



For explanation of sources, symbols and abbreviations, see p. 210 and foldout map.

**Physical Features:** Second largest county; high, broken plateau in West Texas; draining to Pecos and tributaries; sandy, clay, loam soils.

**Economy:** Oil, gas, agriculture, government/services, wind turbines.

**History:** Comanches in area when military outpost established in 1859. Settlement began after Civil War. Created from Presidio County 1871; organized 1872; named for Pecos River, name origin uncertain.

**Race/Ethnicity, 2008:** (In percent) Anglo, 30.9; Black, 3.8; Hispanic, 64.5; Other, 0.7.

**Vital Statistics, 2007:** Births, 245; deaths, 111; marriages, 106; divorces, 42.

**Recreation:** Old Fort Stockton, Annie Riggs Museum, stagecoach stop, scenic drives, Dinosaur Track Roadside Park, cattle-trail sites, archaeological museum with oil and ranch-heritage collections; Comanche Springs Water Carnival in summer.

**Minerals:** Natural gas, oil, gravel, caliche.

**Agriculture:** Cattle, alfalfa, pecans, sheep, goats, onions, peppers, melons. Market value \$27.5 million. Aquaculture firm producing shrimp. Hunting leases.

**FORT STOCKTON** (7,557) county seat, distribution center for petroleum industry, government/services, agri-

culture, tourism, varied manufacturing, winery, prison units, spaceport launching small satellites; hospital; historical tours.

**Iraan** (1,213) oil and gas center, tourism, ranching, meat processing; hospital; Alley Oop park.

Other towns include: **Coyanosa** (140); **Girvin** (20); **Imperial** (399) center for irrigated farming; **Sheffield** (322) oil, gas center.

<b>Population</b> .....	<b>16,307</b>
Change fm 2000 .....	-3.0
Area (sq. mi.) .....	4,764.73
Land Area (sq. mi.) .....	4,763.66
Altitude (ft.) .....	2,040-5,472
Rainfall (in.) .....	14.06
Jan. mean min. ....	31.4
July mean max. ....	95.8
Civ. Labor .....	6,713
Unemployed .....	5.3
Wages .....	\$36,790,098
Av. Weekly Wage .....	\$623
Prop. Value .....	\$3,302,954,143
Retail Sales .....	\$130,269,739



Fort Stockton's roadrunner. Robert Plocheck photo.