



Zapata Fact Sheet

Location	Zapata is the seat of government in Zapata County, Texas. Zapata is located on the Rio Grande, just 50 miles from Laredo and 200 miles from San Antonio.
Population	Zapata has a population of 15,000 people, approximately 43% are under the age of 25.
Economic Facts	Over 82% of Zapata residents own their own homes, compared to the Texas State average of 63.8%. Zapata's economy grew by 4.5% in 2006 compared to the Texas average of 2.3% and the national average of 1.9%. Zapata's economy has grown an average of 5.3% year-on-year since 2003. There are over 1,000 companies located in Zapata.
Business	Zapata is home to ConocoPhillips, Houston Exploration, International Bank of Commerce, EOG Resources, and many other publicly traded companies.
Business Support	The Zapata County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Center are public-funded organizations dedicated to opening up business opportunities to companies. They provide specialist advice and support for businesses looking to locate in the county, or for existing businesses looking to expand. The Zapata County Economic Development Center provides businesses information free-of-charge and helps make the connections they require to get their businesses running.
Infrastructure	-Zapata County Airport and Laredo International airports serve the area; -Major highways, US 83, Texas 16; US i-35 serve the area; -The Union Pacific and Texas Mexican Railroad provide rail service; -The largest inland port in the US is just 50 miles north of Zapata;
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