

2026 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# TEXAS

OVERALL SCORE <b>425</b> STABLE	OVERALL RANK <b>44</b>
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<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>	SCORE	476 WORSE	RANK	41
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	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 11,117,000   TX 1,354,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	19% 2019	18% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 18,420,000   TX 1,891,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	25% 2019	25% 2024	STABLE
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 22,385,000   TX 2,541,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	30% 2019	33% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,218,000   TX 144,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	8% 2019	8% 2024	STABLE

<b>EDUCATION</b>	SCORE	390 WORSE	RANK	28
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	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,277,000   TX 460,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	57% 2015-19	57% 2020-24	STABLE
<b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	70% 2019	72% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	70% 2019	76% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	10% 2018-19	9% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

**Note:** Rankings show how states compare. Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		SCORE	RANK
						404 STABLE	47
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 308,966   TX 33,367	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	8.4% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,648,000   TX 1,100,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	13% 2019	14% 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 21,189   TX 2,318	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	27 2019	28 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   TX N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	34% 2018-19	32% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			TEXAS		SCORE	RANK
						431 BETTER	47
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,472,000   TX 2,547,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	35% 2019	35% 2024	STABLE	
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 7,868,000   TX 1,143,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	18% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 5,419,000   TX 823,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	12% 2015-19	11% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 137,273   TX 20,206	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	24 2019	18 2024	↓ BETTER	

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