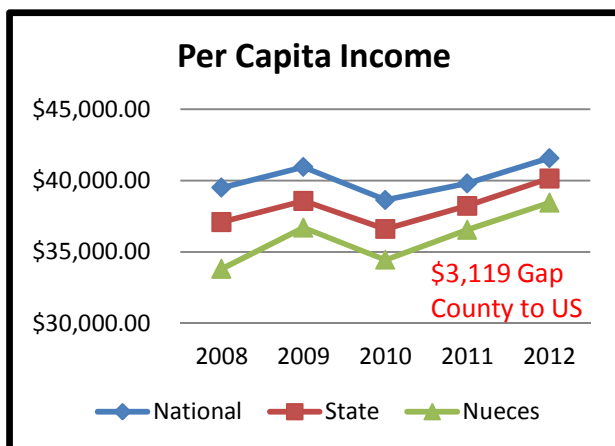


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Economic Deprivation

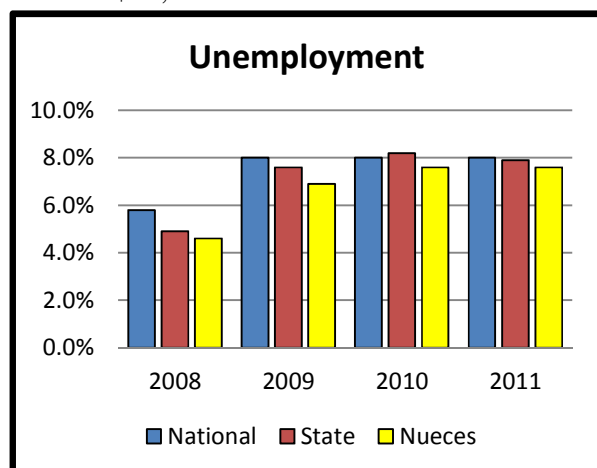


Nueces County clearly demonstrates worse economic conditions than the Nation or the State when examining per capita income, families living in poverty, child poverty, and students from economically disadvantaged families.

After the drop in 2010, the per capita income in the Nation increased 7.6% to \$41,560. In the same time period, the per capita income in Texas increased 9.7% to \$40,147, and the per capita income in Nueces County increased 11.6% to \$38,441.

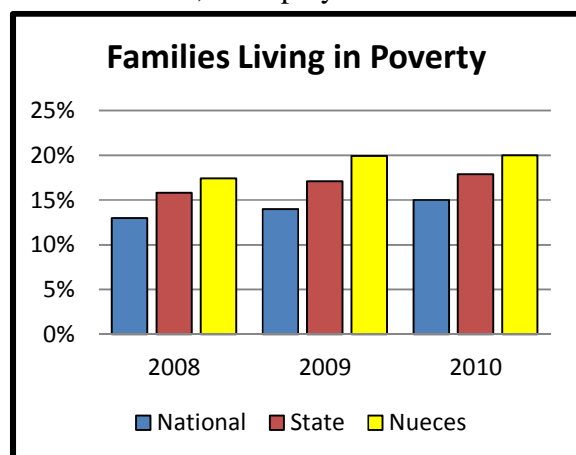
However, the per capita income in Nueces County has been significantly lower than the Nation's and the State's for each year between 2008 and 2012. As noted on the graph, Nueces County residents earned \$3,119 less per capita than the National income figure for 2012.

Since 2002, the unemployment rate in Nueces County has been lower than the State's. In 2006, this became true for the County in comparison to the National rates. However, since 2008 unemployment in Nueces County has risen. In 2010 and 2011, unemployment rates in Nueces



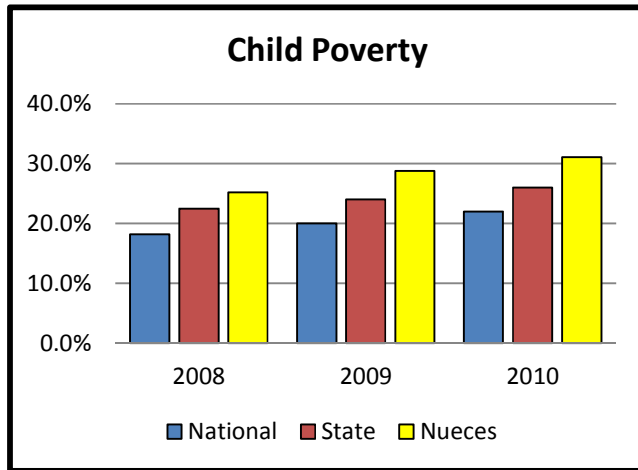
County have risen back to levels very close to those in Texas and the Nation.

From 2008 to 2011, unemployment in Texas increased 61.2% to a rate of 7.9%. In the same time period, unemployment in Nueces County increased 65.2% to a rate of 7.6%.



The lower per capita income level and increasing unemployment rate for the County contribute to the continuing issues of higher family and child poverty rates for the County compared to the Nation and State. From 2008 to 2010, the

proportion of families living below the poverty level in Nueces County increased 2.6%. From 2004 to 2010, the proportion of families living below the poverty level in Nueces County has been higher than that for the Nation and the State.

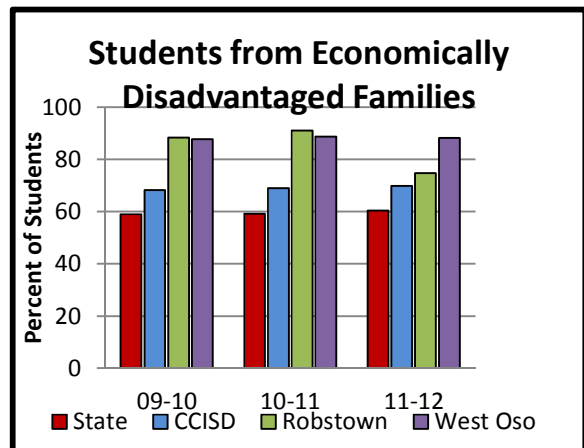


The percentage of children in poverty in the Nation rose 7.2% to a total of 25.2% from 2008 to 2010. The percentage of children in poverty in the State rose 8.8% to a total of 28.8% during the same time period. Continuing a long term trend, the percentage of children in poverty in Nueces County rose 9.1% to a total of 31.1%.

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From 2004 to 2012, Nueces County’s largest school district, CCISD, had a greater proportion of students from economically disadvantaged families than the State. Pockets of even greater poverty are reflected by the Robstown ISD and West Oso ISD data. Summed across all of the reporting districts in the County, it appears that a majority of local school children come from economically disadvantaged families. More detail may be found in the Data File and Graphics File.



Additional demonstration about the economic status of children in the County is found in information about children receiving Medicaid and SNAP. From 2000 to 2010, the number of food stamp recipients (now SNAP) increased 142.9% to a total of 36.2% of the County population. The proportion of children receiving Medicaid increased by 62.3% to a total of 37.4% from 2000 to 2011.



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