

State of Northern Caldwell County: Economic & Growth Outlook

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November 18, 2021
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Caldwell County

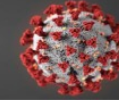
COVID 19 Implications

- County over 60% of residents vaccinated and second highest vaccination rate in the region.
- Number of cases has dropped to single digits each week and we will monitor closely throughout the upcoming holiday season.
- County sponsoring a 1 day vaccination clinic at each school district in the county on November 20th, 2021. Locations for each clinic can be found on the Caldwell County Emergency Management Website.

COVID 19 at a glance

DSHS Region 7

Coronavirus
Update
11/11/2021



COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

		# of Cases							
World		251,788,329							
USA		46,626,034							
Texas		3,533,973							
Region 7		70,862	Confirmed cases in last 30 days	1,676* (not including TDCJ case counts)					
			TDCJ	3,651					
			Deaths	1,924					
County Case Breakdown									
	Total	Confirmed Cases in last 30 days	TDCJ	Deaths		Total	Confirmed Cases in last 30 days	TDCJ	Deaths
Bastrop	10,662	265	-	175	Hill	4,614	79	-	160
Blanco	871	16	-	28	Lampasas	3,002	65	-	65
Bosque	1,823	21	-	56	Lee	1,448	78	-	51
Burleson	2,644	72	-	59	Leon	1,842	28	-	69
Burnet	6,279	145	88	127	Limestone	2,616	32	-	111
Caldwell	7,108	113	152	152	Llano	1,885	78	-	73
Coryell	9,895	200	1,727	162	Madison	2,134	53	340	43
Falls	2,288	34	432	48	Mills	735	14	-	28
Fayette	2,182	34	-	93	Robertson	2,383	34	-	64
Freestone	1,636	38	207	69	San Saba	665	17	124	27
Grimes	4,654	89	581	107	Washington	4,751	133	-	128
Hamilton	1,189	38	-	29					

DSHS Public Health Region 7
COVID-19 Confirmed Case Counts per County

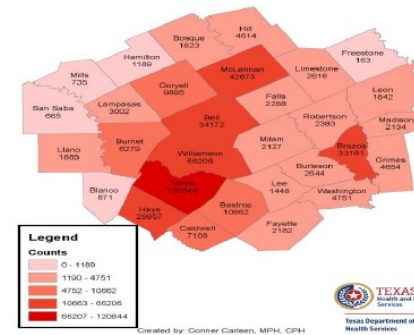


Figure 1: Map depicting the distribution of reported COVID-19 cases across Region 7 by county.¹

Region 7 Cases: 76,673

Confirmed Cases in last 30 days	TDCJ	Ever Hospitalized	Deaths
1,676	3,651	1,566	1,924

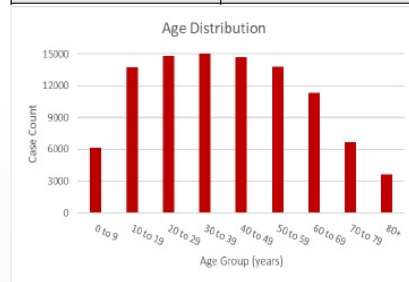


Figure 2: Age of reported COVID-19 cases in PHR 7.

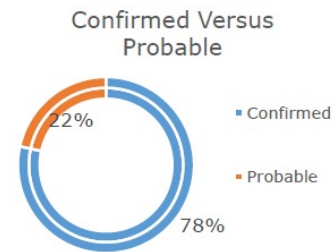


Figure 3: Percentage of cases that have a case status of confirmed or probable; data is obtained by initial reports.
Table 1 and Figures 1-4 Created With Data Current As Of 6:00PM, 11/10/2021

SEX OF COVID-19 CASES

Female	52.68%
Male	47.32%

Table 1: Sex of reported COVID-19 cases in PHR 7

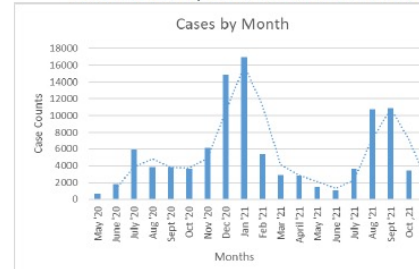


Figure 4: New Cases Reported by Month.

COVID 19 at a glance

Public Health Region 7 COVID-19 Dashboard

Report Date: 11/12/2021

County	Community ¹					TDCJ Offenders ²	County Total ³	
	Confirmed ⁴	Probable ⁵	New Confirmed and Probable Cases Entered On ⁶	Confirmed Cases Reported Since ⁷	Confirmed Cases Reported Since ⁸	Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	Deaths ⁹
			11/11/21	10/28/21	10/12/21			
Bastrop	10,667	3,736	7	79	246		10,667	175
Blanco	871	384	0	7	16		871	28
Bosque	1,823	619	0	7	20		1,823	56
Burleson	2,644	650	0	22	64		2,644	59
Burnet	6,194	1,179	5	53	138	88	6,282	127
Caldwell	6,959	1,326	4	41	109	152	7,111	152
Coryell	8,170	881	4	46	178	1,727	9,897	162
Falls	1,857	323	2	9	33	432	2,289	48
Fayette	2,183	1,432	1	19	32		2,183	93
Freestone	1,430	1,131	1	10	38	207	1,637	69
Grimes	4,075	556	3	32	88	581	4,656	107
Hamilton	1,189	126	0	10	38		1,189	29
Hill	4,617	1,212	3	18	81		4,617	160
Lampasas	3,002	547	0	23	64		3,002	65
Lee	1,448	1,521	0	20	71		1,448	51
Leon	1,842	621	0	10	27		1,842	69
Limestone	2,617	1,041	1	8	27		2,617	111
Llano	1,886	753	1	28	73		1,886	73
Madison	1,794	357	0	14	49	340	2,134	43
Mills	735	118	0	10	14		735	28
Robertson	2,384	577	1	11	33		2,384	64
San Saba	543	328	2	6	17	124	667	27
Washington	4,755	1,038	4	44	129		4,755	128
PHR 7 Total	73,685	20,456	39	527	1,585	3,651	77,336	1,924
Texas Totals							3,539,718	71,186

Notes:

¹ Includes Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) facility employees and excludes TDCJ offenders.

² TDCJ cases in offenders as reported on the TDCJ website at the time of this report. https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/covid-19/mac_dashboard.html

³ Includes confirmed community and TDCJ numbers.

⁴ Confirmed cases meet the criteria for a confirmed case. They were confirmed through testing by an FDA approved test detecting RNA (i.e. PCR).

⁵ Probable cases meet the criteria for a probable case. They were not confirmed through testing by an FDA approved test detecting RNA.

Probable cases are not included in cumulative case numbers on this report and are not currently displayed on the DSHS website. Case definitions are available here: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/public-health.aspx>
On 11/1/2020, the case definition for probable changed. As of 11/1/2020 cases confirmed by an antigen test are now probable cases regardless of whether the person had symptoms of COVID-19.

⁶ New confirmed and probable cases that were added to the PHR 7 line list yesterday.

⁷ Confirmed cases that were reported to PHR 7 within the previous 14 days.

⁸ Confirmed cases that were reported to PHR 7 within the previous 30 days.

⁹ Deaths identified through death certificate data from DSHS Vital Statistics. May include TDCJ offenders. Only deaths with COVID listed on part 1 of the electronic death certificate are included.

Highlights Economic Development

- SH 130 is a blank slate for development with infrastructure being placed by the City of Lockhart at the intersection of SH 130 and 142.
- Chem Energy has announced a Solar Manufacturing Facility and Solar Farm that will include 1 Billion Dollars in investment and 400-800 jobs over the next 10 years for Caldwell County.
- Employers can tap the available workforce within a 45-mile radius of Caldwell County, which numbers 2,257,690 (Chmura Economics).
- Caldwell County is in close-proximity to Texas State University, 25-minutes west, and is the fifth-largest public university in the state of Texas with an enrollment of 38,194 students. The enrollment has grown 4% in the last 5 years.
- Gary Job Corps Center, the nation's largest center of its kind, serves youth ages 16-24. It offers extensive training in skilled and technical trades to address the needs of the business employers.
- According to the National Association of Realtors, the average price of a home in Caldwell County is among the lowest in the Austin MSA submarket at \$134,389 compared to Travis County (\$315,900), Hays County (\$253,426), Bastrop County (\$195,584), Williamson County (\$294,619).
- The Austin Business Journal reported the median home value in Lockhart increased 53% from 2009-2019 (October 2019).
- Target Industries:
 - Hospitality and Retail
 - Life Sciences
 - Information Technology
 - Manufacturing
 - Defense
 - Distribution & Logistics

Caldwell County General Information

Size in Square Miles:	Land area	545.3 sq. mi.
	Water area:	1.9sq. Mi.
	Total area:	547.2 sq. miles

Urban and Rural Population of the County 2010 (Census Bureau)

Percent Urban:	57.71
Percent Rural:	42.29

County Roads

Caldwell has 301 County Roads

Asphalt Roads	199.40 miles
Gravel Roads	215.57 miles
Total Miles	414.97



Demographics

Median Age: 36.1

Per Capita Income: \$31,429

Median Household Income – 2016 (Census Bureau): \$54,186

Education Attainment

Education Attainment

- HS Graduate: 78.2%
- Associates: 27.2%
- Bachelors or Higher: 14.3%

Education Attainment Bachelors or Higher

- Bachelors: 49.2%
- Associates: 27.4%
- Masters Degree: 20.0%
- Doctorate Degree: 3%



Unemployment Rates (Texas Workforce Commission)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
4.3	4.3	4.0	3.9	2.6	2.5/10.5/ 7.5	6.0

students

within 50-miles of Lockhart.

Number of Registered Voters: 23,776

County Government

Annual Budget: \$29,398,826

2014 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate	2016 Tax Rate	2017 Tax Rate	2018 Tax Rate	2019 Tax Rate	2020 Tax Rate
0.6907	0.6906	0.7175	0.7753	0.7753	0.7431	0.7024

Commissioner's Court

County Judge	Hoppy Haden
Commissioner Pct. 1	B.J. Westmoreland
Commissioner Pct. 2	Barbara Shelton
Commissioner Pct. 3	Ed Theriot
Commissioner Pct. 4	Joe Roland



Number of County Employees 278

235 Full Time (includes elected officials)

43 Part Time & Temporary PT

100+ Volunteers (includes fire fighters, law enforcement, etc.)

Budget Revenue

- Generated from Ad Valorem Taxes
- Generated from Grants – grant portfolio of \$32M
 - Of that, \$17M is for Evacuation/Community Service Center
- Received \$4.2M in American Rescue Fund
 - \$250,000 Community Services Foundation
 - \$243,750 TWDB
 - \$1,090,591 Odyssey Software
 - \$975,000 Road Projects
 - \$100,000 Veterans' Assistance
 - \$50,000 Maxwell SUD
- Balance of \$1,490,659 proposed for rural broadband

Caldwell County Growth

2021 Estimated Population: 44,670
2020 Estimated Population: 43,665
2019 Estimated Population: 43,338
2018 Estimated Population: 43,247
2017 Estimated Population: 42,338
2016 Estimated Population: 41,161



CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS – 5 YEARS

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
338	312	3180	441	419

30 Commercial permits (RV parks, gas stations, multiple homes, business, food trailers, etc.)

County Seat Population

Lockhart, Texas

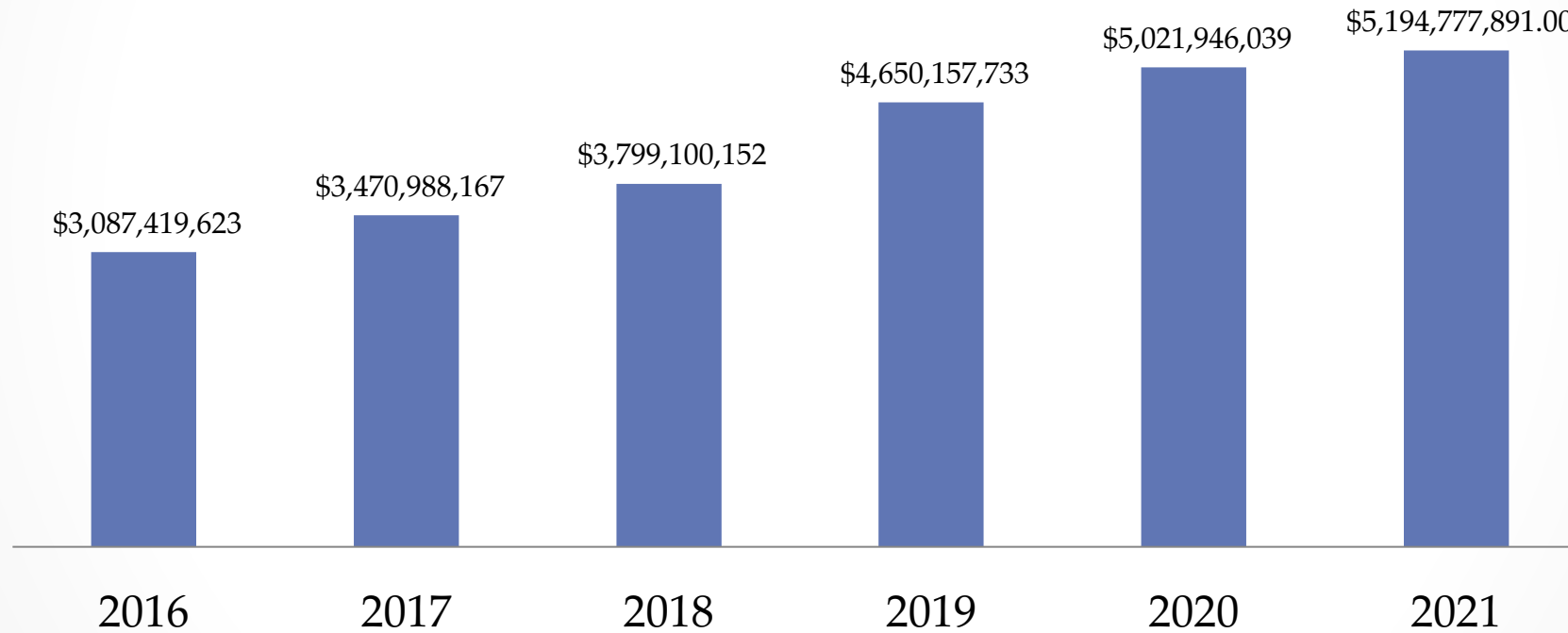
Census 2010: 12,698

Census 2020: 14,379

ENV Technologies

Market Value

■ Market Value



Transportation Demands

- Through 2040 Caldwell County has over half billion dollars' worth (\$586,814,288.54 to be exact) of transportation projects identified. The majority of the projects are either new location roadways or upgrading the existing network such as widening and adding turn lanes to address the growth in the County. (Source: CAMPO 2040 Plan and TIP Listings)
- \$31 million has been funded from 2017 to current. This includes CAMPO and TxDOT funded projects. (Source: CAMPO 2040 Plan and TIP Listings)
- Caldwell County's population is expected to grow from 39,347 to 103,815 by 2045 an increase of 164%. (Source: Demographic Analysis, Draft 2045 RTP)
- Caldwell County's employment is expected to jump from 16,693 in 2015 to 50,582 in 2045 an increase of 203% (Source: Demographic Analysis, Draft 2045 RTP)
- Majority of the growth and new mobility demand is from Lockhart westward to the County line as San Marcos and Lockhart grow towards each other. There is also going to be increased demand on SH 130. The demand for new connectivity and road upgrades is contrasted by the need to maintain the road network west of SH-130.

Transportation Projects

- Highway 21 Super 2 under construction
- Plans to Expand Highway 21 Project
- Paving County Roads
- Stabilizing Existing Gravel Roads for Future Pavement
- Future Projects: Western Caldwell County Project and 142 improvements.

Economic Development Success

- Veritacore-Vitamin and Supplements Production and Packaging-Lulling
- Iron Ox
- Industrial Park
- Hartland Ranch is back under development
- Chem Energy

New Programs and Projects

- Caldwell County Community Services Foundation
- Grants now has 501c3 status
- Enterprise Vehicle Rental Program
- County Infrastructure Improvement
- Industrial Development Corporation
- Western Tower Project complete
- Western Transportation Project still underway
- 142 Project contracted for engineering studies
- Paving Projects continue

Safety and Security

- One main entry into Courthouse
- COVID restrictions have been eased

Training

- Trainings are back in person.
- Judge Haden and Commissioner Shelton have completed their Advanced Curriculum training.

Challenges

- Transportation
- Manage Growth
- Budget
- Improve Services and Customer Service
- Finding New Sources of Revenue
- Public Health (Corona Virus)
- Economic Development
- County wide Rural Broadband



Caldwell County

CITY OF
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

State of Northern Caldwell County

FACTS AND FIGURES



City of Lockhart



2020 Population: 14,379

2015 Population: 13,091

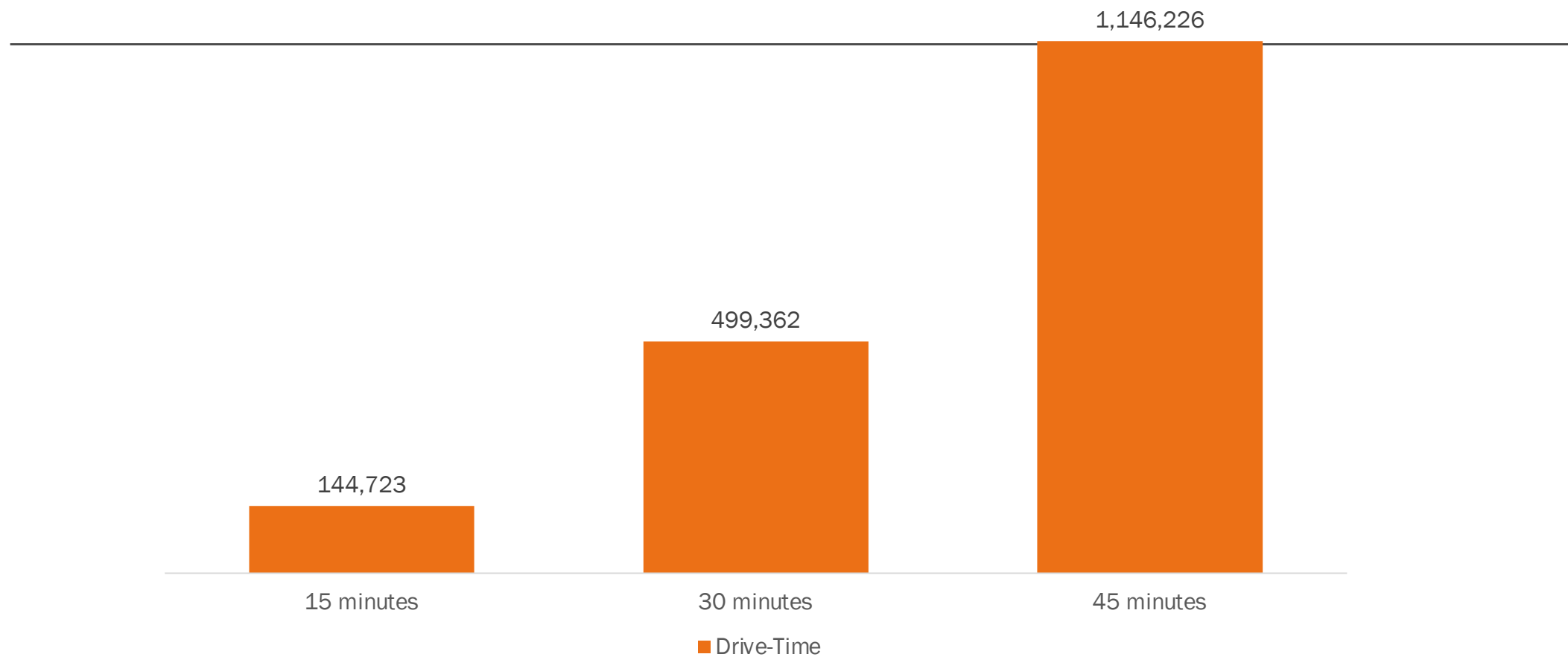
2010 Population: 12,698

Percentage Change: 11.4% growth over last decade

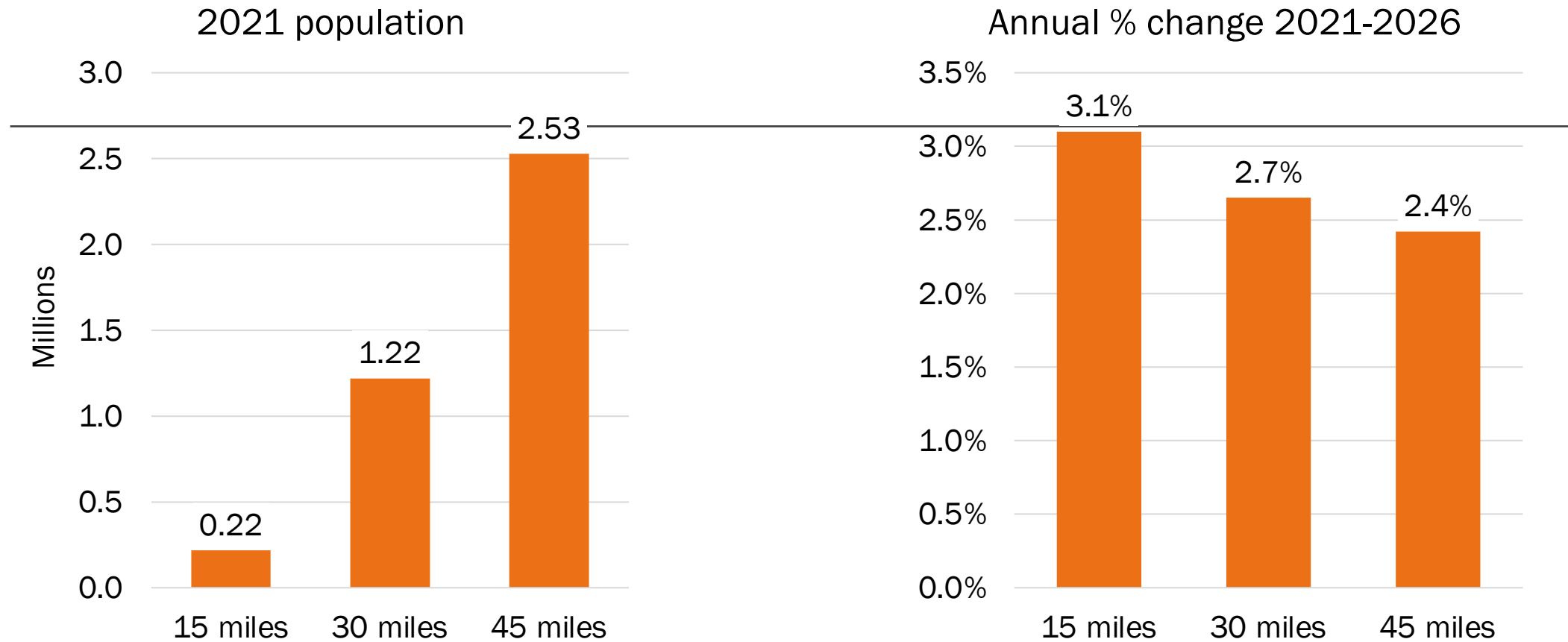
9% of growth came in the last 5 years.



Workforce Within Drive-Time Ranges of Lockhart



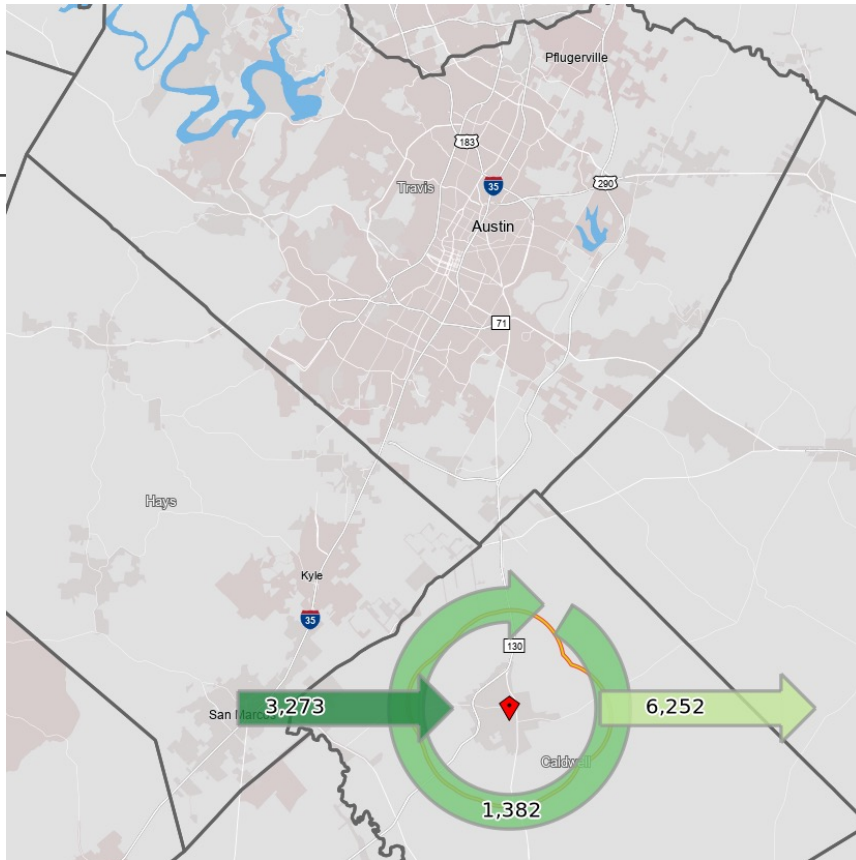
Population and Population Growth for Radius Ranges Around Lockhart



Source: ESRI.



Greater Lockhart Inflow-Outflow



*Greater Lockhart: city buffered by 3.0 miles
(102 square miles).*

	Count	Share
Employed in the area	4,655	100.0%
living outside	3,273	70.3%
living in the area	1,382	29.7%
Living in the area	7,634	100.0%
employed outside	6,252	81.9%
employed in the area	1,382	18.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics 2018.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



Governor Abbott in Lockhart

Governor Abbott delivered the 2021 State of the State from VFT in Lockhart

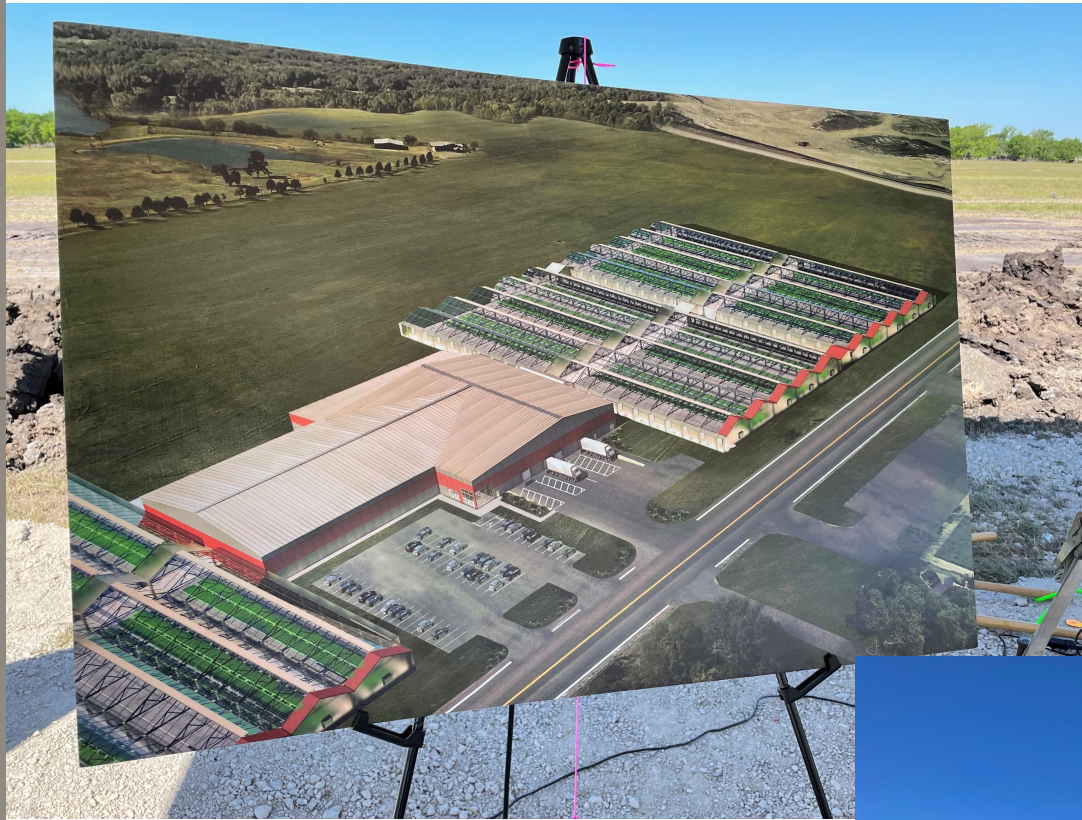


Iron Ox Groundbreaking

535,000 SF Facility

\$10+ million initial
investment

100 jobs



Iron Ox Progress



Expansion on South Commerce St.

LEDC and City Council passed incentives for an expansion of:

1,000,000+ SF expansion

\$120+ million initial investment

28 jobs

Largest Economic Development win ever



Iron Ox Chooses Lockhart for Expansion

GROWN BY ROBOTS WITH LOVE

Our growing process takes a human led, robotics-first approach to ensure every plant is grown at its best from seed to harvest.



Announcement

Hershey's Ice Cream

25,000 SF Facility

\$2.5+ million initial
investment

20 jobs



Announcement

**First Tenant in new
Industrial Park**

28,000 SF Facility

**\$3.5+ million initial
investment**

15 jobs

McElroy Metal Announcement



New Industrial Park

December 2020 City Council and LEDC agreed to proceed with the purchase of 75-acres for a new industrial park.

LEDC passed its first sales tax revenue bonds of \$1.6 million to finance the purchase.

True partnership in economic development from the City, County, BBEC, and LEDC to achieve a common goal.

Tremendous interest since the announcement of the park.



New Industrial Park

LEDC Closed on the new industrial park in February.

Offsite infrastructure completed

Onsite infrastructure will begin by end of November.



New Industrial Park

First tenant secured in July, with construction commencing in December.

Titan Development has secured 13+ acres for a future user.





This represents 20% of the industrial park and onsite construction has not begun.

I-Park Updates

Offsite infrastructure
completed

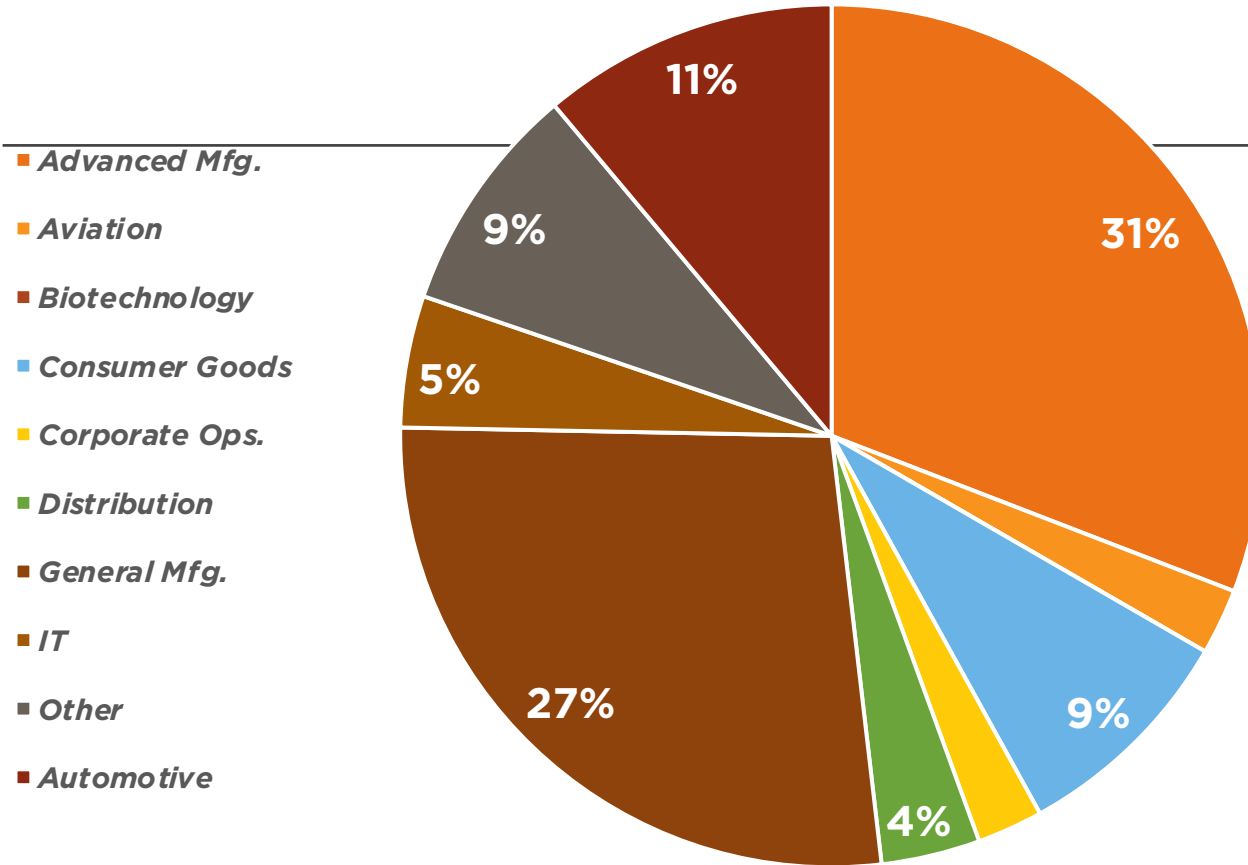


Business Recruitment Activity Matrix

	JAN-OCT 2020	JAN-OCT 2021
OUT OF REGION VISITS	9	0
SOURCES OF LEADS	39	81
Internal Leads		
<i>Direct Company</i>	8	10
<i>Local/Regional Broker</i>	5	7
<i>Site Consultant</i>	0	1
<i>Other</i>	0	1
External Leads		
<i>Austin Chamber</i>	7	7
<i>State</i>	18	52
<i>GSMP</i>	1	3
PROSPECT FOLLOW UP REQUEST	1,524	1,671
PROSPECT VISITS	10	24
<i>New (1st)</i>	5	15
<i>Repeat</i>	5	9
Announcements	0	1



LEADS BY INDUSTRY – CY 2021 YTD



Project Updates
63,408 jobs
47.75 million sq. ft.
11,662 acres
\$81.97 Billion



COVID-19

City of Lockhart stepped up in a big way in 2020 to help local companies impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic

The City provided:

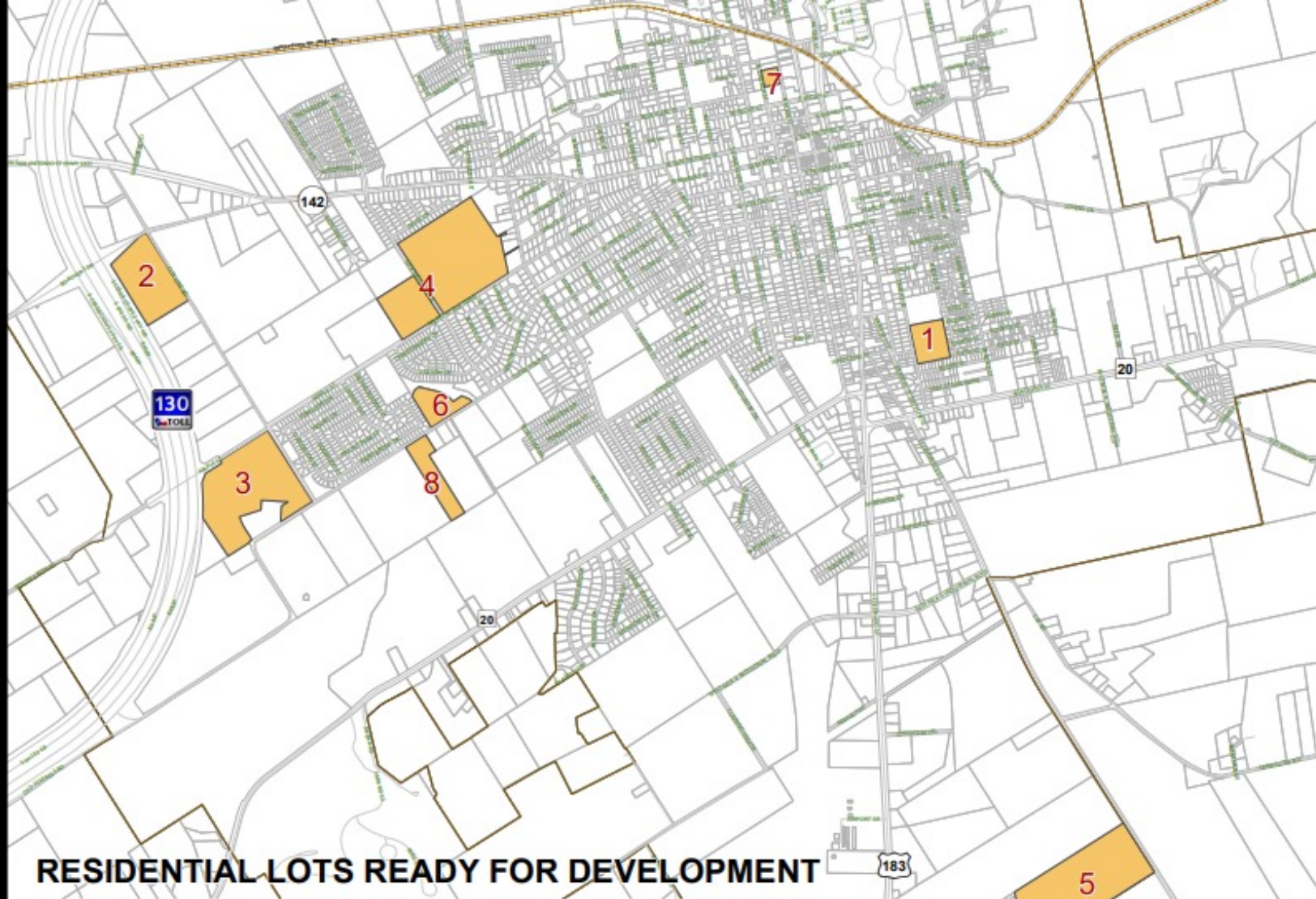
- ***17 grants totaling \$42,500***
- ***18 loans totaling \$110,000***

The Austin MSA is the first MSA in the country to reach pre-pandemic employment.





Construction and Development



RESIDENTIAL LOTS READY FOR DEVELOPMENT

1	JESCO SUBDIVISION - GLENN SYNNOTT, LENNAR BUILDERS	34 DUPLEX LOTS
2	CENTERPOINT MEADOWS - KB HOME	121 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS
3	MAPLE PARK PDD - MANUMIT INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, OWNER	100 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS, 2 MULTI-FAMILY LOTS
4	VINTAGE SPRINGS PDD - D.R. HORTON	439 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS
5	SUMMERSIDE SUBD SEC 3-4 - LENNAR BUILDER	271 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS
6	HERITAGE PLACE PDD - DANE BRAUN, LOCKHART II PARTNERS, LTD.	18 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS, 8 DUPLEXES, 1 CONDOMINIUM LOT
7	MAIN SPRINGS PDD - COUNTYWIDE BUILDERS	3 APARTMENTS, 6 TOWNHOME CONDO UNITS
8	CLEAR FORK RESERVE SECTION ONE - JOHN GROBELNY, OWNER	11 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS

Downtown Revitalization Project

- The project focuses on the nine-block area around the Caldwell County Courthouse.
- It involves proposed upgrades in utilities, drainage, street resurfacing/reconstruction, parking, hardscape, pedestrian safety, and landscaping.
- The project is currently in the design phase.
- Its first public open house on the project was Monday, November 15.
- Currently gathering public feedback. You can access the questionnaire on the City's website (www.lockhart-tx.org).
- Second public open house will be held in January 2022. Exact date to be announced.



Winter Storm Uri Recovery

- Winter Storm Uri (February 11-20, 2021) brought loss of water, multi-day road closures, power outages, loss of heat, broken pipes, and other societal impacts.
- The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) operates water and wastewater treatment plants owned by the City. The City continues to work with the GBRA regarding its “After Action” recommendations, which will create a permanent backup system should the main water distribution pipeline lose pressure for any reason.
- Areas of improvement include training, and communications.



Lockhart Farmers Market

- The City of Lockhart entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Caldwell County to permit the Lockhart Farmers Market, a 501c(3) organization.
- Since the agreement, the Lockhart Farmers Market has been held every Saturday at the Courthouse Square from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Courthouse Square Park

- The City approved the creation of the Courthouse Square temporary park, located at the corner of Market and S. Commerce Sts.
- The temporary park has provided outdoor seating and public restrooms to the Lockhart community and visitors.
- It also provided outdoor space in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Dog Park

- A fully-equipped dog park has been built at City Park, adjacent to the skate park.
- The dog park is divided to two spaces in order to cater to both large (more than 30 lbs.) and small (less than 30 lbs.) dogs.
- Hours: 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.



New Fire Truck

§ Lockhart Fire-Rescue's new Engine No. 1 is now in service!

§ It features three, pre-connected fire hoses for quick water deployment, air bags for firefighter safety, and a cab intercom system.

§ The new pumper is able to hold 750 gallons (730 gallons of water + 20 gallons of foam).

§ It replaces Engine No. 4, which has been in service for a decade. Engine No. 4 will then be placed on reserve.





Thank you

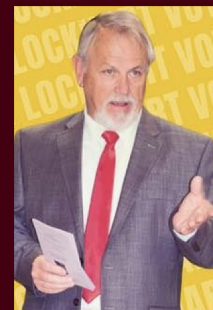
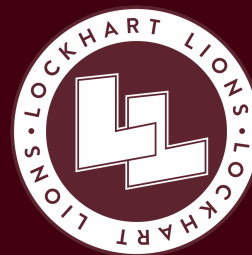
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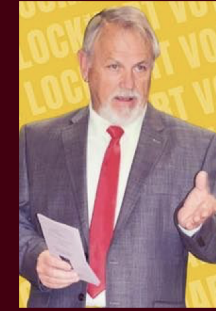
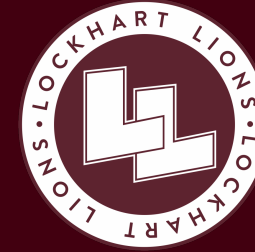
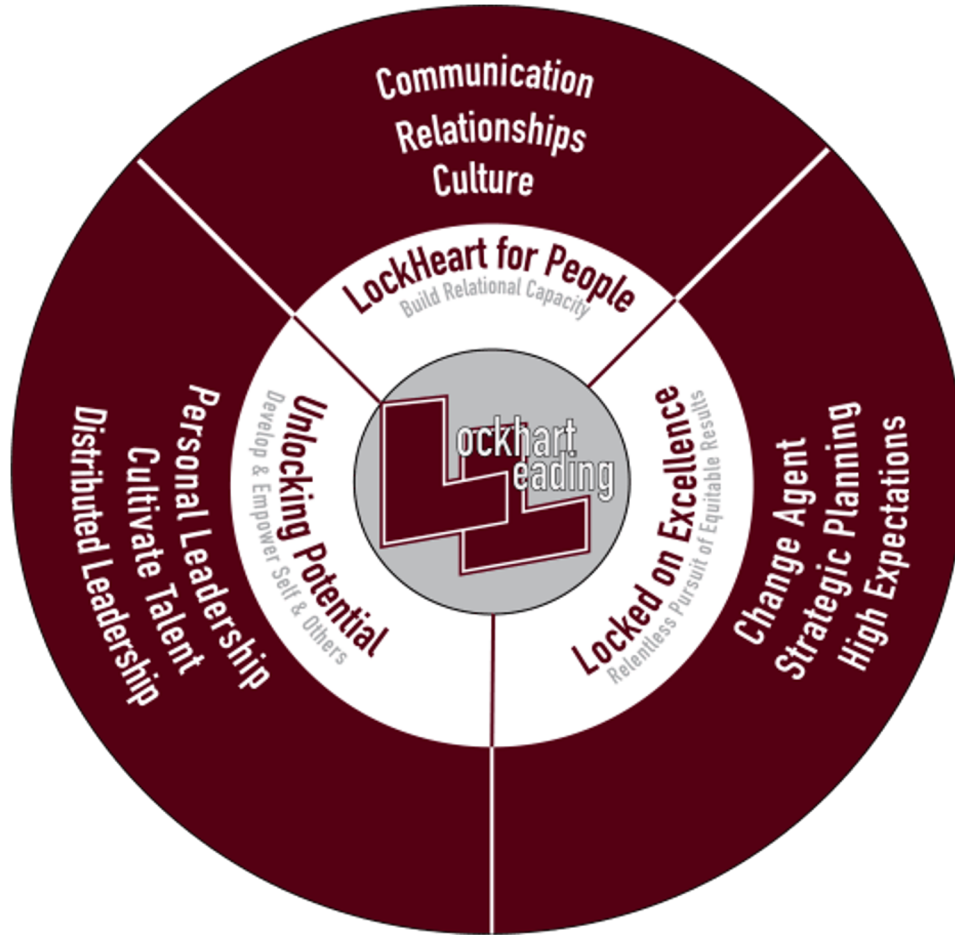


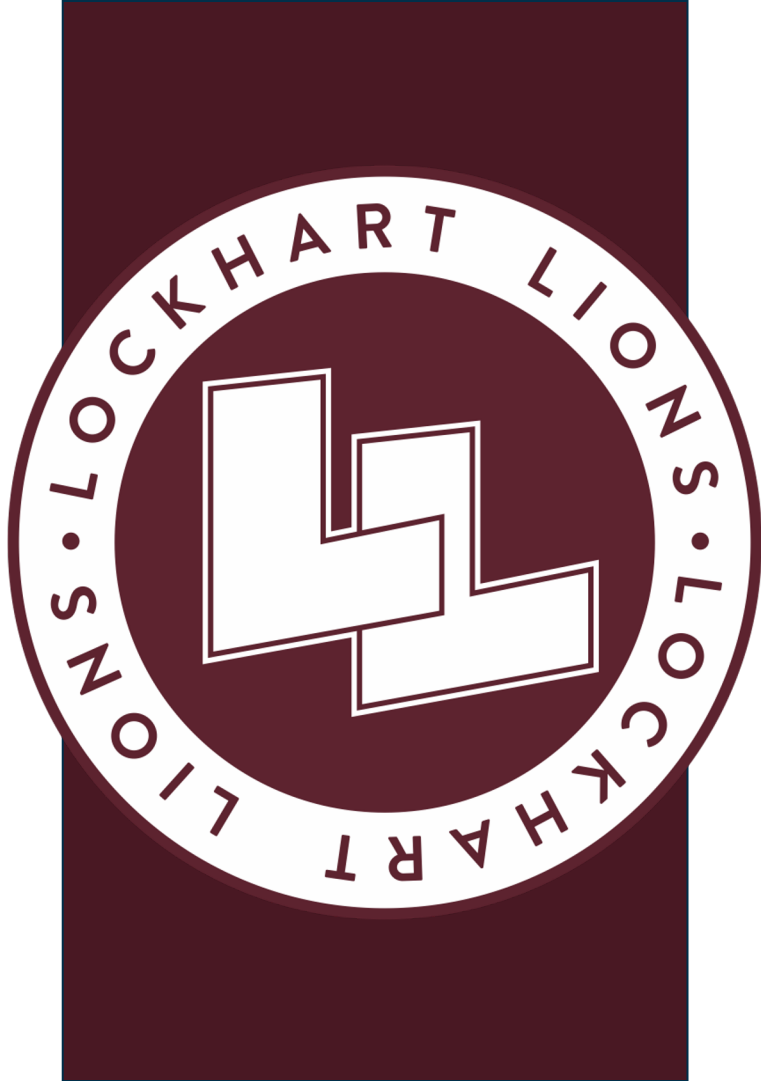
LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Building a Legacy of Excellence

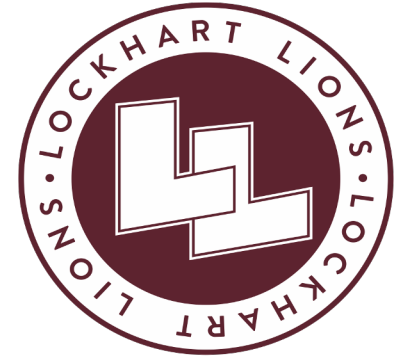




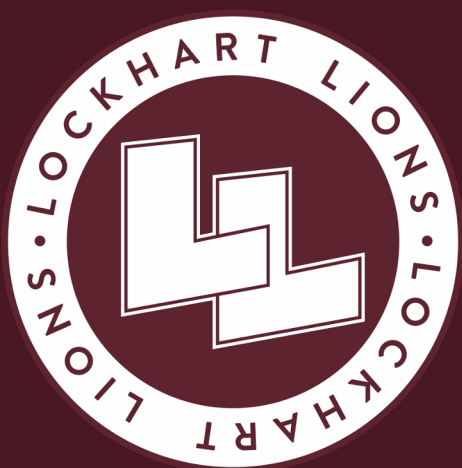




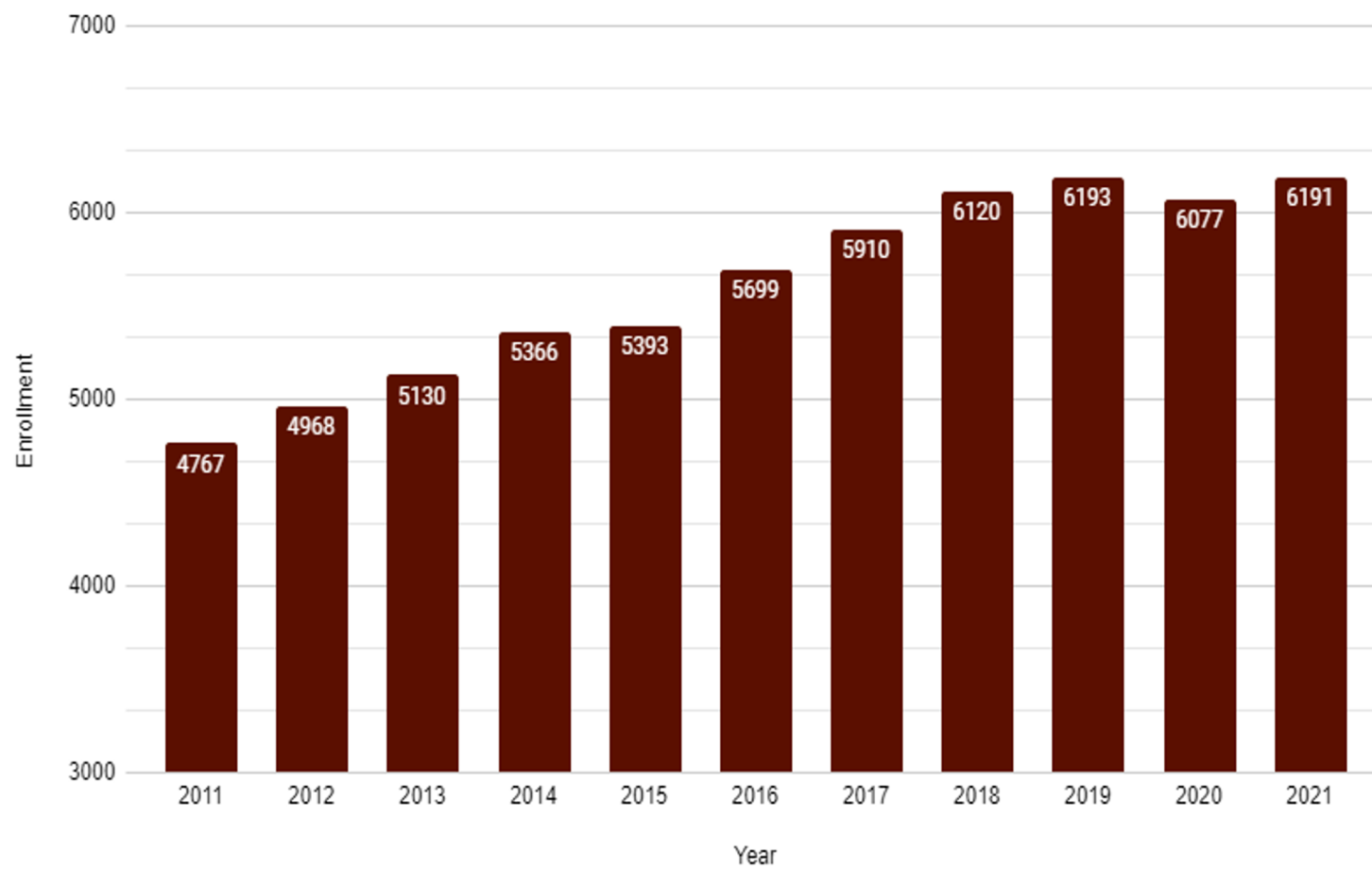
Overview



- About 6,200 students
- Over 800 employees
- Over 300 square miles
- 5A District
- District of Innovation
- Annual budget 21-22 \$68,000,000
(A Rating from TEA)
- Tax rate \$1.13
(Was \$1.16 in 20-21)
(Was \$1.26 in 19-20)
(Was \$1.33 in 18-19)



Lockhart ISD Enrollment Trend





Lockhart ISD Total Tax Rate

2018 to 2021

Lockhart ISD remains committed to low tax rates with the highest rate of return for our community.

The total tax rate is a combination of the M&O (Maintenance and Operations) and I&S (Interest and Sinking) rates.

\$1.3324

\$1.2624

\$1.1671

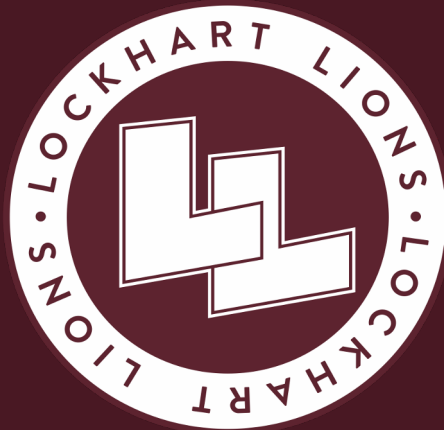
\$1.1297

2018

2019

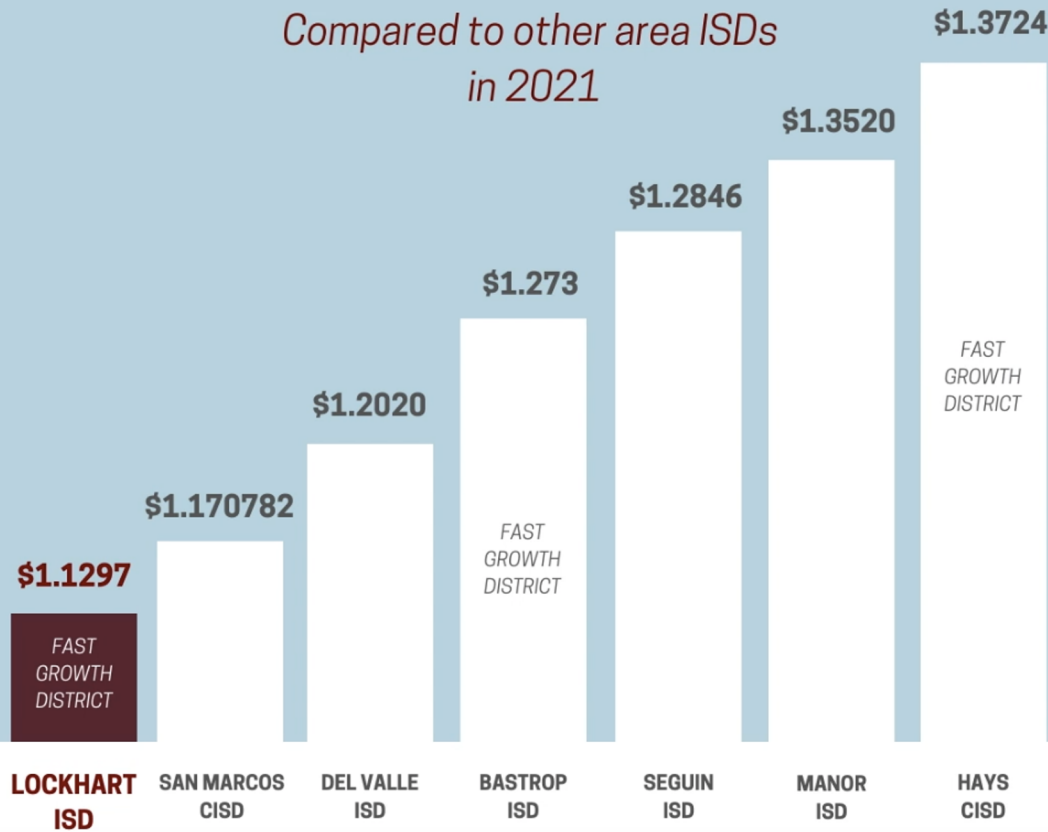
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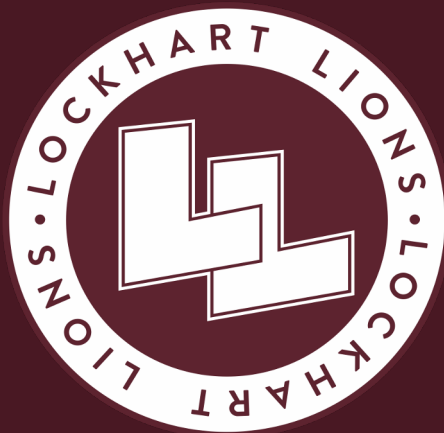
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Lockhart ISD Total Tax Rate

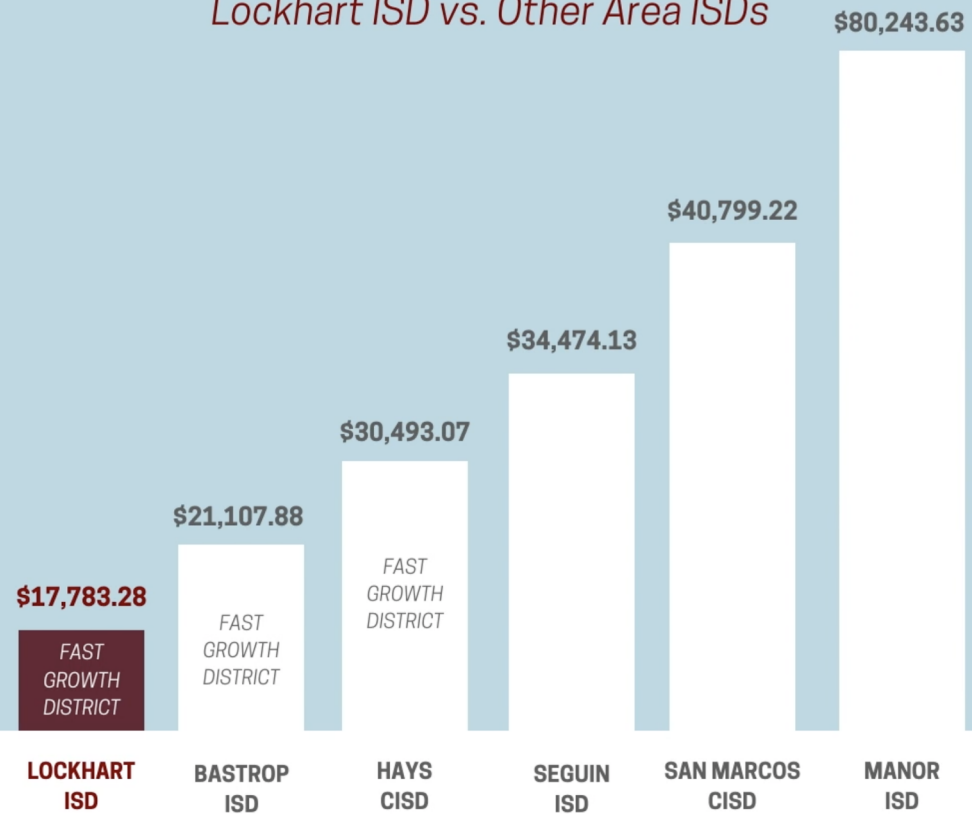
*Compared to other area ISDs
in 2021*



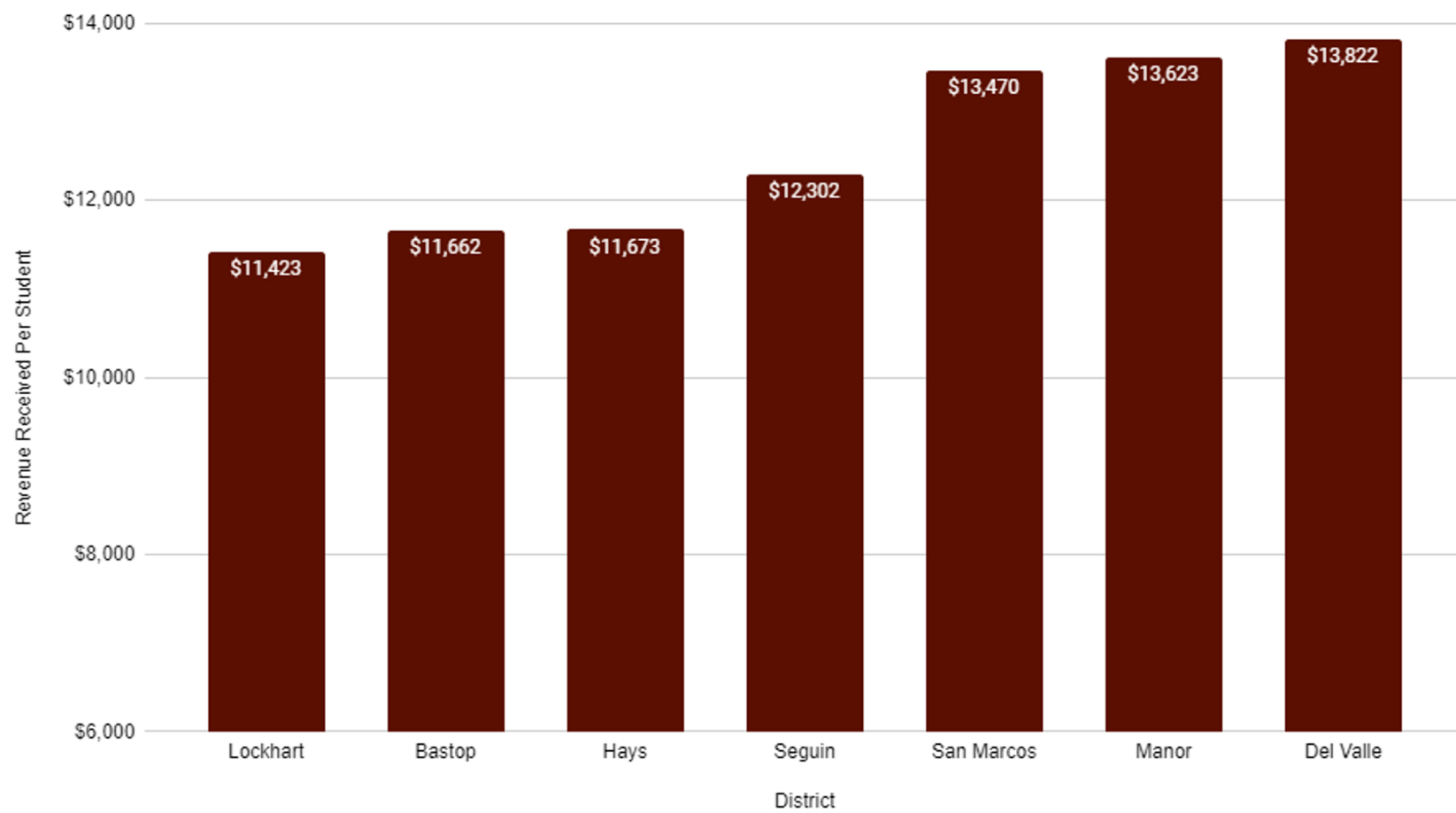


2020 Debt-Per-Student Comparison

Lockhart ISD vs. Other Area ISDs



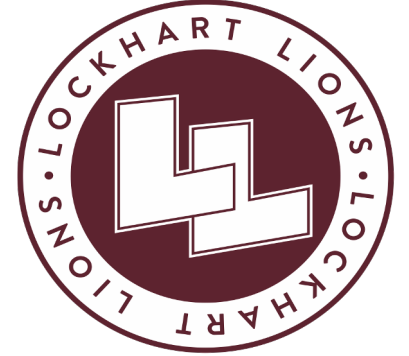
Revenue Received Per Student





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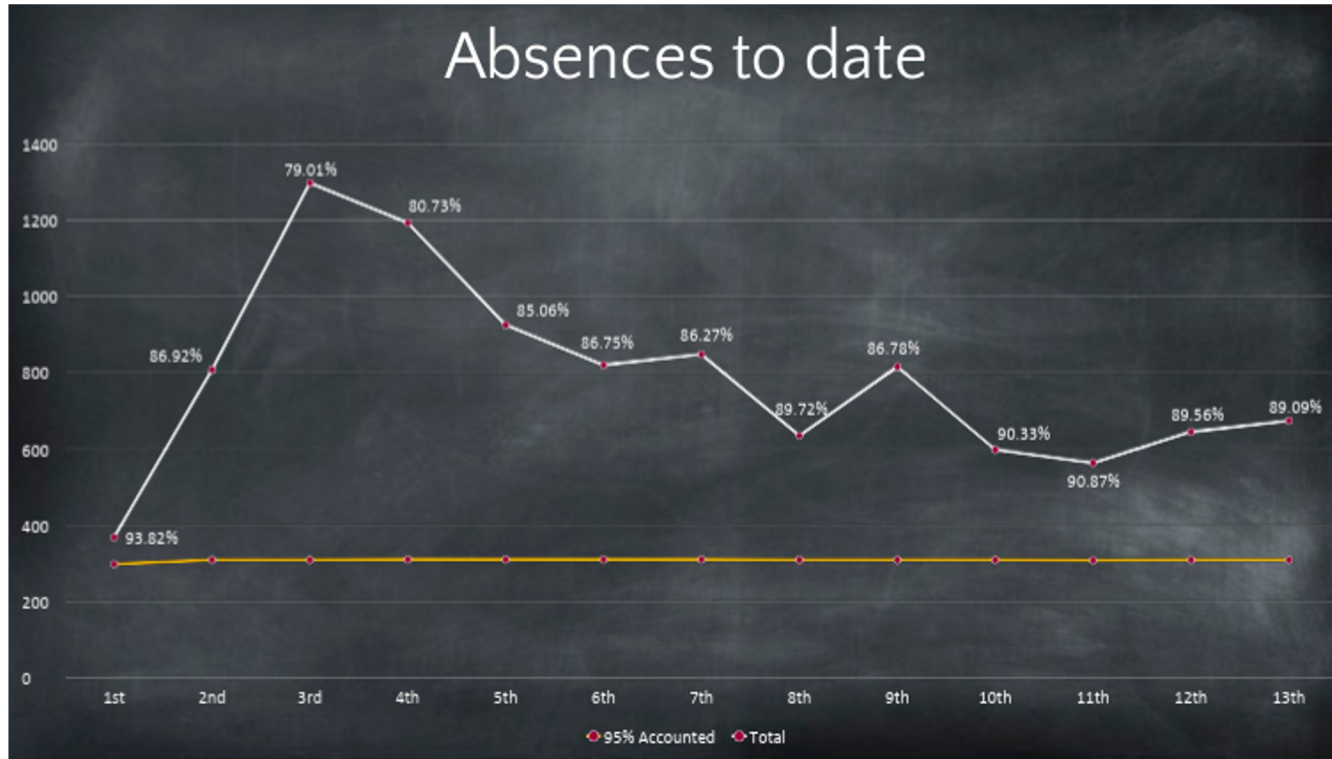
COVID-19 DASHBOARD
TABLERO DE CONTROL COVID-19



COVID-19 Response

- Over 1,000,000 meals delivered during COVID
- Lion Link, School Supplies, and 1:1 Device Program
- COVID Learning Loss Plan
- Lockhart ISD COVID Dashboard and Response Plan
 - Active Student Cases: 3
 - Active Staff Cases: 1

Student Attendance Funding



	06/28/21 Adopted Budget	11/15/21 Projected Budget	Change
State Revenues	\$37,822,313	\$37,353,320	(\$468,993)
Less absence to date		(\$800,910)	
Secondary Transportation		(\$37,975)	
Elementary Transportation		(\$9,800)	
Tax Revenues	\$17,851,879	\$18,263,862	\$411,983
TOTAL Estimate	\$55,674,192	\$54,768,499	(\$905,693)

	06/28/21 Adopted Budget	09/27/21 Projected Budget	Change
State Revenues	\$37,822,313	\$37,353,320	(\$468,993)
Less 89% Attendance		(\$2,982,030)	
Tax Revenues	\$17,851,879	\$18,263,862	\$411,983
TOTAL Estimate	\$55,674,192	\$52,635,152	(\$3,039,040)

Celebrations

- 1.5 Reading Goal Exceeded
- Staff Culture
- Texas Association of School Boards Exceptional Governance
- Career and Technical Education courses
- Fine Arts Programs
- Band, Volleyball, Cross Country and Tennis

STAFF CULTURE SURVEY

2018-2021

+ 24 %

Increase in staff believing LISD makes good decisions

+ 21 %

Increase in staff comfort in referring a friend to work for LISD

+ 18 %

Increase in staff feeling recognized and valued

+ 24 %

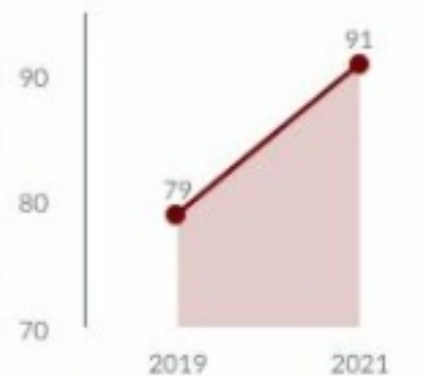
Increase in staff feeling that the district understands their needs

+ 19 %

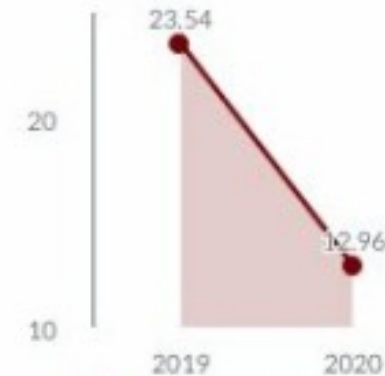
Increase in staff feeling appreciated for work they do

+ 14 %

Increase in staff feeling good about their role in LISD



■ Level of Pride to Work in LISD

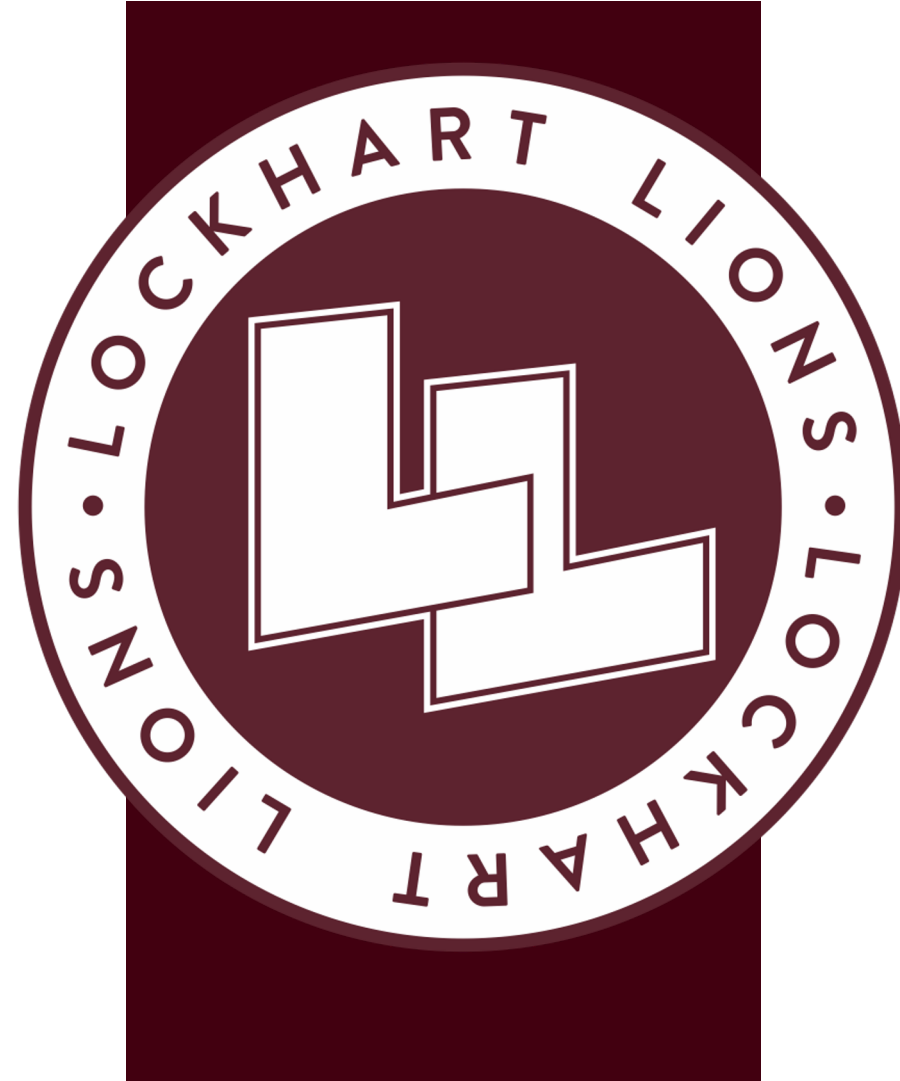


■ Teacher Turnover Rate



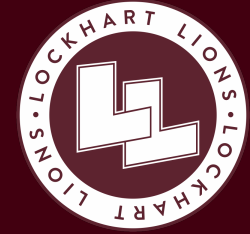
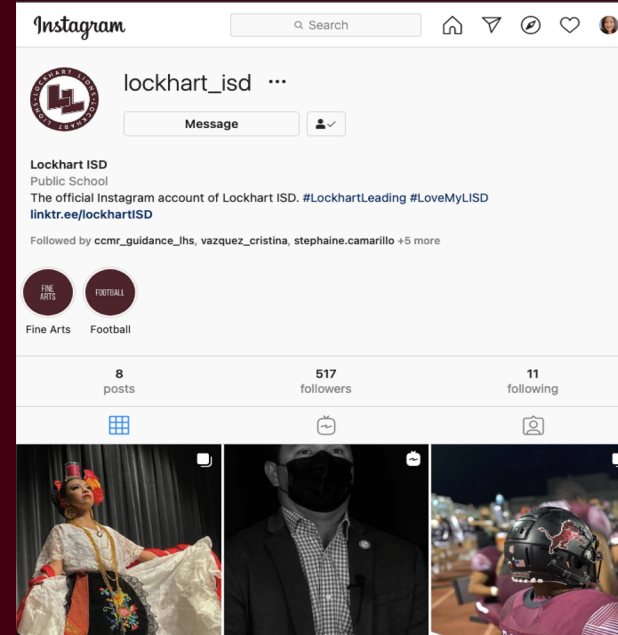
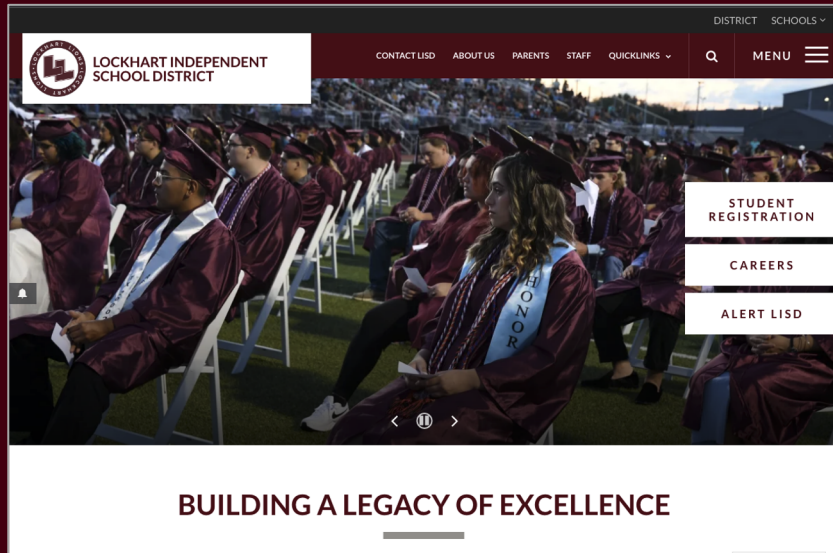
Needs

- Addressing the “COVID Slide”
- Social and Emotional Health of students and staff
- Bus Drivers and Substitute Teachers
- Further planning for growth
- Teacher Housing
- Increased understanding among community members about LISD
- Continued and increased partnership among LISD and other community organizations



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