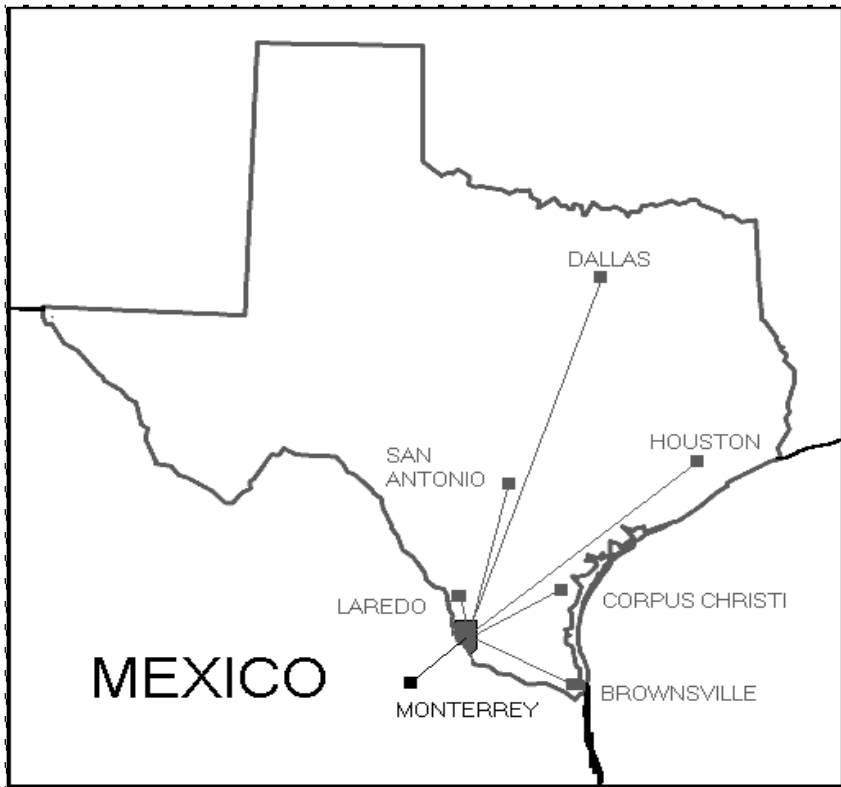


# LOCATION



Zapata Texas is located at the intersection of State Highway 16 & U.S. Highway 83, along the Rio Grande in Southernmost Texas. The nearest Interstate Highway (IH-35) is located 50 miles North on U.S. 83, at the Southern Terminus of I-35, in Laredo. Just across the Rio Grande from Zapata is the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

## HIGHWAY MILEAGE FROM ZAPATA TO:

CITY	MILES	DRIVING TIME		CITY	MILES	DRIVING TIME
Laredo	50	1.0 Hour		Houston	402	7.0 Hours
Monterrey	135	2.5 Hours		Dallas	484	8.0 Hours
Corpus Christi	152	2.5 Hours		Atlanta	1213	20 Hours
Brownsville	154	3.0 Hours		Chicago	1450	23 Hours
San Antonio	206	3.5 Hours		New York	2056	33 Hours

## ZAPATA COUNTY AREA

Zapata County: 1058 square miles (997 land and 61 water)

Average Elevation: 404 feet

Population Per Square mile: 12.6

The elevations within Zapata County range from 200 to 700 feet above sea level. Zapata County has light-colored loamy soils over reddish or mottled clay subsoil; limestone lies in places within forty inches of the surface. The flora includes thorny shrubs, grasses, mesquite, and cacti. Less than 1 percent of the county is considered prime farmland. Natural resources include caliche, lignite coal, sand, gravel, oil, and gas. Zapata County is the largest gas producing county in the state. Natural gas production in the county was 288.6 billion cubic feet in the year 2003, which made Zapata County the third highest Natural Gas producing county in the state of Texas for that year. In 2004, the gas production was 300.1 billion cubic feet.

<b>POPULATION†</b>					
<b>ZAPATA COUNTY POPULATION TRENDS</b>					
	1970	1980	1990	2000	(EST) 2007
COUNTY POPULATION	4352	6628	9279	12,182	17,193
GROWTH		+52.3%	+40%	+31.3%	+6.90%
ZAPATA "TOWN SITE"* POPULATION	2102	3806	7119	9961	13,466
GROWTH		+81.1%	+87%	+39.9%	
<b>ZAPATA COUNTY ETHNIC GROUPS</b>					
Hispanic	91.0%	Other	0.4%		
Anglo	9.1%				

**AGE BREAKDOWN OF THE POPULATION OF ZAPATA COUNTY (2007 Estimate)**

AGE	POPULATION	% OF POPULATION	% WOMEN	% MEN	Income Bracket by Age
UNDER 5	1484	11.00	10.1	12.0	n/a
5-14	2341	17.4	16.8	18.0	n/a
15-19	1074	8.0	(Ages 15-24)	(Ages 15-24)	(Ages 15-24)
20-24	1036	7.70	15.3	16.1	\$40-59,000
25-34	1851	13.70	14.6	12.9	\$0-19,999
35-44	1539	11.4	11.9	10.9	\$20-39,999
45-54	1404	10.4	10.1	10.8	\$0-19,999
55-64	1148	8.5	8.9	8.1	\$0-19,999
65-74	748	5.6	5.8	5.3	\$0-19,999
75-84	601	4.5	4.7	4.2	\$0-19,999
85+	240	1.8	1.8	1.7	(Ages 75 +)
20+	8567	63.6			
55+	2737	20.4			
65+	1589	11.9			

The median age of the population of Zapata County is 28.9 years (27.7 male & 30.0 female), this makes Zapata County the 7<sup>th</sup> youngest county in the state of Texas.

Average household size in Zapata County (2007 Estimate) is 3.25.

† Source-Texas State Data Center, Population Estimates and Projections Program and SitesOnTexas

†† Income Bracket by Age lists the top percentage income for the listed age group, as shown on SitesOnTexas from Income by Age.

\* "Town Site" Population includes the population of the following Census Defined Places (CDPs):

- Falcon Lake Estates
- Falcon Mesa
- Medina
- Siesta Shores
- Zapata