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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

**TEXAS**



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**ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

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	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 12,243,000   TX 1,441,000	17% 2019	17% 2021	= SAME	19% 2019	20% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 21,143,000   TX 2,111,000	26% 2019	29% 2021	↑ WORSE	25% 2019	28% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 21,857,000   TX 2,362,000	30% 2019	30% 2021	= SAME	30% 2019	32% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,234,000   TX 143,000	6% 2019	7% 2021	↑ WORSE	8% 2019	8% 2021	= SAME

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**EDUCATION**

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	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,380,000   TX 477,000	53% 2012-16	54% 2017-21	↑ WORSE	58% 2012-16	58% 2017-21	= SAME
<b>Fourth-graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	70% 2019	70% 2022	= SAME
<b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	70% 2019	76% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time*</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2019-20	= SAME	10% 2018-19	10% 2019-20	= SAME

N.A.: Not available \*Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore data on children and families at [datacenter.aecf.org](https://datacenter.aecf.org).

## HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 311,932   TX 32,297	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2021	↑ WORSE	8.4% 2019	8.6% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,165,000   TX 930,000	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER	13% 2019	12% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 23,198   TX 2,371	25 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE	27 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	31% 2018-19	33% 2020-21	↑ WORSE	34% 2018-19	40% 2020-21	↑ WORSE

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,626,000   TX 2,392,000	34% 2019	34% 2021	= SAME	35% 2019	34% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 8,269,000   TX 1,193,000	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER	18% 2019	16% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 6,086,000   TX 879,000	13% 2012-16	8% 2017-21	↓ BETTER	17% 2012-16	12% 2017-21	↓ BETTER
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 146,973   TX 21,041	17 2019	14 2021	↓ BETTER	24 2019	20 2021	↓ BETTER

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