

Texas County

County Composite Rank

2015 **89**

2019 **105**

Population: 25,735

County Seat: Houston

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,015	1,688	37.6%	31.2%	↑	18.5%	96
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,420	1,470	24.2%	24.4%	↓	17.4%	108
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	115	121	7.7%	8.1%	↓	8.4%	68
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	55	46	9.8	8.2	↑	7.1	84
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	23	27	4.1	4.8	↓	8.0	67
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	30	23	40.1	32.8	↑	22.5	79
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	36	34	6.5	6.1	↑	3.3	79
Education							
Graduation rate	243	255	91.0%	90.7%	↓	91.0%	83
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		175		58.7%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		192		64.4%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		133		42.6%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2013	25,636
	2017	25,735
Child population under 18	2013	5,505
	2017	5,542
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	21.5%
	2017	21.5%
Child population under 6	2013	1,806
	2017	1,730
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.0%
	2017	6.7%
Minority child population under 18	2013	382
	2017	351
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	6.9%
	2017	6.3%
Minority child population under 6	2013	151
	2017	121
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	8.4%
	2017	7.0%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	33.5%
	2013-2017	27.6%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	64.5%
	2013-2017	68.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	43.6%
	2017	33.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	35.2%
	2017	29.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	22.7%
	2013-2017	24.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	45.1%
	2013-2017	55.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	45.0%
	2017	38.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$41,886
	2013-2017	\$41,415
Adult unemployment	2013	6.8%
	2017	5.0%
Child homelessness	2013	1.4%
	2017	0.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	51.4
	2018	44.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	8.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.8%
	2018	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	59.8
	2013-2017	65.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	7.8%
	2013-2017	9.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	35.9
	2017	19.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.6%
	2017	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	4.5
	2017	8.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	12.7
	2013-2017	8.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	37.5
	2013-2017	33.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	38.8
	2013-2017	20.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	36.9
	2013-2017	99.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	75.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	6.1**
	2012-2016	18.3*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	94.9
	2012-2016	85.2
Uninsured children	2012	11.3%
	2016	8.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.5%
	2017	94.6%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).