

# Projected Numeric Change in Texas Counties between 2010 and 2020

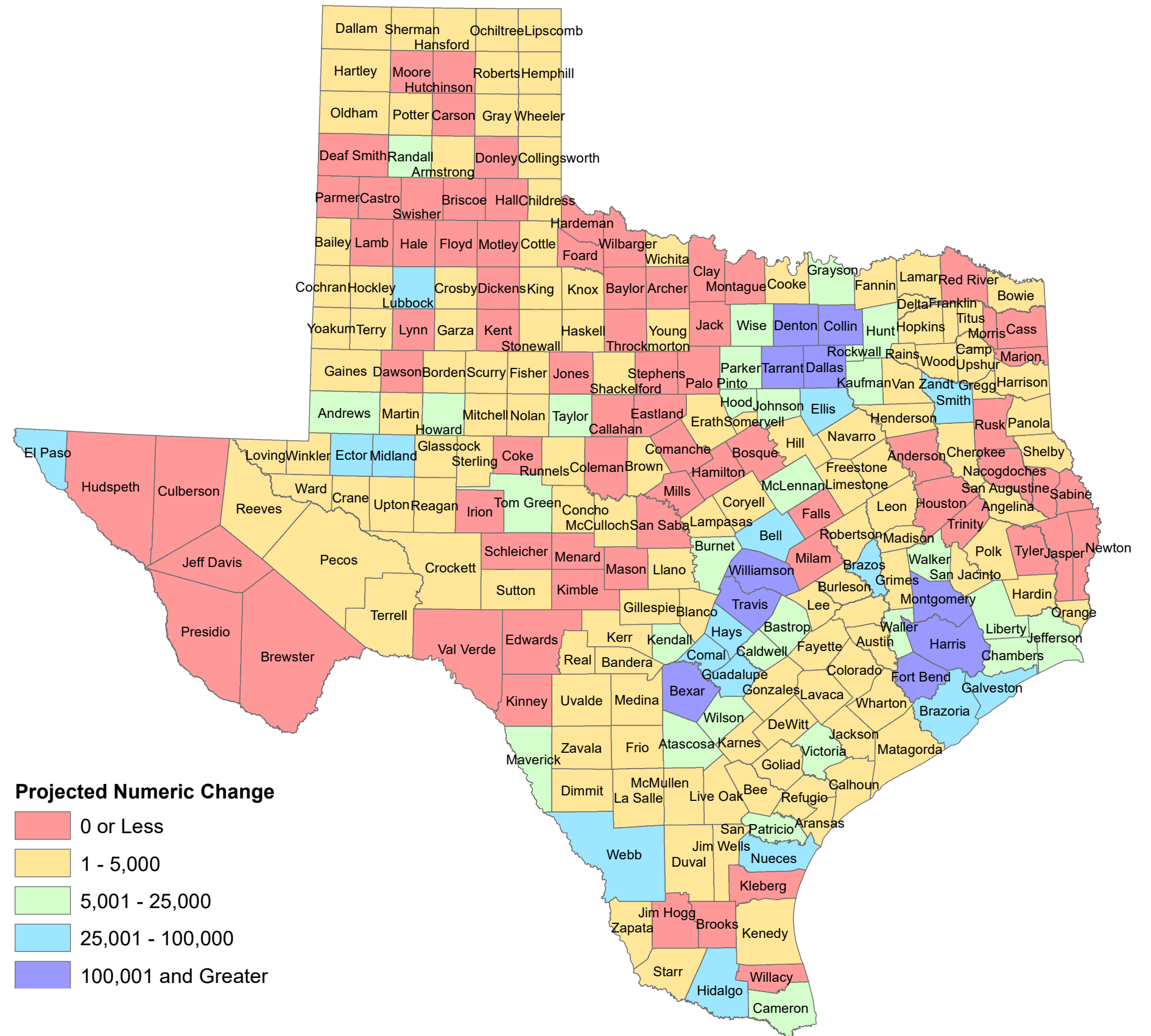
The Texas Demographic Center (TDC) produces projections for 40 years beyond the last decennial census to help planners and policymakers anticipate future demands for services and pressures on infrastructure. TDC population projections begin with a baseline population from the 2010 decennial census and incorporate migration trends observed between 2010 and 2015. The TDC population projections are produced with age, sex, and race/ethnicity detail for the populations of the state of Texas and its counties for each year between 2010 and 2050.

The Texas Demographic Center's projections indicate Texas will grow from 25.4 million in 2010 to a population of 29.7 million by 2020, a projected increase in population of over 4.5 million and a rate of growth of 18%. A projected population of over 29.7 million in 2020 would yield Senate districts with approximately 957,000 in population.

The population engine of the state of Texas lies in its metropolitan areas. TDC projections indicate the areas of the state to see the greatest increases in population are located in the population triangle, anchored by the state's major metropolitan areas of Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Houston-Sugarland-The Woodlands, and San Antonio-New Braunfels to Austin-Round Rock.

As the metropolitan areas of the state increase in population from 2010 to 2020, many Texas counties are projected to experience declines in their populations. Most of these counties are located in more sparsely populated parts of West Texas, East Texas, and South Texas between San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley. Seventy-two counties are projected to experience population decline between 2010 and 2020.

The full methodology for the TDC population projections can be found at [demographics.texas.gov](http://demographics.texas.gov).



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, 2010-2015 Migration Scenario, Vintage 2018