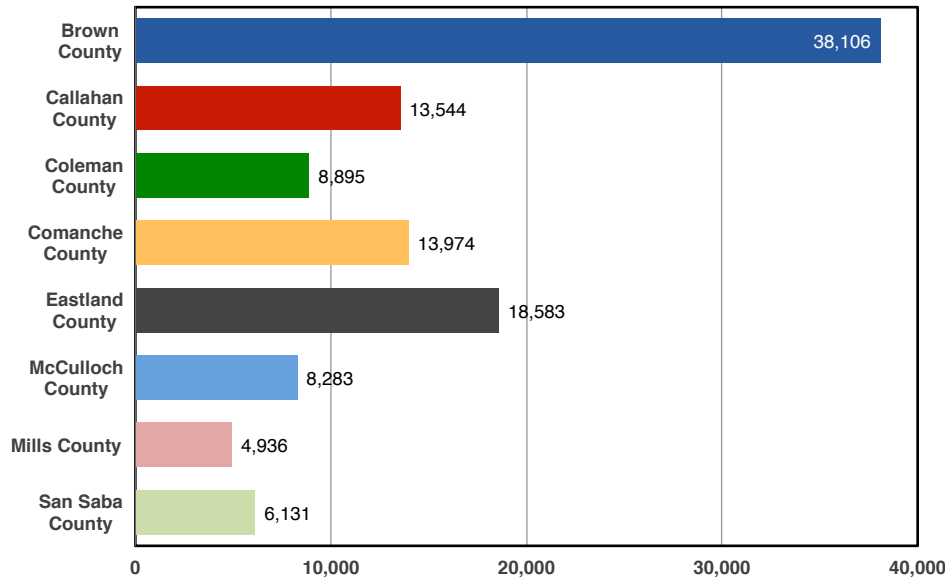


Regional Population

Only two counties in the 8-county region lost population over the past decade as residents moved out of the region. Much of this out-migration of residents occurred since 2007 at the start of the national economic recession. This indicates that out-migration is primarily a result of residents seeking employment opportunities. The other six counties saw sustained growth throughout this period.

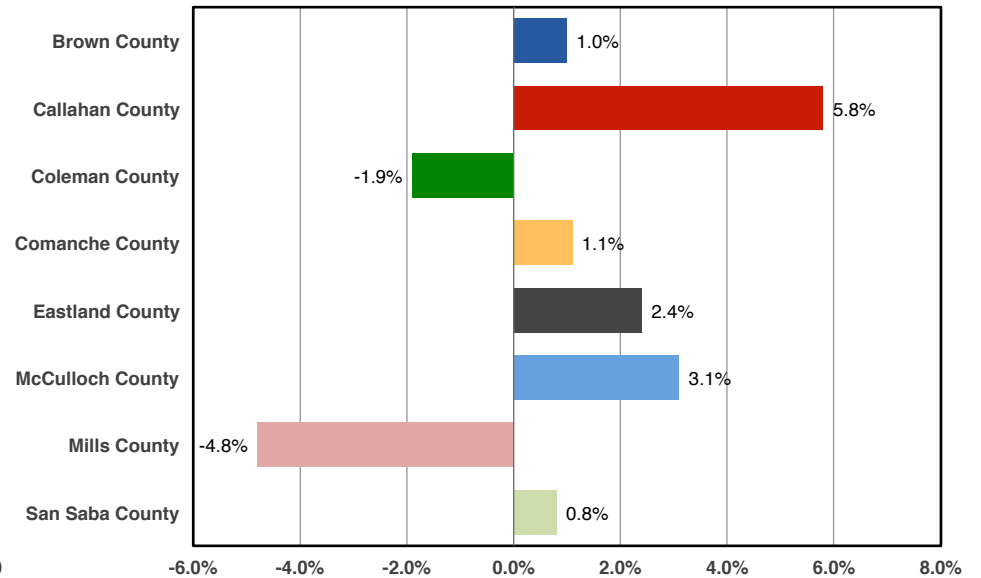
Within the 8-county region, Brown County has the largest population, but Callahan County, McCulloch County, Comanche County, and Eastland County have seen faster growth over the past decade. Slower growth in Brown County is partially the result of limited housing opportunities, which forces many workers to live outside the county.

**Brownwood 8-County Region
Population Distribution, 2011**



Source: Demographics Now

**Brownwood 8-County Region
Population Growth, 2000-2011**



Source: US Census