

Poverty Primer

10% Poverty = Low-Poverty Neighborhood
 20% Poverty = High-Poverty Neighborhood
 40% Poverty = Distressed Neighborhood

The entire City of Galveston is above 20% poverty!

Galveston is the POOREST CITY in the County.

City	2000 Census % Poverty (See QT-P34)	2010 Census % Poverty (See ????)	2010-2012 ACS % Poverty (See DP03)
Galveston	22.3%	22.5%	24.7%
La Marque	17.5%	17.5%	20.3%
Texas City	14.9%	15.0%	20.5%
Hitchcock	????	????	19.7%
Dickinson	13.1%	13.4%	14.2%
Santa Fe	6.5%	10.7%	10.8%
League City	4.8%	6.0%	4.1%
Friendswood	3.3%	5.3%	3.8%
Ferguson, MO	????	11.6%	23.9%
Chicago, IL	????	????	23.0% (2013)

Galveston's Demographic Time Bomb!

38.8% of its residents under 18 years are living in poverty!

Group	% Poverty 2012 ACS (See DP03)
All people	24.7%
Under 18 years	38.8%
18 years and over	21.0%
18 to 64 years	23.3%
65 years and over	10.8%

Galveston's Inner City (4th to 61st Street) lost 1,393 residents (2010-2012) and maintained a 26.8% poverty rate.

% Below Poverty	Total Population	Population Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total Population	Population Below Poverty
2010 Census	2010 Census	2010 Census	2008-2012 ACS (See DP03)	2008-2012 ACS (See DP05)	2008-2012 ACS
27.3%	30,388	8,294	26.8%	28,995	7,775
			-0.5%	-1,393	-519

Consequences of high levels of concentrated poverty:

- 1. High crime including high levels of juvenile delinquency.**
- 2. Negative impacts on GUSD including a high dropout rate.**
- 3. Neglected and crumbling infrastructure and blight.**

The 2012 ACS shows that the middle class continue to leave, because there was no population growth (the City lost 54 residents) between 2010 and 2012, and yet the poverty level continued to rise.

2000 Census City Population	2010 Census City Population	2010-2012 ACS City Population (See DP03)
57,247	47,743	47,689
	-9,504	-54

Great Schools.com rates the County school districts.

City	2010-2012 ACS Under 18 % Poverty (See DP03)	GreatSchools.com
Galveston	38.8	4
Hitchcock	33.1	2
Texas City	29.6	5
La Marque	27.1	2
Dickinson	20.1	6
Santa Fe	16.0	4
League City	4.0	8
Friendswood	3.7	9

TEA Student Achievement Index ranks the County school districts.

City	2010-2012 ACS Under 18 % Poverty (See DP03)	TEA Student Achievement Index
Galveston	38.8	68
Hitchcock	33.1	63
Texas City	29.6	71
La Marque	27.1	54
Dickinson	20.1	76
Santa Fe	16.0	75
League City	4.0	88
Friendswood	3.7	93

Crime in and around the four public housing projects BEFORE Ike:

GPD "Calls for service" count any citizen contact with the police, which include both activities that do not count as crimes, and everything that is logged in as a crime.

9.23% of all calls for service, during the year BEFORE Hurricane Ike, were for the areas containing and surrounding the four Housing Projects.

This means that 2.98% of the City's population generated 9.23% of the calls for service!

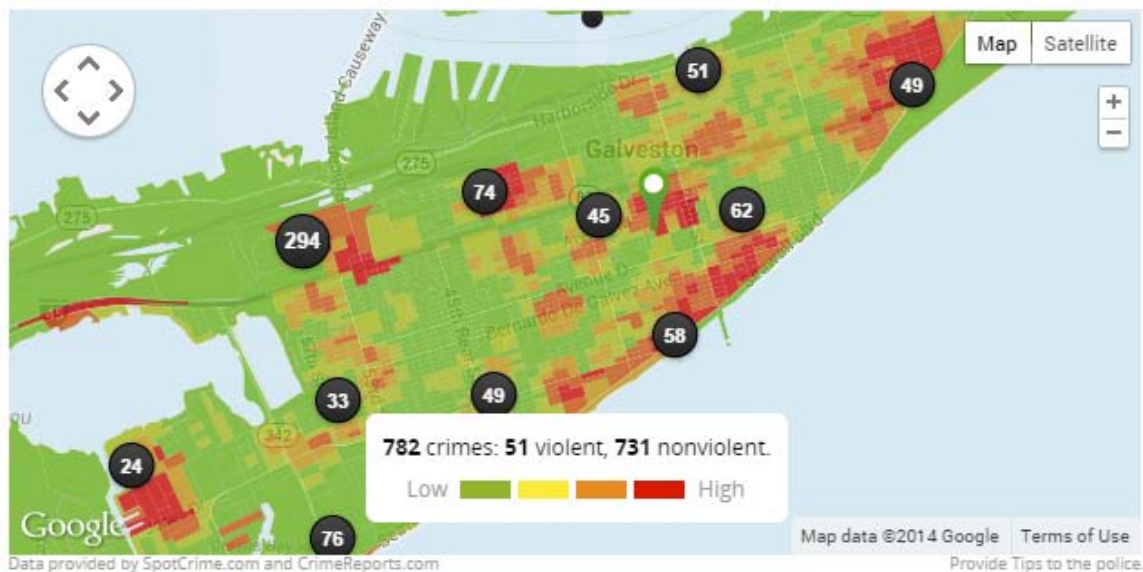
THREE TIMES MORE than should be expected!

GPD "Case reports" only count everything logged in as a crime, and, therefore, they are much more serious than "calls for service".

21.28% of all case reports, during the year BEFORE Hurricane Ike, were for the areas containing and surrounding the four Housing Projects.

This means that 2.98% of the City's population generated 21.28% of the case reports!

SEVEN TIMES MORE than should be expected!



Poverty levels versus crime rates in County cities compared to notorious American cities.

City	2010-2012 ACS % Poverty (See DP03)	2012 Crime Index
Galveston	24.7%	375.3
La Marque	20.3%	434.7
Texas City	20.5%	281.6
Hitchcock	19.7%	268.9
Dickinson	14.2%	247.2
Santa Fe	10.8%	178.6
League City	4.1%	186.2 (2006)
Friendswood	3.8%	65.1
East St. Louis, IL	45.6%	1750.2
Camden, NJ	42.6%	1133.6
Flint, MI	41.8%	1075.2
Detroit, MI	40.7%	1009.7
Youngstown, OH	40.2%	644.8
Cleveland, OH	36.9%	787.2
Buffalo, NY	31.4%	642.1
Newark, NJ	30.4%	604.8
Ferguson, MO	23.9%	381.1
Chicago, IL	23.0% (2013)	562.0 (2011)