

## League City Emergency Medical Service

### 2019 Area Billing Survey

During the FY 2020 Budget, City Council requested EMS, perform a local area billing survey. EMS began the survey on August 1, 2019. EMS contacted 17 local area EMS agencies by email or phone, 16 agencies replied with most of the information requested. The following Agencies were contacted:

City of League City

Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps

La Porte EMS

Pearland Fire/EMS

Angleton EMS

Dickinson EMS

Baytown EMS

Galveston County Health District EMS

Deer Park Fire EMS

Sugarland Fire

Beaumont Health District EMS

Texas City Fire

Houston Fire

Nassau Bay EMS

Friendswood Fire/EMS

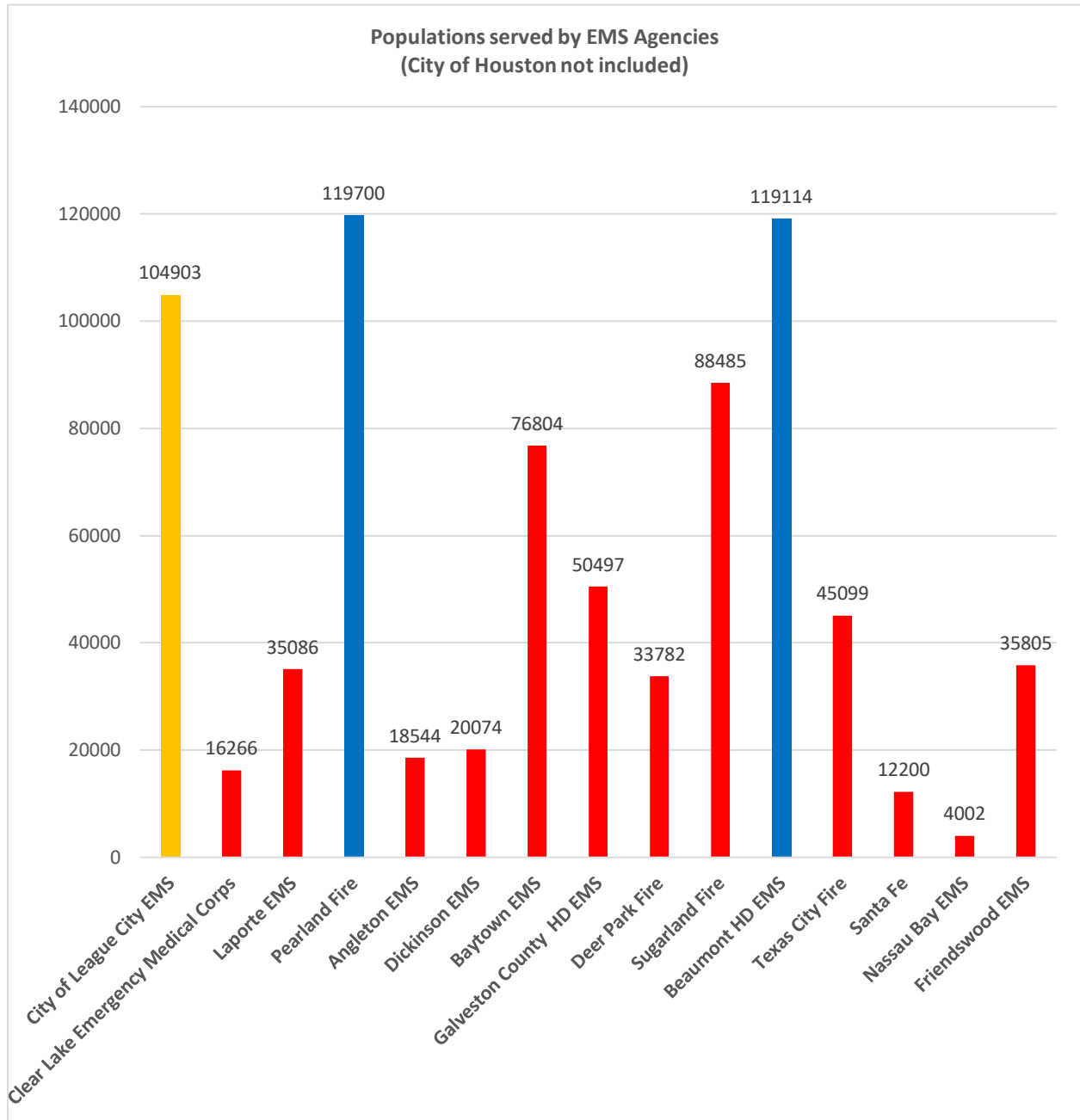
Santa Fe Fire/EMS

South Houston EMS (Did not Respond)

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The Populations of the agencies reviewed are as follows:

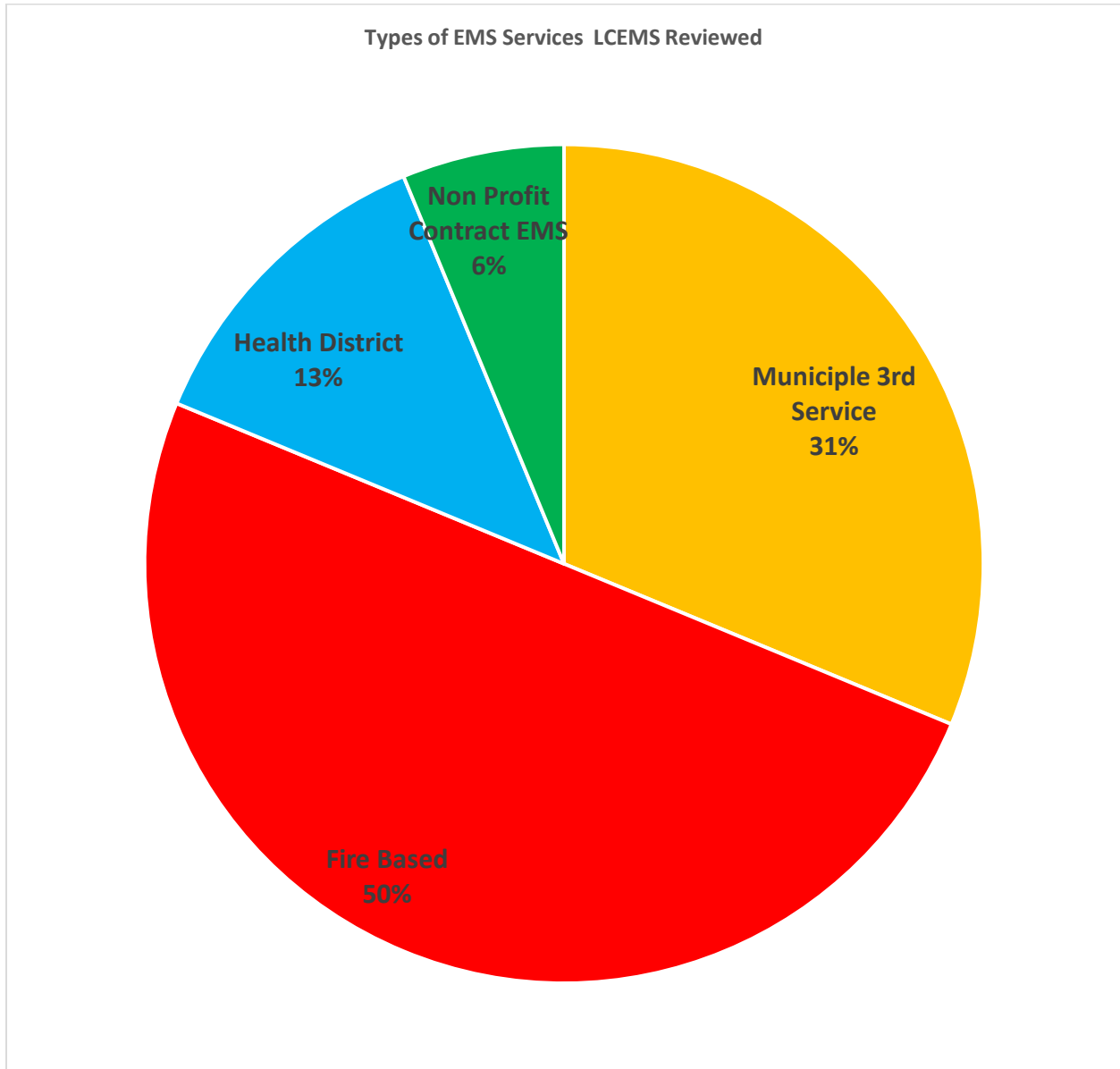


City of Houston population is 2,340,814.

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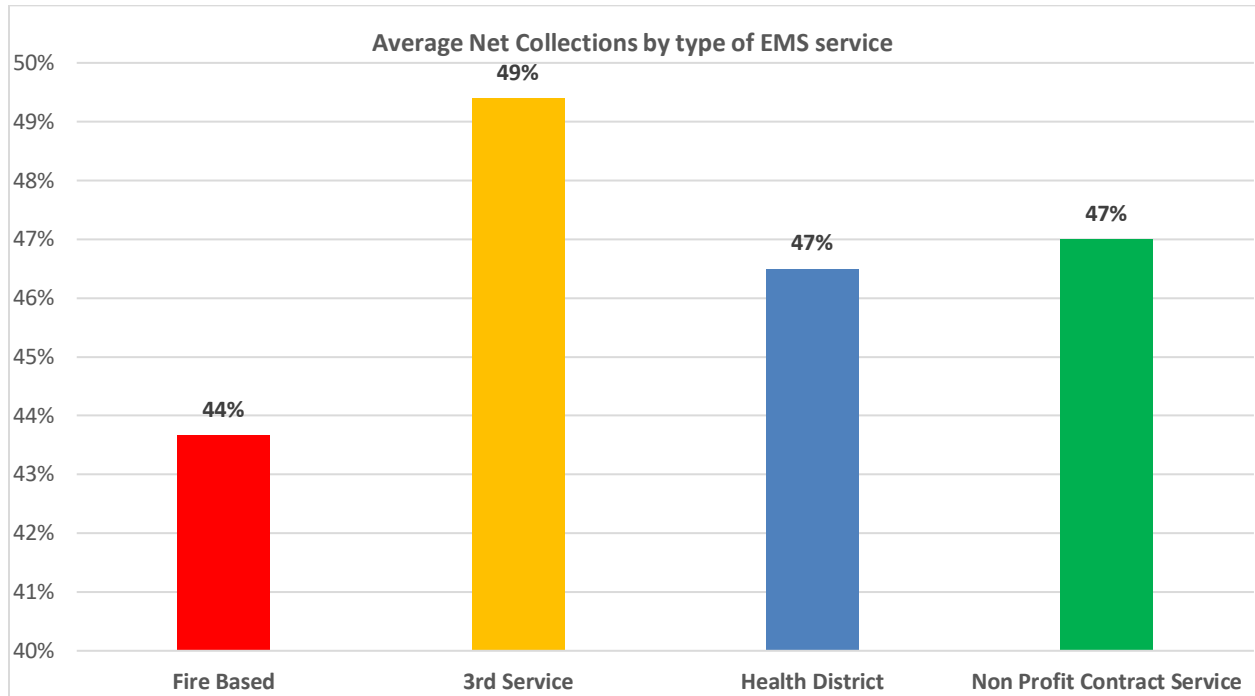
Of the services reviewed, eight (8) are fire-based, five (5) are 3<sup>rd</sup> service municipal based EMS, two (2) are health district-based EMS and one (1) is a non-profit contractor EMS. The types of services that were reviewed are as follows:



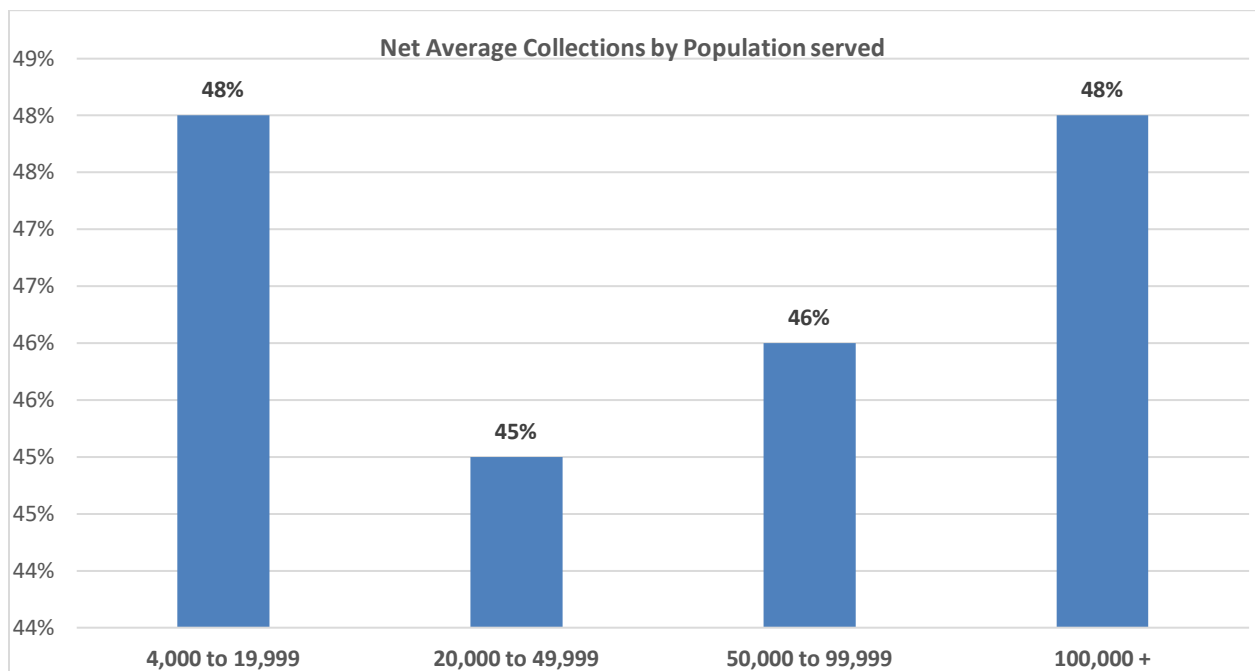
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The average net collection rate of all responding agencies is 47%. The average net collection rate by type of service is as follows:



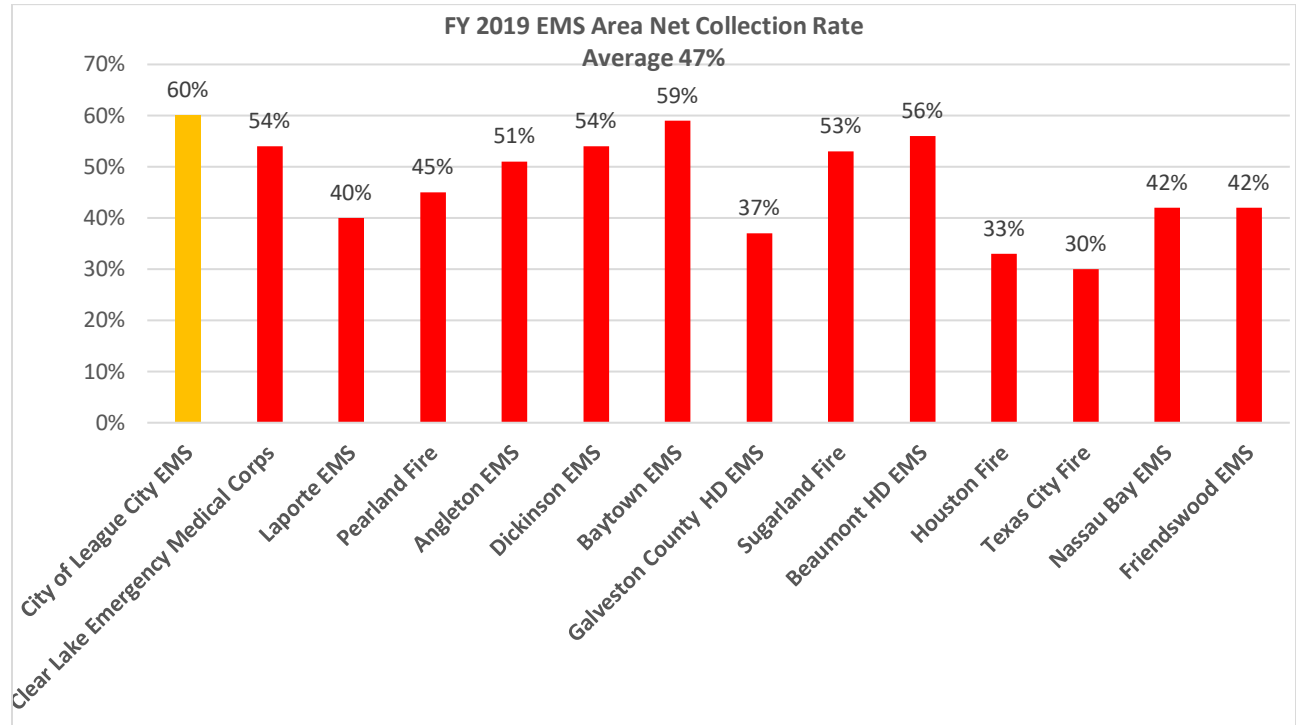
The average Net Collections by Population was broken down into 4 categories and they are as follows:



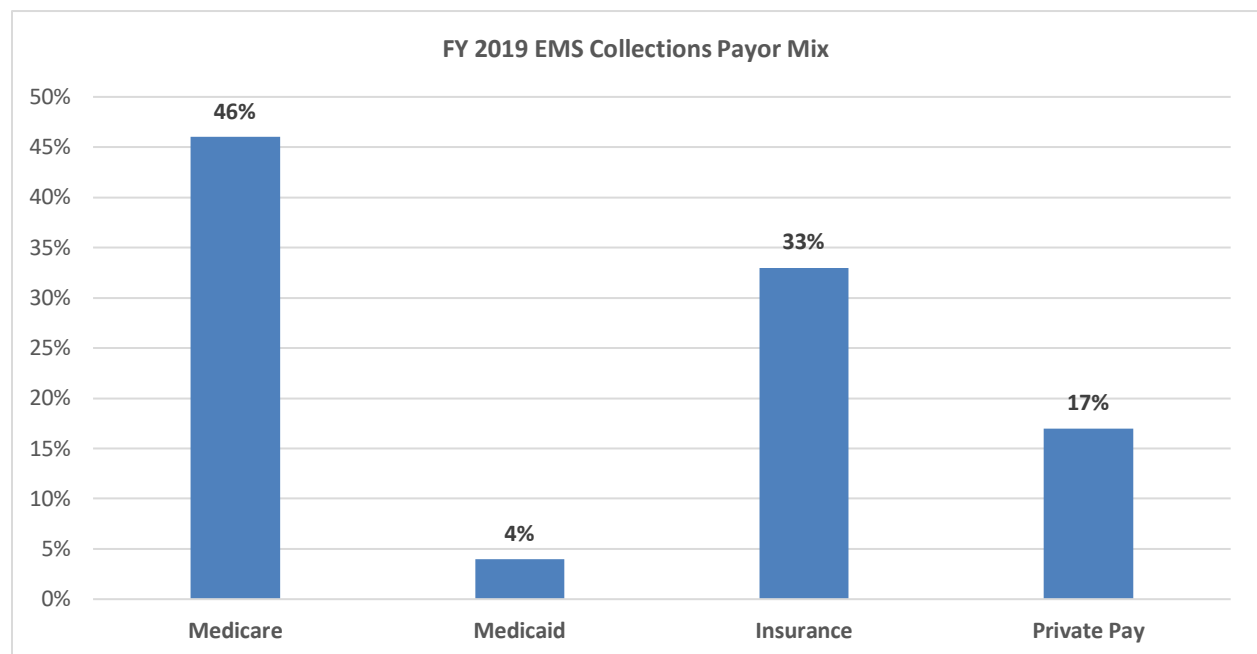
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The Average Net Collections rates are as follows:



EMS FY 2019 Collections Payor Mix:



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The current EMS rates:

Basic Life Support	\$800.00
Advanced Life Support 1	\$900.00
Advanced Life Support 2	\$1,100.00
Non-Transport Fee	\$150.00
Mileage	\$21.00/Mile

The Current Medicare Reimbursement Rates for FY2019:

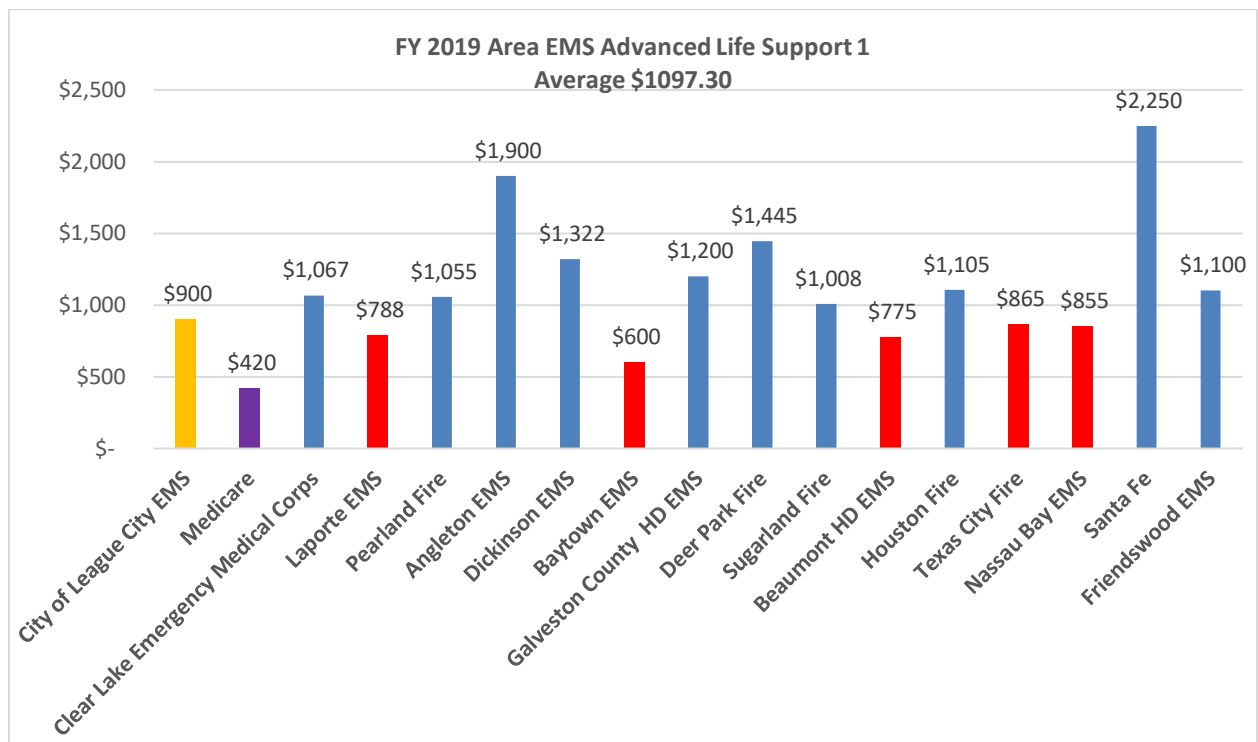
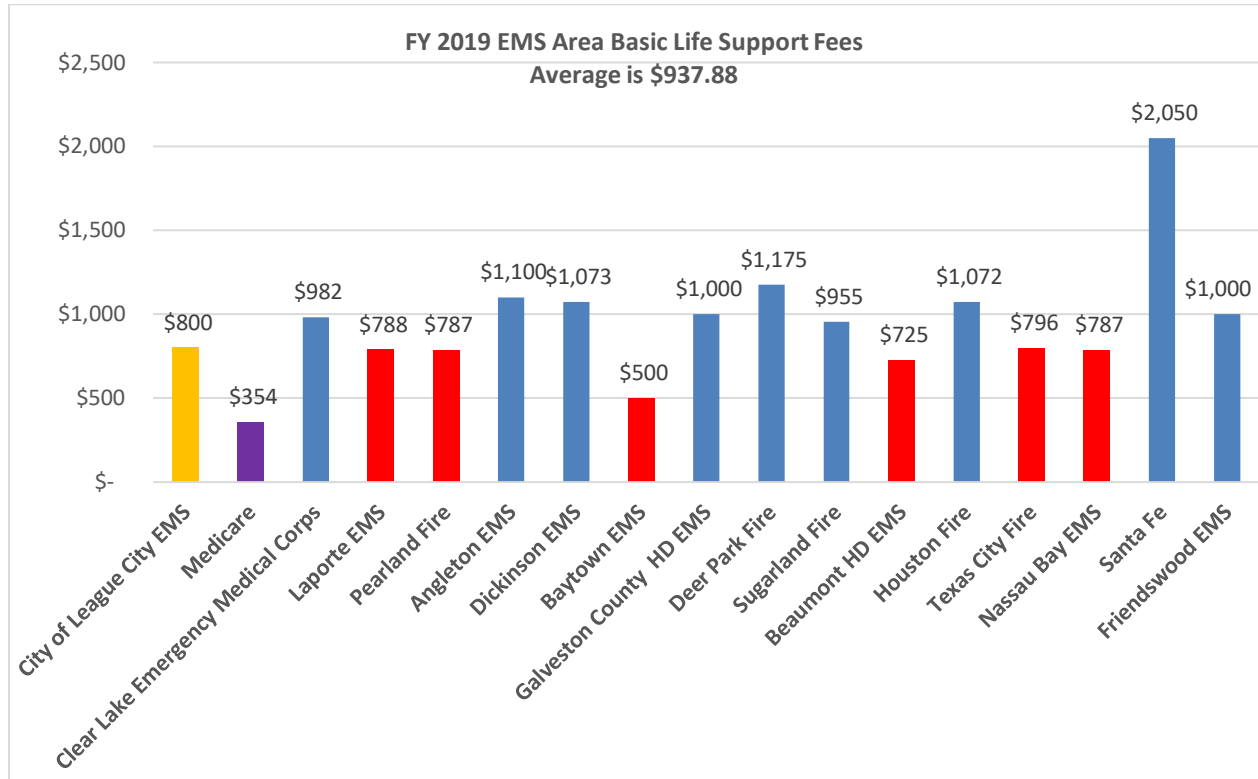
Basic Life Support	\$353.83
Advanced Life Support 1	\$420.17
Advanced Life Support 2	\$608.15
Non-Transport Fee	\$0.00
Mileage	\$10.67/Mile

Local area EMS billing averages:

Basic Life Support	\$937.88
Advanced Life Support 1	\$1,097.30
Advanced Life Support 2	\$1,243.37
Non-Transport Fee	\$162.17
Mileage	\$15.92/Mile

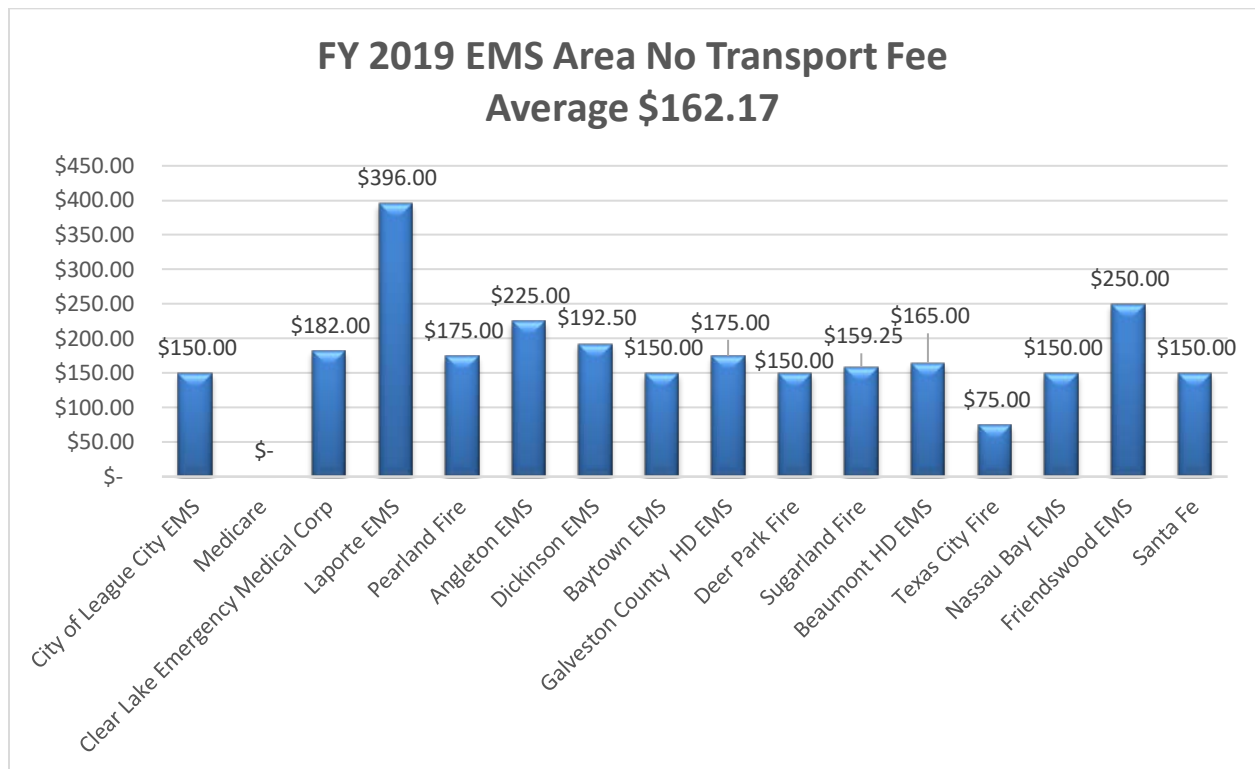
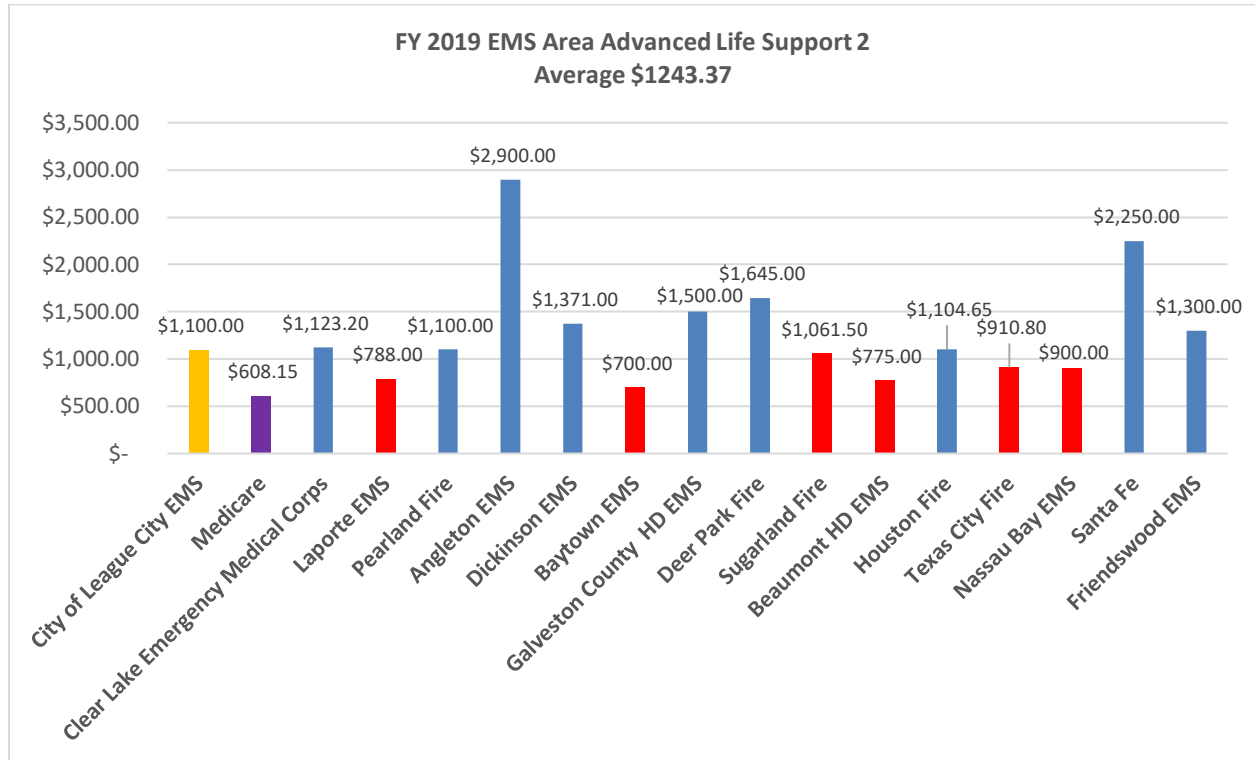
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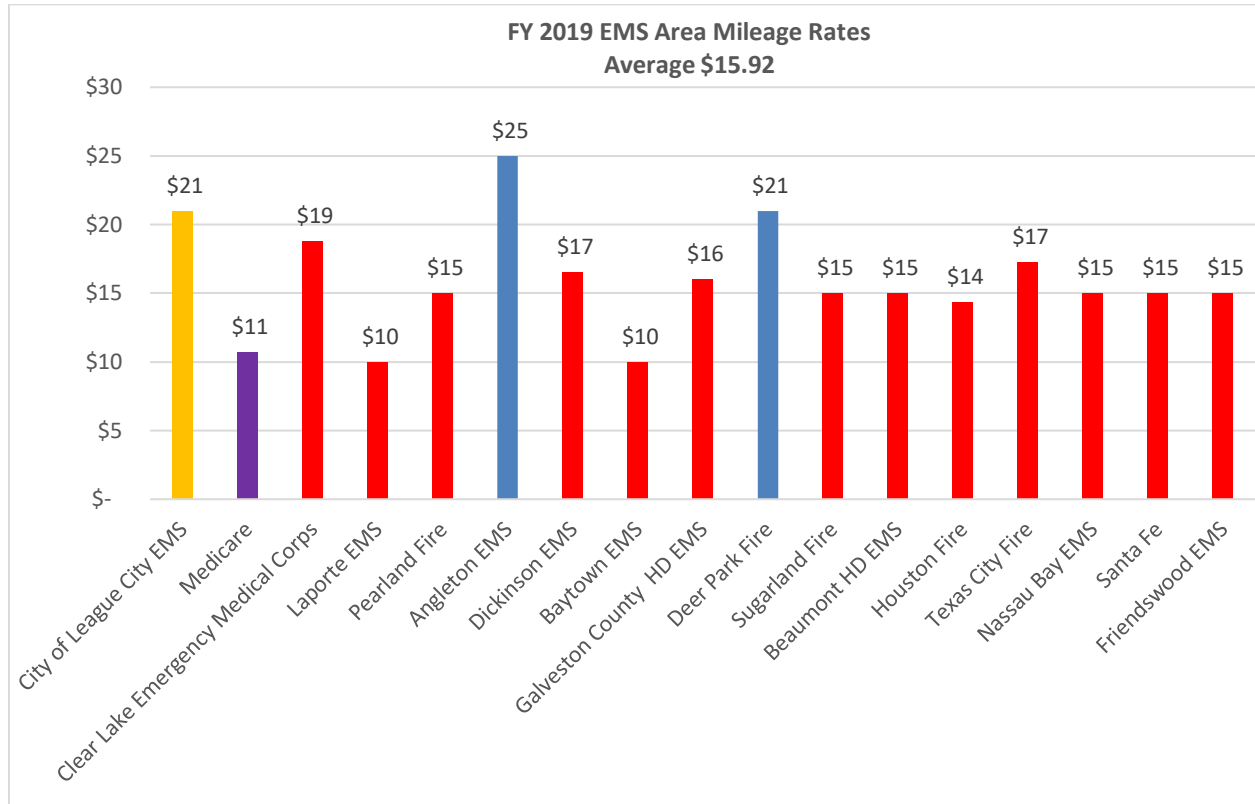
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EMS compared our current rates against the 15 other area EMS agencies and found we are below the area average for all fees except mileage. Because we are below average EMS proposes changing our current rates to the following:

#### Proposed LCEMS billing rates

Basic Life Support	\$950.00
Advanced Life Support 1	\$1,100.00
Advanced Life Support 2	\$1,300.00
Non-Transport Fee	\$175.00
Mileage	\$21.00/Mile (No Change)

This would require a change in City Ordinance 38-101, Fees for City Emergency Medical Services.