

**37** **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**  
Rank

UNITED STATES

TEXAS

**CHILDREN IN POVERTY**

US: **12,998,000** | TX: **1,545,000**

22%  
2010

18%  
2018

BETTER

26%  
2010

21%  
2018

BETTER

**CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK  
SECURE EMPLOYMENT**

US: **19,579,000** | TX: **1,909,000**

33%  
2010

27%  
2018

BETTER

31%  
2010

26%  
2018

BETTER

**CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS  
WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN**

US: **22,566,000** | TX: **2,353,000**

41%  
2010

31%  
2018

BETTER

37%  
2010

32%  
2018

BETTER

**TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING**

US: **1,186,000** | TX: **137,000**

9%  
2010

7%  
2018

BETTER

9%  
2010

8%  
2018

BETTER

**34** **EDUCATION**  
Rank

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TEXAS

**YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL**

US: **4,215,000** | TX: **471,000**

52%  
2009-11

52%  
2016-18

SAME

57%  
2009-11

57%  
2016-18

SAME

**FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING**

US: **N.A.** | TX: **N.A.**

68%  
2009

66%  
2019

BETTER

72%  
2009

70%  
2019

BETTER

**EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH**

US: **N.A.** | TX: **N.A.**

67%  
2009

67%  
2019

SAME

64%  
2009

70%  
2019

WORSE

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME**

US: **N.A.** | TX: **N.A.**

21%  
2010-11

15%  
2017-18

BETTER

14%  
2010-11

10%  
2017-18

BETTER

**45** HEALTH  
Rank

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TEXAS

**LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES**

US: 313,752 | TX: 32,037

8.1%  
2010

8.3%  
2018

WORSE

8.4%  
2010

8.5%  
2018

WORSE

**CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE**

US: 4,055,000 | TX: 873,000

8%  
2010

5%  
2018

BETTER

15%  
2010

11%  
2018

BETTER

**CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000**

US: 19,660 | TX: 2,001

26  
2010

25  
2018

BETTER

26  
2010

26  
2018

SAME

**CHILDREN AND TEENS (AGES 10 TO 17) WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE**

US: N.A. | TX: N.A.

31%  
2016-17

31%  
2017-18

SAME

32%  
2016-17

32%  
2017-18

SAME

**47** FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
Rank

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TEXAS

**CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES**

US: 23,980,000 | TX: 2,451,000

34%  
2010

35%  
2018

WORSE

36%  
2010

35%  
2018

BETTER

**CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

US: 9,205,000 | TX: 1,376,000

15%  
2010

13%  
2018

BETTER

23%  
2010

19%  
2018

BETTER

**CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS**

US: 7,717,000 | TX: 1,014,000

13%  
2008-12

10%  
2014-18

BETTER

19%  
2008-12

14%  
2014-18

BETTER

**TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000**

US: 179,871 | TX: 25,089

34  
2010

17  
2018

BETTER

52  
2010

25  
2018

BETTER