

# Texas County

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County Seat: Houston

Population: 25,518

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,181	1,487	39.9%	28.7%	↑	15.5%	100
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,420	1,310	23.4%	23.6%	↓	15.1%	104
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	115	101	7.7%	7.3%	↑	8.7%	36
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	33	47	5.9	8.8	↓	7.1	100
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	30	20	5.4	3.8	↑	6.2	68
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	25	26.5	39.8	↓	18.8	106
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	45	41	8	7.7	↑	3.2	104
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	281	261	95.3%	94.6%	↓	91.3%	46
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2016	25,775
	2020	25,518
Child population under 18	2016	5,593
	2020	5,320
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.7%
	2020	21.2%
Child population under 6	2016	1,733
	2020	1,679
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	6.7%
	2020	6.7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	339
	2020	338
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	6.1%
	2020	6.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	124
	2020	103
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	7.2%
	2020	6.1%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	27.6%
	2016-2020	17.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	71%
	2016-2020	74.1%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	45.2%
	2020	40.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	33.4%
	2016-2020	27.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	27.9%
	2016-2020	30.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	52.3%
	2016-2020	58%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	39.9%
	2020	34.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$41,766
	2016-2020	\$43,051
Adult unemployment	2016	6.2%
	2020	5.8%
Child homelessness	2016	0.5%
	2020	3.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	44.3
	2021	27.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	8.1%
	2021	32.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.1%
	2020	94.9%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	88.4
	2016-2020	12.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.92%
	2016-2020	7%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	14.5
	2020	21.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.6%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	5
	2020	9

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	10.1
	2016-2020	9.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	39.5
	2016-2020	11.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	22.8
	2016-2020	11.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	122.1
	2016-2020	0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	75%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	9.7
	2015-2019	21
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	88.8
	2015-2019	70.4
Uninsured children	2015	10.1%
	2019	10.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.8%
	2020	94.6%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).