

District Profile  
**TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 79<sup>1</sup>**  
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<b>SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District Estimate<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>District Percent<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>State<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>204,474</b>		<b>29,640,343</b>
Age			
0 to 4 years	14,761	7.2%	6.5%
5 to 17 years	36,469	17.8%	18.7%
18 to 64 years	126,333	61.8%	61.6%
65 years and over	26,911	13.2%	13.2%
Race/Ethnicity			
Anglo (non-Hispanic)	26,005	12.7%	39.9%
Non-Anglo	178,469	87.3%	60.1%
Hispanic	161,920	79.2%	39.5%
Black alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	13,825	6.8%	14.0%
Asian alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	4,277	2.1%	6.3%
<b>Population age 5 and over</b>	<b>189,713</b>		<b>27,712,101</b>
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	72,150	38.0%	65.1%
Speaks other than English at home	117,563	62.0%	34.9%
Speaks English very well or well	100,705	53.1%	28.2%
Does not speak English well or at all	16,858	8.9%	6.7%
<b>Special populations<sup>4</sup></b>			
Moved in the past 12 months	28,150	NA	4,197,721
Veterans	13,359	NA	1,408,009
Active duty military	7,955	NA	118,359
<b>SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District Estimate<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>District Percent<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>State<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Number of households</b>	<b>70,077</b>		<b>10,747,240</b>
Average number of persons per household <sup>4</sup>	2.85	NA	2.70
Households by composition			
1 person	16,028	22.9%	26.0%
2 persons	20,304	29.0%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	24,526	35.0%	30.6%
5 or more persons	9,219	13.2%	12.1%
Household type			
Family households	50,848	72.6%	68.0%
Nonfamily households	19,229	27.4%	32.0%
<b>Number of families</b>	<b>50,848</b>		<b>7,310,348</b>
Families with children by birth, marriage, or adoption under age 18	22,668	44.6%	45.7%
Married-couple families	13,750	27.0%	31.6%
Families with both parents employed	6,776	13.3%	18.6%
Single-parent families	8,918	17.5%	14.1%
Families with the parent employed	7,492	14.7%	11.3%

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<b>SELECTED EDUCATION CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District Estimate<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>District Percent<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>State<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Population age 3 and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>56,348</b>		<b>7,809,536</b>
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	3,230	5.7%	5.6%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	36,897	65.5%	70.5%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	36,872	65.4%	68.0%
In college, graduate, or professional school	16,221	28.8%	23.9%
<b>Population age 25 and over</b>	<b>128,535</b>		<b>19,294,631</b>
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	34,091	26.5%	33.1%
Less than high school graduate	18,473	14.4%	14.3%
<b>SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District Estimate<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>District Percent<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>State<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Civilian employed population age 16 and over</b>	<b>90,375</b>		<b>14,140,748</b>
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	64,903	71.8%	78.9%
Government sector	20,224	22.4%	14.1%
Self-employed	5,086	5.6%	6.9%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	555	0.6%	2.4%
Construction	5,519	6.1%	8.6%
Manufacturing	5,046	5.6%	8.5%
Wholesale trade	1,584	1.8%	2.5%
Retail trade	10,452	11.6%	11.1%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	7,483	8.3%	6.5%
Information	1,628	1.8%	1.6%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5,162	5.7%	7.0%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	9,945	11.0%	12.6%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	23,622	26.1%	21.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	9,506	10.5%	8.5%
Other services, except public administration	3,035	3.4%	4.9%
Public administration	6,838	7.6%	4.1%
<b>Population age 16 to 64</b>	<b>131,849</b>		<b>19,120,525</b>
Worked at all in the past 12 months	100,894	76.5%	76.6%
Worked 50-52 weeks	81,234	61.6%	61.1%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	69,197	52.5%	53.6%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	12,037	9.1%	7.5%

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<b>Workers age 16 and over</b>	<b>96,857</b>		<b>13,992,594</b>
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	467	0.5%	1.0%
Private vehicle	84,909	87.7%	83.0%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	2,499	2.6%	1.8%
Taxi / other means	1,699	1.8%	1.4%
Worked at home	7,283	7.5%	12.8%
Travel time to work <sup>5</sup>			
Less than 15 minutes	24,378	25.2%	21.5%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	42,902	44.3%	31.7%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	15,846	16.4%	19.3%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	3,162	3.3%	7.5%
60 minutes or more	3,286	3.4%	7.2%
<b>SELECTED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District Estimate<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>District Percent<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>State<sup>3</sup></b>
Persons in poverty <sup>6</sup>	33,603	16.9%	13.8%
Per capita income <sup>4</sup>	\$27,619	NA	\$39,446
<b>Number of households</b>	<b>70,077</b>		<b>10,747,240</b>
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	3,896	5.6%	5.0%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8,321	11.9%	9.9%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	16,246	23.2%	17.9%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23,904	34.1%	29.2%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	14,765	21.1%	26.3%
\$200,000 and over	2,945	4.2%	11.7%
Households with social security income	18,623	26.6%	25.3%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	4,328	6.2%	4.4%
Households with public assistance income <sup>7</sup>	1,833	2.6%	2.0%
<b>Number of families living in poverty</b>	<b>7,404</b>		<b>769,750</b>
With related children under age 18	5,499	74.3%	73.8%
Married couple families	1,960	26.5%	24.6%
Single-parent families	3,539	47.8%	49.2%
Female head of household	3,186	43.0%	42.6%
Male head of household	353	4.8%	6.6%

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<b>Number of housing units</b>	<b>74,023</b>		<b>11,890,808</b>
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	7,887	10.7%	19.2%
Built between 2000 and 2009	8,859	12.0%	17.9%
Built between 1990 and 1999	11,377	15.4%	13.4%
Built between 1970 and 1989	30,678	41.4%	28.6%
Built before 1970	15,222	20.6%	20.9%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	40,372	54.5%	56.5%
Renter-occupied	29,705	40.1%	33.8%
Vacant	3,946	5.3%	9.6%
Average gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) <sup>4</sup>	\$1,182	NA	\$1,434
Average value of owner-occupied housing units <sup>4</sup>	\$193,937	NA	\$340,712
<b>Number of owner-occupied housing units</b>	<b>40,372</b>		<b>6,723,729</b>
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	1,686	4.2%	6.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,364	5.9%	8.2%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	22,395	55.5%	20.4%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	13,266	32.9%	48.7%
\$500,000 and above	661	1.6%	16.4%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income <sup>8</sup>			
35 percent or more	7,069	17.5%	16.6%
20 to 34.9 percent	9,730	24.1%	24.7%
Less than 20 percent	23,260	57.6%	57.9%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	743	1.8%	2.2%
One or more vehicles	39,629	98.2%	97.8%
<b>Number of renter-occupied housing units</b>	<b>29,705</b>		<b>4,023,511</b>
Gross rent <sup>9</sup>			
Less than \$500	1,181	4.0%	4.0%
\$500 to \$749	1,986	6.7%	5.5%
\$750 to \$999	6,587	22.2%	13.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	8,099	27.3%	18.7%
\$1,250 and above	11,022	37.1%	53.9%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income <sup>8</sup>			
35 percent or more	11,748	39.5%	38.8%
20 to 34.9 percent	10,121	34.1%	32.2%
Less than 20 percent	6,617	22.3%	22.7%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	2,618	8.8%	10.6%
One or more vehicles	27,087	91.2%	89.4%

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- <sup>1</sup> These district profiles use the census geographies for the Texas house and senate districts corresponding to PlanH2316 and PlanS2168. Comparisons to previous profiles should be made with caution. In some past profiles, including the 2017-2021 vintage, districts were compiled by aggregating block group data since census geographies did not correspond to the legislative plans in effect at the time in Texas. Additionally, the Census Bureau advises against comparing estimates from overlapping 5-year periods.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> State and district percentages are based on the totals in the general category shown above each group and marked by a gray bar.
- <sup>4</sup> This report does not include state and district percentages for the special populations group or the variables that illustrate average values. For these variables, the state estimate is provided.
- <sup>5</sup> Individuals who worked at home are not included in these categories.
- <sup>6</sup> Percentages are based on the population for whom poverty status is determined.
- <sup>7</sup> Public assistance income includes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) but not SSI or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/food stamps.
- <sup>8</sup> Households reporting no income or a negative income (where expenses are more than income) are excluded.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.