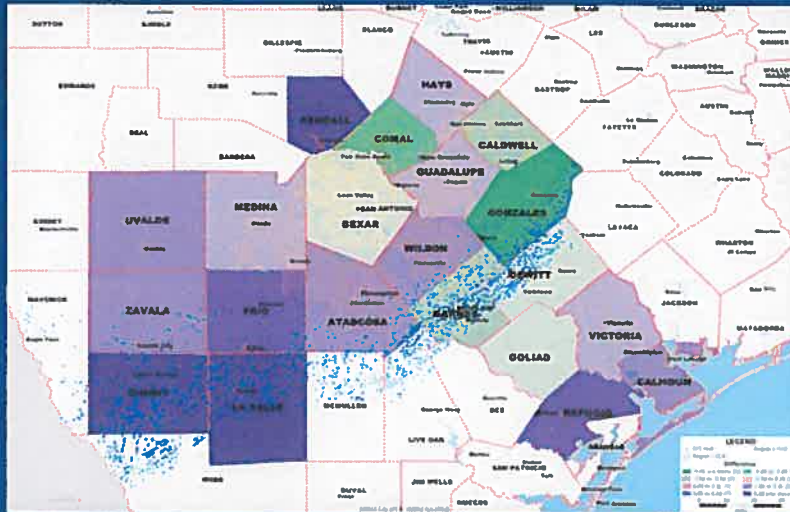
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	Atascosa C	59,053	75,481	87,117	5.229228	53,631
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	Caldwell C	43,148	64,014	92,471	6.023014	39,973
	Calhoun C	25,352	32,276	38,881	5.098867	21,919
	Comal Cou	112,457	192,808	317,376	4.395665	276,088
	DeWitt Co	22,003	22,216	21,770	4.574207	17,112
	Dimmit Co	14,414	12,825	10,042	4.400926	8,345
	Frio Count	22,136	24,488	26,160	5.5198	17,285
	Goliad Cou	6,936	8,345	10,545	5.413108	6,500
	Gonzales C	27,079	28,330	28,239	4.908178	21,760
	Guadalupe	145,771	258,289	424,870	5.95575	285,152
	Hays Coun	237,144	474,802	952,790	5.569324	355,394
	Karnes Cou	15,735	15,697	16,609	6.40042	9,140
	Kendall Co	33,669	56,429	90,187	4.549089	62,451
	La Salle Cc	9,178	9,987	10,835	5.855848	4,470
	Medina Cc	52,341	70,896	89,271	5.120442	58,548
	Refugio Cc	8,793	8,119	6,888	5.369083	3,961
	Uvalde Co	37,440	36,257	31,631	4.412337	19,338
	Victoria Cc	111,013	109,785	101,747	5.801209	73,656
	Wilson Cou	43,786	71,683	108,349	5.221843	69,566
	Zavala Cou	19,410	17,521	13,540	4.68875	12,011
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	Wilson Cou	43,786	71,683	108,349	58,166
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# Differences in School Enrollment and Population



County	sdmg 0	sdmg 0.5	sdmg 1	popx-se	popx-se6yr	popx-labor	opx-labor5yr	popx-HU
Atascosa County	59,053	75,481	87,117	53,631	58,293	72,962	63,054	74,791
Bexar County	2,195,644	2,695,668	3,180,782	3,119,331	3,102,539	2,589,924	3,151,801	3,010,225
Caldwell County	43,148	64,014	92,471	39,973	53,597	48,627	69,592	66,573
Galveston County	25,352	32,276	38,881	21,919	17,848	23,253	31,301	26,114
Gomul County	112,457	192,808	317,376	276,088	262,619	223,647	112,899	238,301
DeWitt County	22,003	22,216	21,770	17,112	18,123	18,123	41,713	21,221
Dimmit County	14,414	12,825	10,042	8,345	10,493	18,111	18,211	18,211
Frio County	21,136	24,488	26,160	17,285	19,700	22,194	47,210	24,724
Goliad County	6,936	8,345	10,545	6,500	9,620	11,710	11,501	11,501
Gonzales County	27,079	28,330	28,239	21,760	18,111	18,111	18,111	26,217
Guadalupe County	145,771	258,289	424,870	285,152	280,406	257,535	329,633	279,012
Hays County	237,144	474,802	952,790	355,394	283,073	338,242	350,421	353,058
Karnes County	15,735	15,697	16,609	9,140	18,111	16,380	18,111	18,111
Kendall County	33,669	56,429	90,187	62,451	57,657	66,646	47,859	77,549
La Salle County	9,178	9,987	10,835	4,470	8,765	11,797	11,797	11,797
Medina County	52,341	70,896	89,271	58,548	62,759	85,849	69,863	84,770
Refugio County	8,793	8,119	6,888	3,961	3,413	11,111	11,111	11,111
Uvalde County	37,440	36,257	31,631	19,338	21,024	32,526	41,411	36,684
Victoria County	111,013	109,785	101,747	73,656	111,111	111,111	111,111	111,111
Wilson County	43,786	71,683	108,349	69,566	58,166	82,109	79,905	83,081
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## Summary by County

Atascosa: "EFS"; historic and event SE is lower, and all other show no difference; 0 - 75K and .5 - 59K

Bexar: "regional urban anchor"; recount; event labor high (3,195k), all other no difference, 1 - 3180K

Caldwell: "north corridor"; historic SE low, all other no difference; .5 - 64K, 1 - 92k

? Calhoun: "coastal"; recount; SE and historic labor low, HU ND, event labor high (45k); 0 - 25k, 1 - 35k

Comal: "north corridor"; all ND, but event labor close to 0 scenario, SE (historic 276-event 262k) and historic labor (223k) fall between: .5 - 192k; 0 - 317k

? Davitt: "EFS"; recount; historic SE lower, all others higher; event SE 28k, event labor 41k; 0, .5 - 22k;  
 \*StDmg projections not recommended, due to downward curvilinear and low estimations

## Summary by County

? Dimmit: "EFS"; recount; historic SE lower, event SE ND, Labor higher (historic 16-event 69k), HU no data; 0 - 14k is far under the labor-based target

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? Frio: "EFS"; recount; SE low, historic labor and HU ND, event labor high (62k); .5 - 24k, 1 - 26k; but

\*StDmg projections curve downward

? Goliad: "south corridor"; recount; historic SE low, event SE ND, HU no data, labor high (11k); 1 - 10k;

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? Gonzales: "north corridor"; recount; historic SE and HU low, event SE (34k) and labor high (historic 32k - event 30k); .5 - 25k

Guadalupe: "north corridor"; recount; all ND, however, SE (historic 280k - event 285k) and labor (historic 257k - event 329k) fall between .5 - 258k and 1 - 424k

\*StDmg projection ranges are wide, aggressive almost 3 times the normal, may not be realistic

Hays: "north corridor"; all ND, SE (355-283K) and labor (338-350k); .5 - 474k;

\*StDmg projection ranges are wide, aggressive (~ 1000k) almost 5 times current may not be realistic

## Summary by County

? Karnes: "EFS"; recount; SE low, event SE high (20k), labor close & high (historic 16k – event 25k); none;  
 \*StDmg projections not recommended, due to downward curvilinear and low estimations

Kendall: "north corridor"; all ND, .5 – 56k, 1 – 90k

? La Salle: "EFS"; recount; SE low, HU no data, labor high (historic 11k – event 42k); 1 – 10k;  
 \*StDmg projections not recommended, due to low estimations

Medina: "EFS"; all ND, SE (event 62k), labor (historic 85k – event 69k); .5 – 70k, 1 – 89k

? Refugio: "coastal"; recount; SE low, labor high (historic 12k – event 16k); none;  
 \*StDmg projections not recommended, due to downward curvilinear and low estimations

## Summary by County

? Uvalde: "EFS"; recount; SE low, historic labor ND, event labor (43k); 0 – 37k  
 \*StDmg projections usable range, but downward curvilinear and possible low estimations

? Victoria: "south corridor"; recount; historic SE low, all other high, event SE (115k), labor (historic 115- event 130k); 0 – 111k  
 \*StDmg projections not recommended, due to downward curvilinear and low estimations

? Wilson: "EFS"; recount; all ND labor (historic 82k – event 79k); .5 – 71k, 1 – 108k  
 \*StDmg projection ranges are wide

? Zavala: "EFS"; recount; SE and historic labor low, event labor high (37k), HU no data; 0 – 19k

## Conclusion

- Study found evidence to support WUG
    - Requests for census recount
    - Documentation for significant rate differences
    - Documentation for substantial rate differences
  - WUG
    - Information to best choice scenario, if not desiring to apply for adjustment
    - Planning information for future reference
    - Suggestions for local record needs for planning
- <CCBR available to help read and understand data>

## Thank You!

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