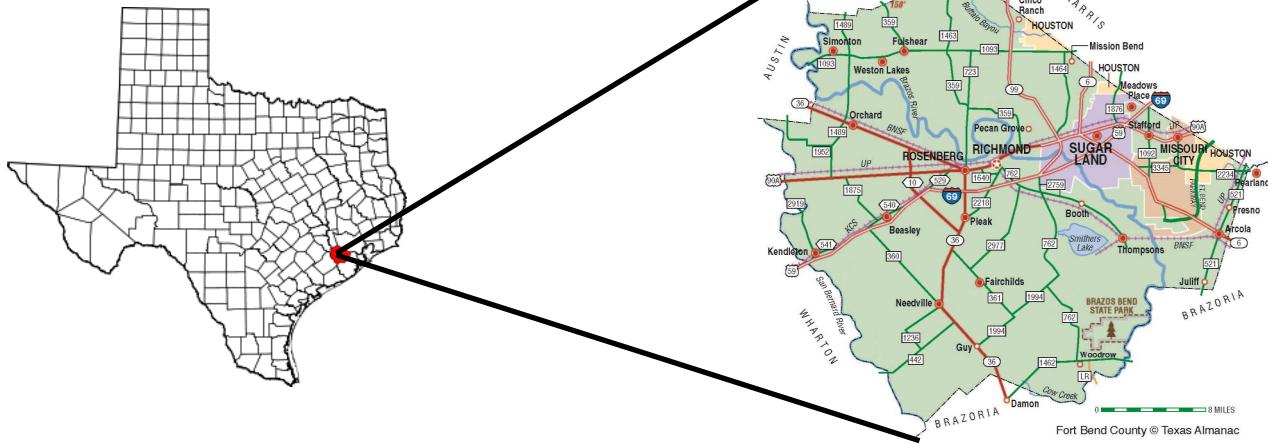


Fort Bend County, Texas



What is Texas Speaks? The practice of issue identification was previously conducted in person and within each county every four years through a process called TCFF (Texas Community Futures Forum). This past year (2020) it was decided to conduct an online survey entitled Texas Speaks. This online survey allowed for greater engagement of Texas citizens that may have not been reached through the previous TCFF method. This new process involved the support of Extension agents to engage with key stakeholders in each of their counties and encourage distribution of the survey through these relationships within their community. These outreach efforts are both historically relevant, but also immediately necessary for the success and continued relationship building.

Results! The results of this statewide survey may be found at <https://texasspeaks.tamu.edu/visualizations>. For three of the four visualizations you are able to filter/sort on a number of factors. The filters available are on the right side of the visualization. You can select and/or deselect any filter to show data you want to see. For example, deselecting ‘All’ and selecting a specific region will show the data for that region. Selecting ‘All’ again will return the data to a statewide view.

Fort Bend County Results: In FBC nearly 300 individuals took part in Texas Speaks that ended in May, 2021. The results below represents all education levels as well as professional trades/licenses, all ages from <18 to >85 years of age, & all income levels from <\$10K to >\$150K. The table lists the rankings, voting stats. and title of each major issue.

Fort Bend County, TX
Founded – 1837
County Seat – Richmond
Total Area – 875 sq. mi., 562,560 acres
Population – 811,688 (2020)
High School Graduates: 88.5%
College Educated: 41.4%
Average Household Income: \$119,536



2021 Texas Speaks Results– Fort Bend Co. Texas

Rank	% of Votes	# of Votes	AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES – ISSUE TITLES
1	41	107	Composting, Reducing & Recycling Consumer Goods
2	40	103	Helping Households Reduce Water
3	38	100	Protecting Natural Habits
4	37	95	Assisting Local Governments With Land Use Decisions
5	35	91	Protecting Freshwater Resources (rivers, lakes, springs & reservoirs)
6	35	90	Controlling Invasive Plants, Animals & Insects
Rank	% of Votes	# of Votes	FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH – ISSUE TITLES
1	45	118	Reducing Obesity Through Educational Programs
2	44	115	Helping Consumers Make Healthy Food Choices
3	40	105	Addressing Mental Health Issues
4	39	101	Preventing Chronic Diseases
5	36	94	Building Healthier Families
Rank	% of Votes	# of Votes	YOUTH – ISSUE TITLES
1	43	111	Getting More Adults Involved in Mentoring Youth
2	40	104	Teaching Healthy Relationship Skills to Teens
3	38	99	Strengthen Workforce Readiness
4	37	97	Providing Physical Fitness Education
5	36	94	Helping Youth Development Leadership, Citizenship & Other Life Skills

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