



Texas Landscape: Demographics and Socioeconomics

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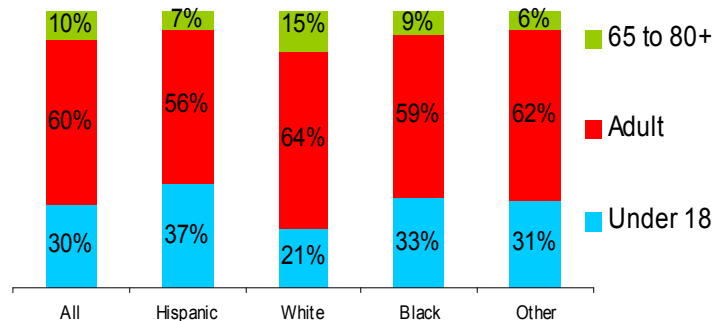
TX Population: 24,194,325

White ~ 43% Hispanic ~ 41% Black ~ 11% Other ~ 5%

In 2005, Texas was propelled into “Minority Majority” status by significant growth among Hispanics and other racial groups.

Of the 24.1 million Texans, 41% are Hispanic. Between 1990-2000, Hispanics accounted for 60.27% of the net population change in Texas. Hispanics are projected to represent over 53% in 2040 of the Texas population compared to 32% and 10% for Anglos and Blacks

Age of Texans by Race/Ethnicity, 2008



Source: Current Population Survey 2009

Key Demographics and Socio-Economic Findings:

- ◆ Approximately 2 of 5 Texans are of workforce age.
 - ◇ Adults 19-44 yrs old account for 37% of the TX population.
 - ◇ Children 6-12 yrs old make-up 10% of the TX population; 50% of this age group is Hispanic.
 - ◇ Children 1-5 yrs account for 10% of the TX population; 56% of these children are Hispanic.
 - ◇ The Median age of Hispanics, 27, is lower than TX’s median age, 33.2
- ◆ Educational Attainment in TX is the lowest among Hispanics.
 - ◇ Hispanics over the age of 17 are more likely to have less than a *high school diploma or equivalent*, 39%, compared to their black (12%) and White (9%) counterparts.
 - ◇ Whites over the age of 25 are more likely to have obtained a higher education degree than their Black and Hispanic counterparts. About 27%, 14%, and 9%, respectively, have a Bachelor’s degree or higher.

Source: Current Population Survey 2009

Texas Median Household Income (2006-2008)

TX ~ \$49,078 U.S. ~ \$52,175

White ~ \$60,757 Hispanic ~ \$36,522 Black ~ \$35,422

- ◆ About 60% of Hispanic and Black households will make less than the state’s household median income.
 - ◇ Texas ranks 30th in median household income when compared to the other states.

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008



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At the end of 2006, the gap between the unemployment rates of Hispanics (4.9%) and non-Hispanics (4.4%) hit an all time low of 0.5%. During the first quarter of 2008, the unemployment rate for Hispanics in the U.S. increased more starkly, to 6.5%, compared to non-Hispanics, 4.7%. The construction employment drop is thought to be a contributor .

Source: Pew Hispanic Center; Latino Labor Report, 2008: Construction Job Growth for

Texas Labor Force Demographics				
	TX	White	Black	Hispanic
Management, professional, and related occupations (\$54,828)	33%	42%	28%	18%
Service occupations (\$21,821)	17%	12%	21%	23%
Sales and office occupations (\$32,695)	26%	27%	29%	23%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations (\$20,689)	1%	0%	0%	1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations (\$31,785)	12%	9%	5%	19%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations (\$31,634)	12%	9%	16%	17%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey 2006-2008

Texas Cost of Living					
Hourly Wages	One Adult	One Adult, One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults, One Child	Two Adults, Two Children
Living Wage	\$7.64	\$14.95	\$11.92	\$19.23	\$25.12
Poverty Wage	\$5.04	\$6.68	\$6.49	\$7.81	\$9.83
Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25
Annual Before Tax Income That's Required	\$15,896	\$31,096	\$24,800	\$39,989	\$52,248

Source: Poverty in America, Living Wage Calculator, 2010
 Note: The graph above is for all of Texas however the cost of living can differ greatly city to city

- ◇ In 2008, Hispanics were 37% of the TX labor force (Whites~48% and Blacks~11%).
- ◇ Hispanics and Blacks are almost twice as likely than Whites to be working in low earning jobs (service occupations).
- ◇ The larger the family the more likely they are not making a living wage.

Percent of TX Population Living Below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) ~ 16%

White ~ 7% Hispanics ~ 25% Black ~ 20%

- ◇ Hispanics and Blacks are more likely than their White counterparts to be living in poverty.
- ◇ Hispanic females who are head of household with children under 18 have a 2 in 5 chance of living in poverty (ACS).
- ◇ One in four Hispanics live below the FPL.
- ◇ About 63% of Whites live above 300% FPL

Texans Ratio of Income 2008				
	Texas	Hispanic	White	Black
Below 50%	7%	11%	4%	10%
50% to below 100%	8%	14%	3%	10%
100% to below 150%	12%	16%	7%	16%
150% to below 200%	11%	15%	7%	11%
200% to below 300%	17%	18%	16%	18%
300% to below 500%	23%	17%	28%	22%
500% and above	22%	9%	35%	13%

Source: Current Population Survey 2009