

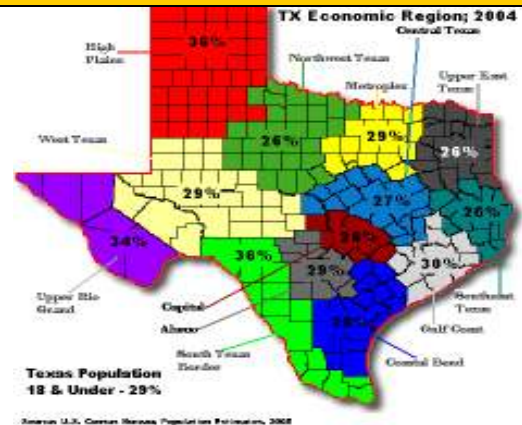


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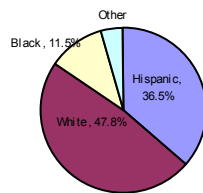
## Texas Population By the Regions

- The Metroplex region is the most populated with over 6 million residents. At 1.7 million, the region also has the largest youth population (under 19).
- The South TX Border (94%) and Upper Rio Grande (81%) regions have the highest concentration of Latino children.
- Gulf Coast, the 2<sup>nd</sup> most populated region, has the most uninsured children, 392,676 (27%). Of those children, 231,388 are Latino, which is 39% of all Latino children in the region.

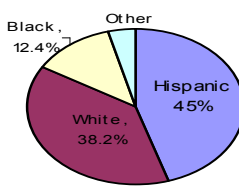


## Texas Population by Race/Ethnicity; 2006

### All Ages



### Under 19



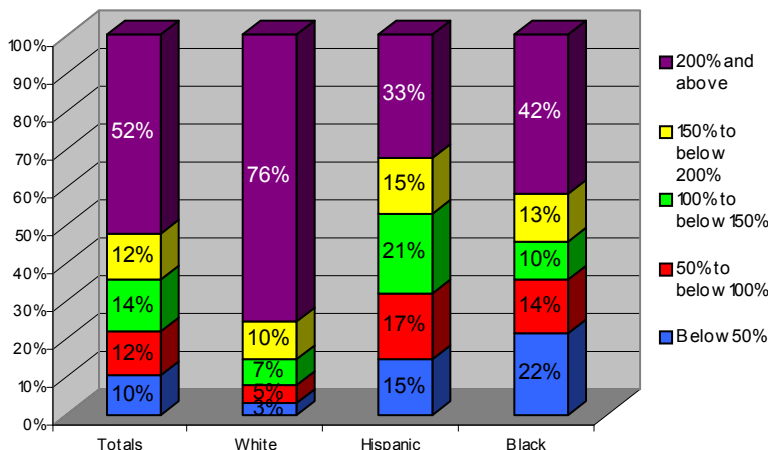
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey 2005

## Texas Youth ( Under 19) Population: 6,773,514 (30%)

White ~ 2,590,557 Hispanic ~ 3,050,385 Black ~ 842,301

- In 2005, Texas became a majority-minority state and it is expected to exceed 25 million by 2010. This growth will be fueled by a Hispanic population trend estimated to reach 50% Texas population by 2035.
- Between 2000-06, the population of Texas grew by 12.7%, almost twice the national rate (6.4%).
- Children under 19 are 30% (6.8 million) of the total population.
- Hispanics represent the largest portion of youths (45%).

## Youth Population FPL by Race/Ethnicity, 2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2006

## Children in Poverty (Kids Count, AECF)

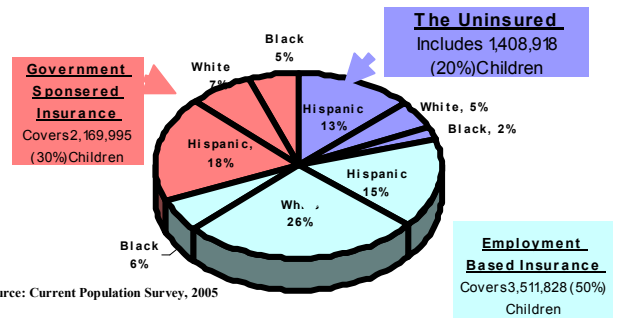
- Higher than the national average(40%), Texas children are more likely to living below 200% of the FPL(52%).
- 67% of children in immigrant families live 200% of the FPL.
- The percent of children living in extreme poverty (50% FPL) increased between 2001 and 2005, from 9% to 11%. (US 8%)
- The median family income of immigrant families (\$33,000 ) with children is \$18,000 less than U.S. - born families (\$51,000).

## Uninsured Children (under 18), 2005

	All	Anglo	Latino	Black
<b>High</b>	Gulf Coast	High Plains	Metroplex	Coastal Bend
# of Uninsured	392,676	19,367	211,265	5,268
% of Race/Ethnicity	27%	19%	42%	30%
<b>Low</b>	Capital	Coastal Bend	West Texas	High Plains
# of Uninsured	72,475	6,680	17,207	988
% of Race/Ethnicity	19%	11%	24%	9%

## Insurance Status of Texas Children 19 and Under; 2005

In 2005, 7,036,780 People in TX were 19 & Under



## Uninsured

- For the seventh year in a row, Texas had the highest rate of uninsured children (Under 19) with 1.4 million (20%)
- In 2005, Texas ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> in percent of the population with Employer-Sponsored health insurance where only 50% of all children were covered (Children: White-68%, Black-45%, and Hispanic-34%).
- Between 2000-04, children experienced a 7% decrease in Employment-Sponsored health insurance.

## Texas is:

- 6<sup>th</sup> in total Medicaid/SCHIP enrollment and
- 38<sup>th</sup> Medicaid Spending
- Medicaid enrollment was up 8.8% compared to nation (5.9%).



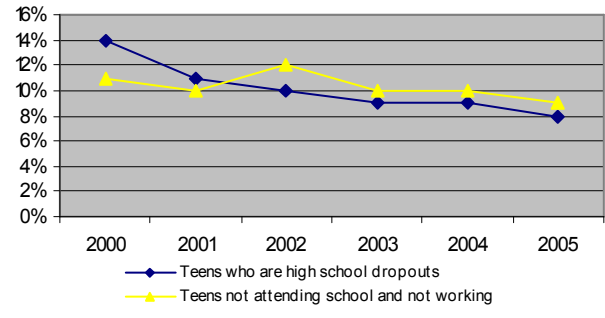
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## Education

- Texas ranks 50<sup>th</sup> in percent of population over 25 with a HS diploma.
- Hispanics are more likely to have less than HS diploma. (Hispanic-45%, Black-16.7%, White-19%)
- The percent of teens who drop out of high school, has dropped from 11% in 2001 to 8% in 2005—still higher than U.S. 7%.
- Latino students are three times (15%) more likely to Drop-Out of High School compared to Non-Latinos (5%).

## Teens Not in School; 2000 - 2005

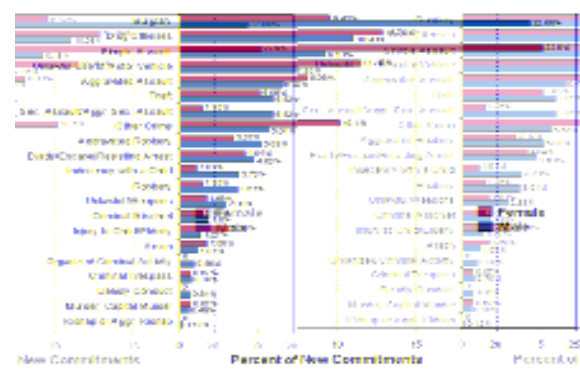


Source: Kids Count, 2005

## Youth Offenders Profile by Texas Youth Commission (TYC), 2006

### Demographic

- Majority of youth offenders came from the following counties: *Harris 23%, Dallas 12%, Bexar 9%, Tarrant 6%, Travis, 4%*
- Population: Boys-89%, Girl-11%
- Population: Hispanic-44%, Black- 34%, and White-22%
- Population: 94% were U.S. Citizens
- Median Age: 16 yrs
- Education: 40% were identified as eligible for special education services.



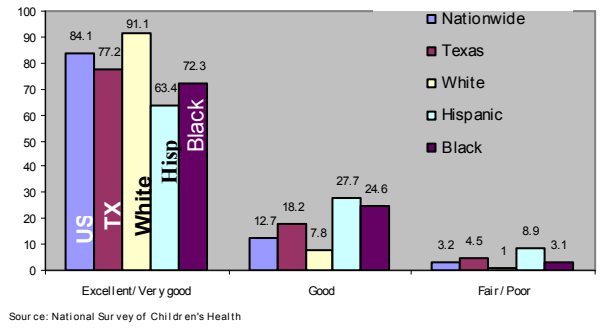
### Socio-Economic Factors

- 48% were in juvenile court on two or more felony-level offenses before being committed to TYC.
- 34% admitted they are in a gang
- 46% were chemically dependent
- 41% had severe mental health problems
- 36% had a history of being abused or neglected
- 62% came from low-income families
- 76% had parents who never married or who divorced or separated.

## Health Status

- A majority of children of color report their overall health status as being excellent/very good.
- The percent of children in TX who have excellent/very good health is 77%, less than the national average 84%.
- Hispanic children are 9 times more likely than Whites and 3 times more likely than Blacks to be in fair/poor health.

## Health Status of Children Under 18, 2003



Source: National Survey of Children's Health

## Teen Pregnancy

Between 1991 and 2004 the teen birth rate ages 15-19 decreased by 20%. However the teen birth rate in TX at 62.6/1,000 exceeded the U.S. rate of 41.1/1,000. (KFF)

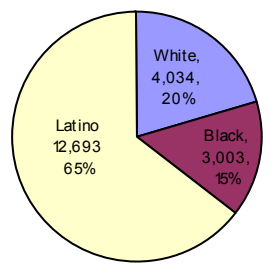
### Texas Teen Pregnancy & Birth Facts 2002 (DSHS)

- Texas had the highest teen birth rate for ages 15-17, in the nation. 19,730, or 5.3% of all births were to teen mothers under 17.
- 228,867 teenagers aged 13-17 were in need of publicly supported contraceptives services.
- Approximately 9% of deliveries paid for by Medicaid were to teens 13-17, at a cost of \$40 million

### 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (High School Students)

- 52.5 % of all teens report having ever had sexual intercourse
- 7.4% had sexual intercourse before age 13
- 16.3% had 4 or more sexual partners
- 37.6 reported being currently sexually active
- 60.7% of sexually active HS students used condoms
- 15.7% of sexually active females used birth control pills

### Texas Live Births to Women Under 18, 2002



### How Often Does a Teenager in Texas Get Pregnant?

**No time to Waste: The frequency of teen pregnancy**

- Every 10 minutes, a teen in Texas gets pregnant.
- Every 10 hours, a 14-year-old teen gets pregnant.
- Every 3 hours, a 15-year-old teen gets pregnant.
- Every 1.5 hours, a 16-year-old teen gets pregnant.
- Every 52 minutes, a 17-year-old-teen gets pregnant.
- Every 35 minutes, an 18-year-old teen gets pregnant.
- Every 28 minutes, a 19-year-old teen gets pregnant.
- Every 10 minutes a teen gives birth.
- Every 48 minutes a teen has an abortion.

