Individual Choices, Connected Lives

Texas' stay at home order expires April 30 and a phased "reopen" begins. What happens now?

State law on "reopening" overrules local policy, but community leaders can and do ask people and businesses to act voluntarily. What leaders ask with regard to COVID-19 has varied across communities so far, and that's unlikely to change. Any community leader's ask may or may not be based on what we know about how to reopen more safely, like whether cases are steadily declining, whether we have enough testing and contact tracing, and whether hospitals can handle a spike in seriously ill patients.
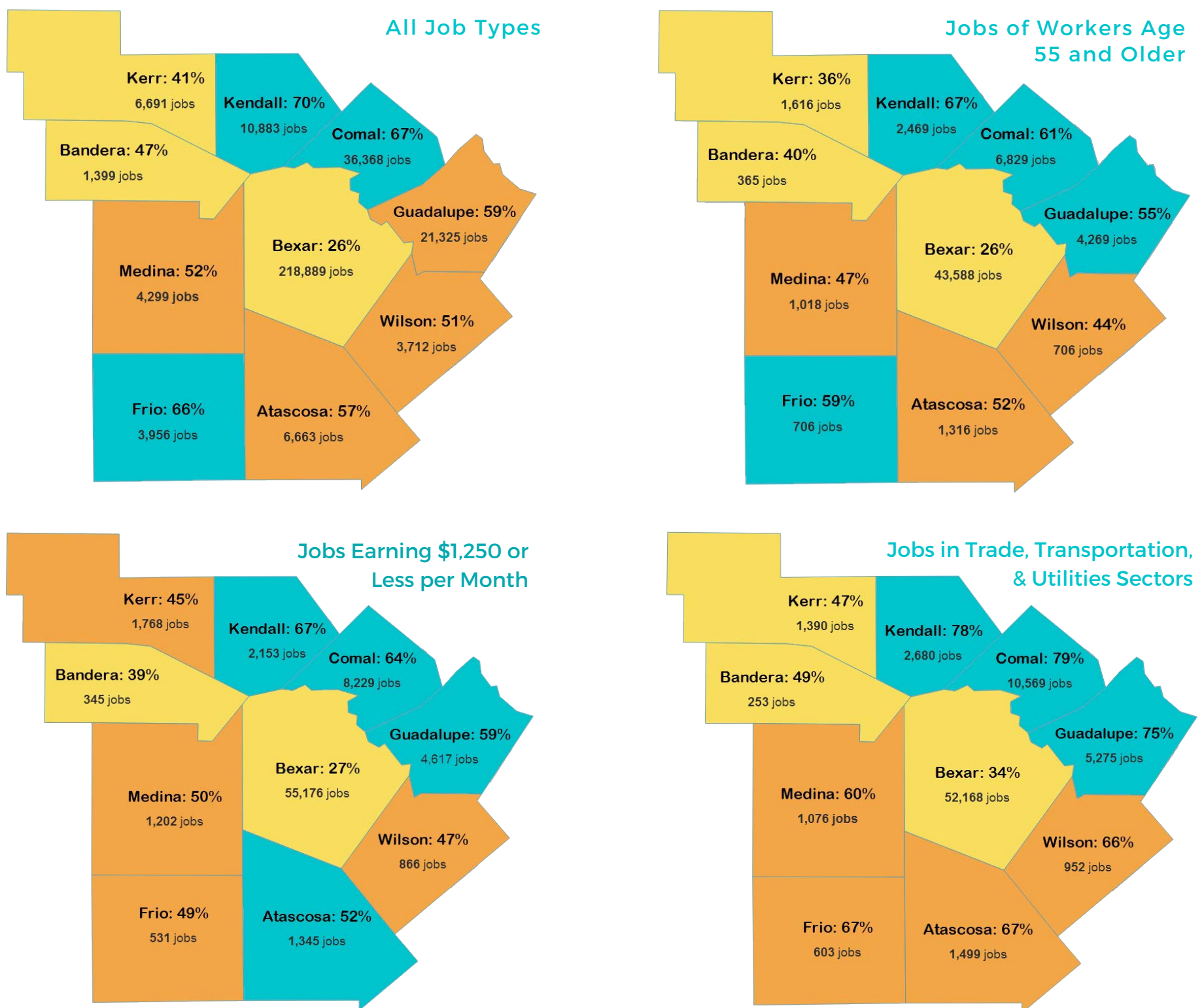
Our lives are connected across county lines, though, including through our jobs. The maps below show the number and percent of each county's jobs that are filled by workers who live outside that county. **In every job type, more than 25% of jobs in every county are filled by a worker who lives in a different county. For some job types in some counties, nearly 80% of jobs are held by a worker who lives elsewhere.**

Right now no Texas county can do the level of testing and contact tracing it needs. Until every county can, infection in one community is certain to spread to another. If we are infected at home, we will take it across the county line to work. If we are infected at work in another county, we will bring it home.

As individual communities, businesses, and residents, **we can choose to be safe in ways that go beyond what state law requires**. We can choose to protect each other as we face all the unknowns in the coming months.

Visit CINow.info for an interactive map of jobs, worker counties, testing coverage, and cases identified to date.

Percent of Jobs per County Held by Workers Who Live in a Different County

All Job Types

- Kerr: 41% — 6,691 jobs
- Kendall: 70% — 10,883 jobs
- Comal: 67% — 36,368 jobs
- Bandera: 47% — 1,399 jobs
- Guadalupe: 59% — 21,325 jobs
- Medina: 52% — 4,299 jobs
- Bexar: 26% — 218,889 jobs
- Wilson: 51% — 3,712 jobs
- Frio: 66% — 3,956 jobs
- Atascosa: 57% — 6,663 jobs

Jobs of Workers Age 55 and Older

- Kerr: 36% — 1,616 jobs
- Kendall: 67% — 2,469 jobs
- Comal: 61% — 6,829 jobs
- Bandera: 40% — 365 jobs
- Guadalupe: 55% — 4,269 jobs
- Medina: 47% — 1,018 jobs
- Bexar: 26% — 43,588 jobs
- Wilson: 44% — 706 jobs
- Frio: 59% — 706 jobs
- Atascosa: 52% — 1,316 jobs

Jobs Earning $1,250 or Less per Month

- Kerr: 45% — 1,768 jobs
- Kendall: 67% — 2,153 jobs
- Comal: 64% — 8,229 jobs
- Bandera: 39% — 345 jobs
- Guadalupe: 59% — 4,617 jobs
- Medina: 50% — 1,202 jobs
- Bexar: 27% — 55,176 jobs
- Wilson: 47% — 866 jobs
- Frio: 49% — 531 jobs
- Atascosa: 52% — 1,345 jobs

Jobs in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities Sectors

- Kerr: 47% — 1,390 jobs
- Kendall: 78% — 2,680 jobs
- Comal: 79% — 10,569 jobs
- Bandera: 49% — 253 jobs
- Guadalupe: 75% — 5,275 jobs
- Medina: 60% — 1,076 jobs
- Bexar: 34% — 52,168 jobs
- Wilson: 66% — 952 jobs
- Frio: 67% — 603 jobs
- Atascosa: 67% — 1,499 jobs

Wherever we live, we're all connected, affected by each others' choices. Until we get through this,

Let's choose to keep taking care of each other.