



# Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley Factsheet

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**Texas Population ~ 24,326,974**

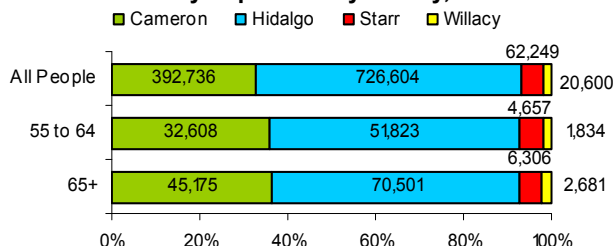
**TX Population 55 and over ~ 4,829,430**

**Valley Population ~ 1,202,189**

**Valley Population 55 and over ~ 215,585**

## Age and Race/Ethnicity

**Valley Population by County, 2008**



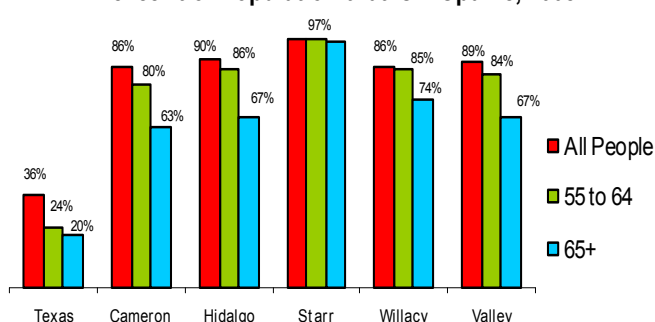
**Percent of Population that is a Senior**

Age Grp	Texas	Cameron	Hidalgo	Starr	Willacy	Valley
55 to 64	10%	8%	7%	7%	9%	8%
65+	10%	12%	10%	10%	13%	10%

### Age

- About 5% of Texas' general population and 4% of its Older Adults (55+) reside in the Valley (Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties).
- Hidalgo is the most populated county in the Valley followed, in order, by Cameron, Starr, then Willacy.
- The Senior (65+) population in the Valley is the same as Texas' (10%). The percent of people ages 55-64 is slightly lower.
- Willacy County has the highest concentration of people who are ages

**Percent of Population that is Hispanic, 2008**



### Race/Ethnicity

- The percent of the population that is Hispanic in the valley is more than twice that of Texas. Hispanics over the ages of 55, it is more than three times greater.
- Starr County has the highest concentration of Hispanics, 97%.
- The Black population in the Valley is very low, only 0.5%. There are an estimated 516 Blacks over the age of 55 living in the area.

## Income

	Texas	Valley	High	Low
Below 55-64	10%	26%	Willacy (56%)	Cameron (24%)
100% FPL 65+	12%	27%	Starr (39%)	Hidalgo (25.6%)
100%- 55-64	14%	26%	Starr (30%)	Cameron (25%)
199% FPL 65+	22%	31%	Willacy (37%)	Cameron (30%)
200% FPL 55-64 & above	75%	48%	Cameron (51%)	Willacy (19%)
65+	65%	42%	Cameron (44%)	Starr (25%)

- The percent of Older Adults living below the FPL in the Valley is more than twice that of Texas.
- Almost half, 41%, of all people over the age of 55 living in Willacy County are living below the FPL. When just looking at people 55-64, it is 65%.
- In Hidalgo, the area's most populated county, more than half (54%) of older adults live below 200% of FPL.

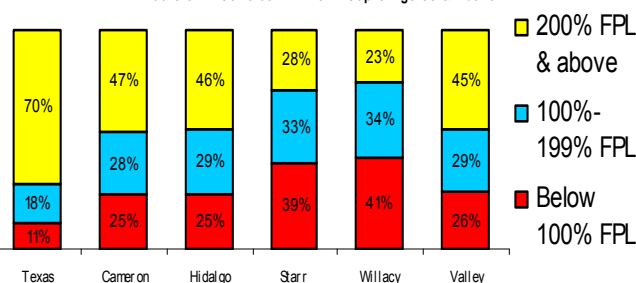
## Uninsured

**Uninsured People Ages 45 to 64, 2005**

Texas	Valley	High	Low
21%	36%	Hidalgo (37%)	Willacy (33%)

- The uninsured rates of people in the Valley ages 45 to 64 is higher than the Texas rate.
- In the Valley, people ages 45 to 64 were virtually as likely to be uninsured as people under the age of 45, 36% to 37%.
- When looking only at Hispanics the rate of uninsured (45-64) increases slightly, from 36% to 39%.

**Ratio of Income to FPL for People Age 55 & Above**



## Fast Facts

- Older adults living in the Valley were less likely to still be in the work force when compared to Texas.
  - 55-64 => TX—60% Valley—48%
  - 65+ => TX—16% Valley—9%
- About 34% of Grandparents in the Valley were responsible for their grandchildren.
- When compared to Texas, the percent of people in the Valley, ages 18 and above, who were 'Not a Citizen' (legal status unknown) was higher, 27% compared to 13%.

## **Sources**

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