

District Profile  
**TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 8<sup>1</sup>**  
**ACS 2010-2014 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>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>848,993</b>		<b>26,092,033</b>
Age			
0 to 4 years	59,012	7.0%	7.4%
5 to 17 years	171,606	20.2%	19.4%
18 to 64 years	541,011	63.7%	62.3%
65 years and over	77,364	9.1%	10.9%
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>789,981</b>		<b>24,151,280</b>
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	567,231	71.8%	65.1%
Speaks other than English at home	222,750	28.2%	34.9%
Speaks English very well or well	180,091	22.8%	27.0%
Does not speak English well or at all	42,659	5.4%	8.0%
<b>Special populations<sup>4</sup></b>			
Moved in the past 12 months	127,902	NA	4,370,297
Individuals with disabilities	55,075	NA	2,969,042
Veterans	41,950	NA	1,564,501
Active duty military	504	NA	97,573
<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>
<b>Number of households</b>	<b>306,530</b>		<b>9,013,582</b>
Average number of persons per household <sup>4,5</sup>	2.76	NA	2.83
Households by composition			
1 person	70,117	22.9%	24.9%
2 persons	96,528	31.5%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	106,816	34.8%	31.1%
5 or more persons	33,069	10.8%	12.6%
Household type			
Family households	220,494	71.9%	69.6%
Nonfamily households	86,036	28.1%	30.4%
<b>Number of families</b>	<b>220,494</b>		<b>6,277,955</b>
Families with children by birth, marriage or adoption under 18 years	118,865	53.9%	48.4%
Married-couple families	91,556	41.5%	32.9%
Families with both parents employed	54,248	24.6%	18.0%
Single-parent families	27,309	12.4%	15.6%
Families with the parent employed	23,790	10.8%	12.1%

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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>
<b>Population age 3 and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>247,282</b>		<b>7,366,632</b>
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	17,545	7.1%	6.1%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	170,980	69.1%	69.0%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	164,980	66.7%	68.4%
In college, graduate, or professional school	58,757	23.8%	24.9%
<b>Population age 25 and over</b>	<b>548,318</b>		<b>16,426,730</b>
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	274,088	50.0%	27.1%
Less than high school graduate	40,944	7.5%	18.4%
<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>
<b>Civilian employed population age 16 and over</b>	<b>437,251</b>		<b>11,809,010</b>
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	368,449	84.3%	78.8%
Government sector	42,318	9.7%	14.3%
Self-employed	25,909	5.9%	6.7%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	4,445	1.0%	3.3%
Construction	19,323	4.4%	7.8%
Manufacturing	44,049	10.1%	9.3%
Wholesale trade	12,894	2.9%	3.0%
Retail trade	50,808	11.6%	11.6%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	13,327	3.0%	5.4%
Information	17,448	4.0%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	49,902	11.4%	6.6%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	71,800	16.4%	10.9%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	86,003	19.7%	21.8%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	37,493	8.6%	8.8%
Other services, except public administration	19,926	4.6%	5.4%
Public administration	9,833	2.2%	4.4%
<b>Population 16 to 64 years</b>	<b>566,949</b>		<b>17,008,325</b>
Worked at all in the past 12 months	453,231	79.9%	74.3%
Worked 50 - 52 weeks	356,728	62.9%	56.1%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	319,909	56.4%	49.3%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	36,819	6.5%	6.7%



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<b>SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>District estimate<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>District percent<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>State<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Number of housing units</b>	<b>324,514</b>		<b>10,187,189</b>
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	8,500	2.6%	2.1%
Built between 2000 and 2009	93,431	28.8%	21.9%
Built between 1990 and 1999	86,191	26.6%	15.5%
Built between 1970 and 1989	109,421	33.7%	34.3%
Built before 1970	26,971	8.3%	26.2%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	192,414	59.3%	55.5%
Renter-occupied	114,116	35.2%	33.0%
Vacant	17,984	5.5%	11.5%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) <sup>4,5</sup>	\$1,038	NA	\$870
Median value of owner-occupied housing units <sup>4,5</sup>	\$213,100	NA	\$131,400
<b>Number of owner-occupied housing units</b>	<b>192,414</b>		<b>5,652,542</b>
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	4,342	2.3%	12.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7,718	4.0%	23.7%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	75,123	39.0%	37.1%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	93,357	48.5%	22.7%
\$500,000 and above	11,874	6.2%	4.3%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income <sup>9</sup>			
35 percent or more	31,726	16.5%	17.4%
20 to 34.9 percent	59,524	30.9%	27.0%
Less than 20 percent	100,053	52.0%	54.8%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	1,992	1.0%	2.4%
One or more vehicles	190,422	99.0%	97.6%
<b>Number of renter-occupied housing units</b>	<b>114,116</b>		<b>3,361,040</b>
Gross rent <sup>10</sup>			
Less than \$500	2,517	2.2%	9.3%
\$500 to \$749	15,744	13.8%	24.0%
\$750 to \$999	33,638	29.5%	27.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	25,281	22.2%	16.4%
\$1,250 and above	34,269	30.0%	17.4%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income <sup>9</sup>			
35 percent or more	38,281	33.5%	36.9%
20 to 34.9 percent	39,464	34.6%	31.0%
Less than 20 percent	31,727	27.8%	24.3%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	8,440	7.4%	11.8%
One or more vehicles	105,676	92.6%	88.2%

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- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <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> Statistical weights are used to calculate the district estimates.
- <sup>6</sup> Individuals who work at home are not included in these categories.
- <sup>7</sup> Percentages are based on the population for whom poverty status is determined.
- <sup>8</sup> Public assistance income includes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) but not SSI or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / food stamps.
- <sup>9</sup> Households reporting no income or a negative income (where expenses are more than income) are excluded.
- <sup>10</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. The percentages of units with no cash rent range from 1% to 22% across senate and house districts.