

Texas County

County Seat: Houston

Population: 25,619

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,483	1,392	28.2%	25.7%	↑	14.7%	100
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,290	1,300	23.3%	24.4%	↓	18.7%	103
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	92	96	7.9%	7.0%	↑	8.9%	24
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	51	43	9.4	7.7	↑	7.1	92
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	32	12	5.9	2.2	↑	5.5	39
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	23	31.7	31.7	↓	15.9	102
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	30	40	5.6	7.2	↓	2.9	95
Education							
High school graduation	279	250	92.7%	95.7%	↑	91.3%	44
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	116	94	40.1%	38.1%	↓	42.2%	78
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	139	132	47.4%	43.4%	↓	42.3%	35
4th grade math (MAP)	113	92	36.9%	33.2%	↓	43.7%	98
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	66	81	24.3%	31.6%	↑	40.1%	83

^a Data based on 2018 and 2022.

^b Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2019	25,398	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	45.7
	2022	25,619		2024	8.6
Child population under 18	2019	5,402	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	23.1%
	2023	5,552		2024	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	21.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2019	95.2
	2023	21.7%		2023	93.8
Child population under 6	2019	1,707	Family & Community		
	2023	1,695	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	27.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.7%		2019-2023	37.3
	2023	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	8.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2019	362		2019-2023	9.7%
	2023	463	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	22.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2019	6.7%		2023	14.4
	2023	8.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2019	121		2023	0.5%
	2023	150	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	6.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2019	7.1%		2023	5.9
	2023	8.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	25.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	10.3
	2019-2023	17.8%		2019-2023	4.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	72.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	21.8
	2019-2023	73.6%		2019-2023	26.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	15.2
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	23.2%		2019-2023	23.8
	2023	20.3%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	41.2
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	26.9%		2019-2023	37.3
	2023	24.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2018	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	30.4%		2019-2023	100.0%
	2019-2023	30.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2017	16.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	58.4%		2018-2022	27.5*
	2019-2023	52.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	77.3
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	36.0%		2018-2022	10.8
	2023	32.0%	Uninsured children	2018	8.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	\$38,125		2022	6.8%
	2019-2023	\$57,809	School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	95.1%
Adult unemployment	2019	4.5%		2023	93.4%
	2023	3.8%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2019	1.8%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2023	1.3%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		