

District Profile  
**TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 8<sup>1</sup>**  
**ACS 2017-2021 Estimates**

<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>
Total population	944,544		28,862,581
Age			
0 to 4 years	58,012	6.1%	6.8%
5 to 17 years	187,768	19.9%	19.0%
18 to 64 years	587,632	62.2%	61.7%
65 years and over	111,132	11.8%	12.5%
Race/Ethnicity			
Anglo (non-Hispanic)	544,767	57.7%	40.7%
Non-Anglo	399,777	42.3%	59.3%
Hispanic	151,106	16.0%	39.8%
Black alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	104,654	11.1%	13.5%
Asian alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	135,400	14.3%	5.9%
Population age 5 and over	886,532		26,903,358
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	650,337	73.4%	64.9%
Speaks other than English at home	236,195	26.6%	35.1%
Speaks English very well or well	202,626	22.9%	28.3%
Does not speak English well or at all	33,569	3.8%	6.8%
<b>Special populations<sup>4</sup></b>			
Moved in the past 12 months	139,472	NA	4,237,650
Veterans	43,382	NA	1,426,641
Active duty military	337	NA	102,600
<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>
Number of households	328,076		10,239,341
Average number of persons per household <sup>4</sup>	2.86	NA	2.76
Households by composition			
1 person	62,276	19.0%	25.3%
2 persons	104,977	32.0%	31.3%
3 or 4 persons	119,841	36.5%	31.0%
5 or more persons	40,982	12.5%	12.4%
Household type			
Family households	250,011	76.2%	68.9%
Nonfamily households	78,065	23.8%	31.1%
Number of families	250,011		7,055,810
Families with children by birth, marriage, or adoption under age 18	125,531	50.2%	46.5%
Married-couple families	101,566	40.6%	32.1%
Families with both parents employed	60,514	24.2%	18.6%
Single-parent families	23,965	9.6%	14.3%
Families with the parent employed	20,732	8.3%	11.5%

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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>
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	259,760		7,752,643
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	15,067	5.8%	5.6%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	187,689	72.3%	70.4%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	180,131	69.3%	68.5%
In college, graduate, or professional school	57,004	21.9%	24.0%
Population age 25 and over	622,076		18,619,469
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	294,437	47.3%	31.5%
Less than high school graduate	46,077	7.4%	15.2%
<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>
Civilian employed population age 16 and over	479,651		13,618,630
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	398,216	83.0%	79.4%
Government sector	49,728	10.4%	13.6%
Self-employed	30,826	6.4%	6.8%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	3,984	0.8%	2.8%
Construction	30,934	6.4%	8.7%
Manufacturing	42,322	8.8%	8.5%
Wholesale trade	13,058	2.7%	2.7%
Retail trade	52,384	10.9%	11.1%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	19,275	4.0%	6.2%
Information	16,336	3.4%	1.6%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	54,674	11.4%	6.8%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	80,937	16.9%	11.9%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	91,523	19.1%	21.7%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	38,631	8.1%	8.8%
Other services, except public administration	22,546	4.7%	5.0%
Public administration	13,047	2.7%	4.1%
Population age 16 to 64	616,119		18,640,383
Worked at all in the past 12 months	487,366	79.1%	76.0%
Worked 50-52 weeks	394,527	64.0%	59.7%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	355,628	57.7%	52.7%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	38,899	6.3%	7.0%

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Workers age 16 and over	473,926		13,464,482
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	2,638	0.6%	1.1%
Private vehicle	383,968	81.0%	86.7%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	6,132	1.3%	1.8%
Taxi / other means	6,475	1.4%	1.3%
Worked at home	74,713	15.8%	9.1%
Travel time to work <sup>5</sup>			
Less than 15 minutes	79,530	16.8%	22.4%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	133,218	28.1%	33.1%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	94,728	20.0%	20.0%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	47,999	10.1%	7.9%
60 minutes or more	43,738	9.2%	7.5%
<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>	66,397	7.1%	14.0%
Per capita income <sup>4</sup>	\$45,275	NA	\$34,255
Number of households	328,076		10,239,341
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	10,941	3.3%	5.7%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	20,038	6.1%	11.5%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	45,043	13.7%	20.2%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	89,598	27.3%	29.9%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	108,702	33.1%	23.9%
\$200,000 and over	53,754	16.4%	8.7%
Households with social security income	69,383	21.1%	25.2%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	9,195	2.8%	4.6%
Households with public assistance income <sup>7</sup>	4,642	1.4%	1.9%
Number of families living in poverty	13,003		757,317
With related children under age 18	9,415	72.4%	75.4%
Married couple families	4,685	36.0%	25.4%
Single-parent families	4,730	36.4%	50.0%
Female head of household	4,057	31.2%	43.6%
Male head of household	673	5.2%	6.4%

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Number of housing units	350,299		11,433,880
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	73,807	21.1%	14.5%
Built between 2000 and 2009	92,789	26.5%	18.4%
Built between 1990 and 1999	73,418	21.0%	14.6%
Built between 1970 and 1989	83,623	23.9%	30.1%
Built before 1970	26,662	7.6%	22.3%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	224,518	64.1%	55.9%
Renter-occupied	103,558	29.6%	33.7%
Vacant	22,223	6.3%	10.4%
Average gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) <sup>4</sup>	\$1,559	NA	\$1,228
Average value of owner-occupied housing units <sup>4</sup>	\$356,952	NA	\$260,134
Number of owner-occupied housing units	224,518		6,391,061
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	6,870	3.1%	7.7%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8,713	3.9%	12.9%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	25,144	11.2%	28.7%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	149,539	66.6%	41.2%
\$500,000 and above	34,252	15.3%	9.5%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income <sup>8</sup>			
35 percent or more	34,956	15.6%	15.5%
20 to 34.9 percent	65,062	29.0%	24.6%
Less than 20 percent	122,724	54.7%	59.0%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	2,849	1.3%	2.1%
One or more vehicles	221,669	98.7%	97.9%
Number of renter-occupied housing units	103,558		3,848,280
Gross rent <sup>9</sup>			
Less than \$500	1,546	1.5%	5.2%
\$500 to \$749	3,006	2.9%	9.4%
\$750 to \$999	7,688	7.4%	20.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	19,879	19.2%	21.5%
\$1,250 and above	68,505	66.2%	38.7%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income <sup>8</sup>			
35 percent or more	34,486	33.3%	36.8%
20 to 34.9 percent	36,344	35.1%	32.3%
Less than 20 percent	28,178	27.2%	24.1%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	6,639	6.4%	10.4%
One or more vehicles	96,919	93.6%	89.6%

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- <sup>1</sup> The 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. Comparisons to the previous district profiles should be made with caution.
- <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.