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BRUSSELS COMMUNITY VISION

On December 13, 14, and 15 members of the Department of Defense staff, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) staff, NATO Support Activity (NSA) staff, and members of the Brussels American Community met in Brussels to start the development of a strategic plan for the United States Department of Defense families in Brussels, Belgium. Bret Mann (Executive Director, CoSERVE), Dr. S.J. Sethi (Associate Director, CoSERVE) and Alain Fabry (Senior LAN Administrator, CoSERVE) from The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, Texas, facilitated the planning process.

The objective of the Brussels Community Strategic Plan was to develop a comprehensive long-range plan that would address the community development needs of the Brussels Community in Belgium.

The community was extremely pleased with the plan that was developed. "With the assistance of The University of Texas-Pan American, we're off on the right foot," said Brigadier General M.E. Callender.

A Strategic Plan for the Brussels American Community



Rio Grande Valley Unemployment Rate

County City	Unemployment Rate 1990	Unemployment Rate 1992	Unemployment Rate 1994	Unemployment Rate 1996	Unemployment Rate 1998	Unemployment Rate 1999
CAMERON COUNTY	12.7	14.7	12.8	12.5	12.6	10.0
Bayview Town	*	*	*	*	*	*
Brownsville City	14.6	16.8	14.7	14.4	14.5	11.5
Cameron Park CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
Combes Town	*	*	*	*	*	*
Encantada - Ranchito	*	*	*	*	*	*
Harlingen City	9.2	10.7	9.3	9.1	9.1	7.2
Indian Lake Town	*	*	*	*	*	*
La Feria City	*	*	*	*	*	*
Laguna Heights	*	*	*	*	*	*
Laguna Vista	*	*	*	*	*	*
Los Fresnos	*	*	*	*	*	*
Palm Valley Town	*	*	*	*	*	*
Port Isabel City	8.5	9.8	8.5	8.3	8.3	6.6
Primera Town	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rancho Viejo	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rangerville	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rio Hondo City	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Benito City	13.3	15.3	13.3	13.1	13.1	10.4
Santa Rosa Town	*	*	*	*	*	*
South Padre Island	4.1	4.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.2
HIDALGO COUNTY	22.4	22.4	19.6	19.0	17.7	14.6
Abram-Perezville	*	*	*	*	*	*
Alamo City	11.3	13.1	11.4	11.2	11.2	8.2
Alton City	*	*	*	*	*	*
Donna City	27.7	27.7	24.4	23.7	22.1	18.1
Edcouch City	34.3	34.3	30.5	29.8	27.9	23.2
Edinburg City	20.1	20.1	17.5	17.0	15.8	12.7
Elsa City	21.3	21.2	18.5	17.9	16.7	13.5
Hidalgo City	18.4	18.4	15.9	15.5	14.4	11.5
La Homa CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
La Joya City	31.6	31.5	28.0	27.3	25.5	21.0
La Villa City	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lopezville CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
McAllen City	16.5	16.5	14.3	13.9	12.8	10.3
Mercedes City	26.7	26.7	23.5	22.9	21.3	17.4
Mila Doce CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mission City	19.3	19.3	16.7	16.3	15.1	12.1
Palmhurst City	*	*	*	*	*	*
Palmview City	*	*	*	*	*	*
Penitas CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pharr City	26.2	26.1	22.9	22.4	20.8	16.9
Progreso CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
Progreso Lakes	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Juan City	21.0	21.0	18.3	17.7	16.5	13.3
Scissors CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sullivan City CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
Weslaco City	27.0	27.0	23.7	23.1	21.6	17.6
STARR COUNTY	40.5	34.0	27.4	28.0	27.7	24.3
Escobares CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*
La Grulla	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rio Grande City	33.6	27.7	21.9	22.4	22.1	20.6
Roma	*	*	*	*	*	*
WILLACY COUNTY	16.7	21.5	21.6	21.0	21.0	16.3
Lyford	*	*	*	*	*	*
Raymondville	17.6	22.6	22.8	22.2	22.1	14.8
San Perlita	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sebastian CDP	*	*	*	*	*	*

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CENSUS 2000

Census for the 21st Century

Continuing our series on the 2000 census, this quarter's topic:

The Census Bureau Goes All Out to Protect Your Privacy

The Law Protects Your Answers:

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with the IRS, FBI, Welfare, Immigration - or any other government agency. No court of law, not even the President of the United States, can find out your answers. And the same law that keeps your answers out of the hands of these agencies prevents the Census Bureau from selling or giving away your address to people who want to send you mail.

Technology Protects Your Answers:

The Census Bureau protects your information with numerous security measures, including electronic barriers, scrambling devices and dedicated lines. Your answers are combined with others to produce the statistical summaries that are published. No one can connect your answers with your name or address.

Answering the Census is Important, Easy and Safe:

Taking part in the census is in everyone's best interest. People who answer the census help their communities obtain federal funding and valuable information for planning hospitals, roads and more. Census information helps decision-makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need greater services for the elderly. The only way to make sure people like yourself are represented in the census is to fill out the form and encourage others to do so.



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Service Area:

Southernmost 19 counties of Texas: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata.

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- Census of Population and Housing
- Census Maps & Data for Counties, Cities, Census Tracts, Block Groups, Blocks, and Zip Codes
- Population Estimates and Projections for Counties
- Economic Census (Agriculture, Construction, Government, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, Services, and Wholesale Trade)
- County Business Patterns
- Employment and Unemployment Data by County
- Census Tract Factbook for the Rio Grande Valley
- Street Index by Census Tract for Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Services
- U.S. Statistical Abstracts
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