

District Profile
TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 8¹
ACS 2014-2018 Estimates

SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Total population	945,219		27,885,195
Age			
0 to 4 years	61,265	6.5%	7.2%
5 to 17 years	183,479	19.4%	19.0%
18 to 64 years	598,447	63.3%	61.9%
65 years and over	102,028	10.8%	12.0%
Race/Ethnicity			
Anglo (non-Hispanic)	506,687	53.6%	42.3%
Non-Anglo	438,532	46.4%	57.7%
Hispanic	155,085	16.4%	39.2%
Black alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	118,127	12.5%	13.1%
Asian alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	160,576	17.0%	5.4%
Population age 5 and over	883,954		25,886,326
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	607,983	68.8%	64.5%
Speaks other than English at home	275,971	31.2%	35.5%
Speaks English very well or well	230,030	26.0%	28.0%
Does not speak English well or at all	45,941	5.2%	7.6%
Special populations⁴			
Moved in the past 12 months	147,122	NA	4,378,563
Individuals with disabilities	67,940	NA	3,152,865
Veterans	40,024	NA	1,474,232
Active duty military	528	NA	89,701
SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Number of households	338,078		9,553,046
Average number of persons per household ⁴	2.78	NA	2.86
Households by composition			
1 person	78,881	23.3%	25.1%
2 persons	101,991	30.2%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	121,113	35.8%	31.1%
5 or more persons	36,093	10.7%	12.4%
Household type			
Family households	242,375	71.7%	69.4%
Nonfamily households	95,703	28.3%	30.6%
Number of families	242,375		6,629,325
Families with children by birth, marriage, or adoption under age 18	128,438	53.0%	47.1%
Married-couple families	101,329	41.8%	32.4%
Families with both parents employed	60,564	25.0%	18.2%
Single-parent families	27,109	11.2%	14.7%
Families with the parent employed	23,534	9.7%	11.9%

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SELECTED EDUCATION CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	267,409		7,626,437
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	19,104	7.1%	6.0%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	183,671	68.7%	69.7%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	177,715	66.5%	68.8%
In college, graduate, or professional school	64,634	24.2%	24.3%
Population age 25 and over	620,040		17,815,359
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	325,117	52.4%	29.3%
Less than high school graduate	44,550	7.2%	16.8%
SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Civilian employed population age 16 and over	493,914		12,985,624
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	420,243	85.1%	80.1%
Government sector	45,216	9.2%	13.0%
Self-employed	27,740	5.6%	6.7%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	4,074	0.8%	3.1%
Construction	24,987	5.1%	8.4%
Manufacturing	42,081	8.5%	8.6%
Wholesale trade	13,553	2.7%	2.9%
Retail trade	56,012	11.3%	11.4%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	15,958	3.2%	5.7%
Information	20,013	4.1%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	54,979	11.1%	6.6%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	86,380	17.5%	11.4%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	99,122	20.1%	21.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	42,735	8.7%	9.2%
Other services, except public administration	23,128	4.7%	5.2%
Public administration	10,892	2.2%	4.0%
Population age 16 to 64	626,933		18,056,306
Worked at all in the past 12 months	502,900	80.2%	75.2%
Worked 50-52 weeks	401,023	64.0%	58.1%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	361,600	57.7%	51.5%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	39,423	6.3%	6.6%

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Workers age 16 and over	487,426		12,842,820
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	7,762	1.6%	1.4%
Private vehicle	427,542	87.7%	90.7%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	6,502	1.3%	1.9%
Taxi / other means	5,182	1.1%	1.2%
Worked at home	40,438	8.3%	4.7%
Travel time to work ⁵			
Less than 15 minutes	91,522	18.8%	24.1%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	161,169	33.1%	34.4%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	109,001	22.4%	20.6%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	48,991	10.1%	8.3%
60 minutes or more	36,305	7.4%	7.9%
SELECTED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate^{1,2}	District Percent³	State³
Persons in poverty ⁶	74,881	8.0%	15.5%
Per capita income ⁴	\$42,489	NA	\$30,143
Number of households	338,078		9,553,046
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	12,500	3.7%	6.4%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	24,483	7.2%	13.6%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	54,803	16.2%	22.4%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	95,069	28.1%	30.0%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	105,809	31.3%	20.7%
\$200,000 and over	45,414	13.4%	6.9%
Households with social security income	63,790	18.9%	25.4%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	8,377	2.5%	4.8%
Households with public assistance income ⁷	2,990	0.9%	1.5%
Households that received food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months	13,635	4.0%	12.2%
Number of families living in poverty	13,846		788,889
With related children under age 18	10,570	76.3%	77.9%
Married couple families	3,988	28.8%	27.1%
Single-parent families	6,582	47.5%	50.8%
Female head of household	5,774	41.7%	44.2%
Male head of household	808	5.8%	6.5%

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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate ^{1,2}	District Percent ³	State ³
Number of housing units	359,404		10,769,900
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	38,300	10.7%	8.4%
Built between 2000 and 2009	90,002	25.0%	20.0%
Built between 1990 and 1999	89,661	24.9%	15.4%
Built between 1970 and 1989	113,860	31.7%	32.0%
Built before 1970	27,581	7.7%	24.2%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	206,375	57.4%	54.9%
Renter-occupied	131,703	36.6%	33.8%
Vacant	21,326	5.9%	11.3%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) ⁴	\$1,236	NA	\$998
Median value of owner-occupied housing units ⁴	\$287,700	NA	\$161,700
Number of owner-occupied housing units	206,375		5,917,771
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	4,048	2.0%	9.8%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4,728	2.3%	18.3%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	39,071	18.9%	33.5%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	134,464	65.2%	31.6%
\$500,000 and above	24,064	11.7%	6.8%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income ⁸			
35 percent or more	29,627	14.4%	15.5%
20 to 34.9 percent	58,717	28.5%	25.1%
Less than 20 percent	116,591	56.5%	58.6%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	1,992	1.0%	2.1%
One or more vehicles	204,383	99.0%	97.9%
Number of renter-occupied housing units	131,703		3,635,275
Gross rent ⁹			
Less than \$500	2,159	1.6%	6.7%
\$500 to \$749	6,882	5.2%	15.7%
\$750 to \$999	24,434	18.6%	25.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	32,925	25.0%	20.1%
\$1,250 and above	62,789	47.7%	27.1%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income ⁸			
35 percent or more	44,426	33.7%	36.0%
20 to 34.9 percent	45,941	34.9%	31.7%
Less than 20 percent	36,351	27.6%	24.9%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	9,781	7.4%	10.6%
One or more vehicles	121,922	92.6%	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.