

Texas County

County Seat: Houston

Population: 25,715

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,487	1,284	28.7%	23.8%	↑	15.3%	95
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,310	1,350	23.6%	25.0%	↓	18.1%	104
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	101	102	7.3%	7.4%	↓	8.9%	41
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	20	14	3.8	2.5	↑	5.4	50
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	15	39.8	20.4	↑	15.9	60
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	41	27	7.7	4.9	↑	2.9	85
Education							
High school graduation	261	267	94.6%	95.7%	↑	92.1%	39
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	169	91	53.7%	35.0%	↓	41.6%	86
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	164	95	57.3%	33.2%	↓	42.1%	84
4th grade math (MAP)	147	100	49.7%	41.0%	↓	44.5%	73
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	171	105	60.6%	34.7%	↓	41.5%	68

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	25,518	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	27.8
	2023	25,715		2025	16.0
Child population under 18	2020	5,320	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	32.4%
	2024	5,517		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	21.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	94.9
	2024	21.5%		2024	93.6
Child population under 6	2020	1,679	Family & Community		
	2024	1,635	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	12.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.7%		2020-2024	36.8
	2024	6.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2020	338		2020-2024	9.5%
	2024	489	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	21.1
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	6.4%		2024	18.3
	2024	8.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	—%
Minority child population under 6	2020	103		2024	0.4%
	2024	155	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	9.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	6.1%		2024	4.9
	2024	9.5%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	17.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	9.3
	2020-2024	21.3%		2020-2024	2.9
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	74.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	11.9
	2020-2024	74.1%		2020-2024	30.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	11.7
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	40.3%		2020-2024	24.0
	2024	19.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	27.7%		2020-2024	55.1
	2024	23.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	30.2%		2020-2024	100.0%
	2020-2024	28.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	21.0
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	58.0%		2019-2023	10.3**
	2020-2024	56.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	70.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	34.3%		2019-2023	106.2
	2024	32.3%	Uninsured children	2019	10.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$43,051		2023	6.8%
	2020-2024	\$52,475	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	94.6%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.8%		2024	93.7%
	2023	3.8%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	3.9%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	1.6%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		