

District Profile
TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 55¹
ACS 2014-2018 Estimates

SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Total population	171,775		27,885,195
Age			
0 to 4 years	14,112	8.2%	7.2%
5 to 17 years	29,755	17.3%	19.0%
18 to 64 years	105,275	61.3%	61.9%
65 years and over	22,633	13.2%	12.0%
Race/Ethnicity			
Anglo (non-Hispanic)	93,569	54.5%	42.3%
Non-Anglo	78,206	45.5%	57.7%
Hispanic	44,178	25.7%	39.2%
Black alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	30,435	17.7%	13.1%
Asian alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	5,110	3.0%	5.4%
Population age 5 and over	157,663		25,886,326
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	128,423	81.5%	64.5%
Speaks other than English at home	29,240	18.5%	35.5%
Speaks English very well or well	24,944	15.8%	28.0%
Does not speak English well or at all	4,296	2.7%	7.6%
Special populations⁴			
Moved in the past 12 months	40,361	NA	4,378,563
Individuals with disabilities	26,297	NA	3,152,865
Veterans	18,025	NA	1,474,232
Active duty military	8,746	NA	89,701
SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Number of households	60,958		9,553,046
Average number of persons per household ⁴	2.65	NA	2.86
Households by composition			
1 person	17,316	28.4%	25.1%
2 persons	20,182	33.1%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	17,368	28.5%	31.1%
5 or more persons	6,092	10.0%	12.4%
Household type			
Family households	40,335	66.2%	69.4%
Nonfamily households	20,623	33.8%	30.6%
Number of families	40,335		6,629,325
Families with children by birth, marriage, or adoption under age 18	19,060	47.3%	47.1%
Married-couple families	12,426	30.8%	32.4%
Families with both parents employed	6,694	16.6%	18.2%
Single-parent families	6,634	16.4%	14.7%
Families with the parent employed	5,321	13.2%	11.9%

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SELECTED EDUCATION CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate ^{1,2}	District Percent ³	State ³
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	44,113		7,626,437
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	2,794	6.3%	6.0%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	29,641	67.2%	69.7%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	30,150	68.3%	68.8%
In college, graduate, or professional school	11,678	26.5%	24.3%
Population age 25 and over	105,492		17,815,359
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	24,549	23.3%	29.3%
Less than high school graduate	12,341	11.7%	16.8%
SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate ^{1,2}	District Percent ³	State ³
Civilian employed population age 16 and over	71,194		12,985,624
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	54,760	76.9%	80.1%
Government sector	12,589	17.7%	13.0%
Self-employed	3,754	5.3%	6.7%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	682	1.0%	3.1%
Construction	5,795	8.1%	8.4%
Manufacturing	5,324	7.5%	8.6%
Wholesale trade	2,192	3.1%	2.9%
Retail trade	7,909	11.1%	11.4%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	3,563	5.0%	5.7%
Information	889	1.2%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	3,434	4.8%	6.6%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	6,341	8.9%	11.4%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	20,033	28.1%	21.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	6,974	9.8%	9.2%
Other services, except public administration	3,235	4.5%	5.2%
Public administration	4,823	6.8%	4.0%
Population age 16 to 64	109,183		18,056,306
Worked at all in the past 12 months	83,701	76.7%	75.2%
Worked 50-52 weeks	64,390	59.0%	58.1%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	57,372	52.5%	51.5%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	7,018	6.4%	6.6%

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SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS (continued)	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Workers age 16 and over	78,323		12,842,820
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	305	0.4%	1.4%
Private vehicle	71,558	91.4%	90.7%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	2,917	3.7%	1.9%
Taxi / other means	455	0.6%	1.2%
Worked at home	3,088	3.9%	4.7%
Travel time to work ⁵			
Less than 15 minutes	30,367	38.8%	24.1%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	28,188	36.0%	34.4%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	9,525	12.2%	20.6%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	3,004	3.8%	8.3%
60 minutes or more	4,151	5.3%	7.9%
SELECTED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Persons in poverty ⁶	26,120	16.1%	15.5%
Per capita income ⁴	\$25,789	NA	\$30,143
Number of households	60,958		9,553,046
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	4,698	7.7%	6.4%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	9,614	15.8%	13.6%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	16,142	26.5%	22.4%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19,232	31.5%	30.0%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	9,172	15.0%	20.7%
\$200,000 and over	2,100	3.4%	6.9%
Households with social security income	17,208	28.2%	25.4%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	3,510	5.8%	4.8%
Households with public assistance income ⁷	1,344	2.2%	1.5%
Households that received food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months	9,482	15.6%	12.2%
Number of families living in poverty	4,893		788,889
With related children under age 18	4,103	83.9%	77.9%
Married couple families	1,214	24.8%	27.1%
Single-parent families	2,889	59.0%	50.8%
Female head of household	2,608	53.3%	44.2%
Male head of household	281	5.7%	6.5%

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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate ^{1,2}	District Percent ³	State ³
Number of housing units	71,434		10,769,900
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	6,144	8.6%	8.4%
Built between 2000 and 2009	10,816	15.1%	20.0%
Built between 1990 and 1999	8,747	12.2%	15.4%
Built between 1970 and 1989	26,170	36.6%	32.0%
Built before 1970	19,557	27.4%	24.2%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	32,651	45.7%	54.9%
Renter-occupied	28,307	39.6%	33.8%
Vacant	10,476	14.7%	11.3%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) ⁴	\$854	NA	\$998
Median value of owner-occupied housing units ⁴	\$132,200	NA	\$161,700
Number of owner-occupied housing units	32,651		5,917,771
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	3,100	9.5%	9.8%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8,391	25.7%	18.3%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	13,234	40.5%	33.5%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	7,039	21.6%	31.6%
\$500,000 and above	887	2.7%	6.8%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income ⁸			
35 percent or more	4,301	13.2%	15.5%
20 to 34.9 percent	7,566	23.2%	25.1%
Less than 20 percent	20,498	62.8%	58.6%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	848	2.6%	2.1%
One or more vehicles	31,803	97.4%	97.9%
Number of renter-occupied housing units	28,307		3,635,275
Gross rent ⁹			
Less than \$500	3,155	11.1%	6.7%
\$500 to \$749	6,769	23.9%	15.7%
\$750 to \$999	7,914	28.0%	25.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	5,464	19.3%	20.1%
\$1,250 and above	3,748	13.2%	27.1%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income ⁸			
35 percent or more	9,883	34.9%	36.0%
20 to 34.9 percent	9,739	34.4%	31.7%
Less than 20 percent	6,832	24.1%	24.9%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	3,547	12.5%	10.6%
One or more vehicles	24,760	87.5%	89.4%

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- ¹ Comparisons to the previous district profiles should be made with caution. Previous district profiles were compiled by Texas Legislative Council (TLC) Research by aggregating census block group data into senate and house districts. Block groups that crossed district lines were counted in the district totals of the district in which more than 50% of the population lived. In the 2014-2018 ACS Summary File, the Census Bureau reported data for the most recent Texas house and senate districts.
- ² The ACS data is gathered from surveys distributed to a sample of the population. The margin of error (MOE) that accompanies each of the estimates is available upon request from TLC. The MOE indicates the reliability of these estimates.
- ³ State and district percentages are based on the totals in the general category shown above each group and marked by a gray bar.
- ⁴ This report does not include state and district percentages for the special populations group or the variables that illustrate average or median values. For these variables, the state estimate is provided.
- ⁵ Individuals who worked at home are not included in these categories.
- ⁶ Percentages are based on the population for whom poverty status is determined.
- ⁷ Public assistance income includes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) but not SSI or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/food stamps.
- ⁸ Households reporting no income or a negative income (where expenses are more than income) are excluded.
- ⁹ Only housing units with tenants paying rent are included in these categories. Rental units with tenants living in them for free or in exchange for services are not included. The percentages of units with no cash rent range from 1% to 22% across senate and house districts.