

District Profile
TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 15¹
ACS 2014-2018 Estimates

SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Total population	911,767		27,885,195
Age			
0 to 4 years	72,343	7.9%	7.2%
5 to 17 years	169,398	18.6%	19.0%
18 to 64 years	590,474	64.8%	61.9%
65 years and over	79,552	8.7%	12.0%
Race/Ethnicity			
Anglo (non-Hispanic)	232,322	25.5%	42.3%
Non-Anglo	679,445	74.5%	57.7%
Hispanic	408,734	44.8%	39.2%
Black alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	220,363	24.2%	13.1%
Asian alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	53,107	5.8%	5.4%
Population age 5 and over	839,424		25,886,326
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	471,023	56.1%	64.5%
Speaks other than English at home	368,401	43.9%	35.5%
Speaks English very well or well	263,866	31.4%	28.0%
Does not speak English well or at all	104,535	12.5%	7.6%
Special populations⁴			
Moved in the past 12 months	142,749	NA	4,378,563
Individuals with disabilities	84,600	NA	3,152,865
Veterans	31,905	NA	1,474,232
Active duty military	220	NA	89,701
SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Number of households	320,813		9,553,046
Average number of persons per household ⁴	2.82	NA	2.86
Households by composition			
1 person	90,932	28.3%	25.1%
2 persons	91,844	28.6%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	97,029	30.2%	31.1%
5 or more persons	41,008	12.8%	12.4%
Household type			
Family households	207,082	64.5%	69.4%
Nonfamily households	113,731	35.5%	30.6%
Number of families	207,082		6,629,325
Families with children by birth, marriage, or adoption under age 18	102,875	49.7%	47.1%
Married-couple families	64,194	31.0%	32.4%
Families with both parents employed	34,243	16.5%	18.2%
Single-parent families	38,681	18.7%	14.7%
Families with the parent employed	31,524	15.2%	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	244,463		7,626,437
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	15,583	6.4%	6.0%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	171,847	70.3%	69.7%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	172,959	70.8%	68.8%
In college, graduate, or professional school	57,033	23.3%	24.3%
Population age 25 and over	586,194		17,815,359
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	170,536	29.1%	29.3%
Less than high school graduate	117,194	20.0%	16.8%
SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate ^{1,2}	District Percent ³	State ³
Civilian employed population age 16 and over	457,479		12,985,624
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	382,963	83.7%	80.1%
Government sector	45,027	9.8%	13.0%
Self-employed	28,383	6.2%	6.7%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	16,730	3.7%	3.1%
Construction	47,402	10.4%	8.4%
Manufacturing	47,867	10.5%	8.6%
Wholesale trade	16,357	3.6%	2.9%
Retail trade	43,556	9.5%	11.4%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	34,889	7.6%	5.7%
Information	6,109	1.3%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	27,445	6.0%	6.6%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	62,784	13.7%	11.4%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	78,037	17.1%	21.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	39,886	8.7%	9.2%
Other services, except public administration	24,798	5.4%	5.2%
Public administration	11,619	2.5%	4.0%
Population age 16 to 64	615,255		18,056,306
Worked at all in the past 12 months	474,775	77.2%	75.2%
Worked 50-52 weeks	370,216	60.2%	58.1%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	335,444	54.5%	51.5%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	34,772	5.7%	6.6%

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SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS (continued)	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Workers age 16 and over	449,165		12,842,820
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	9,666	2.2%	1.4%
Private vehicle	410,141	91.3%	90.7%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	8,075	1.8%	1.9%
Taxi / other means	5,179	1.2%	1.2%
Worked at home	16,104	3.6%	4.7%
Travel time to work ⁵			
Less than 15 minutes	76,450	17.0%	24.1%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	153,119	34.1%	34.4%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	123,389	27.5%	20.6%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	43,485	9.7%	8.3%
60 minutes or more	36,618	8.2%	7.9%
SELECTED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Persons in poverty ⁶	154,472	17.1%	15.5%
Per capita income ⁴	\$31,531	NA	\$30,143
Number of households	320,813		9,553,046
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	20,463	6.4%	6.4%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	43,270	13.5%	13.6%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	73,407	22.9%	22.4%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	93,196	29.0%	30.0%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	64,607	20.1%	20.7%
\$200,000 and over	25,870	8.1%	6.9%
Households with social security income	59,224	18.5%	25.4%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	13,711	4.3%	4.8%
Households with public assistance income ⁷	4,921	1.5%	1.5%
Households that received food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months	41,773	13.0%	12.2%
Number of families living in poverty	29,619		788,889
With related children under age 18	23,646	79.8%	77.9%
Married couple families	7,699	26.0%	27.1%
Single-parent families	15,947	53.8%	50.8%
Female head of household	14,127	47.7%	44.2%
Male head of household	1,820	6.1%	6.5%

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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate ^{1,2}	District Percent ³	State ³
Number of housing units	349,882		10,769,900
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	32,978	9.4%	8.4%
Built between 2000 and 2009	78,440	22.4%	20.0%
Built between 1990 and 1999	40,544	11.6%	15.4%
Built between 1970 and 1989	117,363	33.5%	32.0%
Built before 1970	80,557	23.0%	24.2%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	171,185	48.9%	54.9%
Renter-occupied	149,628	42.8%	33.8%
Vacant	29,069	8.3%	11.3%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) ⁴	\$1,028	NA	\$998
Median value of owner-occupied housing units ⁴	\$160,000	NA	\$161,700
Number of owner-occupied housing units	171,185		5,917,771
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	9,636	5.6%	9.8%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27,996	16.4%	18.3%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	68,078	39.8%	33.5%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	50,037	29.2%	31.6%
\$500,000 and above	15,438	9.0%	6.8%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income ⁸			
35 percent or more	30,700	17.9%	15.5%
20 to 34.9 percent	42,952	25.1%	25.1%
Less than 20 percent	96,049	56.1%	58.6%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	2,837	1.7%	2.1%
One or more vehicles	168,348	98.3%	97.9%
Number of renter-occupied housing units	149,628		3,635,275
Gross rent ⁹			
Less than \$500	6,091	4.1%	6.7%
\$500 to \$749	20,734	13.9%	15.7%
\$750 to \$999	42,711	28.5%	25.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	31,108	20.8%	20.1%
\$1,250 and above	45,350	30.3%	27.1%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income ⁸			
35 percent or more	57,066	38.1%	36.0%
20 to 34.9 percent	47,560	31.8%	31.7%
Less than 20 percent	38,071	25.4%	24.9%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	15,680	10.5%	10.6%
One or more vehicles	133,948	89.5%	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.