

District Profile
TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 15¹
ACS 2012-2016 Estimates

| SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS | District estimate^{1,2} | District percent³ | State³ |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total population | 871,980 | | 26,956,435 |
| Age | | | |
| 0 to 4 years | 69,627 | 8.0% | 7.3% |
| 5 to 17 years | 163,363 | 18.7% | 19.1% |
| 18 to 64 years | 566,836 | 65.0% | 62.1% |
| 65 years and over | 72,154 | 8.3% | 11.5% |
| Population 5 years and over | 802,353 | | 24,985,749 |
| Ability to speak English | | | |
| Speaks English only | 454,758 | 56.7% | 64.8% |
| Speaks other than English at home | 347,595 | 43.3% | 35.2% |
| Speaks English very well or well | 244,108 | 30.4% | 27.5% |
| Does not speak English well or at all | 103,487 | 12.9% | 7.7% |
| Special populations⁴ | | | |
| Moved in the past 12 months | 150,080 | NA | 4,375,825 |
| Individuals with disabilities | 82,622 | NA | 3,083,141 |
| Veterans | 31,668 | NA | 1,513,294 |
| Active duty military | 254 | NA | 92,754 |
| SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| | District estimate^{1,2} | District percent³ | State³ |
| Number of households | 308,253 | | 9,289,554 |
| Average number of persons per household ^{4,5} | 2.80 | NA | 2.84 |
| Households by composition | | | |
| 1 person | 87,227 | 28.3% | 25.1% |
| 2 persons | 89,214 | 28.9% | 31.4% |
| 3 or 4 persons | 91,538 | 29.7% | 31.1% |
| 5 or more persons | 40,274 | 13.1% | 12.5% |
| Household type | | | |
| Family households | 200,029 | 64.9% | 69.4% |
| Nonfamily households | 108,224 | 35.1% | 30.6% |
| Number of families | 200,029 | | 6,450,049 |
| Families with children by birth, marriage or adoption under 18 years | 99,722 | 49.9% | 47.8% |
| Married-couple families | 61,304 | 30.6% | 32.5% |
| Families with both parents employed | 32,269 | 16.1% | 18.0% |
| Single-parent families | 38,418 | 19.2% | 15.3% |
| Families with the parent employed | 30,427 | 15.2% | 12.1% |

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| SELECTED EDUCATION CHARACTERISTICS | District estimate ^{1,2} | District percent ³ | State ³ |
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| Population age 3 and over enrolled in school | 236,318 | | 7,488,362 |
| School status | | | |
| In preschool (public and private) | 14,904 | 6.3% | 6.1% |
| In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private) | 165,147 | 69.9% | 69.2% |
| In preschool through 12th grade (public only) | 166,173 | 70.3% | 68.6% |
| In college, graduate, or professional school | 56,267 | 23.8% | 24.6% |
| Population age 25 and over | 555,706 | | 17,085,128 |
| Educational attainment | | | |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 151,418 | 27.2% | 28.1% |
| Less than high school graduate | 117,744 | 21.2% | 17.7% |
| SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS | District estimate ^{1,2} | District percent ³ | State ³ |
| Civilian employed population age 16 and over | 432,338 | | 12,371,392 |
| Civilian employment sector | | | |
| Private sector | 363,558 | 84.1% | 79.7% |
| Government sector | 41,747 | 9.7% | 13.5% |
| Self-employed | 26,154 | 6.0% | 6.6% |
| Industry for civilian employed population | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining | 15,584 | 3.6% | 3.3% |
| Construction | 41,634 | 9.6% | 8.0% |
| Manufacturing | 45,648 | 10.6% | 8.9% |
| Wholesale trade | 16,423 | 3.8% | 3.0% |
| Retail trade | 43,351 | 10.0% | 11.5% |
| Transportation and warehousing and utilities | 31,502 | 7.3% | 5.5% |
| Information | 5,656 | 1.3% | 1.8% |
| Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing | 25,939 | 6.0% | 6.6% |
| Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt. | 58,682 | 13.6% | 11.2% |
| Educational services and health care and social assistance | 74,754 | 17.3% | 21.6% |
| Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services | 37,569 | 8.7% | 9.0% |
| Other services, except public administration | 24,359 | 5.6% | 5.3% |
| Public administration | 11,237 | 2.6% | 4.2% |
| Population 16 to 64 years | 590,558 | | 17,502,656 |
| Worked at all in the past 12 months | 454,278 | 76.9% | 74.7% |
| Worked 50 - 52 weeks | 351,030 | 59.4% | 57.0% |
| Usually worked 35 or more hours per week | 316,142 | 53.5% | 50.4% |
| Usually worked less than 35 hours per week | 34,888 | 5.9% | 6.6% |

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| SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS (continued) | District estimate ^{1,2} | District percent ³ | State ³ |
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| Workers age 16 and over | 424,861 | | 12,237,558 |
| Means of transportation to work | | | |
| Public transportation | 10,206 | 2.4% | 1.5% |
| Private vehicle | 388,159 | 91.4% | 90.9% |
| Walk / bicycle / motorcycle | 9,090 | 2.1% | 2.0% |
| Taxi / other means | 4,803 | 1.1% | 1.2% |
| Worked at home | 12,603 | 3.0% | 4.3% |
| Travel time to work ⁶ | | | |
| Less than 15 minutes | 78,414 | 18.5% | 25.1% |
| 15 minutes to 29 minutes | 151,111 | 35.6% | 34.7% |
| 30 minutes to 44 minutes | 112,269 | 26.4% | 20.4% |
| 45 minutes to 59 minutes | 39,348 | 9.3% | 8.0% |
| 60 minutes or more | 31,116 | 7.3% | 7.5% |
| SELECTED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS | District estimate ^{1,2} | District percent ³ | State ³ |
| Persons in poverty ⁷ | 158,966 | 18.4% | 16.7% |
| Per capita income ^{4,5} | \$28,782 | NA | \$27,828 |
| Number of households | 308,253 | | 9,289,554 |
| Annual household income | | | |
| Less than \$10,000 | 20,600 | 6.7% | 6.9% |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 47,315 | 15.3% | 15.3% |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 75,328 | 24.4% | 23.6% |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 89,706 | 29.1% | 29.7% |
| \$100,000 to \$199,999 | 55,429 | 18.0% | 18.8% |
| \$200,000 and over | 19,875 | 6.4% | 5.7% |
| Households with social security income | 55,425 | 18.0% | 25.0% |
| Households with supplemental security income (SSI) | 13,546 | 4.4% | 4.9% |
| Households with public assistance income ⁸ | 4,866 | 1.6% | 1.6% |
| Number of families living in poverty | 30,952 | | 835,775 |
| With related children under 18 | 25,228 | 81.5% | 79.4% |
| Married couple families | 8,463 | 27.3% | 28.2% |
| Single-parent families | 16,765 | 54.2% | 51.2% |
| Female head of household | 14,831 | 47.9% | 44.5% |
| Male head of household | 1,934 | 6.2% | 6.7% |

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| SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS | District estimate ^{1,2} | District percent ³ | State ³ |
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| Number of housing units | 336,872 | | 10,441,643 |
| Age of housing | | | |
| Built in 2010 or later | 16,893 | 5.0% | 4.8% |
| Built between 2000 and 2009 | 80,194 | 23.8% | 21.2% |
| Built between 1990 and 1999 | 39,902 | 11.8% | 15.6% |
| Built between 1970 and 1989 | 116,473 | 34.6% | 33.2% |
| Built before 1970 | 83,410 | 24.8% | 25.2% |
| Occupancy status | | | |
| Owner-occupied | 160,613 | 47.7% | 55.0% |
| Renter-occupied | 147,640 | 43.8% | 33.9% |
| Vacant | 28,619 | 8.5% | 11.0% |
| Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) ^{4,5} | \$936 | NA | \$911 |
| Median value of owner-occupied housing units ^{4,5} | \$138,800 | NA | \$142,700 |
| Number of owner-occupied housing units | 160,613 | | 5,747,458 |
| Value of owner-occupied housing | | | |
| Less than \$50,000 | 10,053 | 6.3% | 11.3% |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 37,419 | 23.3% | 21.6% |
| \$100,000 to \$199,999 | 62,946 | 39.2% | 35.7% |
| \$200,000 to \$499,999 | 40,037 | 24.9% | 26.1% |
| \$500,000 and above | 10,158 | 6.3% | 5.3% |
| Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income ⁹ | | | |
| 35 percent or more | 29,680 | 18.5% | 16.0% |
| 20 to 34.9 percent | 42,629 | 26.5% | 25.6% |
| Less than 20 percent | 87,097 | 54.2% | 57.6% |
| Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units | | | |
| No vehicle | 2,828 | 1.8% | 2.2% |
| One or more vehicles | 157,785 | 98.2% | 97.8% |
| Number of renter-occupied housing units | 147,640 | | 3,542,096 |
| Gross rent ¹⁰ | | | |
| Less than \$500 | 7,509 | 5.1% | 8.2% |
| \$500 to \$749 | 30,300 | 20.5% | 21.1% |
| \$750 to \$999 | 45,171 | 30.6% | 27.0% |
| \$1,000 to \$1,249 | 25,147 | 17.0% | 17.5% |
| \$1,250 and above | 35,570 | 24.1% | 20.8% |
| Gross rent as a percentage of household income ⁹ | | | |
| 35 percent or more | 56,159 | 38.0% | 36.1% |
| 20 to 34.9 percent | 47,026 | 31.9% | 31.4% |
| Less than 20 percent | 37,628 | 25.5% | 25.0% |
| Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units | | | |
| No vehicle | 16,575 | 11.2% | 11.1% |
| One or more vehicles | 131,065 | 88.8% | 88.9% |

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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 2012-2016 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 21% across senate and house districts.