# **REGIONAL SNAPSHOT**

### As the state's chief financial officer, I am charged with monitoring the economic health of our state and its regions. The state of Texas has 12 economic regions including the Southeast Region.

The 15-county Southeast Region covers about 12,800 square miles in easternmost Texas, stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to Nacogdoches along the Louisiana border. Below we examine demographic and economic statistics that influence the region's economy.

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### SOUTHEAST REGION COUNTIES:

ANGELINA HARDIN HOUSTON JASPER JEFFERSON NACOGDOCHES NEWTON ORANGE POLK SABINE SAN AUGUSTINE SAN JACINTO SHELBY TRINITY TYLER • PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING • FORESTRY AND LOGGING

• PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION

**CONCENTRATED INDUSTRIES** 

SOUTHEAST

- CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING
- •WOOD PRODUCT
- MANUFACTURING

ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION • CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

HEAVY AND CIVIL

- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
- JUSTICE, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES • PAPER MANUFACTURING

Source: JobsEQ®

## POPULATION GROWTH

REGION 2.0% U.S. 5.50 SOUTHEAST REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2010-2017

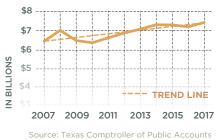
12.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The Southeast Region's estimated total population in 2017 was about 782,000, or nearly 3 percent of the state's total population. This is an increase of 2 percent (more than 15,000 people) since the 2010 census.



REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX 2007-2017



Sales receipts subject to state sales tax directly attributable to the Southeast Region trended upward in the past decade.

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JOBS & WAGE CHANGES, 2007-2017 In 2017, the Southeast Region accounted for

more than 2 percent of the state's total jobs.



\* Real rate of change

\*\*Figures include private and public sector employees with the exception of active-duty military personnel, railroad employees, religious institution employees and the self-employed. Sources: JobsEQ and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### CONCLUSION

The Southeast Region has seen limited population growth since 2010, and residents of 14 of its 15 counties are significantly older than the state's median age. However, Nacogdoches County has a significantly younger population than the state.

The Southeast Region took longer than most regions in Texas to recover from the 2009 recession. However, the trend has been upward since then, with receipts subject to state sales tax continuing to grow in 2017. While the region has had slower employment growth than the rest of the state, the average wage increase was double the state average between 2007 and 2017. The most concentrated industries in the region involve chemical and petroleum products production and construction services, which add to the vibrancy of the Southeast Region's economy.

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### THE SOUTHEAST REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.

To see a complete list of these regions, plus more in-depth county-by-county data, visit: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/regions/