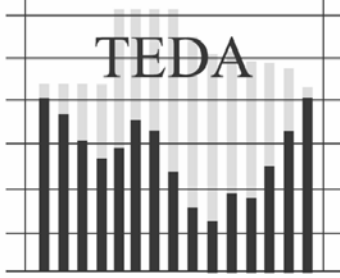


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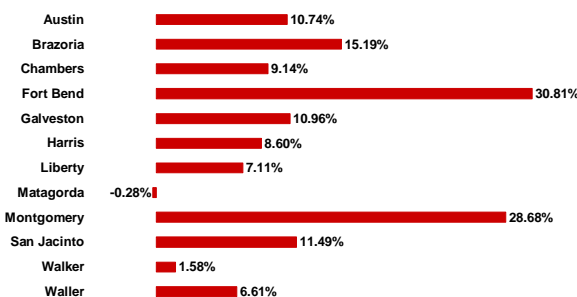
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Those are where Fort Bend and Montgomery counties rank, respectively, in post-2000 census growth rate among the nation's 243 counties of more than 250,000 population, according to Bureau of the Census estimates for July 1, 2005.

Between the '00 census and mid-'05, the population of the Houston-Baytown-Huntsville Combined Statistical Area (CSA), which consists of all 12 counties shown in the graph below, grew 11.7 percent. That of the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which contains those 12 counties less Matagorda (the Bay City Metropolitan Statistical Area) and Walker (the Huntsville Micro), grew 12.0 percent. Over the same period, the nation's population grew 5.3 percent, while Texas' grew 9.6 percent. Local population growth was approximately 565,000 for both the CSA and the MSA.

### Population Change 4/1/00-7/1/05

Houston-Baytown-Huntsville Combined Statistical Area Counties



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2006

Harris is the nation's third most populous county, ranking behind Los Angeles County and Cook County. The combined population of the 11 suburban counties exceeds that of 12 states, including Idaho and Maine. In the aggregate, these 11 suburban counties posted population growth of 19.3 percent between the '00 census and mid-'05.

Net migration accounts for approximately 48 percent of the Houston MSA's population growth since '00. Given Houston's prominence in international business, it is perhaps not surprising that net *international* immigration accounts for an overwhelming 77 percent of net migration (some 210,000 people) since mid-'00.

For the past several years, Harris County has had positive net migration only because gains from international migration more than offset losses through domestic county-to-county migration (much of which is presumably into the suburban counties). Between the '00 census and mid-'05, the Census Bureau estimates, Harris County added 183,129 people through international migration and lost 122,915 through domestic migration. The 11 suburban counties gained just 28,751 through international migration, but added 183,520 through domestic migration.

To obtain the Census Bureau's '05 population estimates and estimates of components of change—both annual and cumulative—go to <http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/>. ❖

## Klineberg to Reveal Latest Findings at April 20 Meeting

Stephen Klineberg, professor of sociology at Rice University, extends a tradition of nearly two decades at TEDA/Houston's April 20 meeting by presenting the latest findings from the annual Houston Area Survey, some preliminary results from which already have appeared in the *Houston Chronicle*.

In previous years, Klineberg has given a broad overview of the survey, looking at how Houstonians' attitudes and demographic characteristics have changed since the initial survey in 1982. This year, says Klineberg, he will focus more closely on *recent* changes—especially those revealed in this year's survey, conducted at a time when, paradoxically, Houstonians are being portrayed as “burned out” on charitable efforts, yet pushed United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast above its goal for the first time in four years.

How do Houstonians feel about our new neighbors who fled Katrina's destruction? How have our views changed as immigration reform has moved to the front burner in Congress? What do we feel are the most pressing issues confronting this region today? These questions and more will be answered at the April 20 meeting, which begins at 5:40 p.m. at the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, 1801 Allen Parkway. (Reception at 5 p.m.)

If you plan to attend, RSVP to [teda@houston.org](mailto:teda@houston.org) or 713-844-3618 so your name can be provided to the Fed's security officers. For directions and parking instructions, visit the DallasFed at [http://www.dallasfed.org/fed/direct\\_hou.pdf](http://www.dallasfed.org/fed/direct_hou.pdf). ❖

## Membership to Consider Bylaws Revisions

At its March 16 meeting, the TEDA/Houston board of directors approved a small number of changes to TEDA/Houston's bylaws. These changes will be submitted for vote by the full membership at the organization's annual business meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thurs-

day, April 20, immediately preceding Klineberg's presentation.

“These changes the board recommends are, for the most part, ‘housekeeping’ details,” says Christina Todd, TEDA/Houston president. “Some are needed to bring our bylaws, which were last revised 10 years ago, into conformance with *de facto* practice. Others are designed simply to allow the organization to function more smoothly.”

Proposed revisions are shown below in *italics*, and the text to be stricken is shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

### Art. VI: Meetings

Sec. 1: The annual business meeting of the general membership shall be *held in the first quarter of the year no later than April 30* at such time and place as determined by the Board of Directors.

*Rationale:* It has been TEDA/Houston's practice for several years to hold the annual meeting in April, when attendance is typically higher than normal, to maximize members' participation.

Sec. 6: Representation at all *general membership* meetings shall be by personal attendance only. *Representation at all meetings of the board of directors shall be by personal attendance or, with the approval of the presiding officer, by telecommunication or by a person designated by an absent board member, such person authorized to act only to the extent and in the manner approved by that member and communicated to the presiding officer prior to the meeting.*

Sec. 7: *If a matter arises that, in the judgment of the president, requires action at a time when a meeting of the board of directors is not practicable, the president may present such issue to the board of directors through written or electronic communication, directing that votes for, against, or abstaining be sent through written or electronic communication to the executive secretary.*

*Rationale:* On occasion in recent years, the TEDA/Houston board of directors has been prevented from acting on a matter due to lack of a quorum—most notably in this past year, because a director was absent for medical reasons. This proposed change would allow absent directors to cast votes electronically or to have their views represented by a proxy. The proposed section 7 also would allow prompt

board action on a well-defined issue without requiring that the board convene.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: State Affiliation**

~~Sec. 1: TEDA/Houston shall be affiliated with the statewide Texas Economic & Demographic Association.~~

~~Sec. 2: The TEDA/Houston Board of Directors is authorized to allocate TEDA/Houston funds for membership dues assessed by the statewide TEDA.~~

~~Sec. 3: The TEDA/Houston Board of Directors shall select one of two representatives from its membership each year after the annual election of Directors to serve a two year term as a representative of TEDA/Houston to the statewide TEDA Board of Directors.~~

*Rationale:* TEDA/Houston appears to be the sole remnant of the statewide association that embraced chapters in Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Austin in the early 1980s. The San Antonio and Austin chapters are known to have disbanded, and a concerted effort last year failed to find any TEDA/DFW. TEDA/Houston has unilaterally (there being no other sides) liquidated the statewide TEDA bank account. In the absence of any statewide organization, Art. VIII is irrelevant.

#### **ARTICLE IX: Disbursements and Audits**

~~Sec. 4: The Treasurer and Executive Secretary, and any other person entrusted with handling TEDA/Houston funds, shall furnish, at the expense of the organization, a fidelity bond equal to the balance on hand at the end of the previous fiscal year.~~

*Rationale:* No member of the current board can recall an occasion on which such a bond has been furnished. The bylaws require the signatures of two TEDA/Houston officers on each TEDA/Houston check, and they also require an annual audit. These safeguards appear sufficient, and the expense of a fidelity bond appears unnecessary.

The TEDA/Houston board of directors recommends approval of these proposed revisions on April 20. If these changes are approved, articles and sections will be renumbered appropriately. ❖

## **Katrina/Rita—Before and After Data on Tap from ACS**

The Bureau of the Census has announced that data from the American Community Survey, which was fully implemented across the country last year, will be separated into January-August and September-December segments for areas in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and designated by FEMA as Individual and Public Assistance Areas. In effect, these data, will provide pre- and post-hurricane pictures. The Bureau plans to release these in a special report early this summer, before the scheduled release of regular 2005 ACS products in August.

“The magnitude of the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the population, economy, and infrastructure of affected areas is without precedent,” the Bureau said in announcing the special tabulations. “Beyond the massive operations required to address short- and long-term rescue and recovery operations, a large challenge exists in developing statistics to describe the changes affecting the local population and economies so that emerging recovery needs of affected areas can be identified. ...In providing these data, the Census Bureau hopes to inform decision-making about recovery strategies to address the needs of affected areas based on solid statistical information that transcends anecdotal evidence.”

The Bureau notes that segmentation into four- and eight-month estimates will reduce the sample sizes and the reliability of the estimates, and adds: “Other limitations of this special product include possible higher levels of nonresponse in some areas where it was very difficult to conduct interviews immediately after the hurricanes.”

FEMA-designated counties in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA are Harris, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, and San Jacinto. Twelve other Texas counties, roughly the southern halves of Louisiana and Mississippi, and a strip of Alabama from Mobile north also will be covered in the special report. ❖

## TEDA/Houston '05-'06 Calendar

Meetings (reception 5-5:30 p.m., presentation 5:30-6:30) are free to TEDA members of any chapter and \$10 per person for guests (applicable toward dues if a guest joins TEDA/Houston the same day). All functions are at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch, 1801 Allen Parkway.

Topics and speakers shown below are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, check the calendar at [www.teda.org](http://www.teda.org).

### Apr. 20—Meeting

*The Houston Area Survey—Newest Findings from the '06 Survey* • Stephen L. Klineberg, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Rice University

### May 18—Meeting

*Traffic Congestion—How Houston Stacks Up and What We Can Do* • Tim Lomax, Ph.D., Program Manager, Mobility Analysis, Texas Transportation Institute, TAMU

### Jun. 15—Meeting

*Houston's Residential Real Estate Markets* • Michael Inselmann, President, Metrostudy • Kathryn Koepke, Manager, Research & Consulting, O'Connor & Associates

### Sep. 21—Meeting

*Religious (In)tolerance in Houston* • Speaker TBA

## Houston Airports Climb in National Rankings

Last year, according to Airports Council International, Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston moved up a notch to rank ninth nationally in passenger volume, handling 39.7 million passengers. Hobby Airport jumped from 48<sup>th</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>, tallying 8.2 million passengers.

In air cargo, Bush Intercontinental ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally last year, moving more than 347,000 metric tons.

By '25, less than two decades hence, the Houston Airport System expects to reach an annual passenger volume of 80 million. ❖

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