

District Profile  
**TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 79<sup>1</sup>**  
**ACS 2012-2016 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>167,054</b>		<b>26,956,435</b>
Age			
0 to 4 years	12,477	7.5%	7.3%
5 to 17 years	33,699	20.2%	19.1%
18 to 64 years	105,626	63.2%	62.1%
65 years and over	15,252	9.1%	11.5%
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>154,577</b>		<b>24,985,749</b>
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	49,698	32.2%	64.8%
Speaks other than English at home	104,879	67.8%	35.2%
Speaks English very well or well	89,594	58.0%	27.5%
Does not speak English well or at all	15,285	9.9%	7.7%
<b>Special populations<sup>4</sup></b>			
Moved in the past 12 months	25,261	NA	4,375,825
Individuals with disabilities	18,399	NA	3,083,141
Veterans	10,575	NA	1,513,294
Active duty military	5,354	NA	92,754
<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>50,908</b>		<b>9,289,554</b>
Average number of persons per household <sup>4,5</sup>	3.17	NA	2.84
Households by composition			
1 person	9,600	18.9%	25.1%
2 persons	14,255	28.0%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	19,513	38.3%	31.1%
5 or more persons	7,540	14.8%	12.5%
Household type			
Family households	39,378	77.4%	69.4%
Nonfamily households	11,530	22.6%	30.6%
<b>Number of families</b>	<b>39,378</b>		<b>6,450,049</b>
Families with children by birth, marriage or adoption under 18 years	19,571	49.7%	47.8%
Married-couple families	12,842	32.6%	32.5%
Families with both parents employed	6,984	17.7%	18.0%
Single-parent families	6,729	17.1%	15.3%
Families with the parent employed	4,989	12.7%	12.1%

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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>	51,969		7,488,362
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	2,328	4.5%	6.1%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	34,432	66.3%	69.2%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	35,012	67.4%	68.6%
In college, graduate, or professional school	15,209	29.3%	24.6%
<b>Population age 25 and over</b>	100,064		17,085,128
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	22,983	23.0%	28.1%
Less than high school graduate	15,424	15.4%	17.7%
<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>	71,267		12,371,392
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	53,425	75.0%	79.7%
Government sector	14,086	19.8%	13.5%
Self-employed	3,688	5.2%	6.6%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	881	1.2%	3.3%
Construction	3,366	4.7%	8.0%
Manufacturing	4,812	6.8%	8.9%
Wholesale trade	2,146	3.0%	3.0%
Retail trade	9,473	13.3%	11.5%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	5,266	7.4%	5.5%
Information	1,226	1.7%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	4,205	5.9%	6.6%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	8,347	11.7%	11.2%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	17,438	24.5%	21.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	5,906	8.3%	9.0%
Other services, except public administration	2,668	3.7%	5.3%
Public administration	5,533	7.8%	4.2%
<b>Population 16 to 64 years</b>	110,883		17,502,656
Worked at all in the past 12 months	81,090	73.1%	74.7%
Worked 50 - 52 weeks	63,120	56.9%	57.0%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	54,575	49.2%	50.4%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	8,545	7.7%	6.6%



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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate <sup>1,2</sup>	District percent <sup>3</sup>	State <sup>3</sup>
<b>Number of housing units</b>	54,168		10,441,643
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	2,204	4.1%	4.8%
Built between 2000 and 2009	13,520	25.0%	21.2%
Built between 1990 and 1999	9,570	17.7%	15.6%
Built between 1970 and 1989	23,083	42.6%	33.2%
Built before 1970	5,791	10.7%	25.2%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	33,269	61.4%	55.0%
Renter-occupied	17,639	32.6%	33.9%
Vacant	3,260	6.0%	11.0%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) <sup>4,5</sup>	\$931	NA	\$911
Median value of owner-occupied housing units <sup>4,5</sup>	\$124,500	NA	\$142,700
<b>Number of owner-occupied housing units</b>	33,269		5,747,458
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	1,459	4.4%	11.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5,851	17.6%	21.6%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	22,289	67.0%	35.7%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	3,422	10.3%	26.1%
\$500,000 and above	248	0.7%	5.3%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income <sup>9</sup>			
35 percent or more	6,157	18.5%	16.0%
20 to 34.9 percent	9,014	27.1%	25.6%
Less than 20 percent	17,889	53.8%	57.6%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	595	1.8%	2.2%
One or more vehicles	32,674	98.2%	97.8%
<b>Number of renter-occupied housing units</b>	17,639		3,542,096
Gross rent <sup>10</sup>			
Less than \$500	1,408	8.0%	8.2%
\$500 to \$749	3,080	17.5%	21.1%
\$750 to \$999	5,471	31.0%	27.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	4,359	24.7%	17.5%
\$1,250 and above	2,609	14.8%	20.8%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income <sup>9</sup>			
35 percent or more	6,303	35.7%	36.1%
20 to 34.9 percent	6,101	34.6%	31.4%
Less than 20 percent	3,959	22.4%	25.0%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	1,247	7.1%	11.1%
One or more vehicles	16,392	92.9%	88.9%

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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 2012-2016 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 21% across senate and house districts.