

District Profile  
**TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 15<sup>1</sup>**  
**ACS 2015-2019 Estimates**

SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate <sup>1,2</sup>	District Percent <sup>3</sup>	State <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total population</b>	919,609		28,260,856
<b>Age</b>			
0 to 4 years	72,078	7.8%	7.1%
5 to 17 years	170,647	18.6%	18.9%
18 to 64 years	593,414	64.5%	61.8%
65 years and over	83,470	9.1%	12.3%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Anglo (non-Hispanic)	236,767	25.7%	42.0%
Non-Anglo	682,842	74.3%	58.0%
Hispanic	414,095	45.0%	39.3%
Black alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	220,467	24.0%	13.2%
Asian alone or in combination with 1 or more other races	52,269	5.7%	5.5%
<b>Population age 5 and over</b>	847,531		26,261,053
<b>Ability to speak English</b>			
Speaks English only	475,591	56.1%	64.5%
Speaks other than English at home	371,940	43.9%	35.5%
Speaks English very well or well	267,490	31.6%	28.1%
Does not speak English well or at all	104,450	12.3%	7.4%
<b>Special populations<sup>4</sup></b>			
Moved in the past 12 months	142,106	NA	4,358,441
Individuals with disabilities	85,309	NA	3,187,623
Veterans	31,334	NA	1,453,450
Active duty military	183	NA	93,394
SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS	District Estimate <sup>1,2</sup>	District Percent <sup>3</sup>	State <sup>3</sup>
<b>Number of households</b>	325,560		9,691,647
Average number of persons per household <sup>4</sup>	2.80	NA	2.85
<b>Households by composition</b>			
1 person	92,239	28.3%	25.2%
2 persons	93,294	28.7%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	99,113	30.4%	31.1%
5 or more persons	40,914	12.6%	12.4%
<b>Household type</b>			
Family households	210,273	64.6%	69.3%
Nonfamily households	115,287	35.4%	30.7%
<b>Number of families</b>	210,273		6,712,183
<b>Families with children by birth, marriage, or adoption under age 18</b>			
Married-couple families	64,261	30.6%	32.3%
Families with both parents employed	34,685	16.5%	18.4%
Single-parent families	39,877	19.0%	14.5%
Families with the parent employed	32,579	15.5%	11.8%

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<b>SELECTED EDUCATION CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District Estimate</b> <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>District Percent</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>State</b> <sup>3</sup>
<b>Population age 3 and over enrolled in school</b>	242,847		7,681,758
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	14,857	6.1%	6.0%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	172,801	71.2%	69.8%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	172,640	71.1%	68.8%
In college, graduate, or professional school	55,189	22.7%	24.3%
<b>Population age 25 and over</b>	592,495		18,131,554
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	175,902	29.7%	29.9%
Less than high school graduate	116,504	19.7%	16.3%
<b>SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District Estimate</b> <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>District Percent</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>State</b> <sup>3</sup>
<b>Civilian employed population age 16 and over</b>	462,317		13,253,631
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	388,423	84.0%	80.1%
Government sector	44,316	9.6%	13.0%
Self-employed	28,743	6.2%	6.7%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	16,854	3.6%	3.0%
Construction	49,402	10.7%	8.6%
Manufacturing	48,333	10.5%	8.5%
Wholesale trade	16,667	3.6%	2.9%
Retail trade	43,623	9.4%	11.4%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	35,435	7.7%	5.9%
Information	6,284	1.4%	1.7%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	27,629	6.0%	6.7%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	62,976	13.6%	11.5%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	79,864	17.3%	21.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	40,206	8.7%	9.2%
Other services, except public administration	23,862	5.2%	5.2%
Public administration	11,182	2.4%	4.0%
<b>Population age 16 to 64</b>	618,492		18,273,711
Worked at all in the past 12 months	476,548	77.0%	75.4%
Worked 50-52 weeks	376,706	60.9%	59.0%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	341,501	55.2%	52.2%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	35,205	5.7%	6.8%

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<b>Workers age 16 and over</b>	<b>453,933</b>		<b>13,115,511</b>
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	9,367	2.1%	1.4%
Private vehicle	414,648	91.3%	90.5%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	7,660	1.7%	1.9%
Taxi / other means	5,445	1.2%	1.2%
Worked at home	16,813	3.7%	5.0%
Travel time to work <sup>5</sup>			
Less than 15 minutes	73,317	16.2%	23.6%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	153,729	33.9%	34.2%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	127,091	28.0%	20.8%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	45,587	10.0%	8.3%
60 minutes or more	37,396	8.2%	8.1%
<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>	150,094	16.5%	14.7%
Per capita income <sup>4</sup>	\$32,493	NA	\$31,277
<b>Number of households</b>	<b>325,560</b>		<b>9,691,647</b>
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	20,393	6.3%	6.1%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	41,891	12.9%	12.9%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	73,028	22.4%	21.8%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	95,322	29.3%	30.1%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	67,021	20.6%	21.7%
\$200,000 and over	27,905	8.6%	7.4%
Households with social security income	61,113	18.8%	25.6%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	13,497	4.1%	4.7%
Households with public assistance income <sup>7</sup>	4,958	1.5%	1.4%
Households that received food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months	41,321	12.7%	11.8%
<b>Number of families living in poverty</b>	<b>28,936</b>		<b>759,269</b>
With related children under age 18	22,918	79.2%	77.1%
Married couple families	7,226	25.0%	26.2%
Single-parent families	15,692	54.2%	50.9%
Female head of household	13,582	46.9%	44.4%
Male head of household	2,110	7.3%	6.4%

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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS <sup>4</sup>	District Estimate <sup>1,2</sup>	District Percent <sup>3</sup>	State <sup>3</sup>
<b>Number of housing units</b>	356,090		10,937,026
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	40,788	11.5%	10.4%
Built between 2000 and 2009	76,419	21.5%	19.3%
Built between 1990 and 1999	41,987	11.8%	15.2%
Built between 1970 and 1989	116,162	32.6%	31.4%
Built before 1970	80,734	22.7%	23.7%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	174,109	48.9%	54.9%
Renter-occupied	151,451	42.5%	33.7%
Vacant	30,530	8.6%	11.4%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) <sup>4</sup>	\$1,083	NA	\$1,045
Median value of owner-occupied housing units <sup>4</sup>	\$169,700	NA	\$172,500
<b>Number of owner-occupied housing units</b>	174,109		6,004,802
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	9,090	5.2%	8.9%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23,147	13.3%	16.5%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	69,969	40.2%	32.2%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	54,518	31.3%	34.8%
\$500,000 and above	17,385	10.0%	7.6%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income <sup>8</sup>			
35 percent or more	29,901	17.2%	15.3%
20 to 34.9 percent	43,541	25.0%	24.9%
Less than 20 percent	99,071	56.9%	59.0%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	2,841	1.6%	2.1%
One or more vehicles	171,268	98.4%	97.9%
<b>Number of renter-occupied housing units</b>	151,451		3,686,845
Gross rent <sup>9</sup>			
Less than \$500	5,991	4.0%	6.2%
\$500 to \$749	15,956	10.5%	13.4%
\$750 to \$999	41,137	27.2%	24.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	32,774	21.6%	20.7%
\$1,250 and above	52,064	34.4%	30.5%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income <sup>8</sup>			
35 percent or more	59,324	39.2%	35.9%
20 to 34.9 percent	48,230	31.8%	32.1%
Less than 20 percent	36,944	24.4%	24.9%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	15,745	10.4%	10.5%
One or more vehicles	135,706	89.6%	89.5%

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- <sup>1</sup> 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 2015-2019 ACS Summary File, the Census Bureau reported data for the most recent Texas house and senate districts.
- <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 or median 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.