

Texas on the Brink

How Texas Ranks Among the 50 States

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Since 1836, Texas has stood as an icon of the American dream.

Blessed with land, rivers, oil, and other abundant natural resources, early Texas welcomed everyone from cattle ranchers to *braceros*, from cotton farmers to Chinese railroad workers. These pioneers built a great state, and together we fulfilled a destiny.

From humble beginnings, we built a state with the firm belief that *every* Texan might rise as high and as far as their spirit, hard work, and talent might carry them. With education and determination *every* Texan might achieve great success – home ownership, reliable healthcare, safe neighborhoods, and financial prosperity.

In Texas today, the American dream is distant. Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured children in the nation. Texas is dead last in the percentage of residents with their high school diploma and near last in SAT scores. Texas now has America's dirtiest air. If we do not change course, for the first time in our history, the Texas generation of tomorrow will be less prosperous than the generation of today.

Without the courage to invest in the minds of our children, and steadfast support for great schools, we face a daunting prospect. Those who value tax cuts over children and budget cuts over college have put Texas at risk in her ability to compete and succeed.

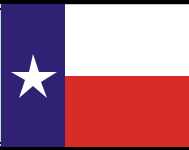
Let us not forget that the business of Texas is Texans. To 'Close the Gap' in Texas, we must graduate more of our best and brightest with the skills to succeed in a world based on knowledge. If we invest in our greatest resource, Texas will be the state of the future. If we do not, family incomes will fall an average of \$6,000 by 2040.

Texas is on the brink. The choice is ours.

State Rankings

State Taxes

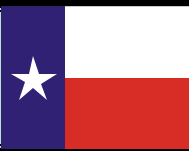
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- Tax Revenue Raised Per Capita¹ 49th
- Tax Expenditures Per Capita² 50th
- Sales Tax Per Capita³ 22nd
- Progressivity of Tax Revenues⁴ 44th

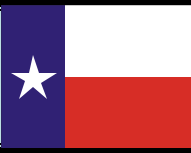
Education

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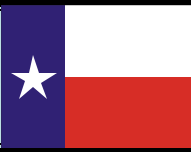
- Public School Enrollment⁵ 2nd
- Average Teacher Salary as a Percentage of Average Annual Pay⁶ 49th
- Current Expenditures Per Student⁷ 44th
- State Aid Per Pupil in Average Daily Attendance⁸ 47th
- Percent of Elementary/Secondary School Funding from State Revenue⁹ 47th
- Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) Scores¹⁰ 46th
- Percent of Population 25 and Older With a High School Diploma¹¹ 50th
- High School Graduation Rate¹² 41st
- Percent of Adults With at Least a Bachelor's Degree¹³ 30th
- Enrollment Rate in Higher Education¹⁴ 39th
- Per Capita State Spending on State Arts Agencies¹⁵ 47th

State of the Child
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- Birth Rate¹⁶ 2nd
- Percent of Population Under 18¹⁷ 2nd
- Percent of Uninsured Children¹⁸ 1st
- Percent of Children Living in Poverty¹⁹ 7th
- Percent of Children Fully Immunized²⁰ 36th
- Percent of Children Overweight²¹ 5th

Health Care
(50th=Lowest, 1st=Highest)



- Percent of Population Uninsured²² 1st
- Percent of Non-Elderly Uninsured²³ 1st
- Percent of Low Income Covered by Medicaid²⁴ 42nd
- Percent of Population with Employer-Based Health Insurance²⁵ 46th
- Total State Government Health Expenditures as Percent of the Gross State Product²⁶ 33rd
- Per Capita State Spending on Mental Health²⁷ 48th
- Per Capita State Spending on Medicaid²⁸ 37th
- Percent of Population Physically Active²⁹ 41st
- Health Care Expenditures Per Capita³⁰ 44th
- Hospital Beds Per 1,000 Population³¹ 33rd

Health Professionals per Capita

- Physicians³² 43rd
- Dentists³³ 42nd
- Registered Nurses³⁴ 43rd

Health and Well-Being

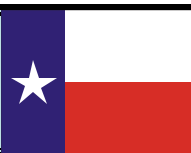
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- **Percent Living Below Federal Poverty Level³⁵** 3rd
- **Percent of Population with Food Insecurity³⁶** 3rd
- **Average Monthly Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Benefit Per Person³⁷** 49th
- **Prevalence of Obesity in Adults³⁸** 15th
- **Rate of Death due to Heart Disease³⁹** 44th
- **Prevalence of Diagnosed Diabetes⁴⁰** 4th
- **Diabetes Death Rate⁴¹** 10th
- **Percent of Population Who Visit the Dentist⁴²** 43rd

Women's Issues

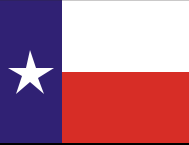
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- **Overall Birth Rate⁴³** 2nd
- **Teenage Birth Rate⁴⁴** 1st
- **Percent of Non-Elderly Women with Health Insurance⁴⁵** 50th
- **Percent of Women Who Have Had a Dental Visit Within the Past Year⁴⁶** 45th
- **Rate of Women Aged 40+ Who Receive Mammograms⁴⁷** 42nd
- **Rate of Women Aged 18+ Who Receive Pap Smears⁴⁸** 46th
- **Cervical Cancer Rate⁴⁹** 6th
- **Percent of Women with High Blood Pressure⁵⁰** 16th
- **Family Planning⁵¹** 45th
- **Percent of Pregnant Women Receiving Prenatal Care in First Trimester⁵²** 29th

- **Women's Voter Registration⁵³** 31st
- **Women's Voter Turnout⁵⁴** 49th
- **Percent of Women Living in Poverty⁵⁵** 3rd
- **Percentage of Women with Four or More Years of College⁵⁶** 30th
- **Percent of Businesses Owned by Women⁵⁷** 25th

Access to Capital
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- **Percent of Mortgage Loans that are Subprime⁵⁸** 8th
- **Percent of Households with Interest-Bearing Accounts⁵⁹** 41st
- **Private Loans to Small Businesses⁶⁰** 43rd
- **Level of Asset Poverty⁶¹** 43rd
- **Amount of Money that Banks Located in the State Collect through Deposits in Relation to the Amount of Money the Banks Re-channel Back into Communities Through Loans⁶²** 45th
- **Average Credit Score⁶³** 50th

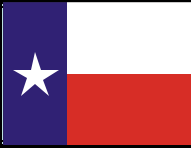
Environment
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- **Air Pollution Emissions⁶⁴** 1st
- **Amount of Volatile Organic Compounds Released into Air⁶⁵** 1st
- **Amount of Toxic Chemicals Released into Water⁶⁶** 1st


- **Amount of Toxic Chemicals Released into Air⁶⁷** 5th
- **Amount of Recognized Cancer-Causing Carcinogens Released into Air⁶⁸** 1st
- **Amount of Recognized Cancer-Causing Carcinogens Released into Water⁶⁹** 7th
- **Amount of Hazardous Waste Generated⁷⁰** 2nd
- **Number of Hazardous Waste Sites on National Priority List⁷¹** 9th
- **Amount of Carbon Dioxide Emissions⁷²** 1st
- **Consumption of Energy Per Capita⁷³** 5th

Workforce
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- **Average Hourly Earnings of Production Workers on Manufacturing Payrolls⁷⁴** 46th
- **Government Employee Wages and Salaries⁷⁵** 28th
- **Percent of Workforce that are Members of a Union⁷⁶** 47th
- **State Minimum Wage Rates⁷⁷** 33rd
- **Workers' Compensation Benefit Payment per Covered Worker⁷⁸** 48th

Quality of Life
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- **Income Inequality Between the Rich and the Poor⁷⁹** 9th
- **Income Inequality Between the Rich and the Middle Class⁸⁰** 5th

- **Median Household Income**⁸¹ 37th
- **Home Ownership Rate**⁸² 43rd
- **Homeowner's Insurance Affordability**⁸³ 50th
- **Auto Insurance Affordability**⁸⁴ 30th
- **Personal Bankruptcy Rate**⁸⁵ 38th
- **Percent of Households with Internet Access**⁸⁶ 36th
- **Most Livable State**⁸⁷ 37th

Public Safety
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- **Number of Executions**⁸⁸ 1st
- **Rate of Incarceration**⁸⁹ 2nd
- **Crime Rate**⁹⁰ 8th
- **Violent Crime Rate**⁹¹ 15th
- **Murder Rate**⁹² 18th
- **Percent of Murders Involving Firearms**⁹³ 14th
- **Rape Rate**⁹⁴ 18th
- **Robbery Rate**⁹⁵ 12th
- **Property Crime Rate**⁹⁶ 8th
- **Larceny and Theft Rate**⁹⁷ 5th
- **Rate of Motor Vehicle Fatalities**⁹⁸ 21st

Democracy
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- **Percent of Voting-Age Population that is Registered to Vote**⁹⁹ 42nd
- **Percent of Voting-Age Population that Votes**¹⁰⁰ 50th
- **Number of Convicted Public Officials**¹⁰¹ 3rd

Key Facts and Figures

Children and Families

- In 2007, over 71,000 Texas children were victims of abuse and neglect.¹⁰²
- The rate of immunization in the 4:3:1 series (most basic vaccination series) for Texas children was 78.8 percent in 2007, below the national average of 82.4 percent.¹⁰³
- 47 percent of children in Texas live in low-income families, as opposed to 39 percent nationwide.¹⁰⁴
- 86 percent of children whose parents did not have a high school degree live in low-income families, compared to 27 percent of children whose parents had some college education.¹⁰⁵
- 46 percent of children in low-income families live with a single parent.¹⁰⁶
- In Texas, 65 percent of Latino children and 57 percent of black children live in low-income families, compared to 24 percent of white children.¹⁰⁷
- The maximum Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant for a family of three with no income is \$213 per month in Texas, ranking 48th amongst the states.¹⁰⁸
- In 2008, the average monthly benefit for Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) recipients in Texas was \$35.53, whereas the national average was \$43.55.¹⁰⁹
- 33 percent of poor children in Texas are uninsured as compared to 20 percent nationwide.¹¹⁰
- Texas ranks 46th in child well-being, according to a report by a nonprofit group that promotes policies for children, youth, and families.¹¹¹

- One in seven Texas babies is born prematurely, earning the state an "F" from the March of Dimes.¹¹²

Status of Women in Texas

- In 2008, only seven women in Texas are elected to the 27 statewide offices, and only four are elected to the 34 offices representing Texas in the U.S. Congress.¹¹³
- Hispanic women in Texas earned 46.3 percent of what Anglo men earned in 1999.¹¹⁴
- In 2000, only 42.4 percent of Anglo women, 31.2 percent of African American women, and 23.6 percent of Hispanic women were in managerial positions in Texas.¹¹⁵
- The percentage of Hispanic women in Texas with an Associate's or Bachelor's degree was 12.5 percent, compared to 32.8 percent of Anglo women and 22.2 percent of African American women.¹¹⁶
- Between 1999-2001, the ratio of female heart disease mortality per 100,000 for African American women was 306.1, compared to 182.3 for Hispanic women and 214.9 for Anglo women in Texas.¹¹⁷
- The ratio of breast cancer mortality per 100,000 between 1999-2001 for African American women was 37.0, compared to 18.5 for Hispanic women and 25.5 for Anglo women in Texas.¹¹⁸
- The average annual incidence rate of AIDS among women in Texas was highest amongst African Americans at 33.9, compared to 5.1 for Hispanic women and 3.1 for Anglo women.¹¹⁹

Education

- Texas was one of 16 states where the gap in funding between high-poverty and low-poverty school districts widened between 2000 and 2006.¹²⁰
- While the number of 4th grade students in Texas who scored above the proficient level on national math assessment exams has increased since 1992, African American and Hispanic students continue to score far below that of white students by 17-23 points on exams.¹²¹
- In 2007, 18 percent of 4th graders in Texas who come from low-income families scored below proficient in national math assessment exams, while only 6 percent of students from middle to high income families scored below proficient on the exam.¹²²
- In 2005, only 23 percent of Texas 8th graders scored at or above proficient on the national science assessment exam, as compared to 29 percent nationally.¹²³
- In 2007, only 28 percent of Texas 8th graders scored at or above the national reading assessment exam as compared to 31 percent nationally.¹²⁴
- In 2007, the national high school graduation rate was 69.3 percent, compared to Texas' 63.8 percent.¹²⁵
- In Texas, Hispanic students drop out of school at a rate three times greater than that of white students.¹²⁶
- In Texas, 57 percent of Hispanic students, 68 percent of African American students, and 77 percent of white students graduated in the class of 2005.¹²⁷
- 79 percent of 7th to 12th graders in Texas were taught by teachers with a major in their subject, as compared to 83 percent in top-performing states.¹²⁸

- 143 out of 1,000 Texas high school graduates scored in the top 20 percent nationally on the SAT and ACT tests, as compared to 265 students in top-performing states.¹²⁹
- Among working-age adults (ages 25 to 49) without a high school diploma, only 6 out of 1,000 earned a GED.¹³⁰
- In 2008, the mean national combined SAT score was 1511, whereas for Texas it was 1473.¹³¹

Higher Education

- In Texas, only 26 percent of the population aged 25-64 has a bachelor's degree or higher.¹³²
- In El Paso County, 18 percent of the population has a Bachelor's degree or higher, as opposed to 42 percent in Travis County.¹³³
- 50 percent of college freshman in Texas are enrolled in remedial or developmental classes, compared with 28 percent across the U.S.¹³⁴
- Texas funds only 32 percent of need-based financial aid, as opposed to 89 percent by the top-investing states.¹³⁵
- The share of Texan family income needed to pay for college expenses at public four-year institutions increased from 18 percent to 26 percent between 2000 and 2008.¹³⁶
- The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University at College Station are the only Texas public institutions of higher education that made the top 100 in U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges in the U.S., with UT-Austin at 47 and Texas A&M at 64.¹³⁷
- Thirty-six percent of blacks and 38 percent of Hispanics graduate from a four-year institution within six years, compared with 56 percent of whites.¹³⁸

- Fifty percent of first-time, full-time college students earn a Bachelor's degree within six years of entering college.¹³⁹
- Undergraduate students in Texas borrowed on average \$4,723 in student loans in 2007, up from \$2,873 in 1995.¹⁴⁰

The Elderly

- A 2002 report found that 86 percent of nursing homes in Texas did not meet federal standards governing quality of care, 94 percent of nursing homes did not meet minimum staffing levels, and 39 percent of facilities had a violation that caused actual harm to nursing home residents or placed them at risk for death or serious injury.¹⁴¹
- Almost 27 percent of Texas nursing homes were given a one out of five star rating by the federal government, compared with 23 percent nationally.¹⁴²
- In 2002, the average nursing home in Texas provided just 21 minutes of daily care by registered nurses for each resident, or less than half of the minimum required by federal standards.¹⁴³
- In 2004, 84 percent of Texas nursing homes were cited for fire safety deficiencies.¹⁴⁴
- The population in Texas that is over 65 years of age will be expected to grow from 2.1 to 7.4 million, or 258 percent, by 2040.¹⁴⁵

The Uninsured

- In 2007, about 45 million people in the United States, or 17 percent of the nonelderly population, were uninsured.¹⁴⁶
- 24.6 percent, or 5.8 million, of the population in Texas is uninsured, the largest share of uninsured in the nation.¹⁴⁷
- From 2000 to 2007, annual family health insurance premiums in Texas rose from about \$6,600 to about \$12,400, or about

87 percent. During the same time period, median earnings rose only 15 percent.¹⁴⁸

- 62 percent of Texas workers had employer-based health coverage in 2006-07, down 4.7 percent from 2000-01.¹⁴⁹
- 22 percent of children in Texas were uninsured in 2007, compared to 11 percent nationally.¹⁵⁰
- In Texas, 59 percent of adults between the ages of 19 and 64 living in poverty did not have health insurance.¹⁵¹
- Of those uninsured, 60 percent, or 3.4 million, are Hispanic.¹⁵²
- 41 percent of Hispanics under age 65 had no health insurance, compared with 26 percent of blacks and 16 percent of whites.¹⁵³
- 1.5 million children, or 22 percent of the population aged 18 and under, were without health insurance 2007.¹⁵⁴
- Texas does not provide Medicaid to parents making even poverty-line incomes; therefore, a working parent of two does not qualify for coverage if he or she makes more than \$4,824 in a year.¹⁵⁵

Health Professionals

- El Paso County has 525.6 registered nurses per 100,000 population, compared to 671.3 per 100,000 for the state of Texas.¹⁵⁶
- El Paso County has 17.9 general dentists per 100,000 population, compared to the state's average of 37.2 per 100,000.¹⁵⁷
- El Paso County has 109.1 direct patient care physicians per 100,000 population, while state wide there are 157.8 physicians per 100,000 population.¹⁵⁸

- In 2007, of the 64 counties that did not have an acute care hospital, 17 were located in the Border region.¹⁵⁹
- 26 of the 32 Border counties had some type of primary care Health Professional Shortage Area designation in 2007 by the Texas Department of State Health Services.¹⁶⁰
- The metropolitan Border areas have 53.3 direct primary care physicians per 100,000 people, as compared to 72.2 in metropolitan non-Border areas in Texas.¹⁶¹
- The metropolitan Border areas have 468.9 registered nurses per 100,000 population, as opposed to 715.3 per 100,000 population in metropolitan non-Border areas.¹⁶²
- The metropolitan Border areas have 15.7 dentists per 100,000 population, compared to 41.1 dentists per 100,000 population in the metropolitan non-Border areas.¹⁶³
- Texas will have over 27,000 nursing vacancies by 2010, and that number is expected to double by 2015.¹⁶⁴
- By 2015, Texas would need more than 4,500 additional primary care doctors and other medical professionals in order to serve all of the state's medically disenfranchised population.¹⁶⁵

Income Disparity and Employment

- If Texas were a country, it would have the tenth largest economy in the world. Currently, Texas has the second largest economy in the nation with a Gross Domestic Product of \$1.142 trillion for 2007.¹⁶⁶
- The personal per capita income for Texas in 2006 was \$35,058.¹⁶⁷
- 21.5 percent of people in Texas, or over 5 million, live in poverty.¹⁶⁸
- Only 5.7 percent of Texas workers are covered by a union.¹⁶⁹

- 47 percent of Texas children live in low-income families.¹⁷⁰
- Starr County led the state with 78.6 percent of the population considered low income.¹⁷¹
- The richest 20 percent of Texas families have average incomes 7.9 times larger than the poorest 20 percent of families, ranking as the 9th highest gap in the nation. This ratio was 7.0 in the late 1980s.¹⁷²
- The richest 20 percent of Texas families have average incomes 2.8 times larger than the middle 20 percent of families, ranking as the 5th highest gap in the nation. This ratio was 2.3 in the late 1980s.¹⁷³
- From the late 1980s to the mid-2000s, the average income of the poorest 20 percent of families increased \$2,657, from \$13,430 to \$16,088.¹⁷⁴
- From the late 1980s to the mid-2000s, the average income of the middle 20 percent of families increased \$4,528, from \$40,046 to \$44,574.¹⁷⁵
- From the late 1980s to the mid-2000s, the average income of the richest 20 percent of families increased \$32,813, from \$93,846 to \$126,658.¹⁷⁶
- In October 2008, the Beaumont-Port Arthur region, the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission region, and the Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito region had the highest rates of unemployment in Texas at 8.2 percent, 7.7 percent, and 7.4 percent respectively, above the state's average of 5.4 percent.¹⁷⁷

Taxation

- A 2003 report listed Texas' tax system as one of the "Terrible Ten" most regressive states in the nation.¹⁷⁸

- The same 2003 report found that Texas requires families in the bottom 20 percent of the income scale to pay more than three times as great a share of their earnings in taxes as the top one percent.¹⁷⁹
- Sales tax, amongst the most regressive of all taxes, forces the poorest 20 percent of Texas households to pay more than three times as great a share of their income in taxes as the richest 20 percent.¹⁸⁰

Transportation

- Traffic delays in Austin cost the average traveler 49 hours in delays in 2005. In Dallas-Ft. Worth and Houston, those delays were 58 and 56 hours, respectively.¹⁸¹
- Dallas-Ft. Worth and Houston were ranked 5th and 7th respectively amongst 85 large metropolitan cities in the yearly number of hours delayed in traffic per traveler.¹⁸²
- Over the next 25 years, road use in Texas will grow by 214 percent, much of it concentrated in the state's most congested metropolitan areas.¹⁸³
- Texas has 50,189 bridges, about 40 percent more than any other state.¹⁸⁴
- In 2005, more than 3,500 people, or one in every 6,500 Texans, died on Texas' roads.¹⁸⁵

Sex Education

- In 2005, the birth rate for ages 15-19 in Texas was 61.6 per 1,000 population, compared to 40.5 in the U.S.¹⁸⁶
- In a 2001 statewide survey of Texas high school students, almost half had engaged in sexual intercourse at least once in their lifetime.¹⁸⁷

- Of those interviewed, 67.6 percent of 12th graders, 57.2 percent of 11th graders, 47.2 percent of 10th graders, and 37.4 percent of 9th graders have had sexual intercourse.¹⁸⁸
- 19.3 percent of 12th graders who had once been sexually active are now practicing abstinence.¹⁸⁹
- Among currently sexually active students, only about half (55.4 percent) reported that they or their partner had used a condom during their last sexual intercourse. Only 10 percent reported that they or their partner had used birth control pills before their last sexual intercourse.¹⁹⁰
- 22.6 percent of sexually active students had used drugs or alcohol at the time of their last sexual intercourse.¹⁹¹

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