

TEXAS

OVERALL SCORE

425
 STABLE

OVERALL RANK

44

	SCORE	RANK
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	476 WORSE	41

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

	SCORE	RANK
EDUCATION	390 WORSE	28

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

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

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

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