

Texas County

County
Composite
Rank

2019
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County Seat: Houston

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,688	1,652	31.2%	31.6%	↓	16.5%	107
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,470	1,330	24.4%	24.1%	↑	15.4%	103
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	111	108	7.5%	7.8%	↓	8.8%	54
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	46	30	8.2	5.6	↑	5.0	87
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	27	13	4.8	2.4	↑	3.6	63
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	17	32.8	26.2	↑	17.0	77
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	34	32	6.1	6.0	↑	3.0	83
Education							
High school graduation	255	260	90.7%	92.9%	↑	90.8%	61
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	96	—	39.0		41.4%	70
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	115	—	39.0		44.9%	81
4th grade math (MAP)	—	85	—	34.6		36.8%	71
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	80	—	27.1		26.8%	72

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	25,735	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	44.7
	2020	24,987		2022	27.6
Child population under 18	2017	5,542	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	27.4%
	2021	5,370		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.8
	2021	21.5%		2021	94.1
Child population under 6	2017	1,730	Family & Community		
	2021	1,654	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	65.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.7%		2017-2021	13.7
	2021	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	14.5%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	351		2017-2021	9.1%
	2021	445	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	19.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	6.3%		2021	22.7
	2021	8.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	121		2021	0.7%
	2021	148	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	8.1
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	7.0%		2021	12.1
	2021	8.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	27.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	10.8
	2017-2021	17.4%		2017-2021	5.0
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	68.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	33.1
	2017-2021	72.6%		2017-2021	23.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	19.9
Children in poverty under 6	2017	33.9%		2017-2021	24.0
	2021	25.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	98.8
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	29.8%		2017-2021	21.0
	2017-2021	29.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	24.8%		2017-2021	100.0%
	2017-2021	31.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	16.3*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	55.9%		2016-2020	21.3*
	2017-2021	56.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	70.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	38.8%		2016-2020	107.0
	2021	33.3%	Uninsured children	2016	8.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$41,415		2020	9.0%
	2017-2021	\$45,839	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.6%
Adult unemployment	2017	5.0%		2021	92.9%
	2021	4.6%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	0.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	1.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		