

District Profile
TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 15¹
ACS 2010-2014 Estimates

SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate^{1,2}	District percent³	State³
Total population	837,140		26,092,033
Age			
0 to 4 years	69,310	8.3%	7.4%
5 to 17 years	157,956	18.9%	19.4%
18 to 64 years	544,460	65.0%	62.3%
65 years and over	65,414	7.8%	10.9%
Population 5 years and over	767,830		24,151,280
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	436,741	56.9%	65.1%
Speaks other than English at home	331,089	43.1%	34.9%
Speaks English very well or well	231,715	30.2%	27.0%
Does not speak English well or at all	99,374	12.9%	8.0%
Special populations⁴			
Moved in the past 12 months	154,798	NA	4,370,297
Individuals with disabilities	80,572	NA	2,969,042
Veterans	31,883	NA	1,564,501
Active duty military	235	NA	97,573
SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS			
	District estimate^{1,2}	District percent³	State³
Number of households	292,535		9,013,582
Average number of persons per household ^{4,5}	2.83	NA	2.83
Households by composition			
1 person	82,250	28.1%	24.9%
2 persons	85,114	29.1%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	86,404	29.5%	31.1%
5 or more persons	38,767	13.3%	12.6%
Household type			
Family households	189,960	64.9%	69.6%
Nonfamily households	102,575	35.1%	30.4%
Number of families	189,960		6,277,955
Families with children by birth, marriage or adoption under 18 years	96,157	50.6%	48.4%
Married-couple families	59,286	31.2%	32.9%
Families with both parents employed	29,858	15.7%	18.0%
Single-parent families	36,871	19.4%	15.6%
Families with the parent employed	28,769	15.1%	12.1%

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SELECTED EDUCATION CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate ^{1,2}	District percent ³	State ³
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	229,125		7,366,632
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	14,086	6.1%	6.1%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	159,776	69.7%	69.0%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	161,956	70.7%	68.4%
In college, graduate, or professional school	55,263	24.1%	24.9%
Population age 25 and over	527,349		16,426,730
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	137,809	26.1%	27.1%
Less than high school graduate	115,905	22.0%	18.4%
SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate ^{1,2}	District percent ³	State ³
Civilian employed population age 16 and over	408,541		11,809,010
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	340,154	83.3%	78.8%
Government sector	43,022	10.5%	14.3%
Self-employed	24,677	6.0%	6.7%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	12,697	3.1%	3.3%
Construction	39,229	9.6%	7.8%
Manufacturing	43,567	10.7%	9.3%
Wholesale trade	15,439	3.8%	3.0%
Retail trade	42,939	10.5%	11.6%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	29,283	7.2%	5.4%
Information	5,405	1.3%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	23,750	5.8%	6.6%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	53,925	13.2%	10.9%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	71,930	17.6%	21.8%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	34,096	8.3%	8.8%
Other services, except public administration	24,094	5.9%	5.4%
Public administration	12,187	3.0%	4.4%
Population 16 to 64 years	567,380		17,008,325
Worked at all in the past 12 months	431,934	76.1%	74.3%
Worked 50 - 52 weeks	331,077	58.4%	56.1%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	294,225	51.9%	49.3%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	36,852	6.5%	6.7%

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SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS (continued)	District estimate ^{1,2}	District percent ³	State ³
Workers age 16 and over	401,957		11,685,902
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	10,582	2.6%	1.6%
Private vehicle	366,377	91.1%	91.0%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	9,083	2.3%	2.1%
Taxi / other means	5,141	1.3%	1.3%
Worked at home	10,774	2.7%	4.1%
Travel time to work ⁶			
Less than 15 minutes	80,013	19.9%	25.9%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	149,617	37.2%	35.1%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	101,593	25.3%	20.3%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	33,030	8.2%	7.6%
60 minutes or more	26,930	6.7%	7.0%
 SELECTED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS	 District estimate ^{1,2}	 District percent ³	 State ³
Persons in poverty ⁷	160,287	19.3%	17.7%
Per capita income ^{4,5}	\$26,986	NA	\$26,513
Number of households	292,535		9,013,582
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	20,125	6.9%	7.3%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	45,878	15.7%	16.1%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	74,098	25.3%	24.2%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	87,281	29.8%	29.5%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	49,640	17.0%	17.8%
\$200,000 and over	15,513	5.3%	5.0%
Households with social security income	51,515	17.6%	24.6%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	13,129	4.5%	4.9%
Households with public assistance income ⁸	4,917	1.7%	1.8%
Number of families living in poverty	31,295		862,797
With related children under 18	25,877	82.7%	80.4%
Married couple families	8,865	28.3%	29.6%
Single-parent families	17,012	54.4%	50.8%
Female head of household	14,767	47.2%	44.1%
Male head of household	2,245	7.2%	6.8%

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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate ^{1,2}	District percent ³	State ³
Number of housing units	326,344		10,187,189
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	6,671	2.0%	2.1%
Built between 2000 and 2009	80,293	24.6%	21.9%
Built between 1990 and 1999	36,258	11.1%	15.5%
Built between 1970 and 1989	118,586	36.3%	34.3%
Built before 1970	84,536	25.9%	26.2%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	155,196	47.6%	55.5%
Renter-occupied	137,339	42.1%	33.0%
Vacant	33,809	10.4%	11.5%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) ^{4,5}	\$892	NA	\$870
Median value of owner-occupied housing units ^{4,5}	\$125,200	NA	\$131,400
Number of owner-occupied housing units	155,196		5,652,542
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	10,835	7.0%	12.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41,262	26.6%	23.7%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	62,913	40.5%	37.1%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	33,883	21.8%	22.7%
\$500,000 and above	6,303	4.1%	4.3%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income ⁹			
35 percent or more	31,581	20.3%	17.4%
20 to 34.9 percent	42,975	27.7%	27.0%
Less than 20 percent	79,323	51.1%	54.8%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	3,096	2.0%	2.4%
One or more vehicles	152,100	98.0%	97.6%
Number of renter-occupied housing units	137,339		3,361,040
Gross rent ¹⁰			
Less than \$500	7,708	5.6%	9.3%
\$500 to \$749	32,676	23.8%	24.0%
\$750 to \$999	42,903	31.2%	27.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	23,320	17.0%	16.4%
\$1,250 and above	26,728	19.5%	17.4%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income ⁹			
35 percent or more	52,371	38.1%	36.9%
20 to 34.9 percent	43,672	31.8%	31.0%
Less than 20 percent	34,882	25.4%	24.3%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	16,774	12.2%	11.8%
One or more vehicles	120,565	87.8%	88.2%

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- ¹ Comparisons to the previous district profiles should be made with caution. Previous district profiles were compiled by 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 2010-2014 ACS, 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 margins of error (MOEs) that accompany each of the estimates are 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 Statistical weights are used to calculate the district estimates.
- ⁶ Individuals who work at home are not included in these categories.
- ⁷ Percentages are based on the population for whom poverty status is determined.
- ⁸ Public assistance income includes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) but not SSI or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / food stamps.
- ⁹ Households reporting no income or a negative income (where expenses are more than income) are excluded.
- ¹⁰ 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.