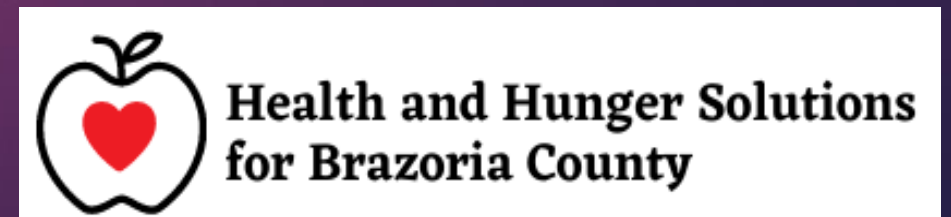


Community Needs Assessment

HEALTH AND HUNGER SOLUTIONS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY



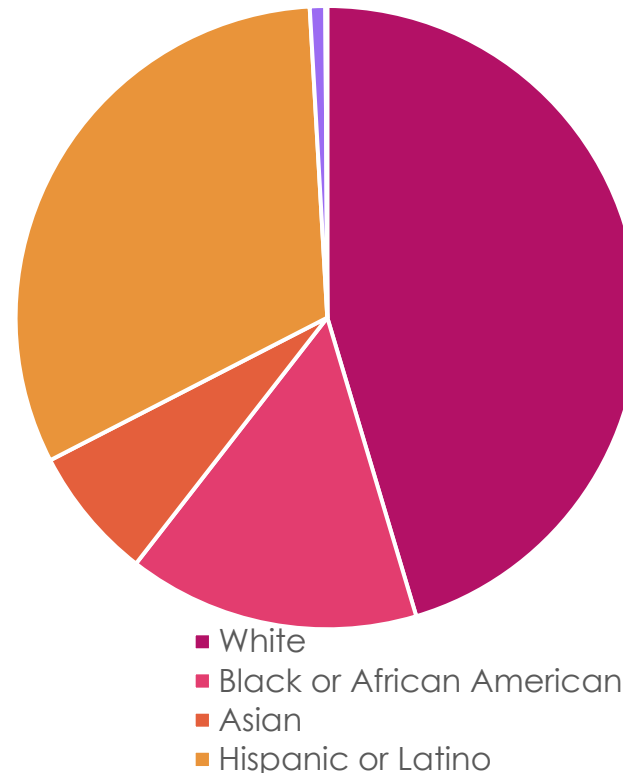
Brazoria County Demographics

- POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS
- FOOD INSECURITY
- ACCESS TO RESOURCES
- RURAL & URBAN POPULATIONS
- HOMELESS POPULATION

Brazoria County Demographics

- ▶ Population: 374,264
 - ▶ 6.7% under 5 yrs. old
 - ▶ 26.1% under 18 yrs. old
 - ▶ 12.2% over 65 yrs. old
 - ▶ 49.5% female
- ▶ Avg. Income: \$76,426
- ▶ Other Facts
 - ▶ 93.4% households with a computer
 - ▶ 87.1% households with internet
 - ▶ 87.9% high school graduate or higher
 - ▶ 30% with a bachelor's degree or higher
 - ▶ 6% with a disability
 - ▶ 16.4% without health insurance, under age 65

Population Demographics



45.3% White
15.1% Black or African American
6.9% Asian
31.6% Hispanic or Latino
0.8% Native American
0.1% Pacific Islander

Food Insecurity in Brazoria County

2019 Data

Provided by Feeding America's 'Map the Gap' Program

Food Insecurity Rate- 11.4%

Number of Food Insecure Persons- 41,090

Child Food Insecurity Rate- 15.8%

Number of Food Insecure Children- 15,070

Senior Food Insecurity Rate-

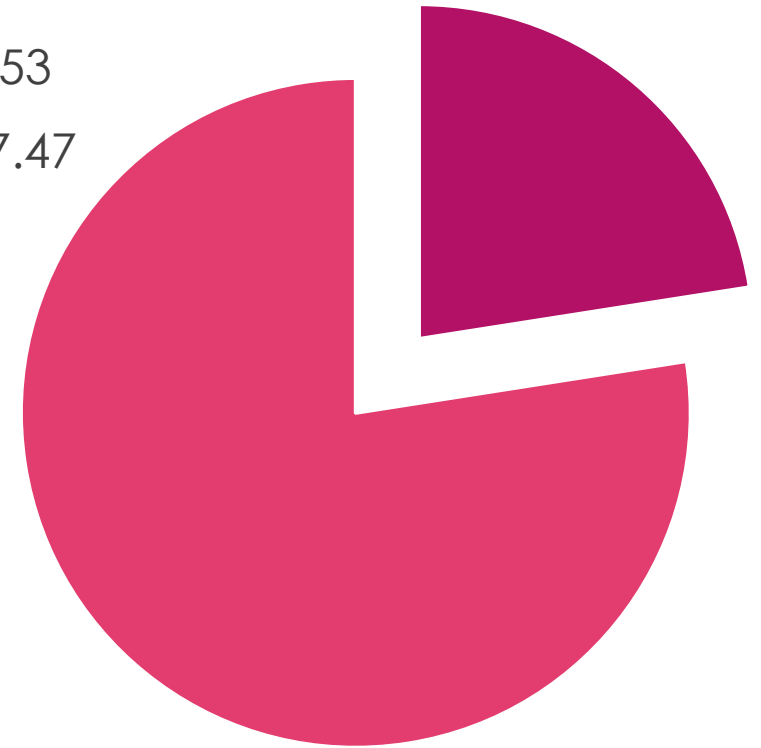
Number of Food Insecure Seniors-

Brazoria County Rural and Urban Population

City	Pop.
Pearland	117,350
Alvin	27,140
Lake Jackson	27,063
Angleton	19,521
Manvel city:	13,867
Freeport	12,126
Clute	11,724
Iowa Colony	4,888
Richwood	4,015
West Columbia	3,830
Sweeney	3,618
Brazoria	3,063

City	Pop.
Jones Creek :	2,062
Danbury	1,757
Brookside	1,582
Holiday Lakes	1,225
Oyster Creek	1,212
Bailey's Prairie	777
Hillcrest	706
Surfside Beach	589
Liverpool	553
Bonney	380
Sandy Point	238
Quintana	97

- ▶ Rural -22.53
- ▶ Urban- 77.47



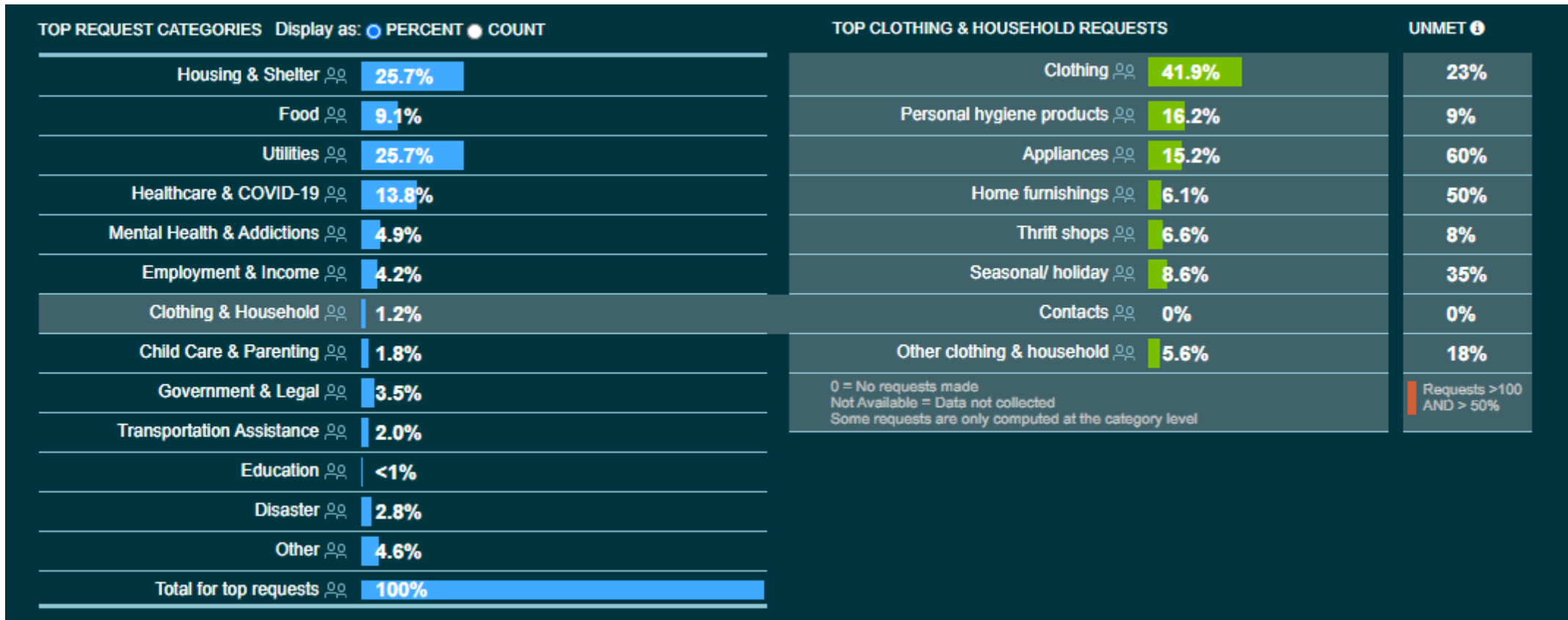
■ Rural ■ Urban

Statistics can be found [here](#)

Homeless Population in the County

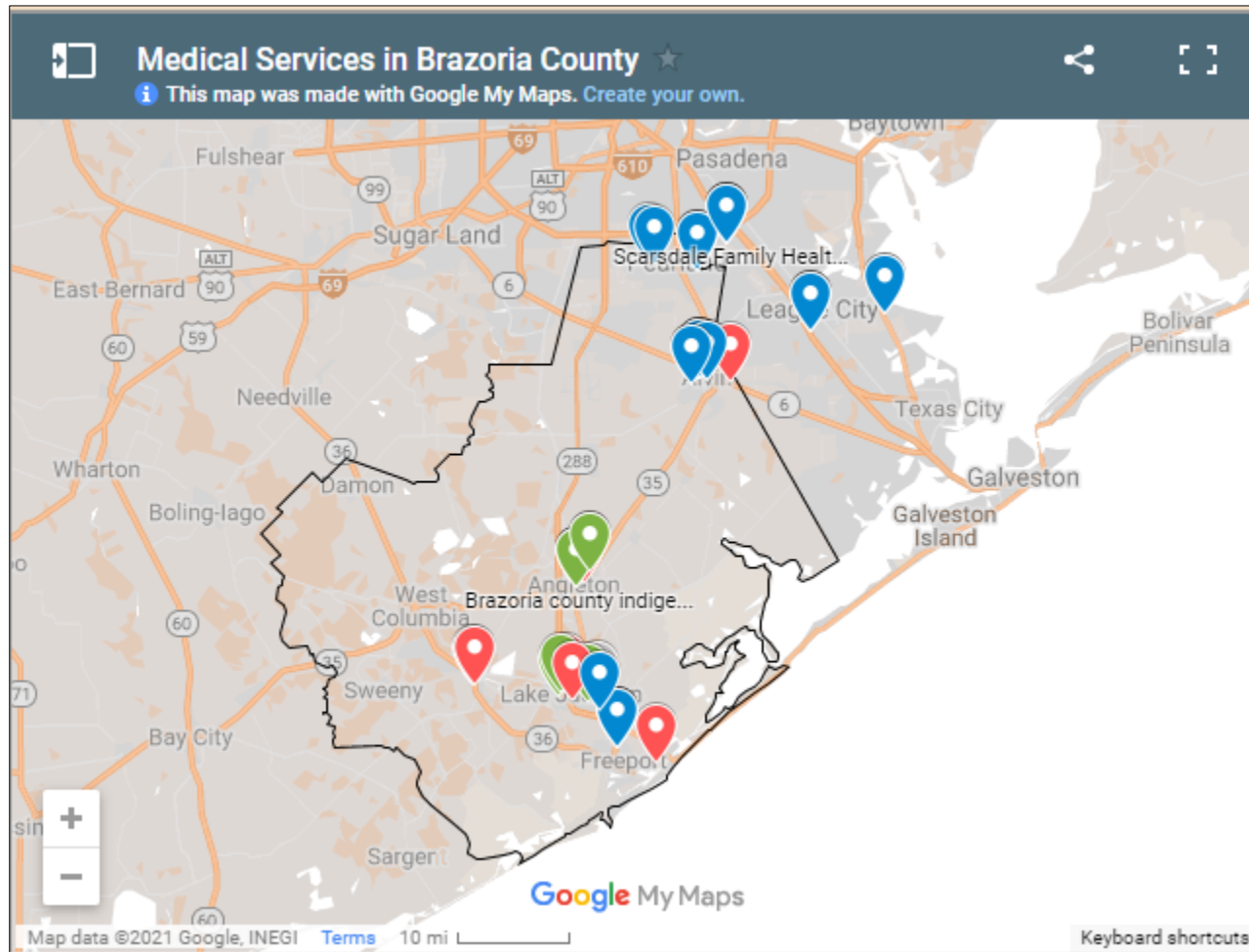
- ▶ Total Homeless: 69
 - ▶ Adults (18+): 58; of these, 2 are young adults ages 18-24
 - ▶ Children(under 18): 11
- ▶ Other Facts:
 - ▶ 19 Females
 - ▶ 50 Males
 - ▶ 8 Chronically Homeless
 - ▶ 36 Veterans

2-1-1 Data: Types of Requests



Resource Access in Brazoria County

- MEDICAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- SCHOOLS
- S.N.A.P. RETAILERS
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- AEL TRAINING SITES
- INTERNET BROADBAND ACCESS

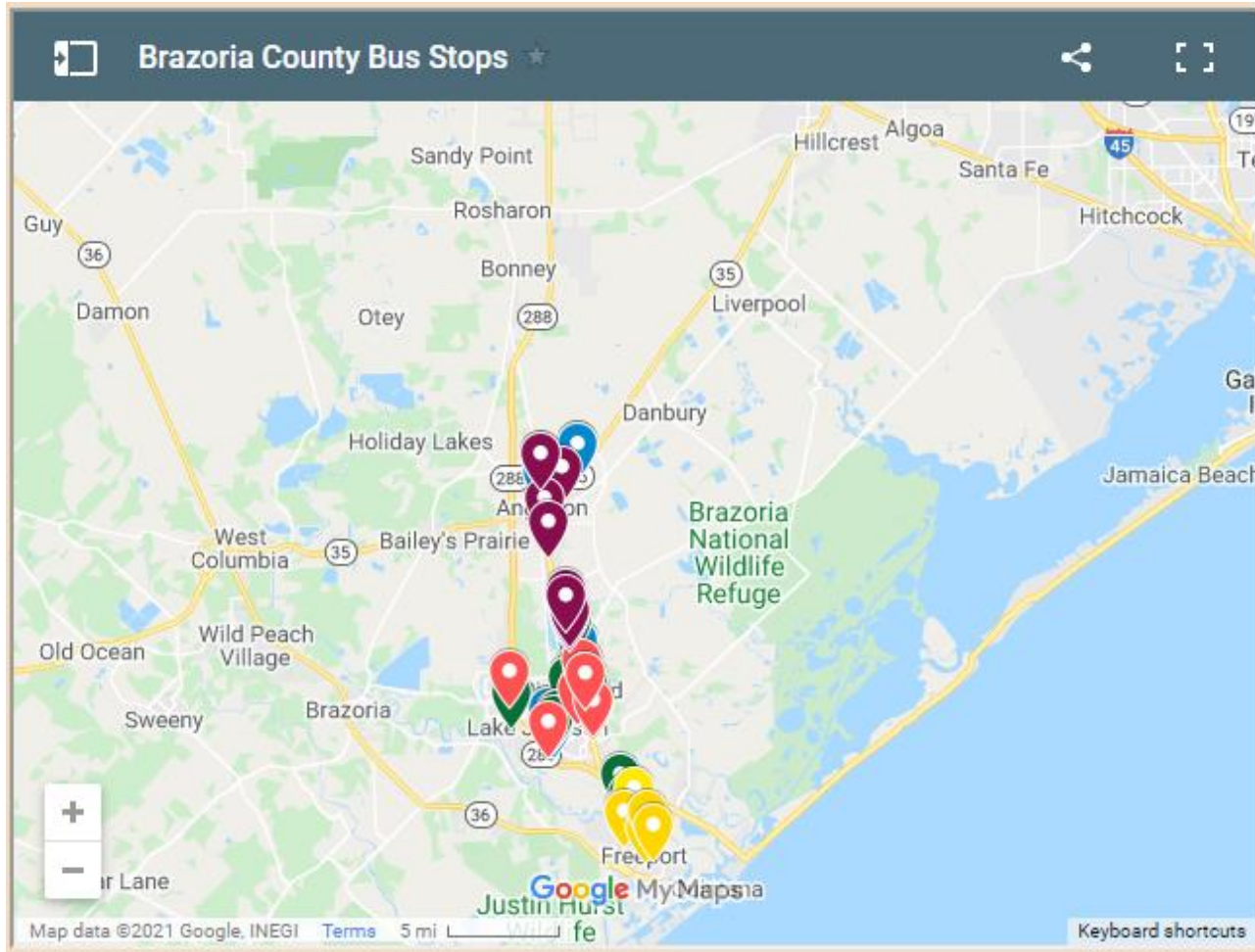


- 13 hospitals and clinics
- 3 centers for immunization
- 8 prescription assistance and low-cost pharmacies
- 9 institutions for vision and dental assistance
- 11 institutions that offer psychiatric services or counseling

Medical Services

RX Assistance Programs and Access Tools

- ▶ CHIP- Children's Health Insurance Program and Children's Medicaid
- ▶ Astra Zeneca Resource List
- ▶ Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN)
 - ▶ Offers grants for individuals with specific medical conditions. The grant period is typically one-year and the individual may or may not qualify for the whole amount.
- ▶ Medicine Assistance Tool (MAT)
 - ▶ Patients can search for medication assistance based on their condition, location, etc. This tool provides potential resources for those patients based on the information entered.
- ▶ RX Hope
 - ▶ Has a large amount of name brand prescriptions that qualified individuals can receive free of charge. Must apply through physician.

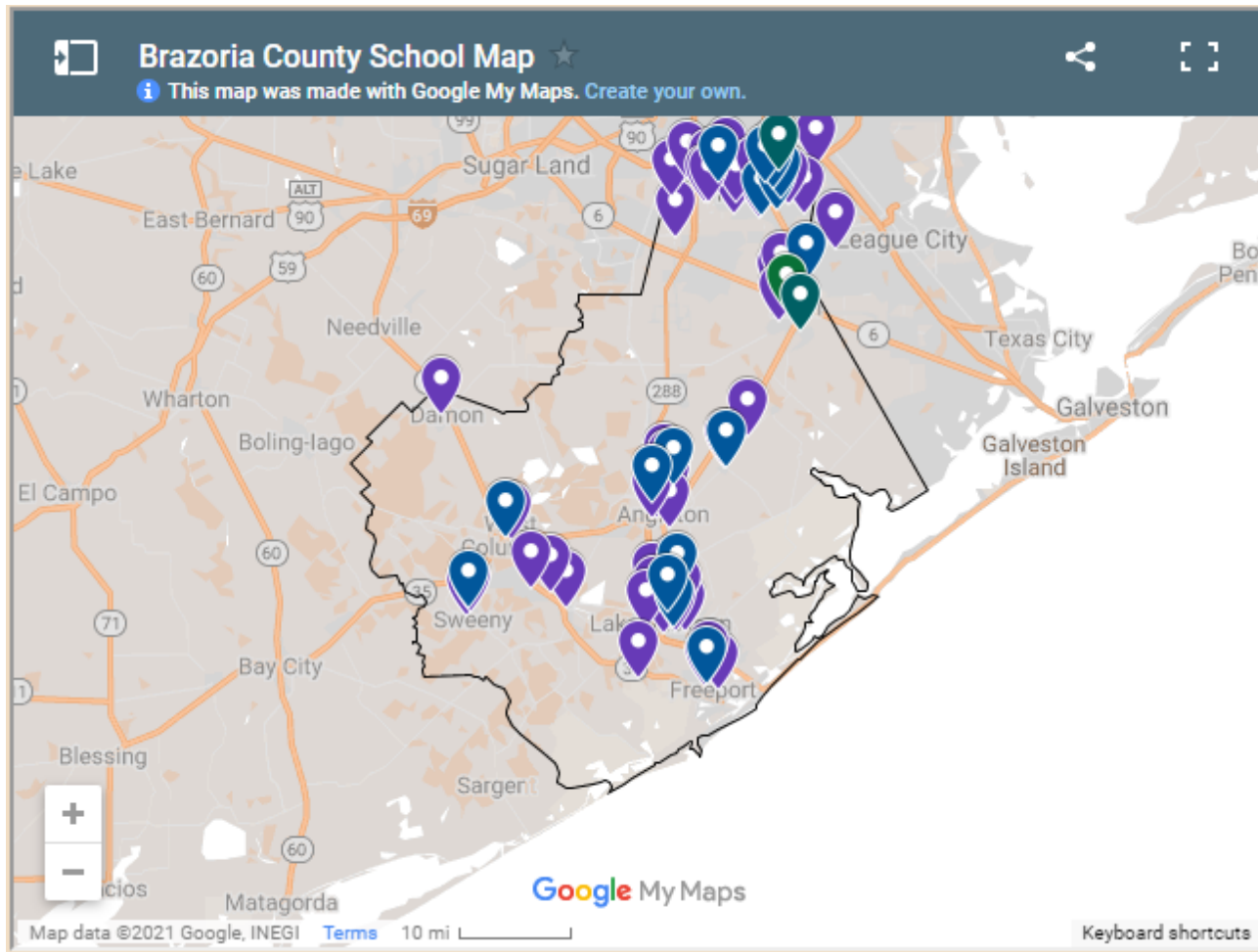


Connect Transit Bus Stops

Transportation Access

Transportation Access Cont.

- [TXDOT received 75 million in Federal grants to put toward rural transportation access:](#)
 - “The grant will enable rural transit providers to continue operating established transit routes and to add new services to aid communities, including necessary trips to work and medical appointments. Some services such as meal delivery and other critical services are also being provided.”
- ▶ [United Way Houston](#)
- ▶ [DOT Grants Rural Transportation Assistance Program](#)
- [Federal Transit Administration Grants](#)
 - Rural Areas Program
 - Enhanced Mobility of Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities
 - Bus and Bus Facilities Program
 - Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning Programs



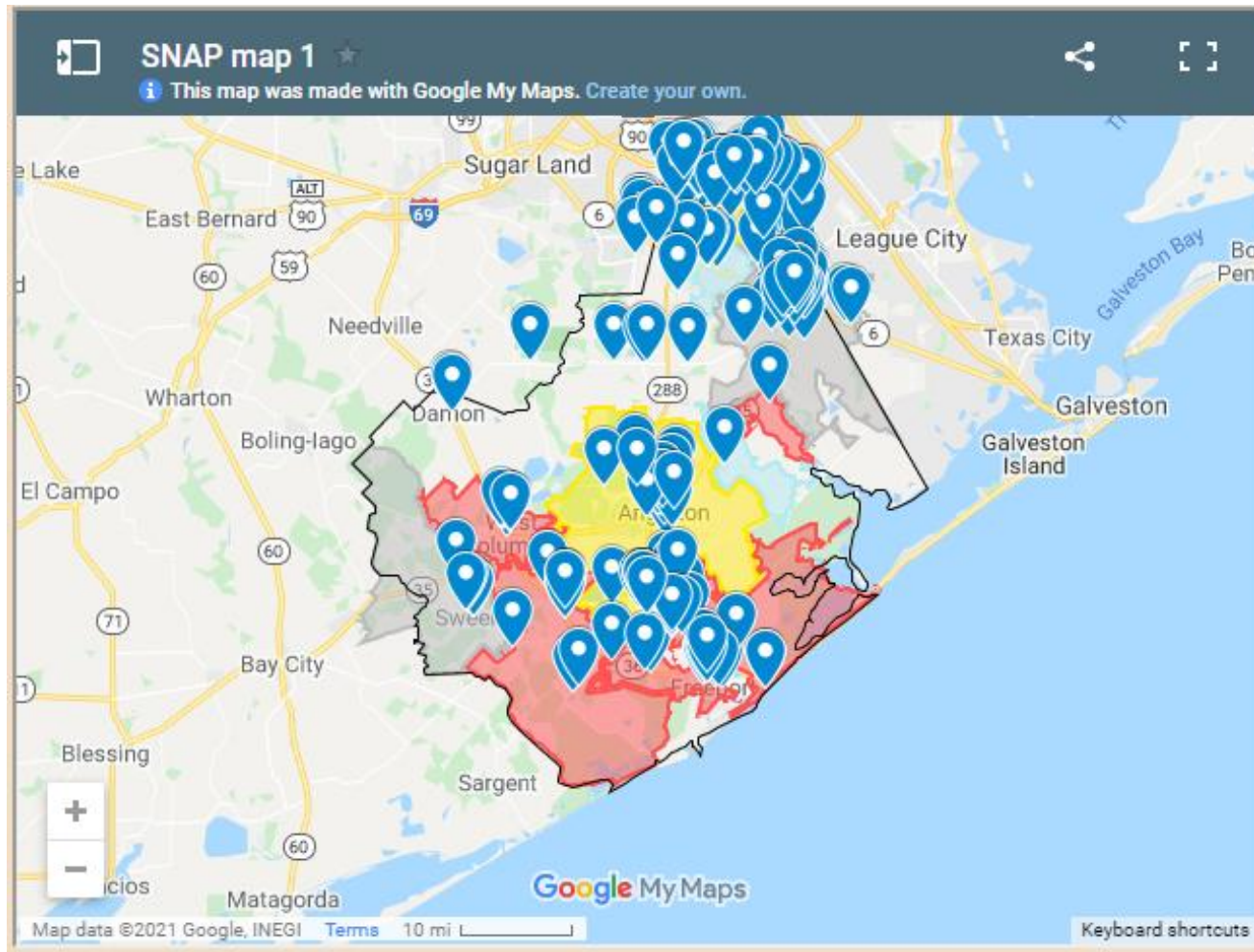
Schools

- 63 institutions that offer elementary or/and middle school education
 - 16 institutions that offer high school education
 - 3 institutions that offer post-high school education

School Resources Cont.

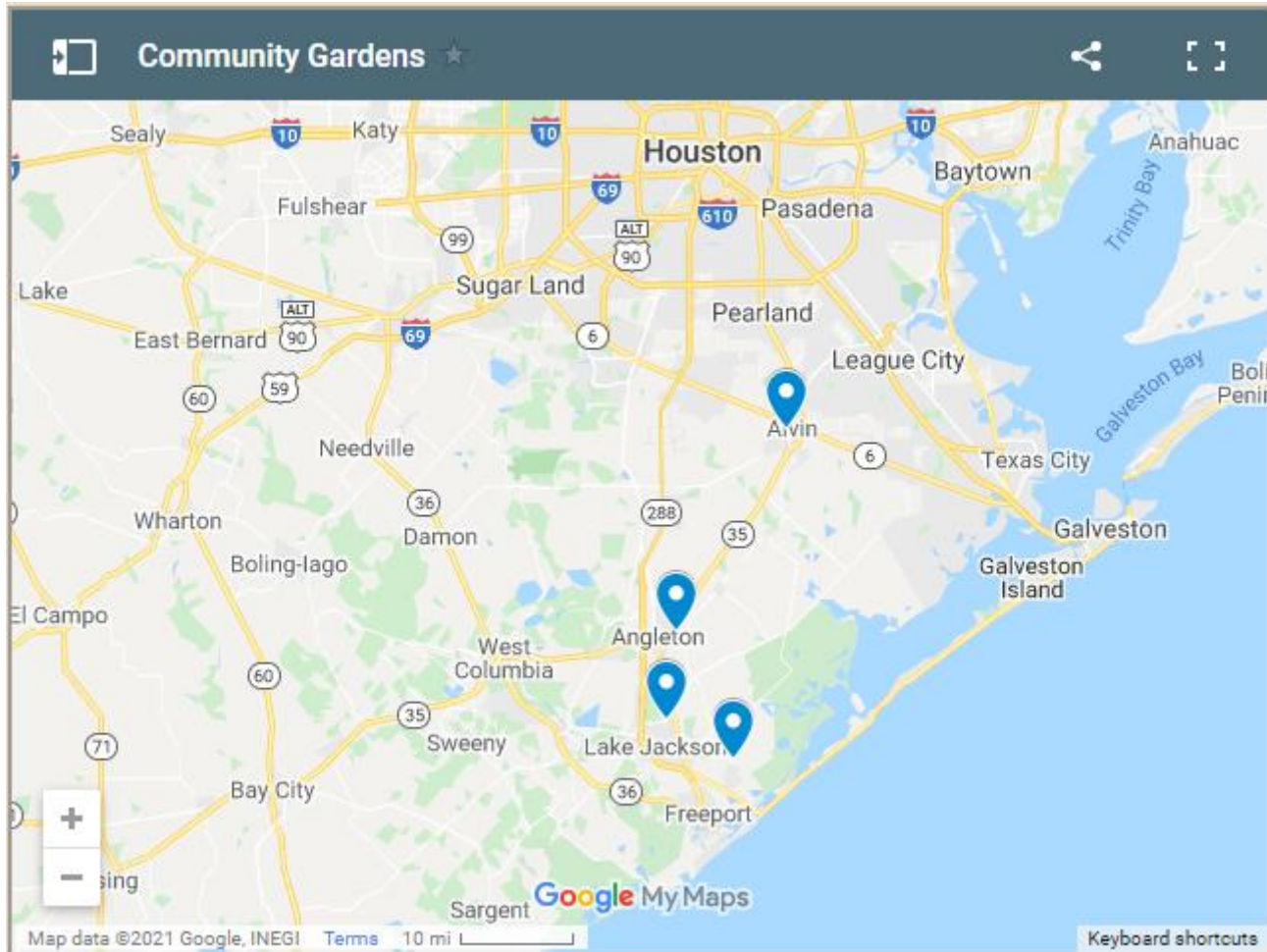
- ▶ **Communities in Schools of Brazoria County**
- ▶ **Junior Achievement of Brazoria County, Inc.**
- ▶ **Northern Brazoria County Education Alliance**
- ▶ **Boys and Girls Club of Brazoria County**
- ▶ **Young Life Brazoria County**





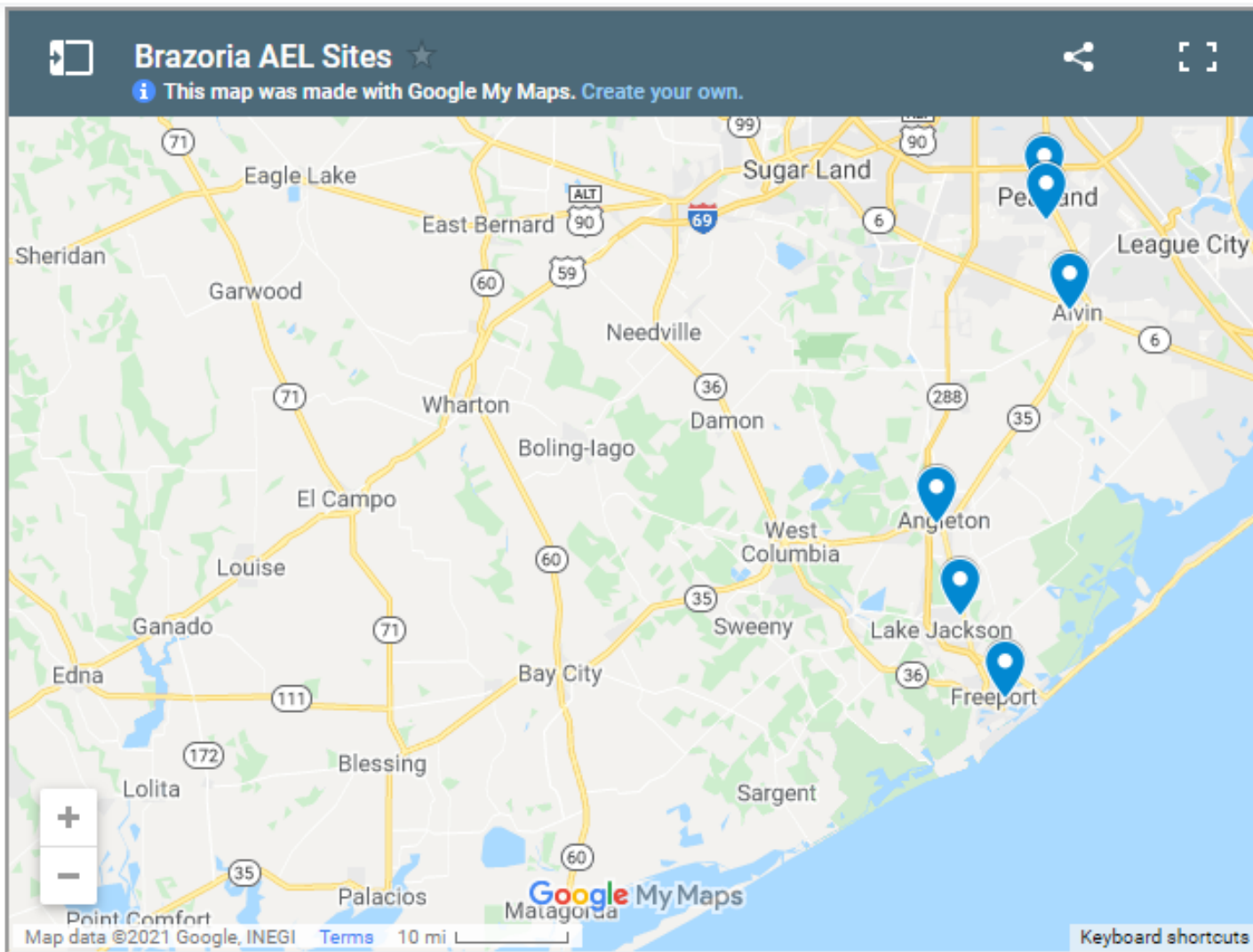
S.N.A.P. Retailers

- More than half, 57%, of food insecure residents who are eligible to receive SNAP in 2019 are not participating in the program
- Most of these SNAP retailers are dollar discount stores, or gas stations. These establishments do not provide access to healthy foods.



- 3 community gardens
- Master Gardeners of Brazoria County
- Regular gardening classes are held free of charge for residents of the county.

Community Gardens



AEL Training Sites

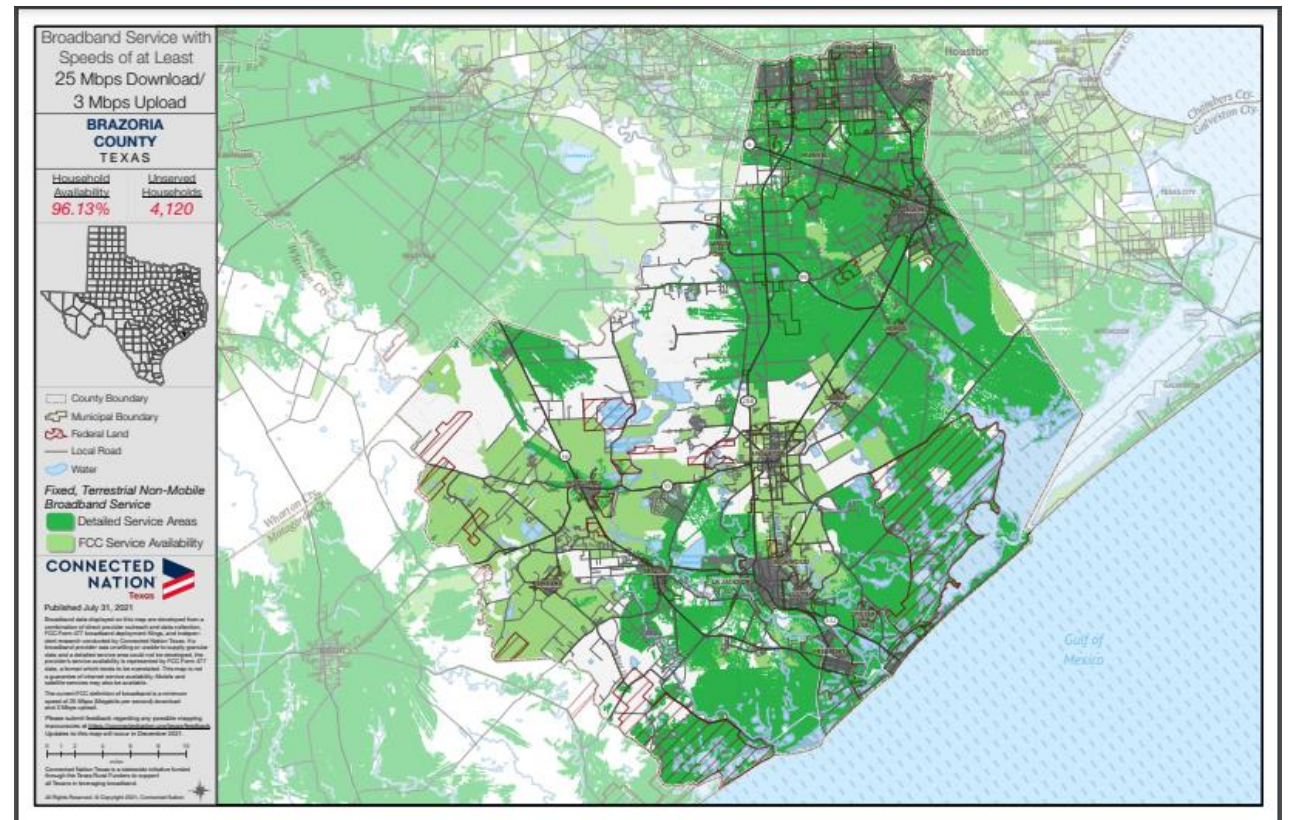
Brazosport College working with Workforce Solutions to provide adult education and literacy training

Broadband Access in the County

- ▶ 93.4% households with a computer
- ▶ 87.1% households with internet
- ▶ About 25,000 people without a connection
- ▶ 12 internet providers in Brazoria County; 8 of these provide service to residences

Resources for Computer Literacy

<https://www.digitalllearn.org/>

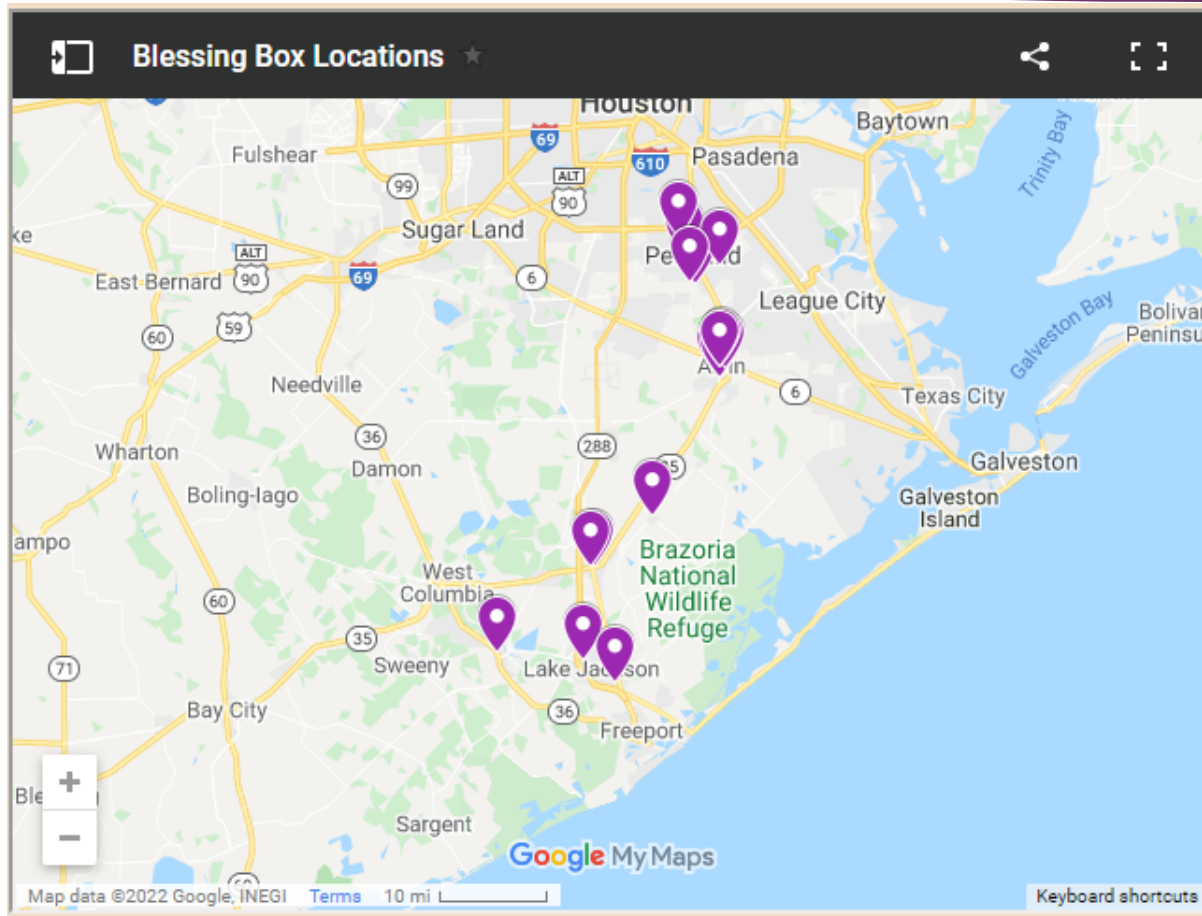


Map comes from <https://connectednation.org/texas/county-maps/>



Local Food Pantries

Blessing Box Locations



Learning Resources

- GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD
- SKILLS TRAINING
- BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE
- ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Growing Your Own Food

- ▶ [Brazoria County Master Gardeners](#)
- ▶ Texas AgriLife Extension
 - ▶ [Fruit Tree Guide](#)
 - ▶ [Planting Guide](#)
- ▶ Harvest for the Hungry
 - ▶ Smart Shopping [webinar](#)
 - ▶ [Planting Guide](#) for fruits and veggies



Skills Training Opportunities in the County

- ▶ Brazoria County Public Library System
 - ▶ Must have a library card to access resources
 - ▶ [Continuing education](#) resources
 - ▶ [Career choice and skills](#) information and short courses
 - ▶ See the entire database selection [here](#).
- ▶ Generation USA offers free training programs in the Houston Area.
 - ▶ Current programs include IT Support Specialist, Junior Web Developer, Junior Full Stack Java Developer, Junior Cloud Practitioner, and Digital Marketing Analyst
 - ▶ This organization also offers [free webinars](#) about life skills and breaking down obstacles to success
- ▶ The Coalition for Barrier Free Living offers [Independent Living Skills Training](#)
 - ▶ In conjunction with BCCIL, HCIL, and FBIL



Brazosport College Programs

▶ In conjunction with Workforce Solutions, Brazosport College has several Adult Education and Literacy training sites throughout the county.

- ▶ Classes include GED preparation, Occupational Skills Training, English as a Second Language (ESL) and Civics course
- ▶ Locations in Pearland (2 sites), Alvin, Angleton, Lake Jackson, and Freeport
 - ▶ These sites are in the larger cities of Brazoria County and all but exclude the rural zones of the county. Cities like Sweeney, West Columbia, Bailey's Prairie, etc. are far from any one of these locations.

▶ Jumpstart Program

- ▶ Available at no cost to eligible students
- ▶ Includes programs for Phlebotomy, Electrical and Pipefitting, Office Administration, and Medical Billing and Coding
- ▶ Allows low-income students to receive career training and certifications that gives them greater opportunity when searching for a high paying job.



Alvin Community College Programs

- ▶ **STRIVE-Skilled Training Rewarding Independence and Vocational Education**
 - ▶ Information about the program and application [here](#).

- ▶ **Ed2Go**
 - ▶ Online Career Training Courses [here](#).
 - ▶ Online Instructor Led Courses [here](#).

- ▶ **Continuing Education Online Courses**
 - ▶ [Career Training](#)
 - ▶ [Health Care Training](#)
 - ▶ [Industrial Training](#)
 - ▶ [Special Interest](#)

- ▶ **Other Programs**
 - ▶ [Escoffier Culinary Program](#)
 - ▶ [Real Estate with Mbition](#)



Resources for Seniors

- VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR SENIORS
- IN-HOME HEALTH CARE
- TECHNOLOGY AND BROADBAND
- FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES

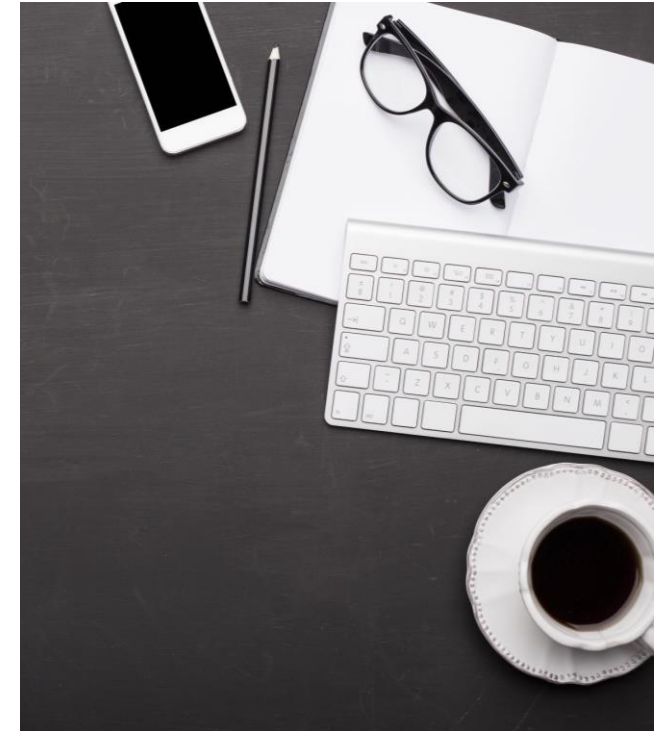
Virtual Events and Learning for Seniors

- ▶ [Senior Planet](#) offers free virtual health, wellness, and fitness classes online daily. They also have virtual book clubs and other social events where seniors meet virtually once or more a month. This is an AARP affiliated program.
- ▶ Techboomers.com
 - ▶ Has articles and courses on [everything](#) from shopping online to basic computer use
- ▶ Goodwill Community Foundation, Inc.
 - ▶ Includes picture and video tutorials on a wide range of [topics](#) from technology to career skills.

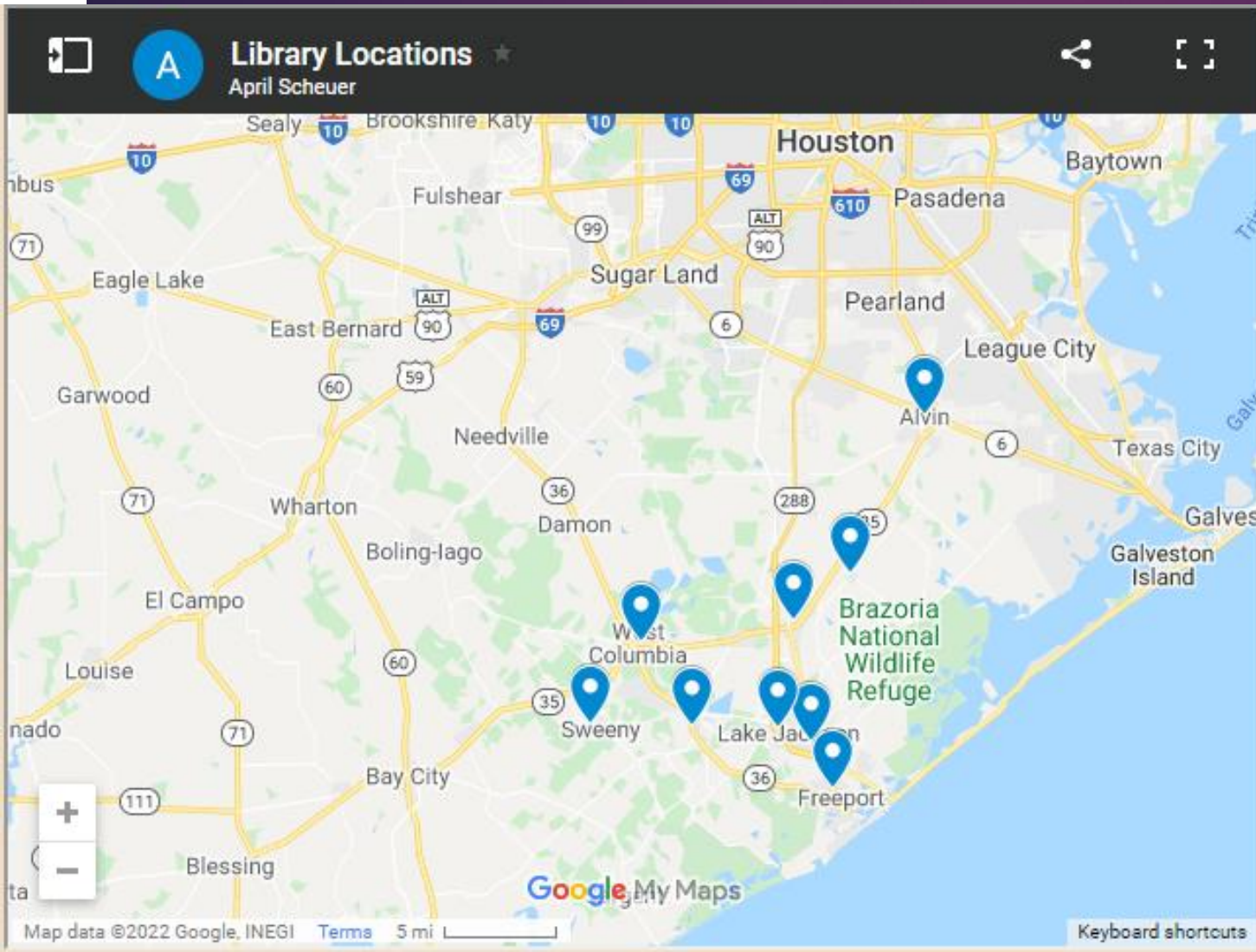
SENIOR PLANET
FROM **AARP**

Technology and Broadband Access

- ▶ Universal Service Administrative Co.
 - ▶ Reduces the monthly bill amount for internet and/or telephone service for qualifying individuals through their [lifeline support program](#).
- ▶ Federal Lifeline Assistance Program
 - ▶ Provides free phone and limited number of minutes to [qualifying citizens](#) through Assurance Wireless. Can qualify for an Emergency Broadband Benefit too.
 - ▶ Two programs:
 - ▶ Assured Wireless Unlimited- Unlimited minutes, texts, and data, plus free smartphone
 - ▶ Assured Wireless Lifeline Only- Unlimited minutes and texts, 4.5GB data, plus free smart phone
 - ▶ More information and application [here](#).



Brazoria County Library Locations



1. Alvin- 105 S. Gordon St.
2. Danbury- 1720 Main St.
3. Angleton- 401 E. Cedar St.
4. West Columbia- 518 E. Brazos Ave.
5. Lake Jackson- 250 Circle Way St.
6. Clute- 215 N. Shanks St.
7. Brazoria- 620 S. Brooks St.
8. Sweeny- 205 W. Ashley Wilson Rd.
9. Freeport- 410 N. Brazosport Blvd.

In-Home Health Care

- ▶ Community Health Network
- ▶ [Angels Care Home Health](#)
- ▶ [IPH Home Health Care](#)
 - ▶ [Gulf Coast Primary Home Care Inc.](#) is an affiliate of IPH
- ▶ [Caring Senior Service](#)

Food Delivery Service

- ▶ S.N.A.P. Online Ordering
 - ▶ [Walmart](#), Aldi, HEB, and Amazon
 - ▶ Aldi delivers free of charge
- ▶ Senior deliveries from local food pantry programs.
 - ▶ Brazoria County Dream Center
 - ▶ Meals on Wheels
 - ▶ Brazosport Cares
- ▶ Home Delivered Meals
 - ▶ \$2.75/meal when possible
 - ▶ Hot meals delivered to seniors



Resources for College Students

ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE

Alvin Community College

Local Food Pantries

The Alvin-Manvel Community Food Pantry provides students with access to food and other necessities.

1212 South Durant
Alvin, Texas 77511
Brazoria County, Texas
281-824-8871

COVID-19 Assistance Funds

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund has allotted funds to Alvin Community College so that students affected by the pandemic can receive additional assistance when they qualify. The deadline to apply for this assistance is May 14th, 2022.

Blessing Boxes

There are seven Blessing Boxes on campus. Each contains non-perishable food that students can have easy access to when they need it.

Brazosport College

Student Wellness and Basic Needs Program

Students require the fulfillment of basic needs before they can truly focus on their education. This program helps students eliminate barriers that prevent them from achieving their goals.

On Campus Food Pantry

Brazosport College has an on campus 'Gator Mart' food pantry where students can receive the food and basic necessities that they need while attending college. Click the button below for hours, location, and eligibility.

Emergency Aid Funding

If a student experiences a sudden and unexpected emergency that interferes with their ability to afford college tuition, they might be eligible to receive emergency aid through funds provided by the Lowery Foundation and the Brazosport College Foundation's President's Circle of Excellence.

Resources for Rural Communities

FOOD PANTRIES
HEALTH SERVICES
TECHNOLOGY

West of the Brazos River

Food Assistance

- Columbia United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Technology

- Sweeny Library
- West Columbia Library
- Brazoria Library

Health Services

- Central Emergency Med Services Inc.
- Brazoria County WIC and Immunization Clinic
- Sweeny Community Hospital

Veteran Resources

VFW

STUDENT VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS

VETERAN EMPLOYEE SUPPORT

**Veteran Employee Support
BASF Veterans Employee Team**

Kelley D. Smith

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979-415-6784

Dow Veteran Employees

Mark Nordenstrom

832-428-0353

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Olin

Ricky Richards

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Student Veterans Association

Brazosport College

Phone: 979-230-3569

Email: sva@brazosport.edu

Alvin Community College

Advisor: Tony Herzog

Phone: 281-756-3530

Email: therzog@alvincollege.edu

Veterans of Foreign Wars

- Alvin-Post 5237
- Pearland-Post 7109
- Clute-Post 8576
- Sweeny-Post 8551