

District Profile
TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 21¹
ACS 2012-2016 Estimates

SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate^{1,2}	District percent³	State³
Total population	865,705		26,956,435
Age			
0 to 4 years	69,183	8.0%	7.3%
5 to 17 years	174,360	20.1%	19.1%
18 to 64 years	533,837	61.7%	62.1%
65 years and over	88,325	10.2%	11.5%
Population 5 years and over	796,522		24,985,749
Ability to speak English			
Speaks English only	320,152	40.2%	64.8%
Speaks other than English at home	476,370	59.8%	35.2%
Speaks English very well or well	366,851	46.1%	27.5%
Does not speak English well or at all	109,519	13.7%	7.7%
Special populations⁴			
Moved in the past 12 months	126,078	NA	4,375,825
Individuals with disabilities	109,875	NA	3,083,141
Veterans	36,671	NA	1,513,294
Active duty military	522	NA	92,754
SELECTED HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate^{1,2}	District percent³	State³
Number of households	265,854		9,289,554
Average number of persons per household ^{4,5}	3.16	NA	2.84
Households by composition			
1 person	60,240	22.7%	25.1%
2 persons	75,791	28.5%	31.4%
3 or 4 persons	84,258	31.7%	31.1%
5 or more persons	45,565	17.1%	12.5%
Household type			
Family households	186,285	70.1%	69.4%
Nonfamily households	79,569	29.9%	30.6%
Number of families	186,285		6,450,049
Families with children by birth, marriage or adoption under 18 years	92,082	49.4%	47.8%
Married-couple families	58,084	31.2%	32.5%
Families with both parents employed	29,009	15.6%	18.0%
Single-parent families	33,998	18.3%	15.3%
Families with the parent employed	25,686	13.8%	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	253,027		7,488,362
School status			
In preschool (public and private)	15,330	6.1%	6.1%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public and private)	178,032	70.4%	69.2%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	183,956	72.7%	68.6%
In college, graduate, or professional school	59,665	23.6%	24.6%
Population age 25 and over	517,549		17,085,128
Educational attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	89,106	17.2%	28.1%
Less than high school graduate	146,011	28.2%	17.7%
SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate ^{1,2}	District percent ³	State ³
Civilian employed population age 16 and over	368,907		12,371,392
Civilian employment sector			
Private sector	280,603	76.1%	79.7%
Government sector	62,563	17.0%	13.5%
Self-employed	24,783	6.7%	6.6%
Industry for civilian employed population			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	16,895	4.6%	3.3%
Construction	34,663	9.4%	8.0%
Manufacturing	20,927	5.7%	8.9%
Wholesale trade	8,793	2.4%	3.0%
Retail trade	47,366	12.8%	11.5%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	26,744	7.2%	5.5%
Information	4,545	1.2%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	16,875	4.6%	6.6%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt.	29,861	8.1%	11.2%
Educational services and health care and social assistance	81,980	22.2%	21.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	37,859	10.3%	9.0%
Other services, except public administration	19,220	5.2%	5.3%
Public administration	23,179	6.3%	4.2%
Population 16 to 64 years	560,918		17,502,656
Worked at all in the past 12 months	395,178	70.5%	74.7%
Worked 50 - 52 weeks	296,822	52.9%	57.0%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	255,961	45.6%	50.4%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	40,861	7.3%	6.6%

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SELECTED LABOR CHARACTERISTICS (continued)	District estimate^{1,2}	District percent³	State³
Workers age 16 and over	362,152		12,237,558
Means of transportation to work			
Public transportation	7,744	2.1%	1.5%
Private vehicle	330,344	91.2%	90.9%
Walk / bicycle / motorcycle	8,349	2.3%	2.0%
Taxi / other means	3,530	1.0%	1.2%
Worked at home	12,185	3.4%	4.3%
Travel time to work ⁶			
Less than 15 minutes	105,548	29.1%	25.1%
15 minutes to 29 minutes	121,951	33.7%	34.7%
30 minutes to 44 minutes	69,182	19.1%	20.4%
45 minutes to 59 minutes	26,684	7.4%	8.0%
60 minutes or more	26,602	7.3%	7.5%
SELECTED INCOME CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate^{1,2}	District percent³	State³
Persons in poverty ⁷	212,907	25.4%	16.7%
Per capita income ^{4,5}	\$19,265	NA	\$27,828
Number of households	265,854		9,289,554
Annual household income			
Less than \$10,000	27,665	10.4%	6.9%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	51,100	19.2%	15.3%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	70,106	26.4%	23.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76,510	28.8%	29.7%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	34,527	13.0%	18.8%
\$200,000 and over	5,946	2.2%	5.7%
Households with social security income	68,272	25.7%	25.0%
Households with supplemental security income (SSI)	17,123	6.4%	4.9%
Households with public assistance income ⁸	4,615	1.7%	1.6%
Number of families living in poverty	38,748		835,775
With related children under 18	31,392	81.0%	79.4%
Married couple families	12,083	31.2%	28.2%
Single-parent families	19,309	49.8%	51.2%
Female head of household	16,547	42.7%	44.5%
Male head of household	2,762	7.1%	6.7%

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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	District estimate^{1,2}	District percent³	State³
Number of housing units	304,016		10,441,643
Age of housing			
Built in 2010 or later	15,720	5.2%	4.8%
Built between 2000 and 2009	67,047	22.1%	21.2%
Built between 1990 and 1999	55,997	18.4%	15.6%
Built between 1970 and 1989	104,953	34.5%	33.2%
Built before 1970	60,299	19.8%	25.2%
Occupancy status			
Owner-occupied	160,472	52.8%	55.0%
Renter-occupied	105,382	34.7%	33.9%
Vacant	38,162	12.6%	11.0%
Median gross rent (contract rent plus estimated utility and fuel cost) ^{4,5}	\$880	NA	\$911
Median value of owner-occupied housing units ^{4,5}	\$108,100	NA	\$142,700
Number of owner-occupied housing units	160,472		5,747,458
Value of owner-occupied housing			
Less than \$50,000	28,865	18.0%	11.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45,093	28.1%	21.6%
\$100,000 to \$199,999	58,850	36.7%	35.7%
\$200,000 to \$499,999	24,949	15.5%	26.1%
\$500,000 and above	2,715	1.7%	5.3%
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income ⁹			
35 percent or more	28,680	17.9%	16.0%
20 to 34.9 percent	41,409	25.8%	25.6%
Less than 20 percent	88,516	55.2%	57.6%
Vehicles available in owner-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	6,080	3.8%	2.2%
One or more vehicles	154,392	96.2%	97.8%
Number of renter-occupied housing units	105,382		3,542,096
Gross rent ¹⁰			
Less than \$500	12,158	11.5%	8.2%
\$500 to \$749	22,103	21.0%	21.1%
\$750 to \$999	28,282	26.8%	27.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	17,939	17.0%	17.5%
\$1,250 and above	17,274	16.4%	20.8%
Gross rent as a percentage of household income ⁹			
35 percent or more	41,462	39.3%	36.1%
20 to 34.9 percent	29,928	28.4%	31.4%
Less than 20 percent	22,078	21.0%	25.0%
Vehicles available in renter-occupied housing units			
No vehicle	11,844	11.2%	11.1%
One or more vehicles	93,538	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.