

Community Context

How many schools exist in Kenedy? What are the schools like and what involvement does FBC Kenedy have in the school system?

- **Kenedy ISD** includes one elementary school, one middle school, and one high school with a total of 824 students. The average elementary class size is 17, and the average secondary class size is 14. The school received an accountability rating of “B” for the 2021-2022 school year. Kenedy ISD is also blessed to have two full-time resource (police) officers on staff to ensure student and staff safety.
- We are a small school district that offers a wide variety of activities for students. UIL scholastic competitions, one act play, marching band, fall and winter color guard, debate, FFA, cheer and dance teams, as well as a full athletic department.
- The schools are open to the church's involvement at the campuses, but we have yet to take up their offer to any serious degree. We have school staff, teachers, administrators, and board members who attend FBC Kenedy.

What is the religious and moral landscape of Kenedy? How many churches exist in Kenedy? What neighborhoods do they fit in?

- One is either a Christian (55%) or non-religious (44%), which is statistically the fastest growing group. 30% of our population identify as Catholic, 19% as Evangelical, and 6% as Mainline. [1]
- First Baptist—lower to middle income residential neighborhood and industrial area
- Word Fellowship—rural area, some lower to middle income homes nearby
- Good Shepherd Lutheran—rural area, but adjacent to middle to upper income neighborhood
- Mexican Baptist—lower to middle income residential neighborhood
- Our Lady of Peace Catholic— lower to middle income residential neighborhood
- Church of Christ—middle income residential neighborhood and industrial area
- City of Refuge—lower income residential neighborhood
- Unified Pentecostal—lower to middle income residential neighborhood
- Matthews Episcopal—lower to middle income residential neighborhood
- Good Samaritan—lower income residential neighborhood
- El Aposento Alto Church—lower income residential neighborhood

What are the major professions in Kenedy?

- Oil and gas industry
- Transportation
- Construction
- Education system
- Health care
- Law enforcement/Prison system
- Food supply and services

Where do people go for recreation?

- We have a great city park that features a lit walking track, a playground, basketball courts, picnic tables, and baseball/softball fields. Our city park also features a paved walking path

that leads to the [S.A. River Authority's Escondido Creek Park](#).

- We have a great [library](#) that offers activities for children and adults throughout the year.
- We have a newly built hospital with a [wellness center](#).
- We are 60 miles from San Antonio, 60 miles from Victoria, and 90 miles from the ocean.

What about stores, shops, and restaurants in Kenedy?

- We have a newly built H-E-B and a Wal-Mart along the main Highway 181.
- We have some great places to eat. Flash Burger, RJ's Burgers, Mesquite Wood Steakhouse, 5D steakhouse, Partner's BBQ, and 3 Taquerias; as well as several fast-food restaurants along highway 181
- Additional commerce includes Dollar General, Family Dollar, AT&T store, Hibbett Sports store, and GNC, just to name a few.

What are the population, demographics, and education level of the citizens of Kenedy?

- *POPULATION*— Kenedy is a small town with a population of about 3,400. It is located in what is called the Coastal Bend in South Texas and is situated along Highway 181, between San Antonio and Corpus Christi.
- *DEMOGRAPHICS*— Kenedy's overall population is roughly 68% Hispanic, 28% Caucasian, and 2% African-American. However, our student body is less diverse: 85% Hispanic, 11% Caucasian, 2% African American. [2] The median household income in Kenedy is around \$41,000, which is significantly less than the rest of Texas (\$56,000). [3] Also, our school reports 77% of students are economically disadvantaged. [4]
- *EDUCATION*— Kenedy has more people who did not finish high school (31%) than the state average (17%). Kenedy also has fewer people with a bachelor's degree (6%) than the state average (19%) and fewer people with a master's degree (1%) compared to the state average (7%). [5] However, recent KISD high school graduation figures (94.6%) are almost identical to the state average (94.1%).

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- <https://www.kenedytx.gov/>