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Executive Summary

What is the RNA?
The Prevention Resource Center's (PRC) Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) is a document created by Melissa Romain-Harrott along with Data Coordinators from PRCs across the State of Texas and supported by Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The PRC 6 serves 13 counties in the Gulf Coast Region of Texas.

This assessment was designed to aid PRCs, HHSC, and community stakeholders in long-term strategic prevention planning based on most current information about the unique needs of Texas' diverse communities. This document will present a summary of statistics on risk and protective factors associated with drug use, as well as consumption patterns and consequences data; at the same time, it will offer insight on gaps in services and data.

Who writes the RNA?
A team of Data Coordinators has procured national, state, regional, and local data through collaborative partnerships with diverse agencies such as law enforcement, public health, and education, among others.

How is the RNA informed?
Qualitative data collection has been conducted, in the form of questionnaires, focus groups, and interviews with key informants. The information obtained through these partnerships has been analyzed and synthesized in the form of this RNA. PRC 6 recognizes those collaborators who contributed to the creation of this RNA. Quantitative data has been extrapolated from federal and state agencies to ensure reliability and accuracy.

Main key findings from this assessment include:

Demographics

Substance Use Behaviors

Underlying Conditions

Behavioral Health Disparities

Protective Factors and Community Strengths

Methodology

This needs assessment is a review of data on substance misuse, substance use disorders, and related variables that will aid in substance misuse prevention decision making at the county, regional, and state level. In this needs assessment, the reader will find the following:

- primary focus on the state-delineated prevention priorities of alcohol (underage drinking)
- tobacco/nicotine, marijuana, prescription drugs, and other drug use among adolescents
- exploration of drug consumption trends and consequences, particularly where adolescents are concerned
- and an exploration of related risk and protective factors as defined by The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)

Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework for this report examines empirical indicators related to the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH), documented risk and protective factors, consumption patterns, and public health consequences as they associate with substance use/misuse and behavioral health challenges. The indicators are organized in the domains (or levels) of the Social Ecological Model (SEM), as described below. For the purpose of strategic prevention planning, the report attempts to identify behavioral health disparities and inequities present in the region.

Purpose/Relevance of the RNA
The regional needs assessment can serve in the following capacities to:

- determine patterns of substance use among adolescents and monitor changes in substance use trends over time
- identify gaps in data where critical substance misuse information is missing
- determine county-level differences and disparities
- identify substance use issues that are unique to specific communities
- provide a comprehensive tool for local providers to design relevant, data-driven prevention and intervention programs targeted to needs
- provide data to local providers to support their grant-writing activities and provide justification for funding requests
- assist policymakers in program planning and policy decisions regarding substance misuse prevention, intervention, and treatment at the region and state level

Process

HHSC and the Data Coordinators collected primary and secondary data at the county, regional, and state levels between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Due to the global pandemic, COVID-19, the Regional Needs Assessment deadline was extended to August 31, 2021.

Between September and July, HHSC staff meets with the Data Coordinators via monthly conference calls to discuss the criteria for processing and collecting data. The information is primarily gathered through established secondary sources including federal and state government agencies. Region-specific data collected through local law enforcement, community coalitions, school districts and local-level governments are included to address the unique regional needs of the community. Additionally, qualitative data is collected through primary sources such as surveys and focus groups conducted with stakeholders and participants at the regional level.

Primary and secondary data sources are identified when developing the methodology behind this document. Readers can expect to find information from the American Community Survey, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use, and the Community Commons, among others. For the purpose of this needs assessment, adults and youth in the region were selected as primary sources.

Quantitative Data Selection

Identification of Variables
The data collected is the most recent data available within the last five years. However, older data might be provided for comparison purposes.

Criteria for Selection
The criteria used for including data sets in this document are their relevance, timeliness, methodological soundness, representativeness, and accuracy. The data arise from well-documented methodology gathered through valid and reliable data collection tools.

Qualitative Data Selection

Data Coordinators conduct focus groups, surveys, and interviews with community members about what they believe their greatest needs to be. These qualitative data collection methods often reveal additional sources of data.

Key Informant Interviews
Interviews are conducted primarily with school officials and law enforcement officers where available. Participants are randomly selected by city and then approached to participate in an interview with the Data Coordinator. Each participant is asked the following questions:

- What problems do you see in your community?
- What is the greatest problem you see in your community?
- What hard evidence do you have to support this as the greatest problem?
- What services do you lack in your community?

Other questions inevitably arise during the interviews, but these four are asked of each participant.

Focus Groups
Participants for the focus groups are invited from a wide selection of professions including law enforcement, health, community leaders, clergy, high school educators, town councils, state representatives, university professors, and local business owners. In these sessions, participants discuss their perceptions of how their communities are affected by substance use/misuse and behavioral health challenges.

Longitudinally Presented Data
To capture a richer depiction of possible trends in the data, we report multi-year data where it is available from respective sources. Most longitudinal presentations of data in this needs assessment consist of (but are not limited to) the most recently available data collected over three years in one-year intervals of data-collection, or the most recently-available data collected over three data-collection intervals of more than one year (e.g. data collection for the TSS is done in two-year intervals). Efforts are also made in presenting state- and national-level data with county-level data for comparison purposes. However, when neither state-level nor national-level data are included in tables and figures, this is generally because the data was not available at the time of the data request. Such requests are made to numerous counties, state, and national-level agencies in the development of this needs assessment.

Prevention Resource Centers

PRCs are funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide data and information related to substance use and misuse and to support prevention collaboration efforts in the community. There is one PRC located in each of the eleven Texas Health Service Regions (see Figure 1) to provide support to prevention providers located in their region with substance use data, trainings, media activities, and regional workgroups.

PRCs focus on the state's overall behavioral health and the four prevention priorities:
- underage alcohol use
- underage tobacco and nicotine products use
- marijuana and other cannabinoids use
- prescription drug misuse

PRCs have four fundamental objectives:
- collect data relevant to the state's prevention priorities and share findings with community partners
- ensure sustainability of a Regional Epidemiological Workgroup focused on identifying strategies related to data collection, gaps in data, and prevention needs
- coordinate regional prevention trainings and conduct media awareness activities related to risks and consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) use
- conduct voluntary compliance checks and education on state tobacco laws to retailers

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Region 1	Panhandle and South Plains
Region 2	Northwest Texas
Region 3	Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex
Region 4	Upper East Texas
Region 5	Southeast Texas
Region 6	Gulf Coast
Region 7	Central Texas
Region 8	Upper South Texas
Region 9	West Texas
Region 10	Upper Rio Grande
Region 11	Rio Grande Valley/Lower South Texas

How PRCs Help the Community

PRCs provide technical assistance and consultation to providers, community groups, and other stakeholders to identify data related to substance use and behavioral health in general. PRCs work to promote and educate the community on substance use and misuse and associated consequences through various data products, media awareness activities, and an annual regional needs assessment. In this way, PRCs provide stakeholders with knowledge and understanding of the local populations they serve, help guide programmatic decision making, and provide community awareness and education related to substance use and misuse. The program also helps to identify community strengths, gaps in services and areas for improvement.

Data Coordinators
The PRC Data Coordinators serve as a primary resource for substance use and behavioral health data for their region. They lead a Regional Epidemiological Workgroup (REW), compile and synthesize data, and disseminate findings to the community. The PRC Data Coordinators also engage in building collaborative partnerships with key community members who aid in securing access to information.

Key Concepts

Adolescence

The World Health Organization (WHO) identifies adolescence as a critical transition in the lifespan characterized by tremendous growth and change, second only to infancy. This period of mental and physical development poses a critical point of vulnerability where the use and misuse of substances, or other risky behaviors, can have long-lasting negative effects on future health and well-being. The focus of prevention efforts on adolescence is particularly important since approximately 90% of adults who are clinically diagnosed with SUDs, began misusing substances before the age of 18.[1]
Qualifiers for age-specific terms related to different data sources will be referenced in each section.

Texas School Survey
The Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use (TSS) collects self-reported tobacco, alcohol, and substance use data among students in grades 7 through 12 in Texas public schools. The survey is sponsored by HHSC and administered by the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI). PPRI actively recruits approximately 20% of Texas public schools with grades 7 through 12 to participate in the statewide assessment during the spring of even-numbered years.[2]

> During the 2019-2020 school year, schools across Texas were closed from early March through the end of the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to this sudden and unexpected closure, many schools that had registered for the survey were unable to complete it. Please note that both the drop in participation along with the fact that those that did complete did so before March may have impacted the data. - Public Policy Research Institute

FIGURE 2. NUMBER OF SURVEYS INCLUDED IN STATE SAMPLE FOR TEXAS SCHOOL SURVEY

Number of Surveys Included in State Sample for TSS						
Report Year	**Original Campuses Selected**	**Campuses Signed Up to Participate**	**Actual Campuses Participated**	**Total Non-Blank Surveys**	**Usable Surveys**	**# Rejected**	**% Rejected**
2020*	700	224	107	28,901	27,965	936	3.2%
2018	710	228	191	62,620	60,776	1,884	2.9%
2016	600	187	140	50,143	49,070	1,073	2.1%

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[1] Dennis, M.L., et al., 2005. The duration and correlates of addiction and treatment careers. Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment 28(Suppl. 1): S51-S62.
[2] Texas School Survey, 2020/2018. http://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed March 4, 2021.

FIGURE 3. TEXAS SCHOOL SURVEY DISTRIBUTION COMPARISON AND IMPACT OF PANDEMIC

| Grade | Survey Distribution TSS 2020* | | Survey Distribution TSS 2018 | | Difference Between 2018 and 2020* TSS |
	# of Usable Surveys	%	# of Usable Surveys	%	# of Usable Surveys
Grade 7	6,414	2.9%	12,445	20.5%	-6,031
Grade 8	6,472	23.1%	12,268	20.2%	-5,796
Grade 9	4,189	15.0%	9,409	15.5%	-5,220
Grade 10	4,119	14.7%	9,571	15.8%	-5,452
Grade 11	3,556	12.7%	9,163	15.1%	-5,607
Grade 12	3,215	11.5%	7,920	13.0%	-4,705
Total	27,965	100.0%	60,776	100.0%	-32,811

Epidemiology

Epidemiology is described as "the study of the occurrence and distribution of health-related events, states, and processes in specified populations, including the study of the determinants influencing such processes, and the application of this knowledge to control relevant health problems."[3] This definition provides the theoretical framework that this assessment uses to discuss the overall impact of substance use and misuse. Epidemiology frames substance use and misuse as a preventable and treatable public health concern. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the main federal authority on substance use, utilizes epidemiology to identify and analyze community patterns of substance misuse and the contributing factors influencing this behavior.

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[3] Porta, Miquel S. *A Dictionary of Epidemiology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016, p. 95.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)

The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) provided by CSAP guides many prevention activities in Texas (see Figure 4). In 2004, Texas received a state incentive grant from CSAP to implement the SPF in close collaboration with local communities to tailor services to meet local needs for substance abuse prevention. This prevention framework provides a continuum of services that target the three classifications of prevention activities under the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), which are universal, selective, and indicated.[4]

FIGURE 4. STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK (SPF)

Strategic Prevention Framework

Assessment
Profile population needs, resources, and readiness to address needs and gaps

Capacity
Mobilize and/or build capacity to address needs

Planning
Develop a Comprehensive Strategic Plan

Implementation
Implement the Strategic Plan and corresponding evidence-based prevention strategies

Evaluation
Monitor, evaluate, sustain, and improve or replace those that fail

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4 Sustainability & Cultural Competence. 2020. AVPRIDE. https://avpride.com/ Accessed April 29, 2020

Socio-Ecological Model

The Socio-Ecological Model (SEM) is a conceptual framework developed to better understand the multidimensional factors that influence health behavior and to categorize health intervention strategies. This RNA is organized using the six domains (or levels) of the SEM as described below:

- Societal Domain - social and cultural norms and socio-demographics such as the economic status of the community
- Community Domain - social and physical factors that indirectly influence youth including educational attainment of the community, community conditions, the health care/service system, and retail access to substances
- School Domain - social and physical factors that indirectly impact youth including academic achievement and the school environment
- Family Domain - social and physical factors that indirectly impact youth including family conditions and perceptions of parental attitudes
- Peer Domain - interpersonal factors including social norms and youth perceptions of peer consumption and social access
- Individual Domain - intrapersonal characteristics of youth such as knowledge, skills, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors

The SEM proposes that behavior is impacted by all levels of influence, from the intrapersonal to the societal, and that the health promotion programs become more effective when they intervene at multiple levels. Changes at the community level will create change in individuals, and the support of individuals in the population is essential for implementing environmental change.

Risk and Protective Factors

One component shared by effective prevention programs is a focus on risk and protective factors that influence adolescents. Protective factors decrease an individual's risk for a substance use disorder. Examples include strong and positive family bonds, parental monitoring of children's activities, and access to mentoring. Risk factors increase the likelihood of substance use behaviors. Examples include unstable home environments, parental use of alcohol or drugs, parental mental illness, poverty levels, and failure in school performance. Risk and protective factors can exist in any of the domains of the Socio-Ecological Model (see Figure 5).[5]

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[5] Adapted from: D'Amico, EJ, Osilla, KC. *Prevention and intervention in the school setting*. Edited by KJ Sher. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. Vol. 2 of *The Oxford Handbook of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders,* p. 678.

Figure 5. Socio-ecological Model for Substance Use Risk Factors and Protective Factors with Examples[6]

	Risk Factors	Protective Factors
Society	• Impoverishment • Unemployment and underemployment • Discrimination • Pro-AOD-use messages in the media	• Media literacy (resistance to pro-use messages) • Decreased accessibility • Increased pricing through taxation • Raised purchasing age and enforcement • Stricter driving-under-the-influence laws
Community	• Availability of AOD • Community laws, norms favorable toward AOD • Extreme economic and social deprivation • Transition and mobility • Low neighborhood attachment and community disorganization	• Opportunities for participation as active members of the community • Decreasing AOD accessibility • Cultural norms that set high expectations for youth • Social networks and support systems within the community
School	• Academic failure beginning in elementary school • Low commitment to school	• Opportunities for prosocial involvement • Rewards/recognition for prosocial involvement • Healthy beliefs and clear standards for behavior • Caring and support from teachers and staff • Positive instructional climate
Family	• Family history of AOD use • Family management problems • Family conflict • Parental beliefs about AOD	• Bonding (positive attachments) • Healthy beliefs and clear standards for behavior • High parental expectations • A sense of basic trust • Positive family dynamics
Peer	• Association with peers who use or value AOD use • Association with peers who reject mainstream activities and pursuits • Susceptibility to negative peer pressure • Easily influenced by peers	• Association with peers who are involved in school, recreation, service, religion, or other organized activities • Resistance to negative peer pressure • Not easily influenced by peers
Individual	• Biological and psychological dispositions • Positive beliefs about AOD use • Early initiation of AOD use • Negative relationships with adults • Risk-taking propensity/impulsivity	• Opportunities for prosocial involvement • Rewards/recognition for prosocial involvement • Healthy beliefs and clear standards for behavior • Positive sense of self • Negative beliefs about AOD • Positive relationships with adults

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[6] Adapted from: D'Amico, EJ, Osilla, KC. *Prevention and intervention in the school setting*. Edited by KJ Sher. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. Vol. 2 of *The Oxford Handbook of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders*, p. 678.

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health People 2030 defines the SDOH as the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. The SDOH are grouped into 5 domains; economic stability, education access, health care access, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context. SDOH's have a major impact on health, well-being, and quality of life, they also contribute to health disparities and inequities.

FIGURE 6. SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)

Adapted from: Healthy People 2020

health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determaints-health

Consumption Patterns

This needs assessment follows the example of the TSS, the Texas Youth Risk Surveillance System (YRBSS), and the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), by organizing consumption patterns into three categories: lifetime use (has tried a substance, even if only once), school year use (past year use when surveying adults or youth outside of a school setting), and current use (use within the past 30 days). These three consumption patterns are used in the TSS to elicit self-reports from adolescents on their use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and illicit drugs and their misuse of prescription drugs. The TSS, in turn, is used as the primary outcome measure of Texas youth substance use and misuse in this needs assessment.

A plethora of information exists on risk factors that contribute to Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) in the United States. According to SAMHSA, AUD is ranked as the most wide-reaching SUD in the U.S. for people ages 12 and older, followed by Tobacco Use Disorder, Cannabis Use Disorder, Stimulant Use Disorder, Hallucinogen Use Disorder, and Opioid Use Disorder. When evaluating alcohol consumption patterns in adolescents, more descriptive information beyond the aforementioned three general consumption categories is often desired and can be tapped by adding specific quantifiers (i.e., per capita sales, frequency and trends of consumption, and definitions of binge drinking and heavy drinking), and qualifiers (i.e., consequential behaviors, drinking and driving, alcohol consumption during pregnancy) to the operationalization process.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) has created very specific guidelines that are widely used in the quantitative measurement of alcohol consumption (see Figure 7).

Some alcoholic drinks contain more alcohol than others. As with all matter's nutritional, you need to consider the portion size. For example, some cocktails may contain an alcohol "dose" equivalent to three standard drinks.

FIGURE 7. NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM (NIAAA)

Percentage of Alcohol in Standard Portions
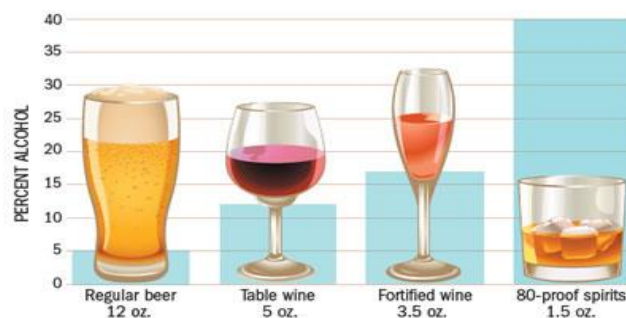
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/ Accessed April 16, 2020

Consequences

One of the hallmarks of SUDs is the continued use of a substance despite harmful or negative consequences. SUDs have health consequences, physical consequences, social consequences, and specific consequences for adolescents. The prevention of such consequences has received priority attention as Goal 2 (out of four goals) on the 2016-2020 NIDA Strategic Plan titled *Develop new and improved strategies to prevent drug use and its consequences*.

We caution our readers against drawing firm conclusions about the consequences of SUDs from the data reported here. The secondary data we have drawn from does not necessarily show a causal relationship between SUDs and consequences for the community.

Stakeholder/Audience

This document can provide useful information to stakeholders from a variety of disciplines: substance use prevention and treatment providers; community coalitions; medical providers; school districts and higher education institutions; city, county, and state leaders; and community members interested in public health and drug consumption. The information presented in this report aims to contribute to program planning, evidence-based decision making, and community education.

The executive summary found at the beginning of this report provides highlights of the report for those seeking a brief overview. Since readers of this report will come from a variety of backgrounds, a glossary of key concepts can be found at the end of this needs assessment. The core of the report focuses on risk factors, consumption patterns, consequences, and protective factors.

PART II – Geographical Area and Community Demographics

Regional Demographics

Overview of Region

Geographic Boundaries

The geographical scope of work for PRC Region 6 encompasses 13 counties (see Figure 8): Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.

FIGURE 8. LOCATION AND 13 COUNTIES OF REGION 6 IN TEXAS
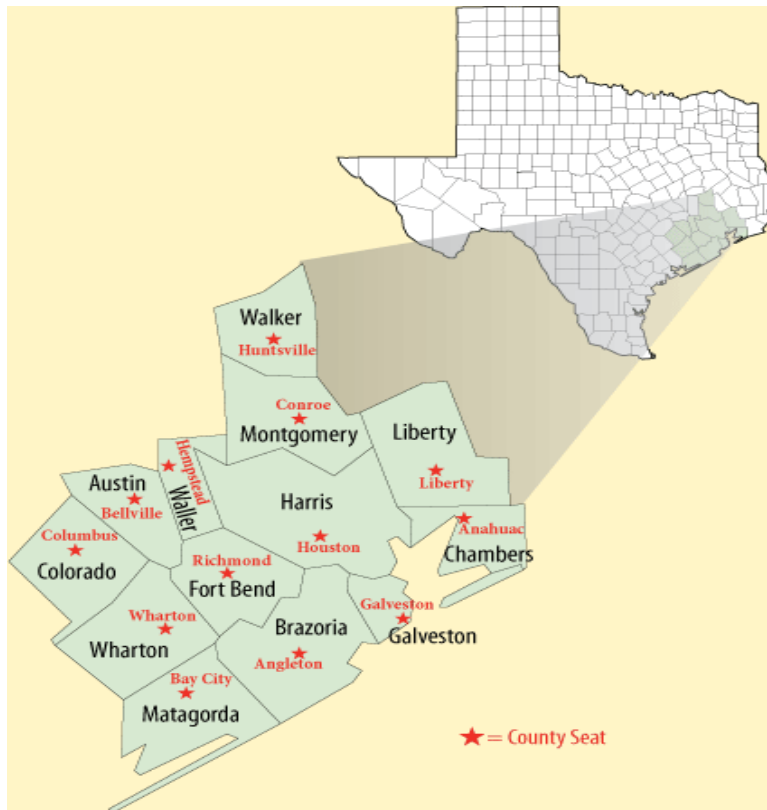
Source: Houston-Galveston Area Council

TABLE 1. REGION 6 ZIP CODES BY COUNTY

County	Zip Codes
Austin	78944, 77452, 78950, 77418, 78931, 77474, 77473, 78933
Brazoria	77566, 77577, 77578, 77581, 77584, 77583, 77422, 77463, 77480, 77486, 77510, 77512, 77511, 77515, 77531, 77534, 77541
Chambers	77580, 77523, 77597, 77661, 77560, 77617, 77514
Colorado	78943, 77412, 78951, 77442, 77460, 77470, 78934, 77475, 78935
Fort Bend	77406, 77417, 77420, 77430, 77435, 77441, 77444, 77451, 77459, 77461, 77464, 77469, 77471, 77476, 77478, 77477, 77479, 77481, 77485, 77489, 77496, 77494, 77407, 77498, 77545
Galveston	77568, 77574, 77573, 77591, 77590, 77592, 77517, 77623, 77518, 77539, 77650, 77551, 77550, 77553, 77552, 77555, 77554, 77563, 77565
Harris	77002, 77004, 77003, 77006, 77005, 77008, 77007, 77010, 77009, 77012, 77011, 77014, 77013, 77016, 77015, 77018, 77017, 77020, 77019, 77022, 77021, 77024, 77023, 77026, 77025, 77028, 77027, 77030, 77029, 77032, 77031, 77034, 77033, 77036, 77035, 77038, 77037, 77040, 77039, 77042, 77041, 77044, 77043, 77046, 77045, 77048, 77047, 77050, 77049, 77051, 77054, 77053, 77056, 77055, 77058, 77057, 77060, 77059, 77062, 77061, 77064, 77063, 77066, 77065, 77068, 77067, 77070, 77069, 77072, 77071, 77074, 77073, 77076, 77075, 77078, 77077, 77080, 77079, 77082, 77081, 77084, 77083, 77086, 77085, 77088, 77087, 77090, 77089, 77092, 77091, 77094, 77093, 77096, 77095, 77098, 77099, 77204, 77217, 77249, 77248, 77251, 77266, 77268, 77271, 77284, 77289, 77336, 77339, 77338, 77345, 77346, 77357, 77373, 77375, 77377, 77379, 77383, 77389, 77388, 77396, 77401, 77410, 77429, 77433, 77447, 77450, 77449, 77484, 77493, 77503, 77502, 77505, 77504, 77507, 77506, 77521, 77520, 77530, 77532, 77536, 77546, 77547, 77562, 77571, 77586, 77587, 77598
Liberty	77575, 77582, 77327, 77368, 77533, 77369, 77535, 77538, 77561, 77564
Matagorda	77482, 77404, 77483, 77415, 77414, 77456, 77458, 77457, 77419, 77428, 77465, 77468, 77440
Montgomery	77301, 77303, 77302, 77305, 77304, 77306, 77318, 77316, 77328, 77333, 77354, 77356, 77355, 77362, 77365, 77372, 77873, 77378, 77381, 77380, 77382, 77385, 77384, 77387, 77386
Walker	77320, 75852, 77367, 77334, 77341, 77340, 75862, 77343, 77831, 77342, 77349, 77358
Waller	77320, 75852, 77367, 77334, 77341, 77340, 75862, 77343, 77831, 77342, 77349, 77358
Wharton	77448, 77454, 77488, 77453, 77455, 77467, 77432, 77434, 77436, 77437, 77443

TABLE 2. PUBLIC HEALTH REGION 6, STATE FIPS, COUNTY FIPS, GEO CODES, AND ANSI CODES BY COUNTY[7][8][9][10]

PH Region	County	COG ID	State FIPS	State	County FIPS	Geo Code	ANSI Code
6	Austin	16	48	Texas	015	48015	01383793
6	Brazoria	16	48	Texas	039	48039	01383805
6	Chambers	16	48	Texas	071	48071	01383821
6	Colorado	16	48	Texas	089	48089	01383830
6	Fort Bend	16	48	Texas	157	48157	01383864
6	Galveston	16	48	Texas	167	48167	01383869
6	Harris	16	48	Texas	201	48201	01383886
6	Liberty	16	48	Texas	291	48291	01383931
6	Matagorda	16	48	Texas	321	48321	01383943
6	Montgomery	16	48	Texas	339	48339	01383955
6	Walker	16	48	Texas	471	48471	01384021
6	Waller	16	48	Texas	473	48473	01384022
6	Wharton	16	48	Texas	481	48481	01384026

Note. COG ID = Geographical Identifier defined by Texas Association of Regional Councils. State FIPS = Geographic Identifier. County FIPS = State Level Geographic Identifier. Geo Code = National Level Geographic Identifier. ANSI Code = American National Standards Institute Code.

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[7] Texas Health and Human Services. Texas Department of State Health Services. Public Health Region 6/5. https://dshs.texas.gov/region6-5/default.shtm. Accessed August 6, 2020.

[8] Texas Demographic Center. Texas Population Projections and Estimates. 2018-2020. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA04oDEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2020

[9] Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC). Regional Council of Governments Identifiers defined by TARC. 2016. https://txregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/TARC-Map.pdf. Accessed August 9, 2020.

[10] United States Census Bureau. American National Standards Institute codes by county. https://www.census.gov/library/reference/code-lists/ansi.html. Accessed August 6, 2020.

Major Metropolitan Areas

The one major metropolitan area identified in Region 6 is the Houston/The Woodlands/Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area is 9,444 square miles and has an estimated total population of 7,066,141.[11] Figure 9 displays the Houston/The Woodlands/Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area and consists of the nine following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller.[12]

FIGURE 9. THE NINE COUNTIES OF THE HOUSTON/THE WOODLANDS/SUGAR LAND METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA[13]
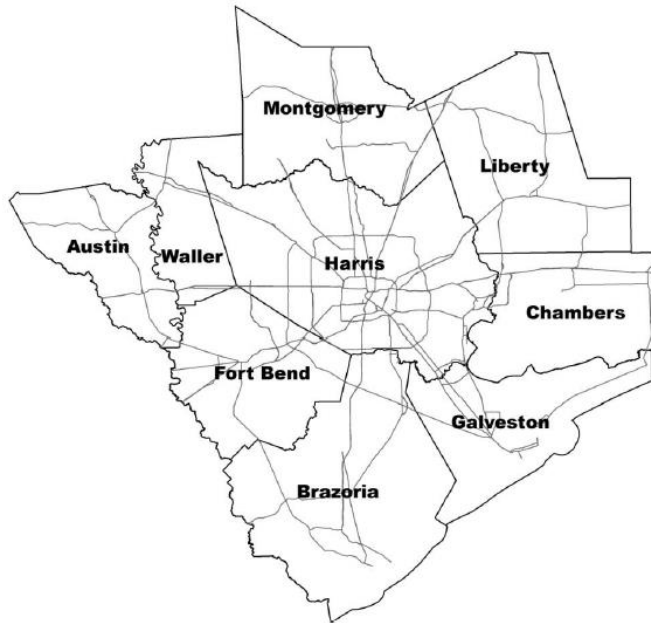
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[11] Greater Houston Partnership. Houston Facts. 2020. https://www.houston.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/houston%20facts%202020_final.pdf#:~:text=The%20Houston%2DThe%20Woodlands%2DSugar,2018%2C%20reflecting%201.3%20percent%20growth. Accessed August 9, 2020.

[12] Greater Houston Partnership. Houston Metropolitan Statistical Profile. 2017. https://hogg.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/02C20W00120Houston20Area20Profile1.pdf. Accessed August 9, 2020.

[13] Greater Houston Partnership. Houston Metropolitan Statistical Profile. 2017. https://hogg.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/02C20W00120Houston20Area20Profile1.pdf. Accessed August 9, 2020.

Demographic Information

Total Population

The projected total population for 2020 for Region 6 is 7,547,256 with a population density of 619.0 people per square mile. The county-level projected population totals for the 13 counties of Region 6 range from 21,273 in Colorado County to 4,978,845 in Harris County, with population densities ranging from 22 people per square mile to 2,920 per square mile, respectively. Total land area for the 13 counties ranged from 379 miles for Galveston County to 1,704.9 for Harris County. Geographically, Texas is 261,250 square miles and Region 6 is 12,184.3 square miles – Region 6 makes up 4.7 percent of the entire land area of Texas. The population of Region 6 makes up 25.4 percent of the population of all of Texas for 2020. Trends in population change between 2018 and 2020 yield the largest change for Harris County with an increase of 107 in projected population and no change for three counties: Colorado, Matagorda, and Wharton Counties. Region 6 experienced an increase of 310,435 population and the state of Texas, as a whole, experienced no change between 2018 and 2020 population projections.[14] Table 3 displays the Region 6 county-level population projections and population densities, as well as three-year changes in both.

TABLE 3. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL PROJECTED POPULATION TOTAL, POPULATION DENSITY, AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2019-2021[15]

County (Total Land Area in Square Miles)	Population 2019		Population 2020		Population 2021		Change 2019-2021	
	Projected Total	Density	Projected Total	Density	Projected Total	Density	Projected Total	Density
Austin (646.5)	30,207	46.0	30,402	47.0	30,609	47.3	402	1.3
Brazoria (1,357.8)	369,156	271.0	375,869	276.0	382,793	281.9	13,637	10.9
Chambers (597.2)	41,451	69.0	42,320	70.0	43,243	72.4	1,792	3.4
Colorado (960.3)	21,239	22.0	21,273	22.0	21,318	22.2	79	0.2
Fort Bend (861.8)	810,619	940.0	840,383	975.0	871,351	1011.1	60,732	71.1
Galveston (379)	348,442	919.0	355,196	937.0	362,099	955.4	13,657	36.4
Harris (1,704.9)	4,887,341	2866.0	4,978,845	2920.0	5,071,573	2974.7	184,232	108.7
Liberty (1,158.5)	84,278	72.0	85,284	73.0	86,326	74.5	2,048	2.5
Matagorda (1,092.9)	37,064	33.0	37,064	33.0	37,055	33.9	-9	0.9
Montgomery (1,041.9)	595,887	571.0	613,951	589.0	632,702	607.3	36,815	36.3
Walker (784.2)	73,219	93.0	73,997	94.0	74,751	95.3	1,532	2.3
Waller (513.3)	49,950	97.0	50,731	98.0	51,529	100.4	1,579	3.4
Wharton (1,086.2)	41,883	38.0	41,941	38.0	41,999	38.7	116	0.7
Region 6 (12,184.3)	7,390,736	606.0	7,547,256	619.0	7,707,348	632.6	316,612	26.6
Texas (261,250.0)	29,193,268	111.0	29,677,668	113.0	30,168,926	115.5	975,658	4.5

[15]Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

Age

TABLE 4. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION PROJECTION TOTALS BY AGE GROUP FOR 2019-2021[16]

	2019					2020					2021				
	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+
Austin	6,916	2,369	6,970	7,857	6,095	6,938	2,332	7,055	7,801	6,276	6,937	2,338	7,204	7,614	6,516
Brazoria	93,559	33,936	100,646	94,798	46,217	94,183	34,511	102,703	95,734	48,738	94,898	35,235	104,803	96,743	51,114
Chambers	10,690	3,801	11,460	10,228	5,272	10,887	3,810	11,905	10,190	5,528	11,086	3,825	12,338	10,214	5,780
Colorado	4,923	1,641	4,589	5,277	4,809	4,956	1,630	4,643	5,182	4,862	4,976	1,644	4,706	5,065	4,927
Fort Bend	205,943	79,223	214,006	214,883	96,564	210,803	81,136	223,337	219,970	105,137	215,847	83,219	233,996	224,044	114,245
Galveston	84,288	29,026	95,088	89,152	50,888	85,826	29,347	97,371	89,325	53,327	87,277	29,927	99,625	89,478	55,792
Harris	1,310,915	469,977	1,485,555	1,115,933	504,961	1,330,726	475,703	1,511,432	1,132,014	528,970	1,349,783	484,135	1,537,171	1,147,161	553,323
Liberty	20,681	7,248	22,826	20,894	12,629	21,053	7,075	23,208	20,778	13,170	21,368	7,078	23,440	20,773	13,667
Matagorda	9,057	3,170	9,185	9,197	6,455	9,067	3,088	9,305	8,994	6,610	9,022	3,060	9,417	8,822	6,734
Montgomery	149,360	51,972	159,108	153,219	82,228	152,679	53,221	164,616	156,386	87,049	156,149	54,592	170,652	159,191	92,118
Walker	12,785	13,573	19,279	17,755	9,827	13,097	13,620	19,431	17,618	10,231	13,329	13,755	19,563	17,567	10,537
Waller	11,401	10,349	10,755	10,667	6,778	11,528	10,476	11,060	10,569	7,098	11,621	10,697	11,398	10,470	7,343
Wharton	10,667	3,501	10,259	9,979	7,477	10,603	3,574	10,312	9,783	7,669	10,565	3,621	10,331	9,592	7,890
Region 6	1,924,061	707,286	2,142,634	1,753,670	836,364	1,962,346	719,523	2,196,378	1,784,344	884,665	1,992,858	733,126	2,244,644	1,806,734	929,986
Texas	7,437,514	2,947,920	8,158,036	6,898,859	3,750,939	7,515,129	2,980,352	8,305,013	6,965,146	3,912,028	7,594,941	3,016,768	8,458,410	7,025,211	4,073,596

[16] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

TABLE 5. REGION 6 THREE-YEAR CHANGE IN COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION PROJECTION TOTALS BY AGE GROUP FOR 2019-2021 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[17]

	2019-2021 Change				
	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+
Austin	21	-31	234	-243	421
Brazoria	1,339	1,299	4,157	1,945	4,897
Chambers	396	24	878	-14	508
Colorado	53	3	117	-212	118
Fort Bend	9,904	3,996	19,990	9,161	17,681
Galveston	2,989	901	4,537	326	4,904
Harris	38,868	14,158	51,616	31,228	48,362
Liberty	687	-170	614	-121	1,038
Matagorda	7,089	2,390	7,324	5,794	4,115
Montgomery	6,789	2,620	11,544	5,972	9,890
Walker	544	182	284	-188	710
Waller	220	348	643	-197	565
Wharton	-102	120	72	-387	413
Region 6	68,797	25,840	102,010	53,064	93,622
Texas	157,427	68,848	300,374	126,352	322,657

[17] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

TABLE 6. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION PROJECTION PERCENTAGES BY AGE GROUP FOR 2019-2021[18]

	2019					2020					2021				
	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+
Austin	22.9%	7.8%	23.1%	26.0%	20.2%	22.8%	7.7%	23.2%	25.7%	20.6%	22.7%	7.6%	23.5%	24.9%	21.3%
Brazoria	25.3%	9.2%	27.3%	25.7%	12.5%	25.1%	9.2%	27.3%	25.5%	13.0%	24.8%	9.2%	27.4%	25.3%	13.4%
Chambers	25.8%	9.2%	27.6%	24.7%	12.7%	25.7%	9.0%	28.1%	24.1%	13.1%	25.6%	8.8%	28.5%	23.6%	13.4%
Colorado	23.2%	7.7%	21.6%	24.8%	22.6%	23.3%	7.7%	21.8%	24.4%	22.9%	23.3%	7.7%	22.1%	23.8%	23.1%
Fort Bend	25.4%	9.8%	26.4%	26.5%	11.9%	25.1%	9.7%	26.6%	26.2%	12.5%	24.8%	9.6%	26.9%	25.7%	13.1%
Galveston	24.2%	8.3%	27.3%	25.6%	14.6%	24.2%	8.3%	27.4%	25.1%	15.0%	24.1%	8.3%	27.5%	24.7%	15.4%
Harris	26.8%	9.6%	30.4%	22.8%	10.3%	26.7%	9.6%	30.4%	22.7%	10.6%	26.6%	9.5%	30.3%	22.6%	10.9%
Liberty	24.5%	8.6%	27.1%	24.8%	15.0%	24.7%	8.3%	27.2%	24.4%	15.4%	24.8%	8.2%	27.2%	24.1%	15.8%
Matagorda	24.4%	8.6%	24.8%	24.8%	17.4%	24.5%	8.3%	25.1%	24.3%	17.8%	24.3%	8.3%	25.4%	23.8%	18.2%
Montgomery	25.1%	8.7%	26.7%	25.7%	13.8%	24.9%	8.7%	26.8%	25.5%	14.2%	24.7%	8.6%	27.0%	25.2%	14.6%
Walker	17.5%	18.5%	26.3%	24.2%	13.4%	17.7%	18.4%	26.3%	23.8%	13.8%	17.8%	18.4%	26.2%	23.5%	14.1%
Waller	22.8%	20.7%	21.5%	21.4%	13.6%	22.7%	20.7%	21.8%	20.8%	14.0%	22.6%	20.8%	22.1%	20.3%	14.3%
Wharton	25.5%	8.4%	24.5%	23.8%	17.9%	25.3%	8.5%	24.6%	23.3%	18.3%	25.2%	8.6%	24.6%	22.8%	18.8%
Region 6	26.1%	9.6%	29.1%	23.8%	11.4%	26.0%	9.5%	29.1%	23.6%	11.7%	25.9%	9.5%	29.1%	23.4%	12.1%
Texas	25.5%	10.1%	27.9%	23.6%	12.8%	25.3%	10.0%	28.0%	23.5%	13.2%	25.2%	10.0%	28.0%	23.3%	13.5%

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[18] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

	2019-2021 Change				
	Age 0-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65-95+
Austin	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.5%	-1.1%	1.1%
Brazoria	-0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	-0.4%	0.8%
Chambers	-0.2%	-0.3%	0.9%	-1.1%	0.6%
Colorado	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%	-1.1%	0.5%
Fort Bend	-0.6%	-0.2%	0.5%	-0.8%	1.2%
Galveston	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%	-0.9%	0.8%
Harris	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.6%
Liberty	0.2%	-0.4%	0.1%	-0.7%	0.8%
Matagorda	-0.1%	-0.3%	0.6%	-1.0%	0.8%
Montgomery	-0.4%	-0.1%	0.3%	-0.6%	0.8%
Walker	0.4%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.7%	0.7%
Waller	-0.3%	0.0%	0.6%	-1.0%	0.7%
Wharton	-0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	-1.0%	0.9%
Region 6	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.4%	0.7%
Texas	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.3%	0.7%

[19] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

FIGURE 10. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL PERCENTAGES BY AGE GROUPS FOR 2021[20]

Percentage of youth and young adults by county, Region 6, and Texas: 2021

County	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-24	Ages 25-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65-95+
Harris	26.6%	9.5%	30.3%	22.6%	10.9%
Region 6	25.9%	9.5%	29.1%	23.4%	12.1%
Chambers	25.6%	8.8%	28.5%	23.6%	13.4%
Texas	25.2%	10.0%	28.0%	23.3%	13.5%
Wharton	25.2%	8.6%	24.6%	22.8%	18.8%
Brazoria	24.8%	9.2%	27.4%	25.3%	13.4%
Fort Bend	24.8%	9.6%	26.9%	25.7%	13.1%
Liberty	24.8%	8.2%	27.2%	24.1%	15.8%
Montgomery	24.7%	8.6%	27.0%	25.2%	14.6%
Matagorda	24.3%	8.3%	25.4%	23.8%	18.2%
Galveston	24.1%	8.3%	27.5%	24.7%	15.4%
Colorado	23.3%	7.7%	22.1%	23.8%	23.1%
Austin	22.7%	7.6%	23.5%	24.9%	21.3%
Waller	22.6%	20.8%	22.1%	20.3%	14.3%
Walker	17.8%	18.4%	26.2%	23.5%	14.1%

[20] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607.
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Gender

TABLE 8. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION PROJECTION TOTALS AND PERCENTAGES BY GENDER FOR 2019-2021[21]

	2019					2020					3031				
	Population Total	Male Total	Male Percent	Female Total	Female Percent	Population Total	Male Total	Male Percent	Female Total	Female Percent	Population Total	Male Total	Male Percent	Female Total	Female Percent
Austin	30,207	14,943	49.5%	15,264	50.5%	30,402	15,020	49.4%	15,382	50.6%	30,609	15,103	49.3%	15,506	50.7%
Brazoria	369,156	186,511	50.5%	182,645	49.5%	375,869	189,800	50.5%	186,069	49.5%	382,793	193,175	50.5%	189,618	49.5%
Chambers	41,451	20,924	50.5%	20,527	49.5%	42,320	21,376	50.5%	20,944	49.5%	43,243	21,860	50.6%	21,383	49.4%
Colorado	21,239	10,671	50.2%	10,568	49.8%	21,273	10,706	50.3%	10,567	49.7%	21,318	10,742	50.4%	10,576	49.6%
Fort Bend	810,619	398,055	49.1%	412,564	50.9%	840,383	412,670	49.1%	427,713	50.9%	871,351	427,919	49.1%	443,432	50.9%
Galveston	348,442	171,853	49.3%	176,589	50.7%	355,196	175,112	49.3%	180,084	50.7%	362,099	178,424	49.3%	183,675	50.7%
Harris	4,887,341	2,431,851	49.8%	2,455,490	50.2%	4,978,845	2,477,112	49.8%	2,501,733	50.2%	5,071,573	2,523,009	49.7%	2,548,564	50.3%
Liberty	84,278	41,483	49.2%	42,795	50.8%	85,284	41,984	49.2%	43,300	50.8%	86,326	42,507	49.2%	43,819	50.8%
Matagorda	37,064	18,456	49.8%	18,608	50.2%	37,064	18,450	49.8%	18,614	50.2%	37,055	18,432	49.7%	18,623	50.3%
Montgomery	595,887	294,884	49.5%	301,003	50.5%	613,951	303,718	49.5%	310,233	50.5%	632,702	312,881	49.5%	319,821	50.5%
Walker	73,219	42,943	58.7%	30,276	41.3%	73,997	43,331	58.6%	30,666	41.4%	74,751	43,717	58.5%	31,034	41.5%
Waller	49,950	25,074	50.2%	24,876	49.8%	50,731	25,503	50.3%	25,228	49.7%	51,529	25,921	50.3%	25,608	49.7%
Wharton	41,883	20,644	49.3%	21,239	50.7%	41,941	20,659	49.3%	21,282	50.7%	41,999	20,686	49.3%	21,313	50.7%
Region 6	7,390,736	3,678,292	49.8%	3,712,444	50.2%	7,547,256	3,755,441	49.8%	3,791,815	50.2%	7,707,348	3,834,376	49.7%	3,872,972	50.3%
Texas	29,193,268	14,498,295	49.7%	14,694,973	50.3%	29,677,668	14,740,035	49.7%	14,937,633	50.3%	30,168,926	14,985,240	49.7%	15,183,686	50.3%

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[21] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

TABLE 9. REGION 6 THREE-YEAR CHANGE IN COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION PROJECTION TOTALS AND PERCENTAGES BY GENDER FOR 2019-2021[22]

County	2019-2021				
	Population Total	Male Total	Male Percent	Female Total	Female Percent
Austin	402	160	-0.1%	242	0.1%
Brazoria	13,637	6,664	-0.1%	6,973	0.1%
Chambers	1,792	936	0.1%	856	-0.1%
Colorado	79	71	0.1%	8	-0.1%
Fort Bend	60,732	29,864	0.0%	30,868	0.0%
Galveston	13,657	6,571	0.0%	7,086	0.0%
Harris	184,232	91,158	0.0%	93,074	0.0%
Liberty	2,048	1,024	0.0%	1,024	0.0%
Matagorda	-9	-24	-0.1%	15	0.1%
Montgomery	36,815	17,997	0.0%	18,818	0.0%
Walker	1,532	774	-0.2%	758	0.2%
Waller	1,579	847	0.1%	732	-0.1%
Wharton	116	42	0.0%	74	0.0%
Region 6	316,612	156,084	0.0%	160,528	0.0%
Texas	975,658	486,945	0.0%	488,713	0.0%

[22] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

Race/Ethnicity

TABLE 10. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION TOTALS BY RACE AND ETHNICITY 2019-2021[23]

	2019					2020					2021				
	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other
Austin	128	2,754	8,227	18,615	483	130	2,760	8,407	18,609	496	132	2,773	8,597	18,600	507
Brazoria	24,944	50,584	115,272	170,311	8,045	26,014	52,338	118,797	170,409	8,311	27,141	54,151	122,413	170,500	8,588
Chambers	401	3,487	10,150	26,709	704	411	3,586	10,623	26,977	723	422	3,682	11,117	27,275	747
Colorado	84	2,696	6,548	11,633	278	85	2,694	6,669	11,540	285	86	2,695	6,789	11,457	291
Fort Bend	164,714	156,992	199,787	267,466	21,660	174,343	161,167	207,700	274,177	22,996	184,543	165,443	215,890	281,060	24,415
Galveston	12,902	43,972	88,307	195,214	8,047	13,473	44,498	91,179	197,698	8,348	14,067	45,027	94,127	200,217	8,661
Harris	372,066	909,539	2,063,338	1,439,006	103,392	387,832	927,092	2,107,349	1,448,275	108,297	404,118	944,736	2,151,803	1,457,516	113,400
Liberty	409	8,138	19,653	54,460	1,618	419	8,135	20,418	54,650	1,662	429	8,127	21,215	54,848	1,707
Matagorda	759	3,966	15,622	16,118	599	766	3,962	15,752	15,973	611	776	3,959	15,877	15,821	622
Montgomery	18,077	29,413	148,761	386,432	13,204	19,431	30,923	156,053	393,697	13,847	20,900	32,501	163,680	401,092	14,529
Walker	744	16,988	13,506	40,688	1,293	762	17,304	13,797	40,804	1,330	782	17,619	14,092	40,890	1,368
Waller	269	11,570	15,156	22,188	767	280	11,643	15,449	22,572	787	294	11,683	15,742	23,003	807
Wharton	183	5,288	17,790	18,171	451	186	5,245	18,046	18,001	463	190	5,211	18,293	17,830	475
Region 6	595,680	1,245,387	2,722,117	2,667,011	160,541	624,132	1,271,347	2,790,239	2,693,382	168,156	653,880	1,297,607	2,859,635	2,720,109	176,117
Texas	1,456,220	3,485,870	11,556,382	12,066,910	627,886	1,525,540	3,557,892	11,804,659	12,138,523	651,054	1,597,919	3,630,915	12,056,086	12,209,069	674,937

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[23] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607.
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	2019-2021 Change				
	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other
Austin	4	19	370	-15	24
Brazoria	2,197	3,567	7,141	189	543
Chambers	21	195	967	566	43
Colorado	2	-1	241	-176	13
Fort Bend	19,829	8,451	16,103	13,594	2,755
Galveston	1,165	1,055	5,820	5,003	614
Harris	32,052	35,197	88,465	18,510	10,008
Liberty	20	-11	1,562	388	89
Matagorda	17	-7	255	-297	23
Montgomery	2,823	3,088	14,919	14,660	1,325
Walker	38	631	586	202	75
Waller	25	113	586	815	40
Wharton	7	-77	503	-341	24
Region 6	58,200	52,220	137,518	53,098	15,576
Texas	141,699	145,045	499,704	142,159	47,051

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[24] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

TABLE 12. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION PROJECTION PERCENTAGES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY FOR 2019-2021[25]

County	2019					2020					2021				
	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other
Austin	0.4%	9.1%	27.2%	61.6%	1.6%	0.4%	9.1%	27.7%	61.2%	1.6%	0.4%	9.1%	28.1%	60.8%	1.7%
Brazoria	6.8%	13.7%	31.2%	46.1%	2.2%	6.9%	13.9%	31.6%	45.3%	2.2%	7.1%	14.1%	32.0%	44.5%	2.2%
Chambers	1.0%	8.4%	24.5%	64.4%	1.7%	1.0%	8.5%	25.1%	63.7%	1.7%	1.0%	8.5%	25.7%	63.1%	1.7%
Colorado	0.4%	12.7%	30.8%	54.8%	1.3%	0.4%	12.7%	31.3%	54.2%	1.3%	0.4%	12.6%	31.8%	53.7%	1.4%
Fort Bend	20.3%	19.4%	24.6%	33.0%	2.7%	20.7%	19.2%	24.7%	32.6%	2.7%	21.2%	19.0%	24.8%	32.3%	2.8%
Galveston	3.7%	12.6%	25.3%	56.0%	2.3%	3.8%	12.5%	25.7%	55.7%	2.4%	3.9%	12.4%	26.0%	55.3%	2.4%
Harris	7.6%	18.6%	42.2%	29.4%	2.1%	7.8%	18.6%	42.3%	29.1%	2.2%	8.0%	18.6%	42.4%	28.7%	2.2%
Liberty	0.5%	9.7%	23.3%	64.6%	1.9%	0.5%	9.5%	23.9%	64.1%	1.9%	0.5%	9.4%	24.6%	63.5%	2.0%
Matagorda	2.0%	10.7%	42.1%	43.5%	1.6%	2.1%	10.7%	42.5%	43.1%	1.6%	2.1%	10.7%	42.8%	42.7%	1.7%
Montgomery	3.0%	4.9%	25.0%	64.8%	2.2%	3.2%	5.0%	25.4%	64.1%	2.3%	3.3%	5.1%	25.9%	63.4%	2.3%
Walker	1.0%	23.2%	18.4%	55.6%	1.8%	1.0%	23.4%	18.6%	55.1%	1.8%	1.0%	23.6%	18.9%	54.7%	1.8%
Waller	0.5%	23.2%	30.3%	44.4%	1.5%	0.6%	23.0%	30.5%	44.5%	1.6%	0.6%	22.7%	30.5%	44.6%	1.6%
Wharton	0.4%	12.6%	42.5%	43.4%	1.1%	0.4%	12.5%	43.0%	42.9%	1.1%	0.5%	12.4%	43.6%	42.5%	1.1%
Region 6	8.1%	16.9%	36.8%	36.1%	2.2%	8.3%	16.8%	37.0%	35.7%	2.2%	8.5%	16.8%	37.1%	35.3%	2.3%
Texas	5.0%	11.9%	39.6%	41.3%	2.2%	5.1%	12.0%	39.8%	40.9%	2.2%	5.3%	12.0%	40.0%	40.5%	2.2%

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TABLE 13. REGION 6 THREE-YEAR COUNTY-LEVEL CHANGE IN POPULATION PROJECTION PERCENTAGES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY 2019-2021 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[26]

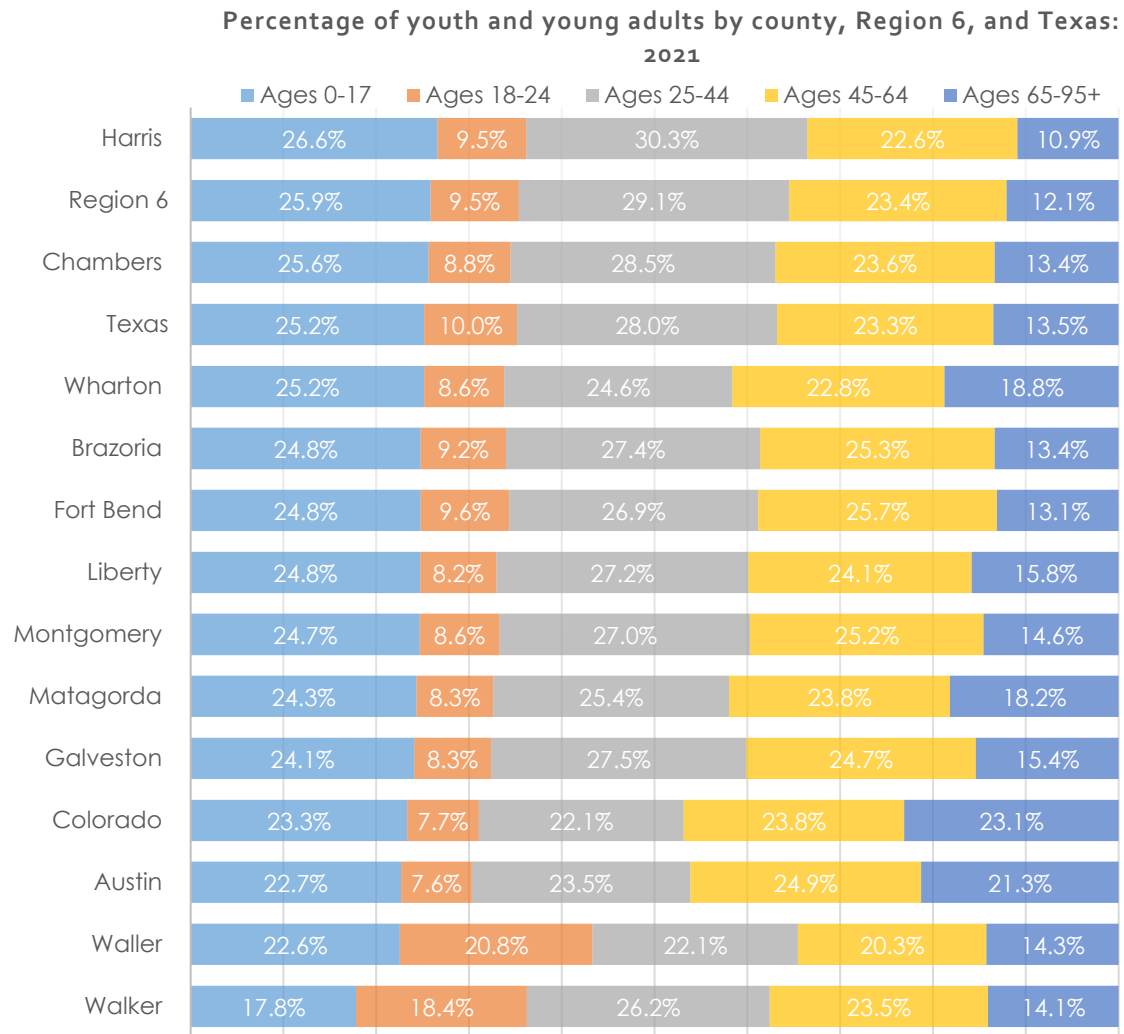|	2019				
	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Other
Austin	0.0%	-0.1%	0.9%	-0.9%	0.1%
Brazoria	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%	-1.6%	0.1%
Chambers	0.0%	0.1%	1.2%	-1.4%	0.0%
Colorado	0.0%	-0.1%	1.0%	-1.0%	0.1%
Fort Bend	0.9%	-0.4%	0.1%	-0.7%	0.1%
Galveston	0.2%	-0.2%	0.7%	-0.7%	0.1%
Harris	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	-0.7%	0.1%
Liberty	0.0%	-0.2%	1.3%	-1.1%	0.1%
Matagorda	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	-0.8%	0.1%
Montgomery	0.3%	0.2%	0.9%	-1.5%	0.1%
Walker	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.9%	0.1%
Waller	0.0%	-0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%
Wharton	0.0%	-0.2%	1.1%	-0.9%	0.1%
Region 6	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	-0.8%	0.1%
Texas	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%	-0.9%	0.1%

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[26] Texas Demographic Center. *Texas Population Projections and Estimates.* 2019-2021. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2021.

Limited English Proficiency

TABLE 14. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL POPULATION ESTIMATES AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE OF HOUSEHOLDS IDENTIFYING AS LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY SPEAKERS FOR 2016-2019[27]

County	2016			2017			2018			2019			2016-2019 Change		
	Total Households	Total LEP	Percent LEP	Total Households	Total LEP	Percent LEP	Total Households	Total LEP	Percent LEP	Total Households	Total LEP	Percent LEP	Total Households	Total LEP	Percent LEP
Austin	11,222	393	3.5%	11,021	386	3.5%	11,041	389	3.5%	11,301	338	3.0%	79	-55	-0.5%
Brazoria	114,290	4,572	4.0%	117,088	4,647	4.0%	118,762	5113	4.3%	121,523	4,868	4.0%	7,233	296	0.0%
Chambers	12,967	973	7.5%	13,320	851	6.4%	13,529	873	6.5%	14,069	837	5.9%	1,102	-136	-1.6%
Colorado	7,624	259	3.4%	7,603	329	4.3%	7,511	265	3.5%	7,450	256	3.4%	-174	-3	0.0%
Fort Bend	214,126	13,276	6.2%	222,331	13,376	6.0%	230,381	13999	6.1%	237,883	15,073	6.3%	23,757	1,797	0.1%
Galveston	115,685	3,702	3.2%	117,455	3,790	3.2%	119,181	3699	3.1%	121,438	3,768	3.1%	5,753	66	-0.1%
Harris	1,536,259	181,279	11.8%*	1,562,813	185,421	11.9%*	1,583,486	189061	11.9%*	1,605,368	191,315	11.9%	69,109	10,036	0.1%
Liberty	25,611	845	3.3%	25,974	823	3.2%	26,203	994	3.8%	26,873	1,016	3.8%	1,262	171	0.5%
Matagorda	13,666	1,244	9.1%	13,811	1,060	7.7%	13,636	1,169	8.6%	13,848	996	7.2%	182	-248	-1.9%
Montgomery	179,587	6,645	3.7%	186,861	7,121	3.8%	192,823	7128	3.7%	198,649	6,781	3.4%	19,062	136	-0.3%
Walker	20,695	621	3.0%**	21,294	510	2.4%**	21,636	653	3.0%**	21,963	601	2.7%	1,268	-20	-0.3%
Waller	14,082	845	6.0%	14,698	829	5.6%	14,807	848	5.7%	15,171	1,045	6.9%	1,089	200	0.9%
Wharton	14,979	779	5.2%	15,224	820	5.4%	15,256	906	5.9%	15,199	825	5.4%	220	46	0.2%
Region 6	2,280,793	215,431	9.5%	2,329,493	219,963	9.4%	2,368,252	225097	9.5%	2,410,735	227,719	9.4%	129,942	12,288	0.0%
Texas	9,289,554	734,648	7.9%	9,430,419	743,837	7.9%	9,553,046	753,508	7.9%	9,691,647	749,211	7.7%	402,093	14,563	-0.2%

[27] United States Census Bureau. "Summary File." U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Office. Web. 1 April 2020 <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>. Accessed August 30, 2021.

PART III - Risk Factors and Protective Factors

Societal Domain
Economic Status

Income

TABLE 15. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2018-2019[28]

County	2016		2017		2018		2019		2016-2019 Change	
	Total Households	Median Income	Total Households	Median Income	Total Households	Median Income	Total Households	Median Income	Total Households	Median Income
Austin	11,222	$56,681	11,021	$62,614	11,041	$65,365	11,301	$66,206	79	$9,525
Brazoria	114,290	$72,006	117,088	$76,426	118,762	$79,270	121,523	$81,447	7,233	$9,441
Chambers	12,967	$70,396	13,320	$74,368	13,529	$76,850	14,069	$91,141	1,102	$20,745
Colorado	7,624	$45,398	7,603	$50,241	7,511	$49,504	7,450	$52,559	-174	$7,161
Fort Bend	214,126	$91,152	222,331	$93,645	230,381	$95,561	237,883	$97,743	23,757	$6,591
Galveston	115,685	$63,064	117,455	$65,702	119,181	$69,369	121,438	$73,330	5,753	$10,266
Harris	1,536,259	$55,584	1,562,813	$57,791	1,583,486	$60,146	1,605,368	$61,705	69,109	$6,121
Liberty	25,611	$49,655	25,974	$48,344	26,203	$49,850	26,873	$51,494	1,262	$1,839
Matagorda	13,666	$41,253	13,811	$44,896	13,636	$45,500	13,848	$48,913	182	$7,660
Montgomery	179,587	$70,805	186,861	$74,323	192,823	$77,416	198,649	$80,902	19,062	$10,097
Walker	20,695	$40,090	21,294	$41,456	21,636	$41,855	21,963	$43,742	1,268	$3,652
Waller	14,082	$53,508	14,698	$53,506	14,807	$57,654	15,171	$59,642	1,089	$6,134
Wharton	14,979	$46,445	15,224	$50,145	15,256	$49,619	15,199	$48,310	220	$1,865
Region 6	2,280,793	*	2,329,493	*	2,368,252	*	2,410,735	*	129,942	*
Texas	9,289,554	$54,727	9,430,419	$57,051	9,553,046	$59,570	9,691,647	$61,874	402,093	$7,147

Note. * = Region-level data aggregation not available at the data source.

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[28] Texas Income by County e. https://data.census.gov, Accessed June 9, 2021.

Employment

TABLE 16. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL LABOR FORCE TOTALS AND PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT AND FOUR-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2017-2020[29]

County	2017		2018		2019		2020		2017-2020 Change	
	Labor Force Total	% Unemp	Labor Force Total	% Unemp	Labor Force Total	% Unemp	Labor Force Total	% Unemp	Labor Force Total	% Unemp
Austin	13,997	4.3%	14,015	3.6%	14,295	3.4%	13,638	6.6%	-359	2.3%
Brazoria	171,954	5.3%	175,989	4.5%	179,510	4.2%	177,709	8.6%	5,755	3.3%
Chambers	18,511	6.5%	19,157	5.4%	19,433	4.5%	19,836	9.5%	1,325	3.0%
Colorado	10,080	3.8%**	9,680	3.3%**	9,625	3.2%**	9,693	5.6%	-387	1.8%
Fort Bend	369,788	4.6%	382,102	4%	388,986	3.4%	394,948	7.7%	25,160	3.1%
Galveston	161,703	5.2%	164,757	4.6%	167,533	4.0%	164,608	8.7%	2,905	3.5%
Harris	2,268,944	5.0%	2,304,397	4.4%	2,343,199	3.8%	2,292,759	8.9%	23,815	3.9%
Liberty	31,713	7.1%	32,303	5.8%	32,769	5.0%*	33,582	10.6%	1,869	3.5%
Matagorda	16,930	7.2%*	16,912	6.1%*	4,175	4.3%	16,529	10.5%	-401	3.3%
Montgomery	267,342	4.3%	275,152	3.8%	280,362	3.4%	284,994	7.5%	17,652	3.2%
Walker	23,625	4.6%	23,970	4.2%	24,399	3.9%	24,085	7.2%	460	2.6%
Waller	22,201	4.9%	22,763	4.3%	23,160	3.7%	23,804	7.8%	1,603	2.9%
Wharton	21,054	4.5%	21,416	3.7%	21,799	3.4%	21,376	6.8%	322	2.3%
Region 6	3,397,842	5%	3,462,613	4.3%	3,509,244	3.7%	3,477,561	8.6%	79,719	3.6%
Texas	13,531,442	4.3%	13,839,910	3.9%	14,084,811	3.5%	13,983,343	7.6%	451,901	3.3%

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[29] Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Labor Force Data by County. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Last revised April 17, 2020. https://www.bls.gov/lau/#data. Accessed April 20, 2021.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Recipients

TABLE 17. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) RECIPIENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2018-2020[30][31]

County	2018			2019			2020			Change 2018-2020		
	Population	TANF Recipients	Rate per 100,000	Population	TANF Recipients	Rate per 100,000	Population	TANF Recipients	Rate per 100,000	Population	TANF Recipients	Rate per 100,000
Austin	30,002	38	126.7	30,207	22	72.8	30,402	26	85.5	400	48	-41.2
Brazoria	362,609	207	57.1	369,156	213	57.7	375,869	165	43.9	13,260	-163	-13.2
Chambers	40,629	26	64.0	41,451	23	55.5	42,320	21	49.6	1,691	24	-14.4
Colorado	21,199	20	94.3	21,239	12	56.5	21,273	3	14.1	74	-6	-80.2
Fort Bend	781,965	411	52.6	810,619	397	49.0	840,383	342	40.7	58,418	-370	-11.9
Galveston	341,737	424	124.1	348,442	315	90.4	355,196	296	83.3	13,459	-341	-40.8
Harris	4,796,533	5,953	124.1	4,887,341	5,371	109.9	4,978,845	3,533	71.0	182,312	-5,882	-53.1
Liberty	83,276	130	156.1	84,278	93	110.3	85,284	150	175.9	2,008	46	19.8
Matagorda	37,045	43	116.1	37,064	45	121.4	37,064	38	102.5	19	60	-13.6
Montgomery	578,410	401	69.3	595,887	355	59.6	613,951	357	58.1	35,541	-343	-11.2
Walker	72,447	78	107.7	73,219	83	113.4	73,997	51	68.9	1,550	-9	-38.8
Waller	49,136	65	132.3	49,950	70	140.1	50,731	27	53.2	1,595	-12	-79.1
Wharton	41,833	45	107.6	41,883	37	88.3	41,941	37	88.2	108	43	-19.4
Region 6	7,236,821	7,841	108.3	7,390,736	7,036	95.2	7,547,256	5,046	66.9	310,435	-7,774	-41.4
Texas	29,677,668	53,095	178.9	29,193,268	46,107	157.9	29,677,668	32,376	109.1	0	-52,986	-69.8

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[30] Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Texas Health and Human Services Commission. 2018-2020. https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/records-statistics/data-statistics/temporary-assistance-needy-families-tanf-statistics. Accessed July 14, 2021.
[31] Texas Demographic Center. Texas Population Projections and Estimates. 2018-2020. https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Tool?fid=E78EA7AF7FA040DEA6D207B2F706C607. Accessed July 6, 2020.

FIGURE 11. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL FIVE-YEAR TRENDS IN TANF RECIPIENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION 2017-2020[32]
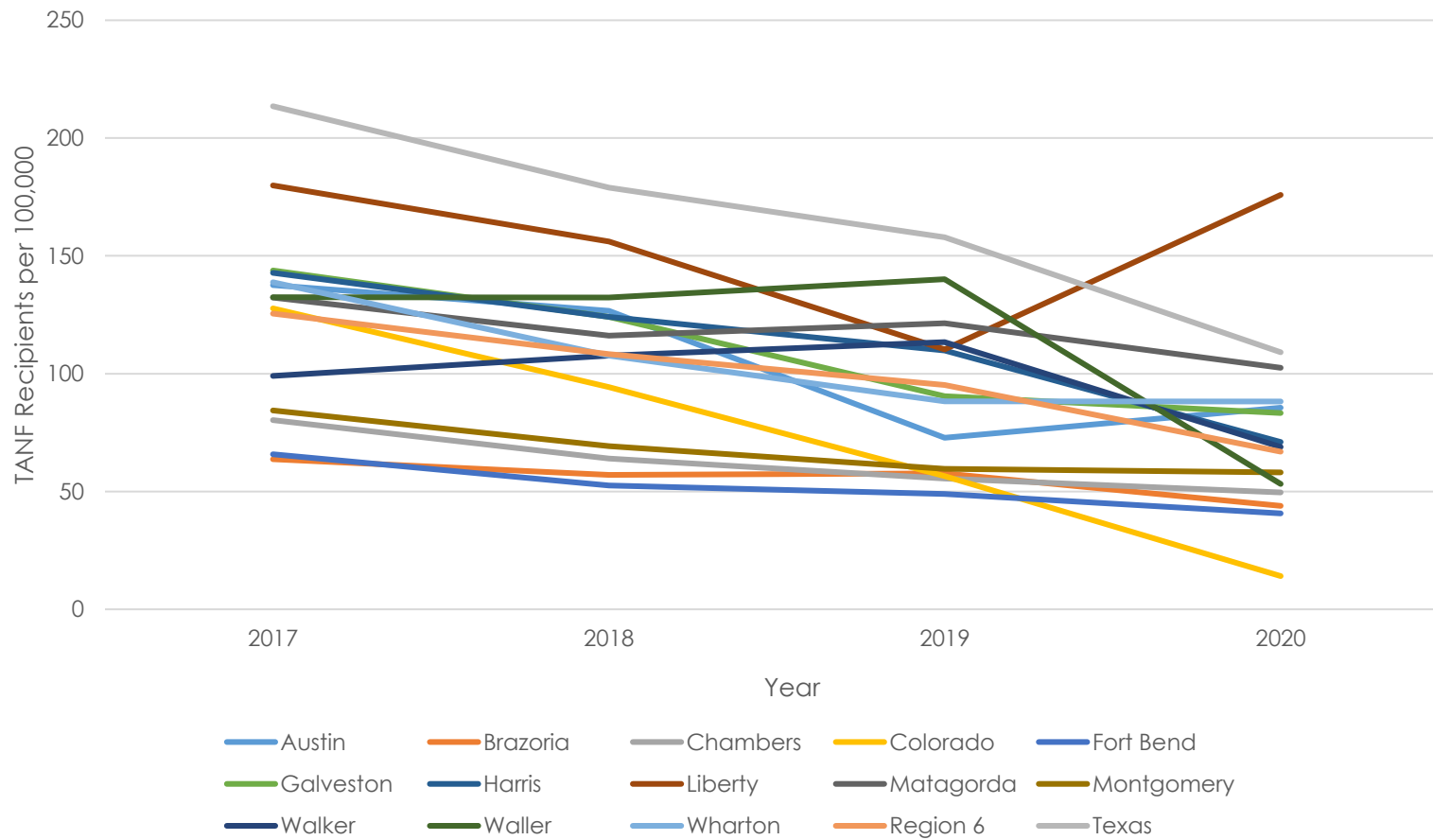
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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Recipients

County	2018			2019			2020			Change 2018-2020		
	Population	SNAP Recipients	Rate per 100,000	Population	SNAP Recipients	Rate per 100,000	Population	SNAP Recipients	Rate per 100,000	Population	SNAP Recipients	Rate per 100,000
Austin	30,002	2,890	9,631.9	30,207	2,517	8,332.8	30,402	2,596	8,538.9	400	-294	-1,093.0
Brazoria	362,609	32,298	8,907.1	369,156	29,069	7,874.4	375,869	32,862	8,742.9	13,260	564	-164.2
Chambers	40,629	3,308	8,142.0	41,451	3,179	7,669.5	42,320	3,857	9,113.9	1,691	549	971.9
Colorado	21,199	2,340	11,039.4	21,239	2,093	9,855.7	21,273	2,182	10,257.1	74	-158	-782.3
Fort Bend	781,965	54,264	6,939.4	810,619	49,875	6,152.7	840,383	55,251	6,574.5	58,418	987	-364.9
Galveston	341,737	37,721	11,038.0	348,442	34,815	9,991.7	355,196	36,174	10,184.2	13,459	-1,547	-853.8
Harris	4,796,533	653,450	13,623.4	4,887,341	590,587	12,084.0	4,978,845	619,867	12,450.0	182,312	-33,583	-1,173.4
Liberty	83,276	13,342	16,021.9	84,278	12,531	14,868.3	85,284	15,288	17,926.0	2,008	1,946	1,904.1
Matagorda	37,045	5,843	15,773.8	37,064	5,513	14,875.2	37,064	5,856	15,799.7	19	13	25.9
Montgomery	578,410	45,244	7,822.2	595,887	41,835	7,020.5	613,951	46,339	7,547.7	35,541	1,095	-274.5
Walker	72,447	6,760	9,331.3	73,219	6,328	8,642.6	73,997	6,677	9,023.3	1,550	-83	-308.0
Waller	49,136	6,009	12,228.3	49,950	5,421	10,852.0	50,731	5,395	10,634.5	1,595	-614	-1,593.8
Wharton	41,833	6,078	14,528.8	41,883	5,650	13,489.8	41,941	6,289	14,994.9	108	211	466.1
Region 6	7,236,821	869,547	12,015.6	7,390,736	789,413	10,681.1	7,547,256	838,633	11,111.8	310,435	-30,914	-903.8
Texas	29,677,668	3,722,407	12,542.8	29,193,268	3,725,683	12,762.1	29,677,668	3,419,984	11,523.8	0	-302,423	-1,019.0

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[34] Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) Statistics. Texas Health and Human Services Commission. https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/records-statistics/data-statistics/supplemental-nutritional-assistance-program-snap-statistics. Accessed May 12, 2021.

FIGURE 13. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL FOUR-YEAR TRENDS IN SNAP RECIPIENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR 2017-2020[35]
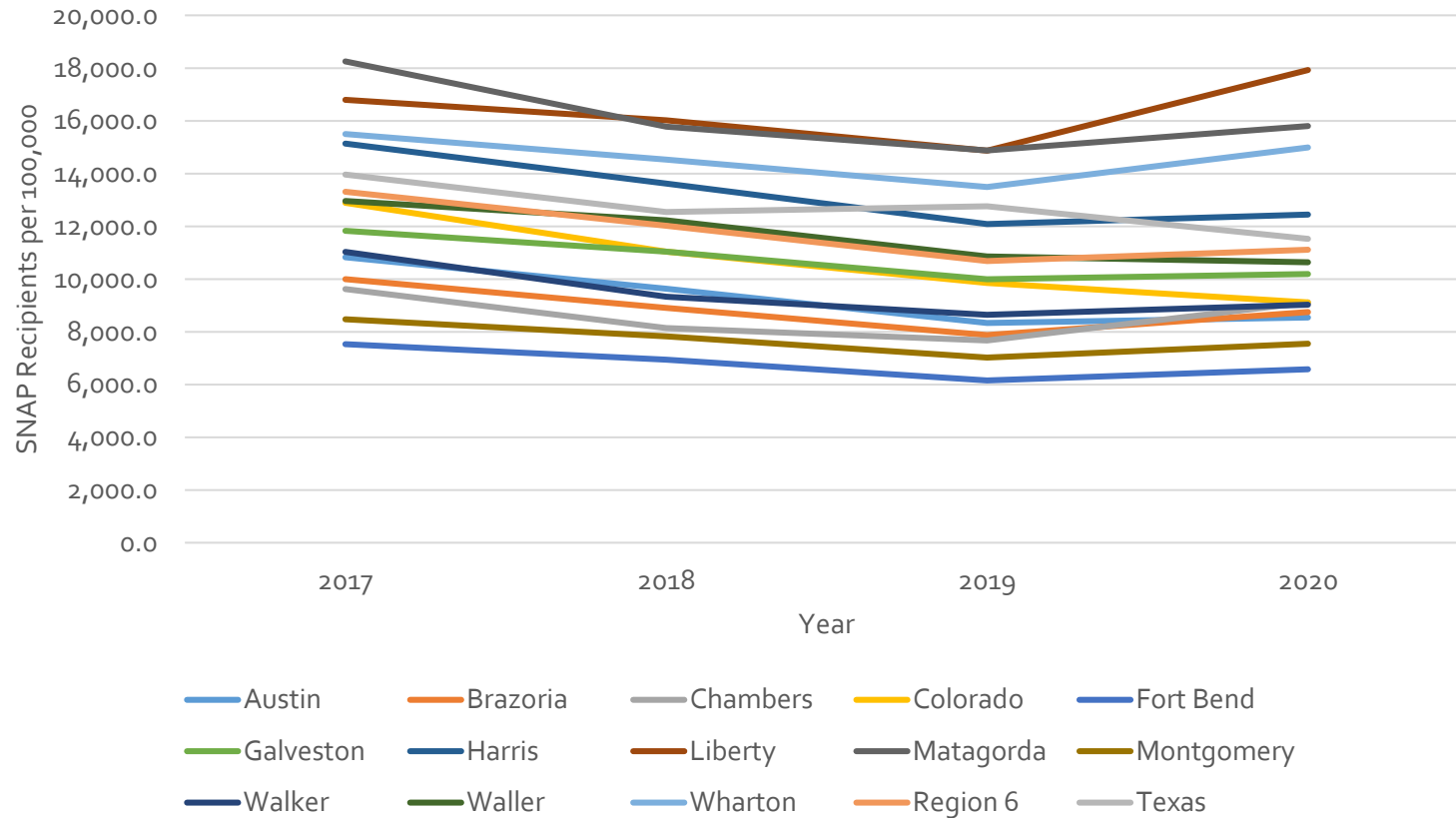
Free, Reduced School Lunch Recipients

TABLE 18. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED COST LUNCH AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2017-2020[36]

County	2017-2018			2018-2019			2019-2020			2018-2020 Change		
	Total Children	Total Eligible	% Eligible	Total Children	Total Eligible	% Eligible	Total Children	Total Eligible	% Eligible	Total Children	Total Eligible	% Eligible
Austin	5,599	3,026	54.0%	5,546	3,079	55.5%	5546	2470	45%	-53	-556	-9.0%
Brazoria	71,766	31,696	44.2%	72,707	34,996	48.1%	72707	35340	49%	941	3,644	4.8%
Chambers	8,919	3,279	36.8%	9,269	3,124	33.7%	9269	3621	39%	350	342	2.2%
Colorado	3,538	2,282	64.5%	3,589	2,419	67.4%	3589	2374	66%	51	92	1.5%
Fort Bend	159,562	53,808	33.7%	163,379	61,250	37.5%	163379	64226	39%	3,817	10,418	5.3%
Galveston	62,666	28,854	46.0%	62,588	29,624	47.3%	62588	30577	49%	-78	1,723	3.0%
Harris	897,908	576,292	64.2%	897,629	609,631	67.9%	897629	577293	64%	-279	1,001	-0.2%
Liberty	17,035	11,272	66.2%	18,213	12,884	70.7%	18213	14186	78%	1,178	2,914	11.8%
Matagorda	7,150	4,709	65.9%	7,255	5,093	70.2%	7255	5041	69%	105	332	3.1%
Montgomery	111,094	46,942	42.3%	113,485	52,240	46.0%	113485	57440	51%	2,391	10,498	8.7%
Walker	9,828	4,833	49.2%	10,428	5,986	57.4%	10428	5758	55%	600	925	5.8%
Waller	7,494	5,341	71.3%	7,655	5,396	70.5%	7655	5548	72%	161	207	0.7%
Wharton	8,369	5,469	65.3%	8,319	5,379	64.7%	8319	5428	65%	-50	-41	-0.3%
Region 6	1,370,928	777,803	56.7%	1,380,062	831,101	60.2%	1380062	809302	59%	9,134	31,499	2.3%
Texas	5,401,341	3,169,088	58.7%	5,433,471	3,288,771	60.5%	5,436,608	3,441,926	63%	35,267	272,838	4.3%

[36] U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics: Common Core Data. ELSI - Elementary and Secondary Information System. https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/elsi/tableGenerator.aspx. Accessed May 10, 2021.

FIGURE 14. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL FOUR-YEAR TRENDS OF PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-COST LUNCH 2017-2020[37]
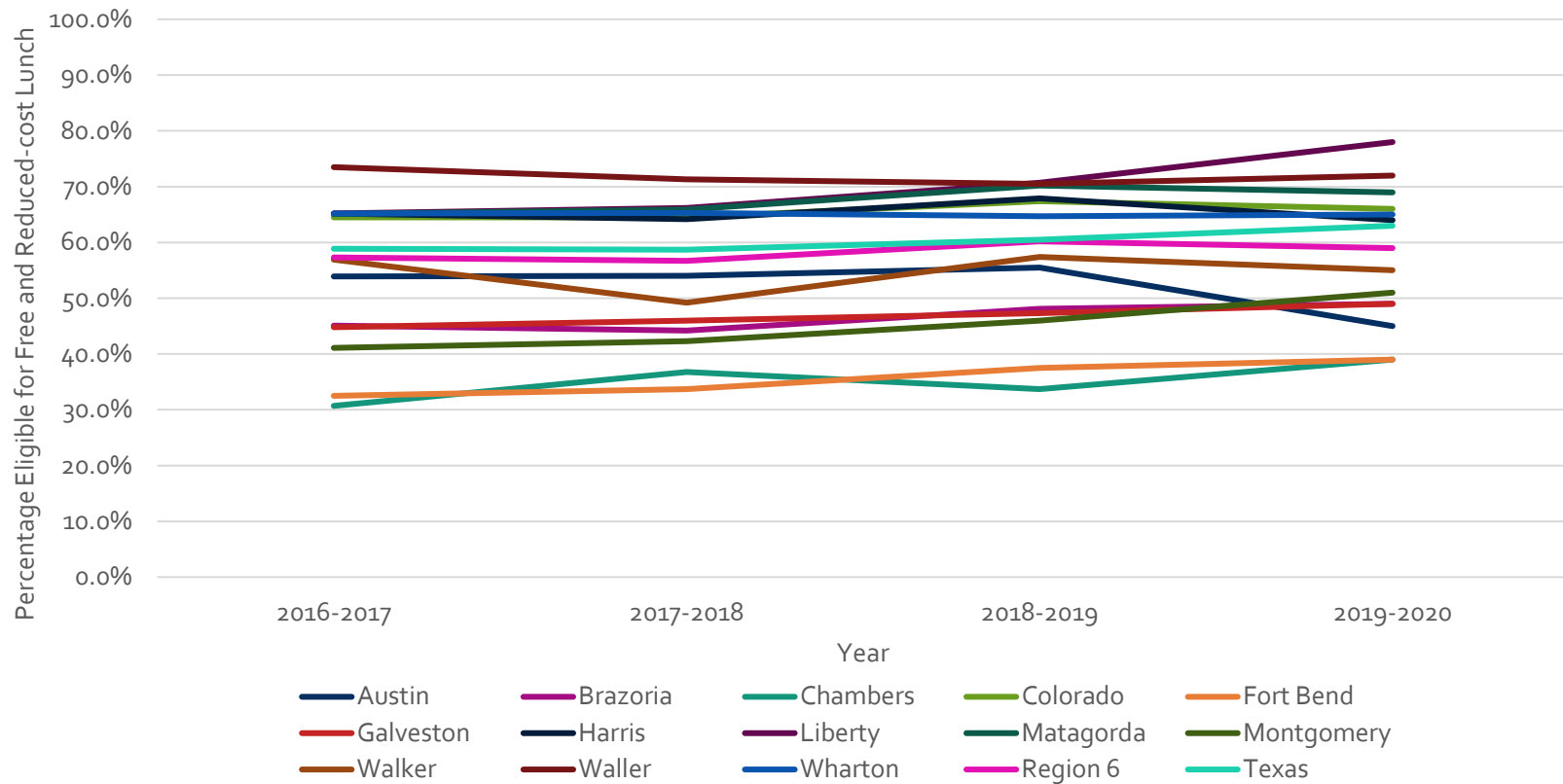
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Homelessness

TABLE 19. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL CHILD HOMELESSNESS RATES AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2018-2020[38]

	2018			2019			2020			2018-2020 Change		
	Enrollment	Homeless	% Homeless	Enrollment	Homeless	% Homeless	Enrollment	Homeless	% Homeless	Enrollment	Homeless	% Homeless
Austin	5,900	37	0.6%	5,868	30	0.5%	5,870	52	0.9%	-15	22	0.3%
Brazoria	71,766	3,113	4.3%	72,707	1,303	1.8%	73,742	1,163	1.6%	3,133	-367	-2.7%
Chambers	8,247	478	5.8%	8,568	89	1.0%	9,136	475	5.2%	1,081	395	-0.6%
Colorado	3,577	139	3.9%	3,609	70	1.9%	3,568	92	2.6%	10	10	-1.3%
Fort Bend	114,256	2,112	1.8%	116,417	1,082	0.9%	119,755	1,038	0.9%	8,060	-65	-0.9%
Galveston	83,071	6,619	8.0%	83,109	1,971†	2.4%	83,714	1,800	2.2%	886	-267	-5.8%
Harris	911,170	28,520	3.1%	895,755	13,203	1.5%	906,712	14,282	1.6%	-2,835	2565	-1.5%
Liberty	16,961	1,604	9.5%	18,124	593	3.3%	19,407	972	5.0%	3,148	434	-4.5%
Matagorda	7,150	75	1.0%	7255	82	1.1%	7,258	59	5.0%	-6	-16	-0.2%
Montgomery	110,164	1,642	1.5%	112,348	693	0.6%	115,752	1,220	1.1%	8,495	597	-0.4%
Walker	9,587	378	3.9%	10,360	288	2.8%	10,593	228	2.2%	2,220	-27	-1.7%
Waller	11,172	229	2.0%	11,,359	167	1.5%	11,777	101	0.9%	905	-156	-1.1%
Wharton	8,369	396	4.7%	8,319	150	1.8%	8,237	137	1.7%	-273	60	-3.0%
Region 6	1,361,390	45,342	3.3%	1,353,798	19,721	1.5%	1,375,521	21,619	1.6%	24,809	3,185	-1.7%
Texas	5,399,682	111,889	2.1%	5,431,910	72,617	1.3%	5,493,940	78,296	1.4%	134,813	9,072	-0.7%

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[38] Texas Education Agency. Student Program and Special Population Report. https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/adhocrpt/adspr.html. Updated February 20, 2020. Accessed February 9, 2021.
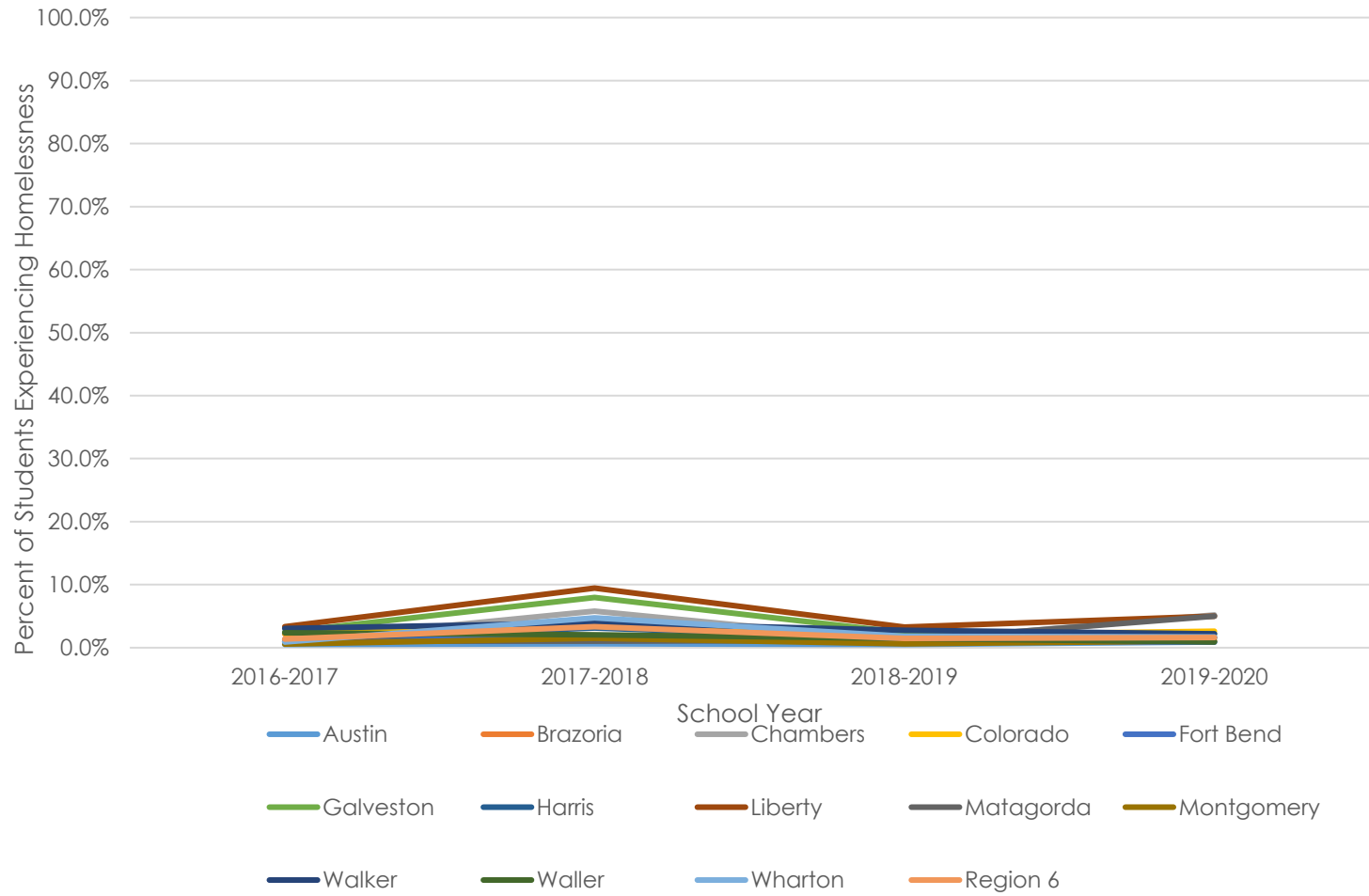
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Community Domain

Educational Attainment

TABLE 20. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL TOTALS OF ADULTS (18 AND OLDER) WITH VARYING LEVELS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR 2017-2019[40]

	2017					2018					2019				
County	Total	Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher	Total	Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher	Total	Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher
Austin	22,212	3,828	7,047	6,750	4,587	22,460	3,741	6,967	6,886	4,866	22,632	3,656	6,944	7,055	4,977
Brazoria	253,182	31,761	66,647	85,820	68,954	259,486	32,232	67,733	88,750	70,771	265,058	32,168	70,226	89,459	73,205
Chambers	28,290	3,920	9,059	10,082	5,229	29,005	3,694	8,819	10,835	5,657	29,721	3,436	8,572	11,550	6,163
Colorado	16,020	2,921	5,810	4,459	2,830	16,128	2,999	5,859	4,474	2,796	16,233	2,835	5,468	4,731	3,199
Fort Bend	512,565	55,405	94,665	149,257	213,238	533,858	54,939	101,633	152,776	224,510	553,725	54,876	105,805	159,384	233,660
Galveston	242,101	30,045	62,377	83,539	66,140	246,824	30,287	64,214	83,565	68,758	251,621	28,877	64,452	85,828	72,464
Harris	3,300,460	636,502	805,500	943,002	915,456	3,362,147	633,494	817,680	963,392	947,581	3,400,738	623,630	834,146	966,982	975,980
Liberty	59,530	13,357	24,059	17,141	4,973	60,815	13,510	24,056	17,886	5,363	61,848	13,608	23,728	18,906	5,606
Matagorda	27,196	5,851	9,421	8,301	3,623	27,218	5,732	8,932	8,449	4,105	27,281	5,088	8,957	8,941	4,295
Montgomery	392,548	52,522	98,411	120,555	121,060	406,801	55,043	94,964	127,638	129,156	420,620	54,714	99,644	132,918	133,344
Walker	59,926	8,440	19,647	21,417	10,422	60,663	7,670	20,251	22,244	10,498	61,520	7,288	21,029	22,453	10,750
Waller	36,709	6,448	10,974	14,172	5,115	37,801	6,081	12,144	13,903	5,673	39,301	5,893	12,495	14,630	6,283
Wharton	30,613	6,463	10,110	9,880	4,160	30,733	6,784	9,098	10,058	4,793	30,775	6,901	8,516	10,426	4,932
Region 6	4,981,352	857,463	1,223,727	1,474,375	1,425,787	5,093,939	856,206	1,242,350	1,510,856	1,484,527	5,181,073	842,970	1,269,982	1,533,263	1,534,858
Texas	20,206,495	3,439,275	5,248,810	6,278,048	5,240,362	20,592,509	3,414,448	5,353,036	6,367,061	5,457,964	20,922,411	3,366,181	5,448,957	6,439,120	5,668,153

[40] Educational Attainment. American Community Survey. United States Census Bureau
https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=Educational%20Attainment&t=Age%20and%20Sex&g=0400000US48.050000&tid=ACSST5Y2019.S1501&hidePreview=true&moe=false Accessed 28 May 2021.

County	Total	2017-2019 Change			
		Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher
Austin	420	-172	-103	305	390
Brazoria	11,876	407	3,579	3,639	4,251
Chambers	1,431	-484	-487	1,468	934
Colorado	213	-86	-342	272	369
Fort Bend	41,160	-529	11,140	10,127	20,422
Galveston	9,520	-1,168	2,075	2,289	6,324
Harris	100,278	-12,872	28,646	23,980	60,524
Liberty	2,318	251	-331	1,765	633
Matagorda	85	-763	-464	640	672
Montgomery	28,072	2,192	1,233	12,363	12,284
Walker	1,594	-1,152	1,382	1,036	328
Waller	2,592	-555	1,521	458	1,168
Wharton	162	438	-1,594	546	772
Region 6	199,721	-14,493	46,255	58,888	109,071
Texas	715,916	-73,094	200,147	161,072	427,791

[41] Educational Attainment. American Community Survey. United States Census Bureau
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County	2017					2018					2019				
	Total	Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher	Total	Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher	Total	Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher
Austin	22,212	17.2%	31.7%	30.4%	20.7%	22,460	16.7%	31.0%	30.7%	21.7%	22,632	16.2%	30.7%	31.2%	22.0%
Brazoria	253,182	12.5%	26.3%	33.9%	27.2%	259,486	12.4%	26.1%	34.2%	27.3%	265,058	12.1%	26.5%	33.8%	27.6%
Chambers	28,290	13.9%	32.0%	35.6%	18.5%	29,005	12.7%	30.4%	37.4%	19.5%	29,721	11.6%	28.8%	38.9%	20.7%
Colorado	16,020	18.2%	36.3%	27.8%	17.7%	16,128	18.6%	36.3%	27.7%	17.3%	16,233	17.5%	33.7%	29.1%	19.7%
Fort Bend	512,565	10.8%	18.5%	29.1%	41.6%	533,858	10.3%	19.0%	28.6%	42.1%	553,725	9.9%	19.1%	28.8%	42.2%
Galveston	242,101	12.4%	25.8%	34.5%	27.3%	246,824	12.3%	26.0%	33.9%	27.9%	251,621	11.5%	25.6%	34.1%	28.8%
Harris	3,300,460	19.3%	24.4%	28.6%	27.7%	3,362,147	18.8%	24.3%	28.7%	28.2%	3,400,738	18.3%	24.5%	28.4%	28.7%
Liberty	59,530	22.4%	40.4%	28.8%	8.4%	60,815	22.2%	39.6%	29.4%	8.8%	61,848	22.0%	38.4%	30.6%	9.1%
Matagorda	27,196	21.5%	34.6%	30.5%	13.3%	27,218	21.1%	32.8%	31.0%	15.1%	27,281	18.7%	32.8%	32.8%	15.7%
Montgomery	392,548	13.4%	25.1%	30.7%	30.8%	406,801	13.5%	23.3%	31.4%	31.7%	420,620	13.0%	23.7%	31.6%	31.7%
Walker	59,926	14.1%	32.8%	35.7%	17.4%	60,663	12.6%	33.4%	36.7%	17.3%	61,520	11.8%	34.2%	36.5%	17.5%
Waller	36,709	17.6%	29.9%	38.6%	13.9%	37,801	16.1%	32.1%	36.8%	15.0%	39,301	15.0%	31.8%	37.2%	16.0%
Wharton	30,613	21.1%	33.0%	32.3%	13.6%	30,733	22.1%	29.6%	32.7%	15.6%	30,775	22.4%	27.7%	33.9%	16.0%
Region 6	4,981,352	17.2%	24.6%	29.6%	28.6%	5,093,939	16.8%	24.4%	29.7%	29.1%	5,181,073	16.3%	24.5%	29.6%	29.6%
Texas	20,206,495	17.0%	26.0%	31.1%	25.9%	20,592,509	16.6%	26.0%	30.9%	26.5%	20,922,411	16.1%	26.0%	30.8%	27.1%

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TABLE 23. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL THREE-YEAR CHANGE IN PERCENTAGES OF ADULTS (18 AND OLDER) WITH VARYING LEVELS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR 2017-2019 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[43]

County	Total	2017-2019 Change			
		Less than High School Graduate	High school graduate	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher
Austin	420	-1.1%	-1.0%	0.8%	1.3%
Brazoria	11,876	-0.4%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.4%
Chambers	1,431	-2.3%	-3.2%	3.2%	2.3%
Colorado	213	-0.8%	-2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
Fort Bend	41,160	-0.9%	0.6%	-0.3%	0.6%
Galveston	9,520	-0.9%	-0.2%	-0.4%	1.5%
Harris	100,278	-0.9%	0.1%	-0.1%	1.0%
Liberty	2,318	-0.4%	-2.0%	1.8%	0.7%
Matagorda	85	-2.9%	-1.8%	2.3%	2.4%
Montgomery	28,072	-0.4%	-1.4%	0.9%	0.9%
Walker	1,594	-2.2%	1.4%	0.8%	0.1%
Waller	2,592	-2.6%	1.9%	-1.4%	2.1%
Wharton	162	1.3%	-5.4%	1.6%	2.4%
Region 6	199,721	-0.9%	-0.1%	0.0%	1.0%
Texas	715,916	-0.9%	0.1%	-0.3%	1.2%

[43] Educational Attainment. American Community Survey. United States Census Bureau
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Community Conditions

Juvenile Referrals

TABLE 24. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL CATEGORICAL DATA TOTALS ON JUVENILE REFERRALS, OFFENCES, AND REFERRAL RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR 2017[44]

County	Juvenile Population (10-16)	Violent Felony	Other Felony	Misdemeanor A & B	Violation of Parole	Status Conduct in Need of Supervision	Other Conduct in Need of Supervision	Total Referrals	Referral Rate/1,000	Youth Referred
Austin	2,933	3	13	20	1	7	4	48	16	32
Brazoria	38,358	75	116	415	247	59	13	925	24	621
Chambers	4,380	4	8	7	0	0	0	19	4	18
Colorado	1,880	3	10	14	5	0	0	32	17	20
Fort Bend	82,589	119	117	553	174	40	3	1,006	12	812
Galveston	30,081	56	110	485	257	8	42	958	32	513
Harris	459,007	774	1,094	4,077	1,111	160	114	7,330	16	5,207
Liberty	7,846	20	18	71	1	0	1	111	14	89
Matagorda	3,681	14	18	31	8	0	1	72	20	58
Montgomery	57,079	137	161	477	210	84	6	1,075	19	811
Walker	4,324	13	15	45	3	0	0	76	18	65
Waller	4,677	4	4	11	0	0	0	19	4	17
Wharton	4,445	9	14	51	13	0	0	87	20	69
Region 6	701,280	1,231	1,698	6,257	2,030	358	184	11,758	17	8,332
Texas	2,852,190	6,006	8,329	26,947	8,269	2,981	939	53,471	19	38,524

Note. Status = offense committed by a juvenile that would otherwise not be considered an offense if committed (engaged in) by an adult; also considered as Conduct in Need of Supervision. Table continued on next page.

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[44] "The State of Juvenile Probation Activity in Texas Report." Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Executive Director Camille Cain, Aug. 2020, www.tjjd.texas.gov/index.php/doc-library/category/334-state-of-juvenile-probation-activity. Accessed March 18, 2021.

TABLE 25. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL CATEGORICAL DATA TOTALS ON JUVENILE REFERRALS, OFFENCES, AND REFERRAL RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR 2018 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[45]

County	Juvenile Population (10-16)	Violent Felony	Other Felony	Misdemeanor A & B	Violation of Parole	Status Conduct in Need of Supervision	Other Conduct in Need of Supervision	Total Referrals	Referral Rate/1,000	Youth Referred
Austin	2,955	3	6	21	4	12	5	51	17	42
Brazoria	38,789	75	83	455	242	78	17	950	24	676
Chambers	4,302	4	4	11	0	0	0	19	4	19
Colorado	1,864	4	9	16	4	0	0	33	18	27
Fort Bend	82,854	159	196	601	205	36	5	1,202	15	963
Galveston	30,096	90	118	571	228	6	2	1,015	34	566
Harris	462,518	952	1,096	4,531	789	167	88	7,623	16	5,533
Liberty	7,859	13	16	40	0	0	0	69	9	63
Matagorda	3,651	16	18	49	6	0	3	92	25	73
Montgomery	57,440	137	189	621	197	78	0	1,222	21	997
Walker	4,342	14	18	47	10	0	0	89	21	75
Waller	4,766	8	5	19	0	0	0	32	7	30
Wharton	4,476	11	17	62	11	0	0	101	23	73
Region 6	705,912	1,486	1,775	7,044	1,696	377	120	12,498	18	9,137
Texas	2,856,077	6,338	8,424	27,485	7,697	2,636	810	53,390	19	39,154

Note. Status = offense committed by a juvenile that would otherwise not be considered an offense if committed (engaged in) by an adult; also considered as Conduct in Need of Supervision. Table continued from previous page and continued to next page.

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TABLE 26. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL CATEGORICAL DATA TOTALS OF JUVENILE REFERRALS, OFFENCES, AND REFERRAL RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR 2019 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[46]

County	Juvenile Population (10-16)	Violent Felony	Other Felony	Misdemeanor. A & B	Violation of Parole	Status Conduct in Need of Supervision	Other Conduct in Need of Supervision	Total Referrals	Referral Rate/1,000	Youth Referred
Austin	2,943	4	7	23	5	1	2	42	14	33
Brazoria	39,341	75	137	481	191	79	25	988	25	685
Chambers	4,304	4	4	1	0	0	0	9	2	9
Colorado	1,863	1	16	11	2	0	0	30	16	25
Fort Bend	83,042	143	191	610	173	65	6	1,188	14	967
Galveston	30,198	87	169	538	346	3	0	1,143	38	579
Harris	466,596	937	1,175	3,748	999	97	69	7,025	15	4,683
Liberty	8,022	10	16	35	0	0	0	61	8	57
Matagorda	711	0	9	5	1	0	0	15	21	12
Montgomery	57,526	97	287	534	182	64	0	1,164	20	946
Walker	4,457	26	31	54	4	0	1	116	26	90
Waller	4,892	5	22	27	2	0	0	56	11	50
Wharton	4,418	15	24	51	4	0	0	94	21	79
Region 6	708,313	1,404	2,088	6,118	1,909	309	103	11,931	17	8,215
Texas	2,864,996	6,503	10,474	26,369	7,368	2,791	632	54,137	19	39,185

Note. Status = offense committed by a juvenile that would otherwise not be considered an offense if committed (engaged in) by an adult; also considered as Conduct in Need of Supervision. Table continued from previous page and continued on next page.

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[46] "The State of Juvenile Probation Activity in Texas Report." Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Executive Director Camille Cain, Aug. 2020, www.tjjd.texas.gov/index.php/doc-library/category/334-state-of-juvenile-probation-activity. Accessed March 18, 2021.

TABLE 27. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL THREE-YEAR CHANGE IN CATEGORICAL DATA TOTALS ON JUVENILE REFERRALS, OFFENCES, AND REFERRAL RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR 2017-2019[47]

	2017-2019 Change									
County	Juvenile Population (10-16)	Violent Felony	Other Felony	Misdemeanor. A & B	Violation of Parole	Status Conduct in Need of Supervision	Other Conduct in Need of Supervision	Total Referrals	Referral Rate/1,000	Youth Referred
Austin	10	1	-6	3	4	-6	-2	-6	-2	1
Brazoria	983	0	21	66	-56	20	12	63	1	64
Chambers	-76	0	-4	-6	0	0	0	-10	-2	-9
Colorado	-17	-2	6	-3	-3	0	0	-2	-1	5
Fort Bend	453	24	74	57	-1	25	3	182	2	155
Galveston	117	31	59	53	89	-5	-42	185	6	66
Harris	7,589	163	81	-329	-112	-63	-45	-305	-1	-524
Liberty	176	-10	-2	-36	-1	0	-1	-50	-6	-32
Matagorda	-2,970	-14	-9	-26	-7	0	-1	-57	1	-46
Montgomery	447	-40	126	57	-28	-20	-6	89	1	135
Walker	133	13	16	9	1	0	1	40	8	25
Waller	215	1	18	16	2	0	0	37	7	33
Wharton	-27	6	10	0	-9	0	0	7	1	10
Region 6	7,033	173	390	-139	-121	-49	-81	173	0	-117
Texas	12,806	497	2,145	-578	-901	-190	-307	666	0	661

Note. Status = offense committed by a juvenile that would otherwise not be considered an offense if committed (engaged in) by an adult; also considered as Conduct in Need of Supervision. Table continued from previous page.

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[47] "The State of Juvenile Probation Activity in Texas Report." Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Executive Director Camille Cain, Aug. 2020, www.tjjd.texas.gov/index.php/doc-library/category/334-state-of-juvenile-probation-activity. Accessed March 18, 2021.

TABLE 28. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL TOTALS AND RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR JUVENILE AND ADULT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, DRUNKENNESS, AND LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS FOR 2018[48]

	2018													
	Juvenile						Adult							
		Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws			Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws	
County	Total Juvenile Population (16 and under)	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total Adult Population (17 and older)	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000
Austin	6,884	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	23,118	139	601.3	51	221	2	8.7
Brazoria	93,035	0	0.0	1	1.1	2	2.1	269,574	817	303.1	833	309	48	17.8
Chambers	10,555	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	30,074	37	123.0	33	110	5	16.6
Colorado	4,917	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16,282	33	202.7	116	712	9	55.3
Fort Bend	201,789	0	0.0	5	2.5	0	0.0	580,176	1,009	173.9	462	80	51	8.8
Galveston	82,997	0	0.0	4	4.8	27	32.5	258,740	1,447	559.2	2,424	937	271	104.7
Harris	1,292,687	18	1.4	16	1.2	19	1.5	3,503,846	11,811	337.1	3,610	103	357	10.2
Liberty	20,441	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	62,835	40	63.7	197	314	17	27.1
Matagorda	9,084	0	0.0	1	11.0	0	0.0	27,961	89	318.3	97	347	26	93.0
Montgomery	146,359	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	432,051	1,221	282.6	1,246	288	7	1.6
Walker	12,559	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	59,888	244	407.4	531	887	5	8.3
Waller	11,389	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	37,747	117	310.0	79	209	12	31.8
Wharton	10,676	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	31,157	142	455.8	76	244	46	147.6
Region 6	1,903,372	19	1.0	27	1.4	48	2.5	5,333,449	17,146	321.5	9,755	183	856	16.0
Texas	7,370,193	124	1.7	140	1.9	548	7.4	21,345,930	73,907	346.2	58,728	275	8,616	40.4

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[48] Texas Department of Public Safety. Liquor Law Arrests. 2017-2020. Available at https://txucr.nibrs.com/SRSReport/LiquorLawArresteeSummary. Accessed June 25, 2021.

TABLE 29. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL TOTALS AND RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR JUVENILE AND ADULT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, DRUNKENNESS, AND LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS FOR 2018 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[49]

	2019												
	Juvenile						Adult						
		Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws			Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws	
County	Total Juvenile Population (16 and under)	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total Adult Population (17 and older)	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000
Austin	6,916	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	23,291	56	240.4	2	8.6	16	68.7
Brazoria	93,559	1	1.1	0	0.0	3	3.2	275,597	813	295.0	742	269.2	49	17.8
Chambers	10,690	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	30,761	56	182.0	93	302.3	2	6.5
Colorado	4,923	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16,316	19	116.5	58	355.5	4	24.5
Fort Bend	205,943	0	0.0	3	1.5	0	0.0	604,676	727	120.2	260	43.0	62	10.3
Galveston	84,288	4	4.7	19	22.5	47	55.8	264,154	1,753	663.6	2,193	830.2	217	82.1
Harris	1,310,915	8	0.6	10	0.8	6	0.5	3,576,426	13,292	371.7	3,414	95.5	176	4.9
Liberty	20,681	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	63,597	59	92.8	196	308.2	13	20.4
Matagorda	9,057	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	28,007	130	464.2	129	460.6	3	10.7
Montgomery	149,360	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.3	446,527	939	210.3	1,000	224.0	23	5.2
Walker	12,785	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	60,434	219	362.4	407	673.5	9	14.9
Waller	11,401	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	38,549	84	217.9	53	137.5	6	15.6
Wharton	10,667	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	31,216	150	480.5	58	185.8	58	185.8
Region 6	1,931,185	13	0.7	32	1.7	58	3.0	5,459,551	18,297	335.1	8,605	157.6	638	11.7
Texas	7,437,514	93	1.3	122	1.6	564	7.6	21,755,754	71,396	328.2	51,961	238.8	7,602	34.9

[49]Texas Department of Public Safety. Liquor Law Arrests. 2017-2020. Available at https://txucr.nibrs.com/SRSReport/LiquorLawArresteeSummary. Accessed June 25, 2021.

TABLE 30. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL TOTALS AND RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR JUVENILE AND ADULT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, DRUNKENNESS, AND LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS FOR 2020 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[50]

		2020												
		Juvenile							Adult					
		Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws				Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws
County	Total Juvenile Population (16 and under)	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total Adult Population (17 and older)	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000
Austin	6,938	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	23,464	29	123.6	0	0.0	24	102.3
Brazoria	94,183	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	281,686	683	242.5	487	172.9	24	8.5
Chambers	10,887	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	31,433	30	95.4	47	149.5	3	9.5
Colorado	4,956	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16,317	15	91.9	48	294.2	2	12.3
Fort Bend	210,803	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	629,580	575	91.3	210	33.4	16	2.5
Galveston	85,826	1	1.2	4	4.7	10	11.7	269,370	1,346	499.7	1,648	611.8	156	57.9
Harris	1,330,726	16	1.2	4	0.3	7	0.5	3,648,119	12,797	350.8	2,076	56.9	90	2.5
Liberty	21,053	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	64,231	69	107.4	156	242.9	20	31.1
Matagorda	9,067	2	22.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	27,997	83	296.5	100	357.2	9	32.1
Montgomery	152,679	2	1.3	0	0.0	6	3.9	461,272	982	212.9	805	174.5	16	3.5
Walker	13,097	1	7.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	60,900	267	438.4	267	438.4	7	11.5
Waller	11,528	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	39,203	61	155.6	34	86.7	8	20.4
Wharton	10,603	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	9.4	31,338	80	255.3	26	83.0	34	108.5
Region 6	1,962,346	22	1.1	8	0.4	25	1.3	5,584,910	17,017	304.7	5,904	105.7	409	7.3
Texas	7,515,129	109	1.5	79	1.1	336	4.5	22,162,539	60,949	275.0	39,427	177.9	4,911	22.2

[50] Texas Department of Public Safety. Liquor Law Arrests. 2017-2020. Available at https://txucr.nibrs.com/SRSReport/LiquorLawArresteeSummary. Accessed June 25, 2021.

	2018-2020 Change												
	Juvenile						Adult						
	Total Juvenile Population (16 and under)	Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws		Total Adult Population (17 and older)	Driving Under the Influence		Drunkenness		Liquor Laws	
County		Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000		Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000	Total	Rate per 100,000
Austin	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	346	-110	-477.7	-51	-221	22	93.6
Brazoria	1,148	0	0	-1	-1.1	-1	-1	12,112	-134	-60.6	-346	-136.1	-24	-9.3
Chambers	332	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,359	-7	-27.6	14	39.5	-2	-7.1
Colorado	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	-18	-110.8	-68	-417.8	-7	-43
Fort Bend	9,014	0	0	-5	-2.5	0	0	49,404	-434	-82.6	-252	-46.6	-35	-6.3
Galveston	2,829	1	1.2	0	-0.1	-17	-20.8	10,630	-101	-59.5	-776	-325.2	-115	-46.8
Harris	38,039	-2	-0.2	-12	-0.9	-12	-1	144,273	986	13.7	-1534	-46.1	-267	-7.7
Liberty	612	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,396	29	43.7	-41	-71.1	3	4
Matagorda	-17	2	22.1	-1	-11	0	0	36	-6	-21.8	3	10.2	-17	-60.9
Montgomery	6,320	1	0.6	0	0	6	3.9	29,221	-239	-69.7	-441	-113.5	9	1.9
Walker	538	1	7.6	0	0	0	0	1,012	23	31	-264	-448.6	2	3.2
Waller	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,456	-56	-154.4	-45	-122.3	-4	-11.4
Wharton	-73	0	0	0	0	1	9.4	181	-62	-200.5	-50	-161	-12	-39.1
Region 6	58,974	3	0.1	-19	-1	-23	-1.2	251,461	-129	-16.8	-3851	-77.3	-447	-8.7
Texas	144,936	-15	-0.2	-61	-0.8	-212	-2.9	816,609	-12,958	-71.2	-19,301	-97.1	-3,705	-18.2

[51]Texas Department of Public Safety. Liquor Law Arrests. 2017-2020. Available at https://txucr.nibrs.com/SRSReport/LiquorLawArresteeSummary. Accessed June 25, 2021.

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TABLE 32. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL CRIME INDEX RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2018-2020[52]

County	2018			2019			2020			2018-2020		
	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000
Austin	29,912	295	986.2	30,009	301	1,003.0	30,009	280	933.1	97	-15	-53.2
Brazoria	373,587	6,050	1,619.4	381,928	6,897	1,805.8	381,928	6,158	1,612.3	8,341	108	-7.1
Chambers	37,983	759	1,998.3	38,973	863	2,214.4	38,973	848	2,175.9	990	89	177.6
Colorado	21,225	225	1,060.1	21,127	270	1,278.0	21,127	325	1,538.3	-98	100	478.2
Fort Bend	752,245	9,697	1,289.1	772,362	10,493	1,358.6	772,362	9,897	1,281.4	20,117	200	-7.7
Galveston	354,271	8,788	2,480.6	347,631	7,955	2,288.3	355,654	8,185	2,301.4	1,383	-603	-179.2
Harris	4,753,437	185,582	3,904.2	4,776,485	194,870	4,079.8	4,776,485	196,519	4,114.3	23,048	10937	210.1
Liberty	84,637	1,706	2,015.7	87,220	1,848	2,118.8	87,220	1,727	1,980.1	2,583	21	-35.6
Matagorda	36,756	1,273	3,463.4	36,303	1,306	3,597.5	36,303	1,141	3,143.0	-453	-132	-320.4
Montgomery	580,733	8,890	1,530.8	598,274	9,192	1,536.4	598,274	8,242	1,377.6	17,541	-648	-153.2
Walker	72,631	1,086	1,495.2	72,570	1,154	1,590.2	72,570	1,071	1,475.8	-61	-15	-19.4
Waller	51,297	984	1,918.2	52,852	851	1,610.2	52,852	801	1,515.6	1,555	-183	-402.7
Wharton	41,950	868	2,069.1	41,400	944	2,280.2	41,400	937	2,263.3	-550	69	194.2
Region 6	7,190,664	226,203	3,145.8	7,257,134	236,944	3,265.0	7,265,157	236,131	3,250.2	74,493	9928	104.4
Texas	28,599,266	798,474	2,791.9	28,883,238	811,974	2,811.2	28,880,885	786,324	2,722.6	281,619	-12150	-69.3

[52] Texas Department of Public Safety UCR Bureau. Crime in Texas Online. Index Crime Report. (2018, 2019, 2020). https://txucr.nibrs.com/Report/IndexCrimesReport Accessed March 9, 2021

FIGURE 16. REGION 6 FOUR-YEAR TRENDS IN CRIME INDEX PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR 2017-2020[53]

[53] Texas Department of Public Safety UCR Bureau. Crime in Texas Online. Index Crime Report. (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020). https://txucr.nibrs.com/Report/IndexCrimesReport Accessed March 9, 2021

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TABLE 33. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL PROPERTY CRIME INDEX RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2018-2020[54]

County	2018			2019			2020			2018-2020		
	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000
Austin	29,912	249	832.4	30,009	255	849.7	30,009	280	783.1	97	31	-49.3
Brazoria	373,587	5,431	1,453.7	381,928	6,231	1,631.5	381,928	6,158	1,434.6	8,341	727	-19.1
Chambers	37,983	698	1,837.7	38,973	779	1,998.8	38,973	848	1,834.6	990	150	-3.1
Colorado	21,225	201	947.0	21,127	231	1,093.4	21,127	325	1,377.4	-98	124	430.4
Fort Bend	752,245	8,256	1,097.5	772,362	9,021	1,168.0	772,362	9,897	1,083.9	20,117	1,641	-13.6
Galveston	354,271	7,795	2,200.3	347,631	7,040	2,025.1	355,654	8,185	2,002.8	1,383	390	-197.5
Harris	4,753,437	150,313	3,162.2	4,776,485	159,989	3,349.5	4,776,485	196,519	3,270.8	23,048	46,206	108.6
Liberty	84,637	1,435	1,695.5	87,220	1,618	1,855.1	87,220	1,727	1,597.1	2,583	292	-98.4
Matagorda	36,756	1,115	3,033.5	36,303	1,140	3,140.2	36,303	1,141	2,647.2	-453	26	-386.3
Montgomery	580,733	7,725	1,330.2	598,274	8,050	1,345.5	598,274	8,242	1,204.1	17,541	517	-126.1
Walker	72,631	883	1,215.7	72,570	907	1,249.8	72,570	1,071	1,180.9	-61	188	-34.8
Waller	51,297	781	1,522.5	52,852	695	1,315.0	52,852	801	1,209.0	1,555	20	-313.5
Wharton	41,950	729	1,737.8	41,400	798	1,927.5	41,400	937	1,925.1	-550	208	187.3
Region 6	7,190,664	185,611	2,581.3	7,257,134	196,754	2,711.2	7,265,157	190,296	2,619.3	74,493	4,685	38
Texas	28,599,266	679,573	2,376.2	28,883,238	690,506	2,390.7	28,880,885	655,593	2,270.0	281,619	-23,980	-106.2

[54] Texas Department of Public Safety UCR Bureau. Crime in Texas Online. Index Crime Report. (2018, 2019, 2020). https://txucr.nibrs.com/Report/IndexCrimesReport Accessed March 9, 2021

FIGURE 17. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL FOUR-YEAR TRENDS IN PROPERTY CRIME INDEX RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR 2017-2020[55]

[55] Texas Department of Public Safety UCR Bureau. Crime in Texas Online. Index Crime Report. (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020). https://txucr.nibrs.com/Report/IndexCrimesReport Accessed March 9, 2021
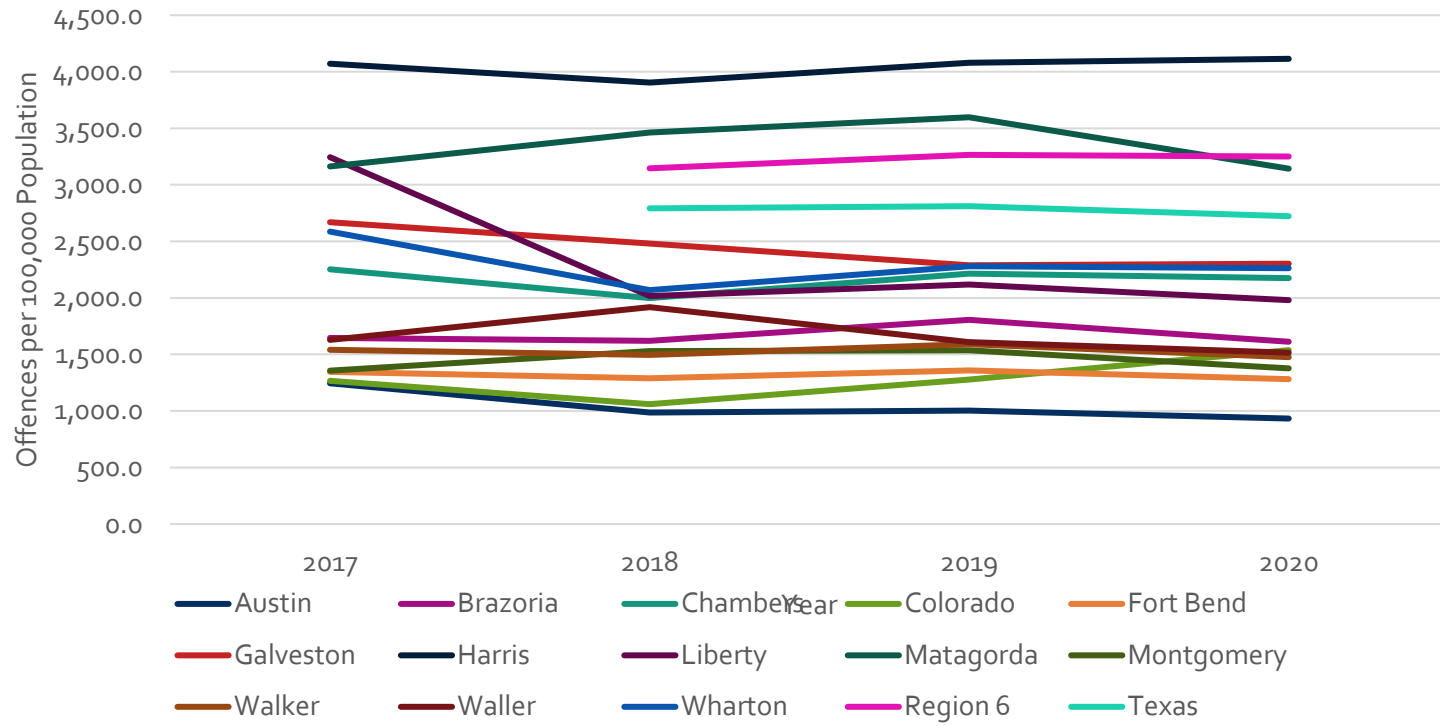
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TABLE 34. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL VIOLENT CRIME INDEX RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION AND THREE0YEAR CHANGE FOR 2018-1010[56]

County	2018			2019			2020			2018-2020		
	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Total Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000
Austin	29,912	46	153.8	30,009	46	153.3	30,009	45	150.0	97	-1	-3.8
Brazoria	373,587	619	165.7	381,928	666	174.4	381,928	679	177.8	8,341	60	12.1
Chambers	37,983	61	160.6	38,973	84	215.5	38,973	133	341.3	990	72	180.7
Colorado	21,225	24	113.1	21,127	39	184.6	21,127	34	160.9	-98	10	47.8
Fort Bend	752,245	1,441	191.6	772,362	1,472	190.6	772,362	1,525	197.4	20,117	84	5.8
Galveston	354,271	993	280.3	347,631	915	263.2	355,654	1,062	298.6	1,383	69	18.3
Harris	4,753,437	35,269	742	4,776,485	34,881	730.3	4,776,485	40,289	843.5	23,048	5,020	101.5
Liberty	84,637	271	320.2	87,220	230	263.7	87,220	334	382.9	2,583	63	62.7
Matagorda	36,756	158	429.9	36,303	166	457.3	36,303	180	495.8	-453	22	65.9
Montgomery	580,733	1,165	200.6	598,274	1,142	190.9	598,274	1,038	173.5	17,541	-127	-27.1
Walker	72,631	203	279.5	72,570	247	340.4	72,570	214	294.9	-61	11	15.4
Waller	51,297	203	395.7	52,852	156	295.2	52,852	162	306.5	1,555	-41	-89.2
Wharton	41,950	139	331.3	41,400	146	352.7	41,400	140	338.2	-550	1	6.9
Region 6	7,190,664	40,592	564.5	7,257,134	40,190	553.8	7,265,157	45,835	630.9	74,493	5,243	66.4
Texas	28,599,266	118,901	415.7	28,883,238	121,468	420.5	28,880,885	130,731	452.7	281,619	11,830	37.0

[56] Texas Department of Public Safety UCR Bureau. Crime in Texas Online. Index Crime Report. (2018, 2019, 2020). https://txucr.nibrs.com/Report/IndexCrimesReport Accessed March 9, 2021

FIGURE 18. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL FOUR-YEAR TRENDS IN VIOLENT CRIME INDEX RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR 2017-2020[57]

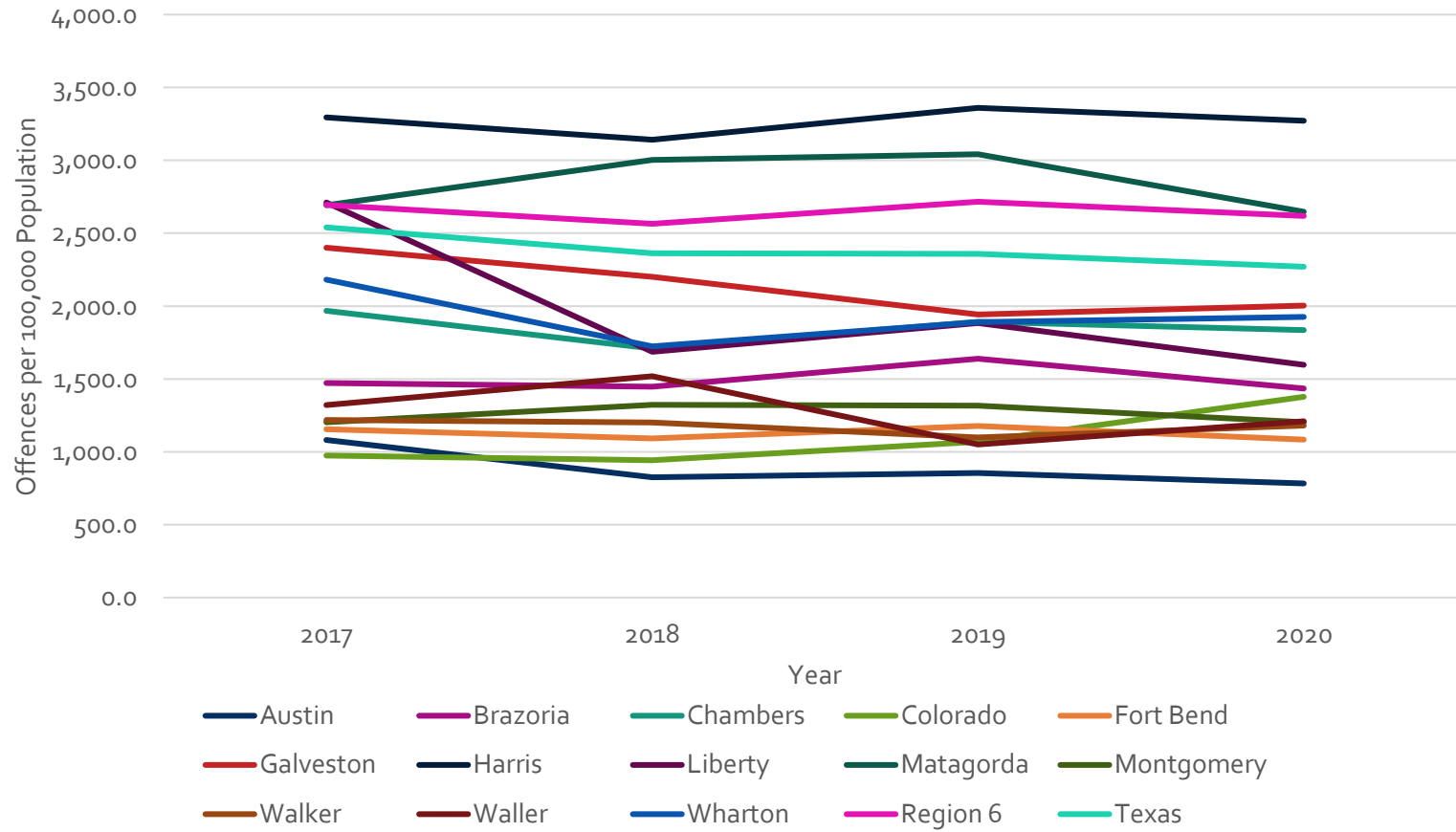[57] Texas Department of Public Safety UCR Bureau. Crime in Texas Online. Index Crime Report. (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020). https://txucr.nibrs.com/Report/IndexCrimesReport Accessed March 9, 2021

County	2018			2019			2020			2018-2020 Change		
	Total Population	Drug Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000	Total Population	Drug Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000	Total Population	Drug Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000	Total Population	Drug Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000
Austin	30,002	18	0.6	30,207	17	0.6	30,402	9	0.3	400	-9	-0.3
Brazoria	362,609	256	0.7	369,156	262	0.7	375,869	156	0.4	13,260	-100	-0.3
Chambers	40,629	32	0.8	41,451	26	0.6	42,320	24	0.6	1,691	-8	-0.1
Colorado	21,199	41	1.9	21,239	42	2.0	21,273	27	1.3	74	-14	-0.7
K]Fort Bend	781,965	141	0.2	810,619	150	0.2	840,383	96	0.1	58,418	-45	-0.1
Galveston	341,737	253	0.7	348,442	284	0.8	355,196	185	0.5	13,459	-68	-0.3
Harris	4,796,533	2,580	0.5	4,887,341	2,082	0.4	4,978,845	1,399	0.3	182,312	-1181	-0.1
Liberty	83,276	163	2.0	84,278	169	2.0	85,284	120	1.4	2,008	-43	-0.6
Matagorda	37,045	43	1.2	37,064	49	1.3	37,064	30	0.8	19	-13	-0.5
Montgomery	578,410	512	0.9	595,887	516	0.9	613,951	386	0.6	35,541	-126	-0.2
Walker	72,447	37	0.5	73,219	35	0.5	73,997	28	0.4	1,550	-9	-0.1
Waller	49,136	35	0.7	49,950	41	0.8	50,731	29	0.6	1,595	-6	-0.2
Wharton	41,833	37	0.9	41,883	35	0.8	41,941	25	0.6	108	-12	-0.2
Region 6	7,236,821	4,148	0.6	7,390,736	3,708	0.5	7,547,256	2,514	0.3	310,435	-1634	-0.2
Texas	29,677,668	23,963	0.8	29,193,268	23,431	0.8	29,677,668	17,305	0.6	0	-6658	-0.2

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[58] Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Request for On Hand Population for Drug and DWI Related Offenses for 2020 by County. 2020.

TABLE 36. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI) INCARCERATION RATES PER 10,000 POPULATION AND THREE-YEAR CHANGES FOR 2018-2020[59]

County	2018			2019			2020			2018-2020 Change		
	Total Population	DWI Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000	Total Population	DWI Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000	Total Population	DWI Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000	Total Population	DWI Incarcerations	Rate per 10,000
Austin	30,002	4	0.1	30,207	6	0.2	30,402	3	0.1	400	-1	0.0
Brazoria	362,609	78	0.2	369,156	75	0.2	375,869	4	0.0	13,260	-74	-0.2
Chambers	40,629	11	0.3	41,451	13	0.3	42,320	6	0.1	1,691	-5	-0.1
Colorado	21,199	8	0.4	21,239	0	0.0	21,273	4	0.2	74	-4	-0.2
Fort Bend	781,965	40	0.1	810,619	33	0.0	840,383	17	0.0	58,418	-23	0.0
Galveston	341,737	77	0.2	348,442	66	0.2	355,196	56	0.2	13,459	-21	-0.1
Harris	4,796,533	580	0.1	4,887,341	502	0.1	4,978,845	288	0.1	182,312	-292	-0.1
Liberty	83,276	29	0.3	84,278	33	0.4	85,284	28	0.3	2,008	-1	0.0
Matagorda	37,045	5	0.1	37,064	10	0.3	37,064	4	0.1	19	-1	0.0
Montgomery	578,410	290	0.5	595,887	242	0.4	613,951	165	0.3	35,541	-125	-0.2
Walker	72,447	12	0.2	73,219	14	0.2	73,997	4	0.1	1,550	-8	-0.1
Waller	49,136	6	0.1	49,950	7	0.1	50,731	3	0.1	1,595	-3	-0.1
Wharton	41,833	7	0.2	41,883	7	0.2	41,941	5	0.1	108	-2	0.0
Region 6	7,236,821	1,147	0.2	7,390,736	1,008	0.1	7,547,256	587	0.1	310,435	-560	-0.1
Texas	29,677,668	6,031	0.2	29,193,268	5,475	0.2	29,677,668	3,956	0.1	0	-2,075	-0.1

[59] Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Request for On Hand Population for Drug and DWI Related Offenses for 2020 by County. 2020.

Health Care/Service System

Access to Healthcare/Insured

TABLE 37. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL UNINSURED RATES BY AGE GROUPS OF UNDER 19 AND 19-64 YEARS OF AGE FOR 2017[60]

County	Under 19 Years of Age			19-64 Years of Age		
	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins
Austin	7,452	719	9.6%	16,451	3,246	19.7%
Brazoria	96,781	8,273	8.5%	201,230	36,237	18.0%
Chambers	11,436	1,311	11.5%	23,476	4,976	21.2%
Colorado	5,187	511	9.9%	11,430	2,198	19.2%
Fort Bend	208,386	15,069	7.2%	429,490	66,816	15.6%
Galveston	83,760	6,798	8.1%	191,413	39,020	20.4%
Harris	1,285,268	155,134	12.1%	2,792,638	783,018	28.0%
Liberty	21,346	2,373	11.1%	41,828	12,627	30.2%
Matagorda	10,061	934	9.3%	20,705	6,505	31.4%
Montgomery	150,444	14,609	9.7%	316,713	62,094	19.6%
Walker	12,473	1,223	9.8%	35,158	6,236	17.7%
Waller	13,739	1,436	10.5%	29,058	8,369	28.8%
Wharton	11,460	1,286	11.2%	23,127	6,042	26.1%
Region 6	1,917,793	209,676	10.9%	4,132,717	1,037,384	25.1%
Texas	7,601,534	836,178	11.0%	16,216,785	4,021,871	24.8%

2017 (spanning header above the two age groups)

[60] Selected Characteristics of the Uninsured in the United States. American Community Survey. United States Census Bureau. https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=S2702%3A%20SELECTED%20CHARACTERISTICS%20OF%20THE%20UNINSURED%20IN%20THE%20UNITED%20STATES&tid=ACSST1Y2019.S2702&hidePreview=true. Accessed 28 May 2021.

TABLE 38. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL UNINSURED RATES BY AGE GROUPS OF UNDER 19 AND 19-64 YEARS OF AGE FOR 2018 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[61]

| County | 2018 | | | | | |
| | Under 19 Years of Age | | | 19-64 Years of Age | | |
	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins
Austin	7,434	415	5.6%	16,634	3,098	18.6%
Brazoria	98,489	9,807	10.0%	205,538	34,992	17.0%
Chambers	11,735	1,054	9.0%	23,977	4,586	19.1%
Colorado	5,209	636	12.2%	11,231	2,158	19.2%
Fort Bend	215,091	1b4,319	6.7%	444,809	64,926	14.6%
Galveston	84,804	7,199	8.5%	194,072	38,067	19.6%
Harris	1,301,142	151,273	11.6%	2,833,739	757,646	26.7%
Liberty	22,000	2,564	11.7%	42,414	11,493	27.1%
Matagorda	9,987	1,135	11.4%	20,661	5,867	28.4%
Montgomery	155,652	14,536	9.3%	327,479	63,303	19.3%
Walker	12,315	996	8.1%	36,640	6,588	18.0%
Waller	14,083	1,743	12.4%	30,033	8,084	26.9%
Wharton	11,460	1,398	12.2%	23,093	5,984	25.9%
Region 6	1,949,401	207,075	10.6%	4,210,320	1,006,792	23.9%
Texas	7,688,142	814,530	10.6%	16,476,235	3,888,887	23.6%

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[61] Selected Characteristics of the Uninsured in the United States. American Community Survey. United States Census Bureau. https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=S2702%3A%20SELECTED%20CHARACTERISTICS%20OF%20THE%20UNINSURED%20IN%20THE%20UNITED%20STATES&tid=ACSST1Y2019.S2702&hidePreview=true. Accessed 28 May 2021.

TABLE 39. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL UNINSURED RATES BY AGE GROUPS OF UNDER 19 AND 10-64 YEARS OF AGE FOR 2019 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[62]

County	2019					
	Under 19 Years of Age			19-64 Years of Age		
	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins
Austin	7,508	657	8.8%	16,568	3,381	20.4%
Brazoria	99,796	10,375	10.4%	208,627	37,286	17.9%
Chambers	12,199	668	5.5%	24,396	3,965	16.3%
Colorado	5,416	839	15.5%	11,099	2,276	20.5%
Fort Bend	221,599	15,534	7.0%	457,918	70,194	15.3%
Galveston	85,715	7,713	9.0%	196,935	37,658	19.1%
Harris	1,306,444	158,267	12.1%	2,852,360	760,999	26.7%
Liberty	22,852	3,226	14.1%	42,833	11,712	27.3%
Matagorda	10,044	1,241	12.4%	20,450	5,095	24.9%
Montgomery	159,841	14,869	9.3%	337,369	64,592	19.1%
Walker	12,192	1,053	8.6%	37,796	6,664	17.6%
Waller	14,372	2,015	14.0%	31,351	8,324	26.6%
Wharton	11,542	1,857	16.1%	22,916	5,770	25.2%
Region 6	1,969,520	218,314	11.1%	4,260,618	1,017,916	23.9%
Texas	7,740,330	837,099	10.8%	16,675,270	3,890,944	23.3%

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[62] Selected Characteristics of the Uninsured in the United States. American Community Survey. United States Census Bureau. https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=S2702%3A%20SELECTED%20CHARACTERISTICS%20OF%20THE%20UNINSURED%20IN%20THE%20UNITED%20STATES&tid=ACSST1Y2019.S2702&hidePreview=true. Accessed 28 May 2021.

TABLE 40. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL THREE-YEAR CHANGE IN UNINSURED RATES BY AGE GROUPS OF UNDER 19 AND 19-64 YEARS OF AGE FOR 2017-2019 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[63]

| County | 2017-2019 Change | | | | | |
| | Under 19 Years of Age | | | 19-64 Years of Age | | |
	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins	Total Pop	Total Unins	% Unins
Austin	56	-62	-0.9%	117	135	0.7%
Brazoria	3,015	2,102	1.8%	7,397	1,049	-0.1%
Chambers	763	-643	-6.0%	920	-1,011	-4.9%
Colorado	229	328	5.6%	-331	78	1.3%
Fort Bend	13,213	465	-0.2%	28,428	3,378	-0.2%
Galveston	1,955	915	0.9%	5,522	-1,362	-1.3%
Harris	21,176	3,133	0.0%	59,722	-22,019	-1.4%
Liberty	1,506	853	3.0%	1,005	-915	-2.8%
Matagorda	-17	307	3.1%	-255	-1,410	-6.5%
Montgomery	9,397	260	-0.4%	20,656	2,498	-0.5%
Walker	-281	-170	-1.2%	2,638	428	-0.1%
Waller	633	579	3.6%	2,293	-45	-2.3%
Wharton	82	571	4.9%	-211	-272	-0.9%
Region 6	51,727	8,638	0.2%	127,901	-19,468	-1.2%
Texas	138,796	921	-0.2%	458,485	-130,927	-1.5%

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[63] Selected Characteristics of the Uninsured in the United States. American Community Survey. United States Census Bureau. https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=S2702%3A%20SELECTED%20CHARACTERISTICS%20OF%20THE%20UNINSURED%20IN%20THE%20UNITED%20STATES&tid=ACSST1Y2019.S2702&hidePreview=true. Accessed 28 May 2021.

Teen Births

TABLE 41. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL RATES OF TEEN BIRTHS PER 10,000 POPULATION AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2018-2020[64]

County	2018			2019			2020			2018-2020 Change		
	Total Population	Total Teen Births	Rate per 10,000 Population	Total Population	Total Teen Births	Rate per 10,000 Population	Total Population	Total Teen Births	Rate per 10,000 Population	Total Population	Total Teen Births	Rate per 10,000 Population
Austin	31,504	20	6.3	32,067	27	8.4	30,402	15	4.9	-5	-1,102	-1.4
Brazoria	375,517	227	6.0	380,439	231	6.1	375,869	196	5.2	-31	352	-0.8
Chambers	43,018	32	7.4	44,298	26	5.9	42,320	19	4.5	-13	-698	-2.9
Colorado	21,730	16	7.4	22,283	15	6.7	21,273	12	5.6	-4	-457	-1.7
Fort Bend	779,600	255	3.3	805,788	217	2.7	840,383	248	3.0	-7	60,783	-0.3
Galveston	337,503	204	6.0	339,931	182	5.4	355,196	184	5.2	-20	17,693	-0.9
Harris	4,686,778	3,920	8.4	4,698,655	3,818	8.1	4,978,845	3,574	7.2	-346	292,067	-1.2
Liberty	86,495	111	12.8	91,098	106	11.6	85,284	116	13.6	5	-1,211	0.8
Matagorda	36,550	51	14.0	36,292	36	9.9	37,064	46	12.4	-5	514	-1.5
Montgomery	594,453	353	5.9	604,391	309	5.1	613,951	351	5.7	-2	19,498	-0.2
Walker	74,359	31	4.2	75,949	36	4.7	73,997	37	5.0	6	-362	0.8
Waller	53,305	49	9.2	54,822	43	7.8	50,731	38	7.5	-11	-2,574	-1.7
Wharton	41,093	63	15.3	41,224	55	13.3	41,941	53	12.6	-10	848	-2.7
Region 6	7,161,905	5,332	7.4	7,227,237	5,101	7.1	7,547,256	4,889	6.5	-443	385,351	-1.0
Texas	28,702,243	25,208	8.8	29,001,602	24,376	8.4	29,677,668	22,883	7.7	-2325	975,425	-1.1

[64] Texas Birth Certificate Data. Texas Demographic Center. Texas Department of State Health Services, Center for Health Statistics. Date of run July 28, 2021.

Mental Healthcare Availability

TABLE 42. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL COUNTS AND RATIOS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS AND THREE-YEAR CHANGE FOR 2017-2019[65]

County	2017		2018		2019		2017-2019 Change	
	Total Mental Health Providers	Ratio of Mental Health Providers	Total Mental Health Providers	Ratio of Mental Health Providers	Total Mental Health Providers	Ratio of Mental Health Providers	Total Mental Health Providers	Ratio of Mental Health Providers
Austin	8	3,720:1	10	2,980:1	10	3,000:1	2	-720:1
Brazoria	200	1,770:1	217	1,670:1	249	1,490:1	49	-280:1
Chambers	7	5,700:1	8	5,180:1	11	3,860:1	4	-1,840:1
Colorado	3	7,010:1	3	7,080:1	4	5,300:1	1	-1,710:1
Fort Bend	443	1,670:1	487	1,570:1	554	1,420:1	111	-250:1
Galveston	316	1,040:1	333	1,010:1	375	900:1	59	-140:1
Harris	4,761	960:1	5,058	920:1	5,534	850:1	773	-110:1
Liberty	12	6,810:1	14	5,980:1	16	5,400:1	4	-1,410:1
Matagorda	14	2,660:1	14	2,630:1	15	2,440:1	1	-220:1
Montgomery	386	1,440:1	415	1,380:1	486	1,220:1	100	-220:1
Walker	34	2,100:1	38	1,900:1	40	1,810:1	6	-290:1
Waller	17	2,950:1	15	3,420:1	12	4,430:1	-5	1,480:1
Wharton	14	2,980:1	16	2,620:1	17	2,450:1	3	-530:1
Region 6	6,215	3,139:1	6,628	2,949:1	7,323	2,659:1	1,108	-480:1
Texas	27,513	1,010:1	29,561	960:1	32,666	880:1	5,153	-130:1

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[65] County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, NPI Registry, 2019, www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/texas/2020/measure/factors/62/data. Accessed March 22, 2021.

Mental and Behavioral Health Services Received by Adults and Youth

TABLE 43. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH FOR 2017[66]

County	Total Adult Population (18+)	Total Youth Population (12-17)	Total Clients Adult Total	Total Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total Clients Youth Total	Total Clients Youth Per 1,000	Total BHMH Clients Adult Total	Total BHMH Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total BHMH Clients Youth Total	Total BHMH Clients Youth Per 1,000	Total SUD Clients Adult Total	Total SUD Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total SUD Clients Youth Total	Total SUD Clients Youth Per 1,000
Austin	24,311	2,431	272	11.2	155	63.8	259	10.7	134	55.1	19	0.8	22	9.0
Brazoria	272,783	32,810	2,887	10.6	1,481	45.1	2,754	10.1	1,447	44.1	242	0.9	55	1.7
Chambers	31,266	3,804	304	9.7	178	46.8	290	9.3	177	46.5	20	0.6	1	0.3
Colorado	17,062	1,713	327	19.2	93	54.3	316	18.5	93	54.3	16	0.9	0	0.0
Fort Bend	576,752	73,223	4,483	7.8	2,142	29.3	4,326	7.5	2,089	28.5	275	0.5	72	1.0
Galveston	257,433	27,637	3,748	14.6	1,539	55.7	3,552	13.8	1,510	54.6	384	1.5	46	1.7
Harris	3,447,310	401,266	38,693	11.2	20,600	51.3	36,890	10.7	20,110	50.1	4,049	1.2	874	2.2
Liberty	64,087	6,467	1,247	19.5	607	93.9	1,186	18.5	600	92.8	97	1.5	12	1.9
Matagorda	28,115	2,934	627	22.3	271	92.4	598	21.3	262	89.3	60	2.1	9	3.1
Montgomery	428,733	50,521	4,145	9.7	2,299	45.5	3,919	9.1	2,234	44.2	363	0.8	101	2.0
Walker	60,910	4,276	691	11.3	425	99.4	639	10.5	380	88.9	74	1.2	88	20.6
Waller	40,131	4,608	389	9.7	196	42.5	371	9.2	192	41.7	33	0.8	5	1.1
Wharton	31,091	3,679	685	22.0	284	77.2	667	21.5	283	76.9	33	1.1	3	0.8
Region 6	5,279,984	615,369	58,498	11.1	30,270	49.2	55,767	10.6	29,511	48.0	5,665	1.1	1,288	2.1
Texas	21,413,011	2,437,578	302,062	14.1	148,384	60.9	289,084	13.5	145,045	59.5	29,695	1.4	7,331	3.0

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[66] Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Center for Analytics and Decision Support. 2021.

TABLE 44. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH FOR 2018 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[67]

County	Total Adult Population (18+)	Total Youth Population (12-17)	Total Clients				Total BHMH Clients				Total SUD Clients			
			Adult		Youth		Adult		Youth		Adult		Youth	
			Total	Per 1,000	Total	Per 1,000	Total	Per 1,000	Total	Per 1,000	Total	Per 1,000	Total	Per 1,000
Austin	24,716	2,436	251	10.2	120	49.3	241	9.8	115	4.7	18	0.7	6	2.5
Brazoria	285,138	33,784	2,902	10.2	1,556	46.1	2,751	9.6	1,530	5.4	279	1.0	59	1.7
Chambers	32,531	3,857	323	9.9	163	42.3	307	9.4	159	4.9	31	1.0	5	1.3
Colorado	16,977	1,691	315	18.6	97	57.4	307	18.1	96	5.7	14	0.8	1	0.6
Fort Bend	590,158	72,989	4,571	7.7	2,278	31.2	4,427	7.5	2,231	3.8	269	0.5	71	1.0
Galveston	260,263	27,681	3,647	14.0	1,557	56.2	3,438	13.2	1,535	5.9	392	1.5	44	1.6
Harris	3,496,038	404,134	38,830	11.1	21,478	53.1	37,036	10.6	20,924	6.0	3,931	1.1	951	2.4
Liberty	66,474	6,634	1,218	18.3	638	96.2	1,160	17.5	632	9.5	100	1.5	12	1.8
Matagorda	28,082	2,884	595	21.2	252	87.4	562	20.0	245	8.7	65	2.3	10	3.5
Montgomery	453,098	52,854	4,156	9.2	2,361	44.7	3,950	8.7	2,271	5.0	356	0.8	107	2.0
Walker	62,234	4,409	664	10.7	390	88.5	612	9.8	350	5.6	71	1.1	90	20.4
Waller	41,818	4,831	420	10.0	226	46.8	405	9.7	225	5.4	27	0.6	2	0.4
Wharton	31,180	3,666	706	22.6	286	78.0	691	22.2	285	9.1	35	1.1	3	0.8
Region 6	5,388,707	621,850	58,598	10.9	31,402	50.5	55,887	10.4	30,598	5.7	5,588	1.0	1,361	2.2
Texas	21,760,104	2,453,332	299,162	13.7	154,699	63.1	286,070	13.1	151,405	7.0	29,450	1.4	7,227	2.9

[67] Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Center for Analytics and Decision Support. 2021.

TABLE 45. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH FOR 2019 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[68]

County	Total Adult Population (18+)	Total Youth Population (12-17)	Total Clients Adult Total	Total Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total Clients Youth Total	Total Clients Youth Per 1,000	Total BHMH Clients Adult Total	Total BHMH Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total BHMH Clients Youth Total	Total BHMH Clients Youth Per 1,000	Total SUD Clients Adult Total	Total SUD Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total SUD Clients Youth Total	Total SUD Clients Youth Per 1,000
Austin	25,189	2,482	249	9.9	110	44.3	236	9.4	106	42.7	17	0.7	4	1.6
Brazoria	289,466	34,199	2,861	9.9	1,745	51.0	2,704	9.3	1,699	49.7	282	1.0	91	2.7
Chambers	33,526	3,880	347	10.4	201	51.8	322	9.6	200	51.5	46	1.4	2	0.5
Colorado	17,446	1,731	304	17.4	106	61.2	301	17.3	105	60.7	6	0.3	2	1.2
Fort Bend	611,507	73,824	4,640	7.6	2,489	33.7	4,468	7.3	2,442	33.1	283	0.5	79	1.1
Galveston	262,491	27,793	3,636	13.9	1,796	64.6	3,416	13.0	1,771	63.7	410	1.6	47	1.7
Harris	3,510,223	404,930	39,109	11.1	23,254	57.4	37,446	10.7	22,646	55.9	3,756	1.1	1,022	2.5
Liberty	69,948	7,004	1,202	17.2	651	92.9	1,145	16.4	644	91.9	100	1.4	10	1.4
Matagorda	27,885	2,867	564	20.2	257	89.6	529	19.0	253	88.2	51	1.8	8	2.8
Montgomery	461,499	53,375	4,039	8.8	2,451	45.9	3,847	8.3	2,389	44.8	343	0.7	97	1.8
Walker	63,515	4,556	672	10.6	408	89.6	587	9.2	328	72.0	114	1.8	141	30.9
Waller	42,964	5,014	423	9.8	236	47.1	400	9.3	235	46.9	33	0.8	6	1.2
Wharton	31,309	3,702	661	21.1	299	80.8	641	20.5	296	80.0	41	1.3	3	0.8
Region 6	5,446,968	625,357	58,707	10.8	34,003	54.4	56,042	10.3	33,114	53.0	5,482	1.0	1,512	2.4
Texas	22,031,984	2,463,775	291,579	13.2	162,318	65.9	279,405	12.7	158,951	64.5	27,515	1.2	7,566	3.1

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[68] Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Center for Analytics and Decision Support. 2021.

TABLE 46. REGION 6 COUNTY-LEVEL THREE-YEAR CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH FOR 2017-2019 (CONT'D FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)[69]

County	Total Adult Population (18+)	Total Youth Population (12-17)	Total Clients Adult Total	Total Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total Clients Youth Total	Total Clients Youth Per 1,000	Total BHMH Clients Adult Total	Total BHMH Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total BHMH Clients Youth Total	Total BHMH Clients Youth Per 1,000	Total SUD Clients Adult Total	Total SUD Clients Adult Per 1,000	Total SUD Clients Youth Total	Total SUD Clients Youth Per 1,000
Austin	878	51	-23	-1.3	-45	-19.4	-23	-1.3	-28	-12.4	-2	-0.1	-18	-7.4
Brazoria	16,683	1,389	-26	-0.7	264	5.9	-50	-0.8	252	5.6	40	0.1	36	1.0
Chambers	2,260	76	43	0.6	23	5.0	32	0.3	23	5.0	26	0.7	1	0.3
Colorado	384	18	-23	-1.7	13	6.9	-15	-1.3	12	6.4	-10	-0.6	2	1.2
Fort Bend	34,755	601	157	-0.2	347	4.5	142	-0.2	353	4.5	8	0.0	7	0.1
Galveston	5,058	156	-112	-0.7	257	8.9	-136	-0.8	261	9.1	26	0.1	1	0.0
Harris	62,913	3,664	416	-0.1	2,654	6.1	556	0.0	2,536	5.8	-293	-0.1	148	0.3
Liberty	5,861	537	-45	-2.3	44	-0.9	-41	-2.1	44	-0.8	3	-0.1	-2	-0.4
Matagorda	-230	-67	-63	-2.1	-14	-2.7	-69	-2.3	-9	-1.1	-9	-0.3	-1	-0.3
Montgomery	32,766	2,854	-106	-0.9	152	0.4	-72	-0.8	155	0.5	-20	-0.1	-4	-0.2
Walker	2,605	280	-19	-0.8	-17	-9.8	-52	-1.2	-52	-16.9	40	0.6	53	10.4
Waller	2,833	406	34	0.2	40	4.5	29	0.1	43	5.2	0	-0.1	1	0.1
Wharton	218	23	-24	-0.9	15	3.6	-26	-1.0	13	3.0	8	0.2	0	0.0
Region 6	166,984	9,988	209	-0.3	3,733	5.2	275	-0.3	3,603	5.0	-183	-0.1	224	0.3
Texas	618,973	26,197	-10,483	-0.9	13,934	5.0	-9,679	-0.8	13,906	5.0	-2,180	-0.1	235	0.1

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[69] Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Center for Analytics and Decision Support. 2021.

Family Domain

Perception of Parental Attitudes

FIGURE 19. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF PARENTAL ATTITUDES TOWARD USE OF ALCOHOL: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[70]

How do your parents feel about kids your age using alcohol?

How do your parents feel about kids your age using alcohol?
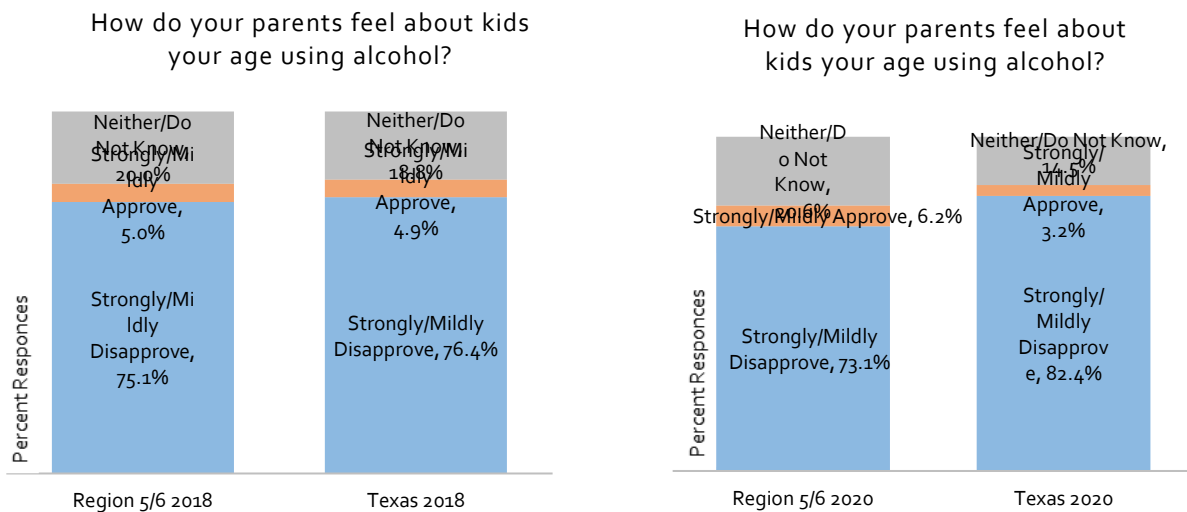
FIGURE 20. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF PARENTAL ATTITUDES TOWARD US OF TOBACCO: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[71]
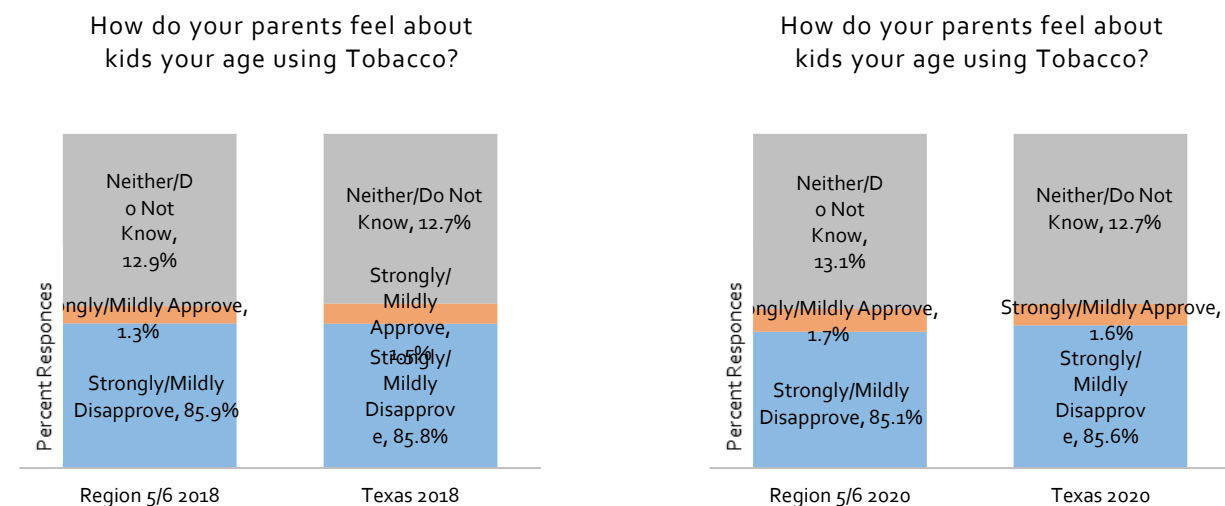
How do your parents feel about kids your age using Tobacco?

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[70] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.

[71] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.

How do your parents feel about kids your age using marijuana?

Neither/Do Not Know, 13.7%
Strongly/Mildly Approve, 2.9%
Strongly/Mildly Disapprove, 83.4%

Neither/Do Not Know, 13.5%
Strongly/Mildly Approve, 3.2%
Strongly/ Mildly Disapprove, 82.6%

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2018   Texas 2018

How do your parents feel about kids your age using Marijuana?

Neither/Do Not Know, 15.7%
Strongly/Mildly Approve, 3.4%
Strongly/Mildly Disapprove, 81.0%

Neither/Do Not Know, 14.5%
Strongly/Mildly Approve, 3.2%
Strongly/ Mildly Disapprove, 82.4%

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2020   Texas 2020
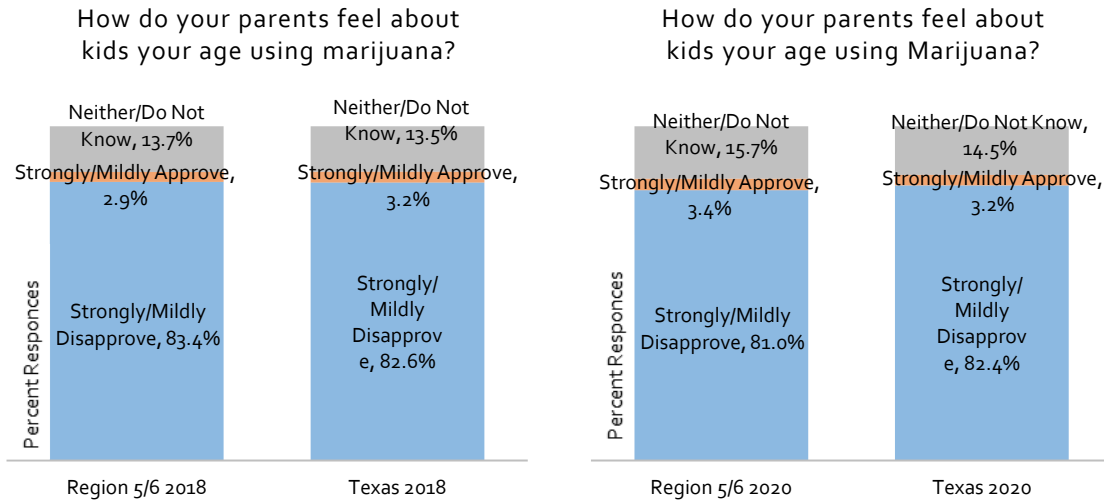
Peer Domain

Perceptions of Peer Consumption

Peer Approval/Consumption

When evaluating the risk factors that contribute to certain risky behaviors (in this case, substance misuse behaviors), there are many factors external to an individual that can increase the likelihood that individual would engage in those risky behaviors, one of those risk factors being cultural or social norm. Although many risk factors impose a predisposition to substance use and misuse, perceptions of one's peers' engagement in such risky behaviors can be quite influential on that individual's inclination to do the same. Figures 23-25 display students' perceptions of how many of their close friends use alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.[73]

FIGURE 22. REGIONS 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF PEER CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[74]
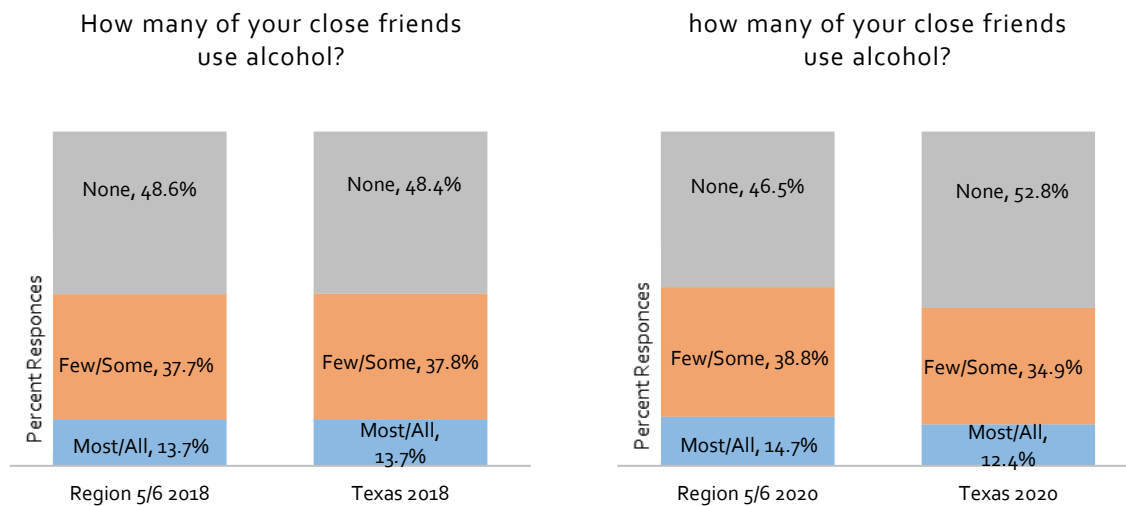
How many of your close friends use alcohol?

	Region 5/6 2018	Texas 2018
None	48.6%	48.4%
Few/Some	37.7%	37.8%
Most/All	13.7%	13.7%

How many of your close friends use alcohol?

	Region 5/6 2020	Texas 2020
None	46.5%	52.8%
Few/Some	38.8%	34.9%
Most/All	14.7%	12.4%

[73] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.
[74] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.

FIGURE 23. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF PEER CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[75]

How many of your close friends use tobacco?

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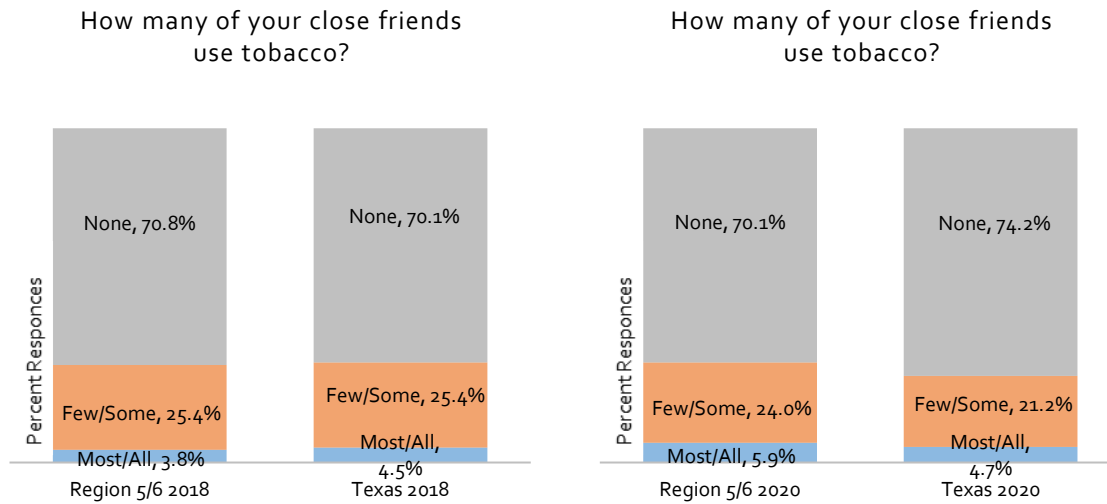
FIGURE 24. REGIONS 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF PEER CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA, GRADES 7-12: TSS, 2018-2020[76]

How many of your close friends use marijuana?

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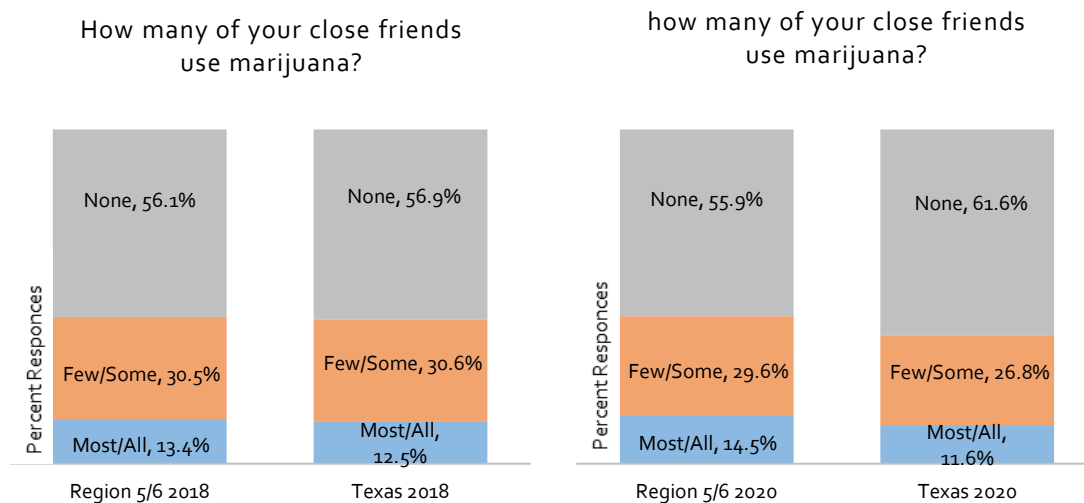
Perceived Social Access

[75] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.
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As it has been previously discussed in this needs assessment, availability, and therefore, accessibility to substances is associated with substance use and misuse. Figures 26-28 display adolescents' perceptions of how easy it is to obtain alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.

FIGURE 25. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEIVED SOCIAL ACCESS TO ALCOHOL: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[77]
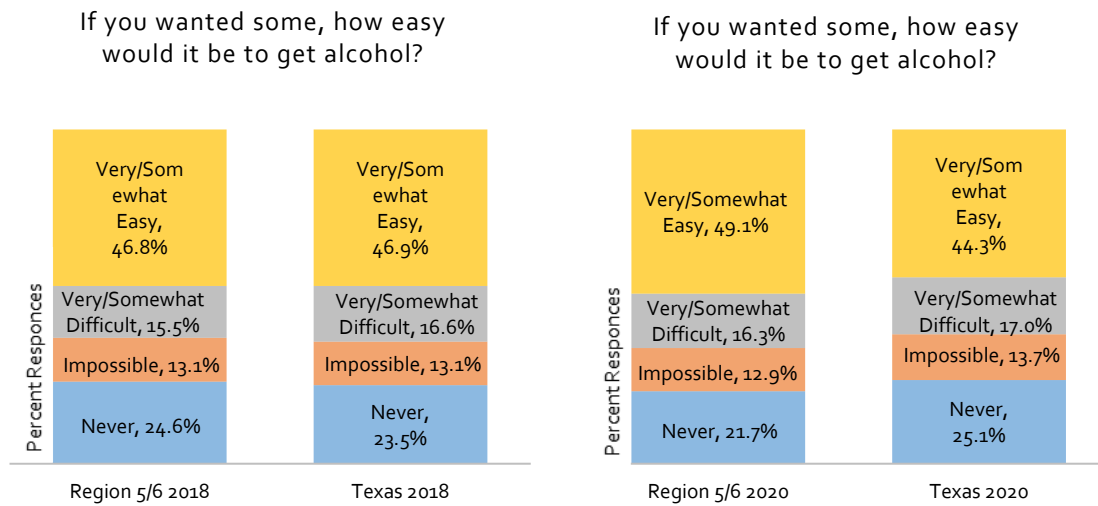
If you wanted some, how easy would it be to get alcohol?

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FIGURE 26. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEIVED SOCIAL ACCESS TO TOBACCO: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[78]

If you wanted some, how easy would it be to get tobacco?

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2018
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 34.1%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 14.5%
- Impossible, 19.4%
- Never, 32.0%

Texas 2018
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 33.9%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 16.4%
- Impossible, 19.3%
- Never, 30.3%

If you wanted some, how easy would it be to get tobacco?

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2020
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 32.4%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 18.4%
- Impossible, 21.2%
- Never, 28.0%

Texas 2020
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 32.4%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 18.4%
- Impossible, 21.4%
- Never, 31.9%

FIGURE 27. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEIVED SOCIAL ACCESS TO MARIJUANA: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[79]

If you wanted some, how easy would it be to get marijuana?

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2018
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 35.0%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 15.1%
- Impossible, 20.4%
- Never, 29.5%

Texas 2018
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 33.5%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 16.8%
- Impossible, 24.1%
- Never, 28.8%

If you wanted some, how easy would it be to get marijuana?

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2020
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 34.0%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 16.8%
- Impossible, 21.8%
- Never, 27.4%

Texas 2020
- Very/Somewhat Easy, 29.5%
- Very/Somewhat Difficult, 16.5%
- Impossible, 23.3%
- Never, 30.7%

[78] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.

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Accessibility at Parties

Thinking of the parties you attended this school year, how often was alcohol used?

Did not Know/Attend, 17.2%
Most Time/Always, 19.3%
Seldom/Half Time, 14.4%
Never, 49.5%

Did not Know/Attend, 18.1%
Most Time/Always, 18.8%
Seldom/Half Time, 12.8%
Never, 50.3%

Region 5/6 2018 | Texas 2018

Thinking of parties you attended this school year, how often was alcohol used?

Did not Know/Attend, 20.6%
Most Time/Always, 19.3%
Seldom/Half Time, 12.9%
Never, 47.2%

Did not Know/Attend, 19.0%
Most Time/Always, 16.9%
Seldom/Half Time, 12.2%
Never, 52.0%

Region 5/6 2020 | Texas 2020

Thinking of the parties you attended this school year, how often were marijuana or other drugs used?

Did not Know/Attend, 17.4%
Most Time/Always, 12.5%
Seldom/Half Time, 10.8%
Never, 59.3%

Did not Know/Attend, 18.3%
Most Time/Always, 12.0%
Seldom/Half Time, 9.9%
Never, 59.7%

Region 5/6 2018 | Texas 2018

Thinking of parties you attended this school year, how often were marijuana and other drugs used?

Did not Know/Attend, 20.9%
Most Time/Always, 13.3%
Seldom/Half Time, 10.1%
Never, 55.7%

Did not Know/Attend, 19.3%
Most Time/Always, 10.4%
Seldom/Half Time, 9.4%
Never, 60.9%

Region 5/6 2020 | Texas 2020

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[80]Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.
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Individual Domain

Perception of Harm

High perception of risk or negative feelings towards alcohol or drug use is a major protective factor against substance use and misuse, which was also captured with students' responses to questions about perception of harm on the TSS. Figures 31-35 illustrates students' perception of harm in response to questions about alcohol, tobacco, electronic vapor products, marijuana, and prescription drugs.

FIGURE 30. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM ALCOHOL: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[82]

How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use alcohol?

- Do Not Know, 4.8% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 18.2% | Very/Somewhat Dangerous, 77.0% — Region 5/6 2018
- Do Not Know, 4.1% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 16.9% | Very/Somewhat Dangerous, 78.9% — Texas 2018

How dangerous do yo think it is for kids your age to use alcohol?

- Don't Know, 4.7% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 19.7% | Very/Somewhat Dangerous, 75.7% — Region 5/6 2020
- Don't Know, 4.5% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 17.2% | Very/Somewhat Dangerous, 78.3% — Texas 2020

Percent Responces

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[82] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.

FIGURE 31. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM TOBACCO: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[83]

How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use tobacco?

How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use tobacco?

FIGURE 32. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCTS: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[84]

How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use electronic vapor products?

How dangerous do yo think it is for kids your age to use electronic vapor products?

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FIGURE 33. REGION 5/6 STUDENTS' PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM MARIJUANA: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[85]

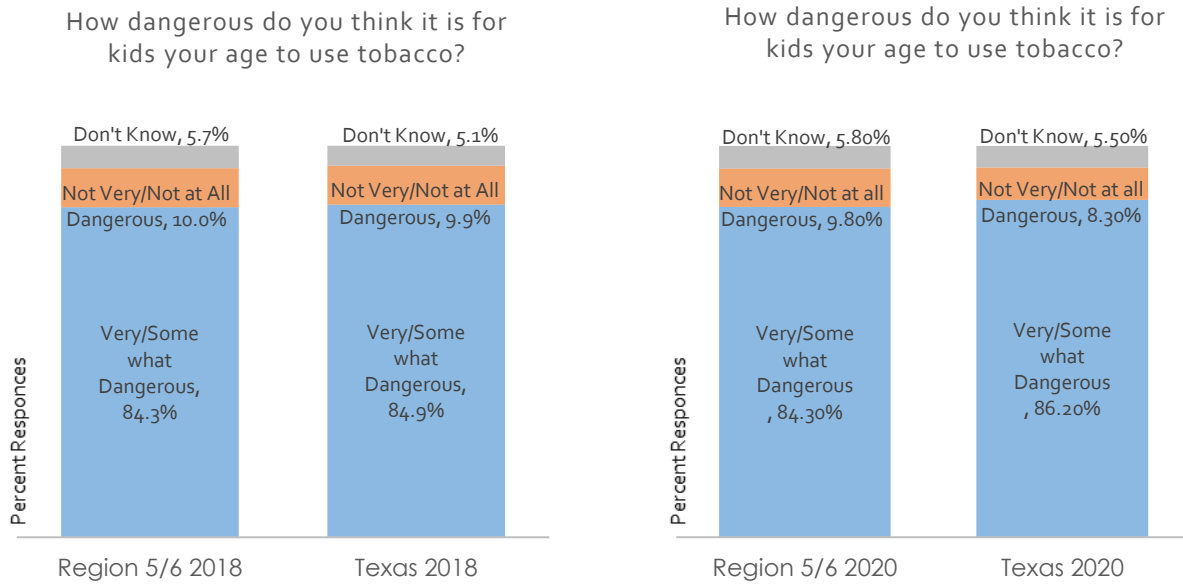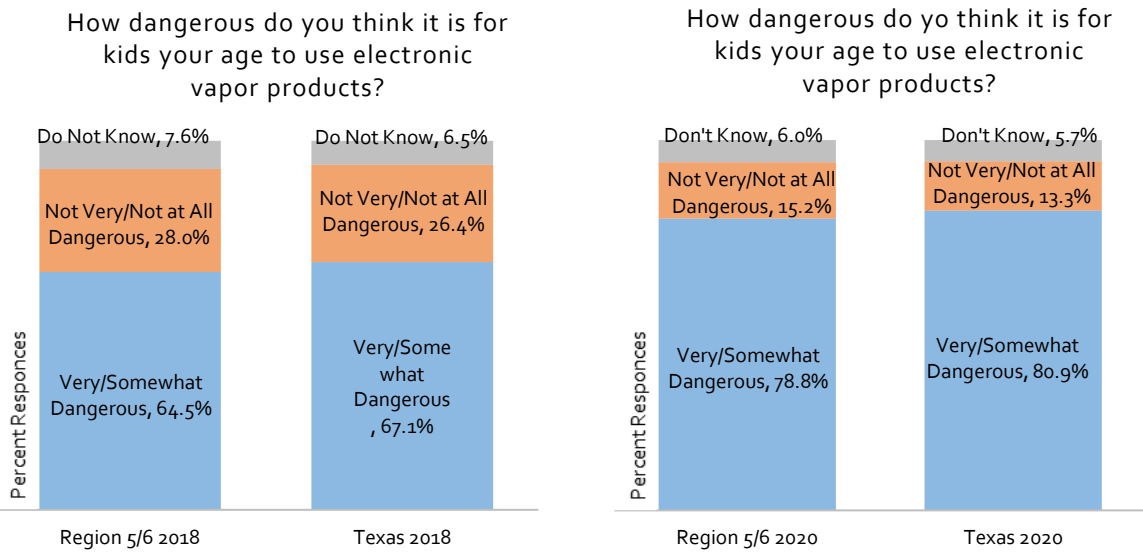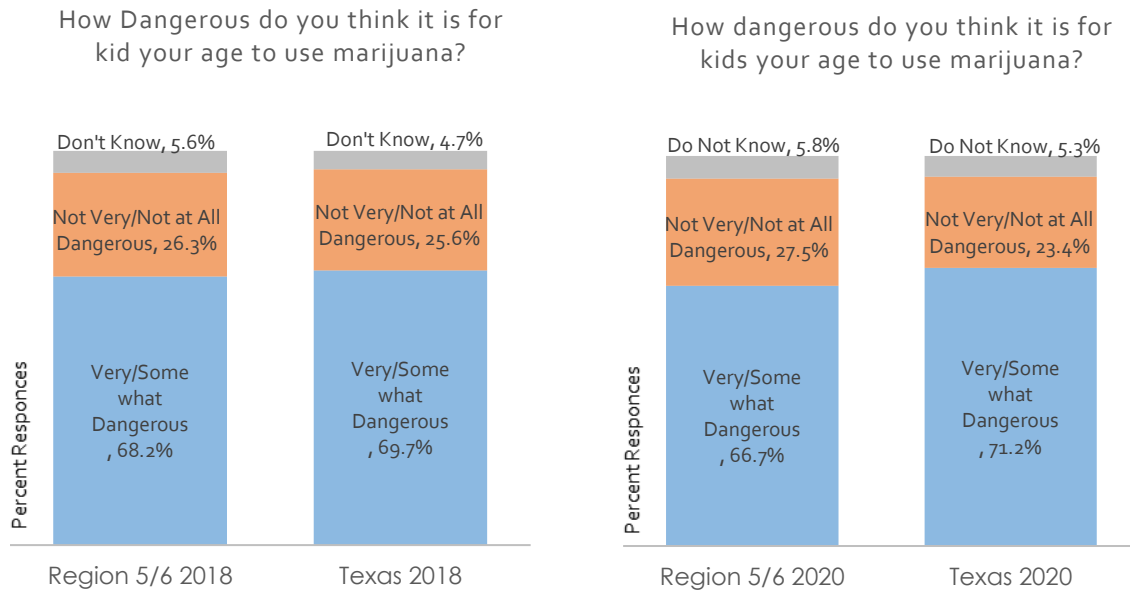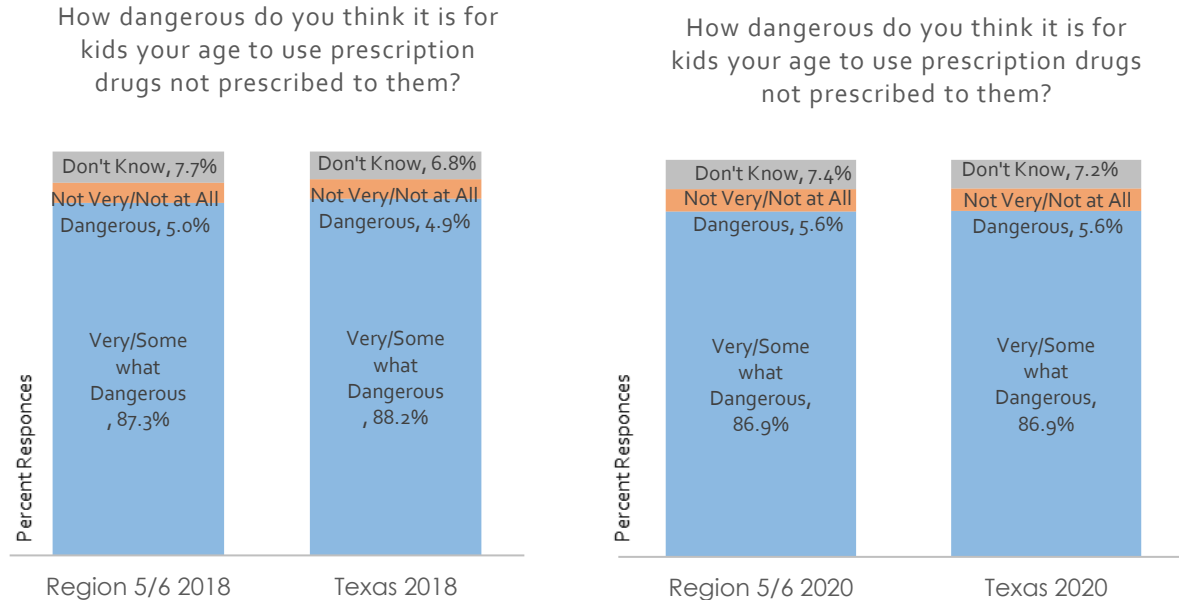### How Dangerous do you think it is for kid your age to use marijuana?

Don't Know, 5.6% | Don't Know, 4.7%

Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 26.3% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 25.6%

Very/Some what Dangerous, 68.2% | Very/Some what Dangerous, 69.7%

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2018 | Texas 2018

How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use marijuana?

Do Not Know, 5.8% | Do Not Know, 5.3%

Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 27.5% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 23.4%

Very/Some what Dangerous, 66.7% | Very/Some what Dangerous, 71.2%

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2020 | Texas 2020

FIGURE 34. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PERCEIVED RISK OF HARM FROM PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[86]

How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them?

Don't Know, 7.7% | Don't Know, 6.8%
Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 5.0% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 4.9%

Very/Some what Dangerous, 87.3% | Very/Some what Dangerous, 88.2%

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2018 | Texas 2018

How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them?

Don't Know, 7.4% | Don't Know, 7.2%
Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 5.6% | Not Very/Not at All Dangerous, 5.6%

Very/Some what Dangerous, 86.9% | Very/Some what Dangerous, 86.9%

Percent Responces

Region 5/6 2020 | Texas 2020

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[85] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.
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Age of Initiation and Early Initiation

Age of initiation, particularly early age of initiation to a substance, is a highly significant risk factor for developing substance use and misuse issues later in life. In fact, as it was mentioned in the front matter of this RNA, about 90 percent of individuals who develop substance use disorders, first tried a substance before the age of 18. Figures 36-41 illustrate the average age of initiation of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use, as well as the early initiation to these substances, as reported by the participants in the 2018 and 2020 administration of the TSS.

FIGURE 35. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION OF ALCOHOL: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[87]
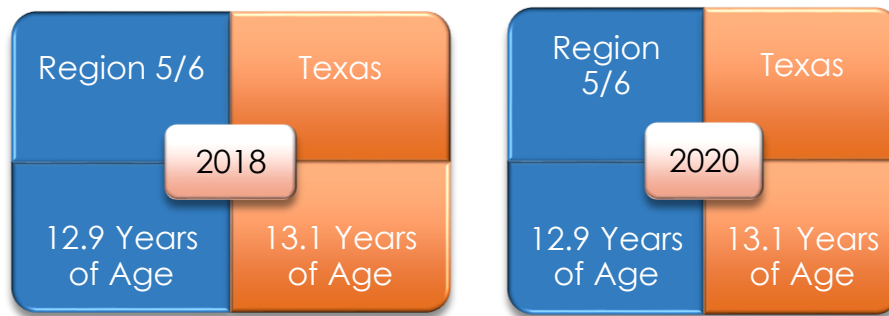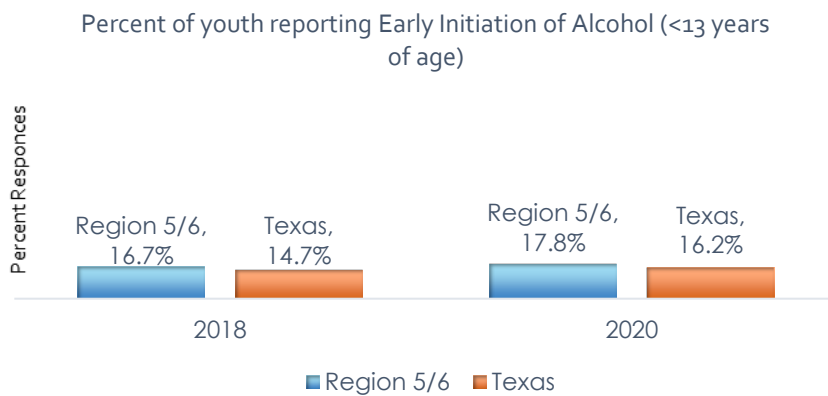

FIGURE 36. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS REPORTING EARLY INITIATION (<13) OF ALCOHOL: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020 [88]

Percent of youth reporting Early Initiation of Alcohol (<13 years of age)

Region 5/6, 16.7%   Texas, 14.7%   Region 5/6, 17.8%   Texas, 16.2%

2018   2020

■ Region 5/6 ■ Texas

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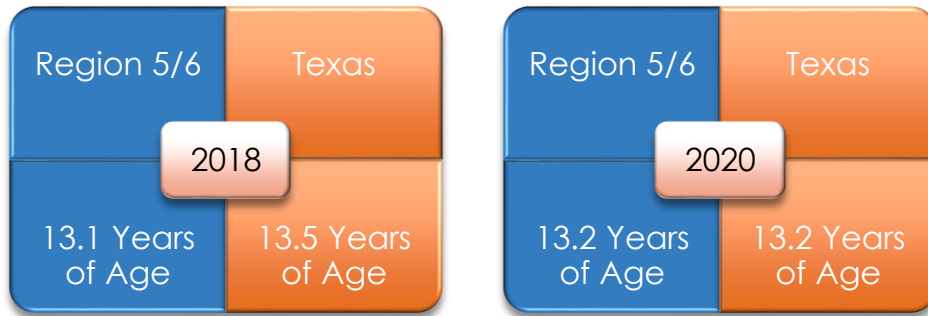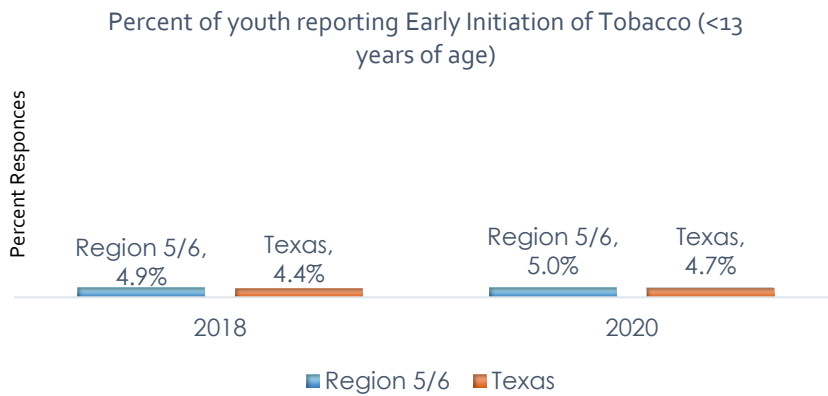**FIGURE 37. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION OF TOBACCO: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020**[89]

Region 5/6	Texas	Region 5/6	Texas
2018		**2020**	
13.1 Years of Age	13.5 Years of Age	13.2 Years of Age	13.2 Years of Age

FIGURE 38. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS REPORTING EARLY INITIATION (<13) OF TOBACCO: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[90]

Percent of youth reporting Early Initiation of Tobacco (<13 years of age)

Percent Responces

Region 5/6, 4.9%   Texas, 4.4%   Region 5/6, 5.0%   Texas, 4.7%

2018   2020

■ Region 5/6   ■ Texas

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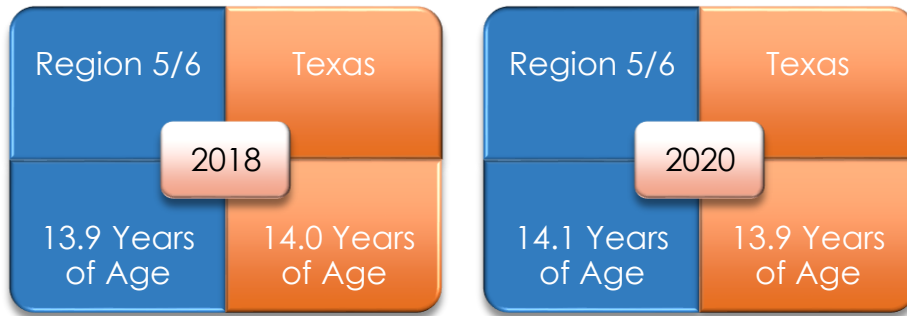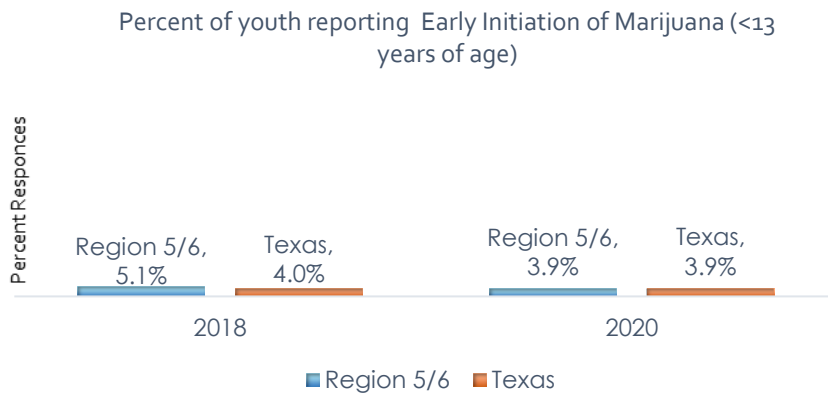**FIGURE 39. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION OF MARIJUANA: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020**[91]

Region 5/6	Texas
2018	
13.9 Years of Age	14.0 Years of Age

Region 5/6	Texas
2020	
14.1 Years of Age	13.9 Years of Age

FIGURE 40. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS REPORTING EARLY INITIATION (<13) OF MARIJUANA: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2018-2020[92]

Percent of youth reporting Early Initiation of Marijuana (<13 years of age)

Percent Responces

Region 5/6, 5.1%   Texas, 4.0%   Region 5/6, 3.9%   Texas, 3.9%

2018   2020

■ Region 5/6   ■ Texas

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PART IV - Consumption Patterns and Public Health/Safety Consequences

Patterns of Consumption

Youth Substance Use

FIGURE 41. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PAST 30 DAYS AND LIFETIME CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2014-2020[93]
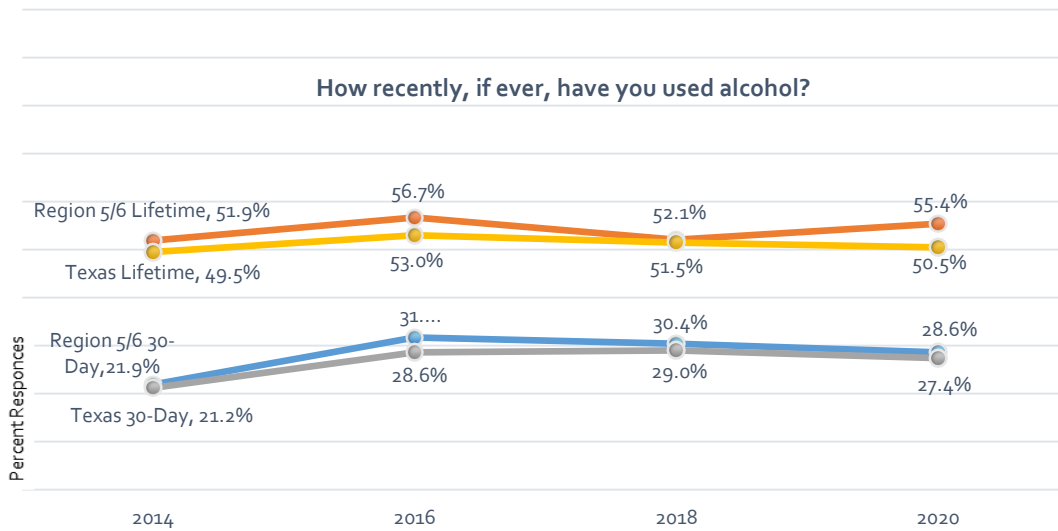
How recently, if ever, have you used alcohol?

Region 5/6 Lifetime, 51.9%   56.7%   52.1%   55.4%
Texas Lifetime, 49.5%   53.0%   51.5%   50.5%

Region 5/6 30-Day, 21.9%   31....   30.4%   28.6%
Texas 30-Day, 21.2%   28.6%   29.0%   27.4%

2014   2016   2018   2020

[93] Texas A&M University. Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use: 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020. HHSC Region 5 and 6 Report. https://www.texasschoolsurvey.org/Report. Accessed July 25, 2021.

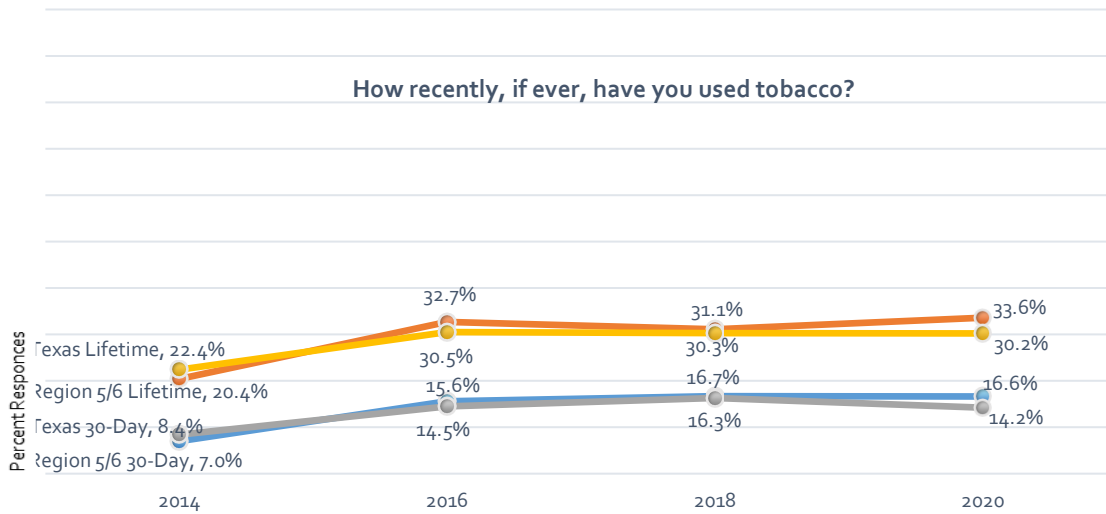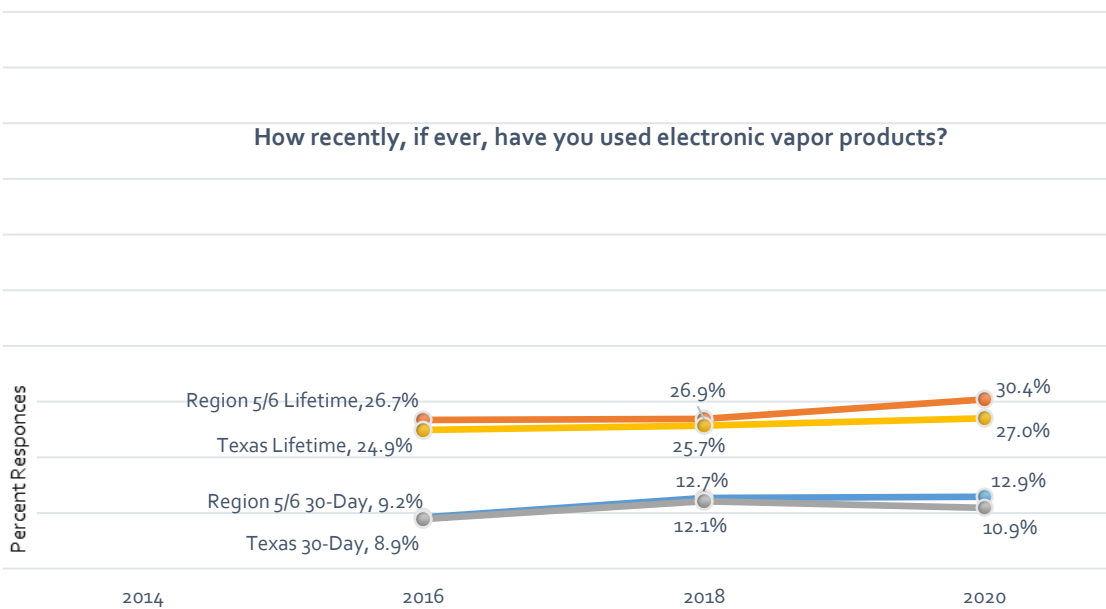**FIGURE 42. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PAST 30 DAYS AND LIFETIME CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2014-2020[94]**

How recently, if ever, have you used tobacco?

- Texas Lifetime, 22.4% — 32.7% — 31.1% — 33.6%
- Region 5/6 Lifetime, 20.4% — 30.5% — 30.3% — 30.2%
- Texas 30-Day, 8.4% — 15.6% — 16.7% — 16.6%
- Region 5/6 30-Day, 7.0% — 14.5% — 16.3% — 14.2%

Percent Responces

2014   2016   2018   2020

FIGURE 43. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PAST 30 DAYS AND LIFETIME CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCTS: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2016-2020[95]

How recently, if ever, have you used electronic vapor products?

- Region 5/6 Lifetime, 26.7% — 26.9% — 30.4%
- Texas Lifetime, 24.9% — 25.7% — 27.0%
- Region 5/6 30-Day, 9.2% — 12.7% — 12.9%
- Texas 30-Day, 8.9% — 12.1% — 10.9%

Percent Responces

2014   2016   2018   2020

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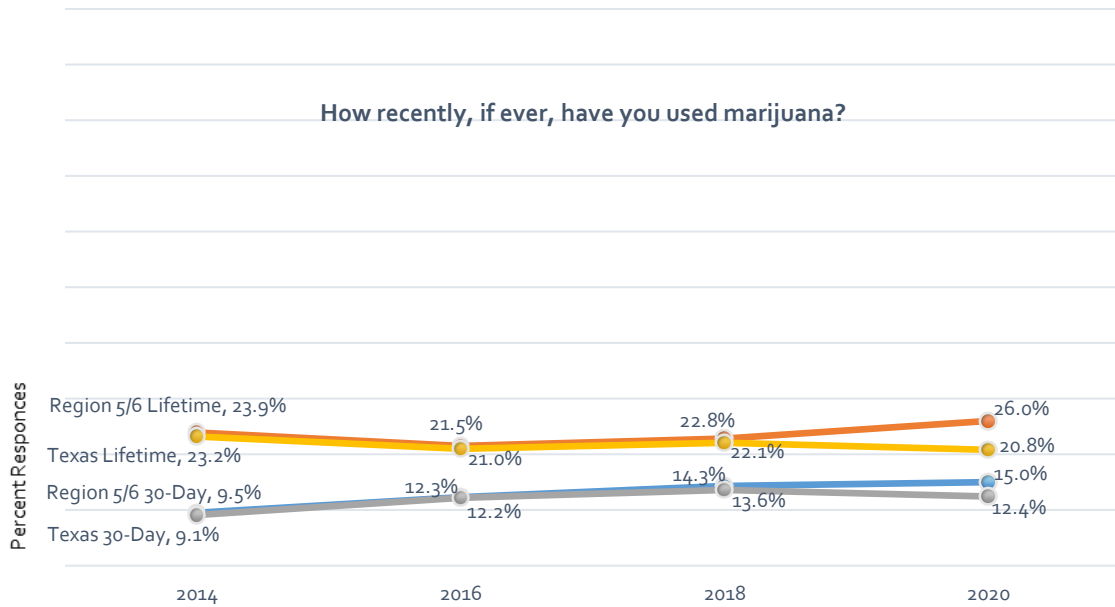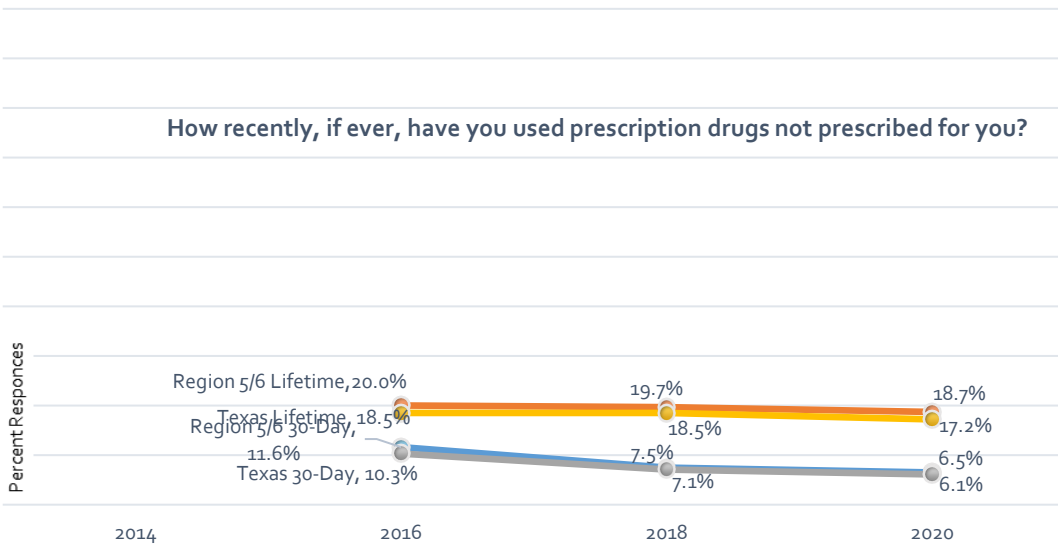**FIGURE 44. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PAST 30 DAYS AND LIFETIME CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2014-2020**[96]

How recently, if ever, have you used marijuana?

Region 5/6 Lifetime, 23.9% — 21.5% — 22.8% — 26.0%
Texas Lifetime, 23.2% — 21.0% — 22.1% — 20.8%
Region 5/6 30-Day, 9.5% — 12.3% — 14.3% — 15.0%
Texas 30-Day, 9.1% — 12.2% — 13.6% — 12.4%

2014   2016   2018   2020

Percent Responces

FIGURE 45. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PAST 30 DAYS AND LIFETIME CONSUMPTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2016-2020[97]

How recently, if ever, have you used prescription drugs not prescribed for you?

Region 5/6 Lifetime, 20.0% — 19.7% — 18.7%
Texas Lifetime, 18.5% — 18.5% — 17.2%
Region 5/6 30-Day, 11.6% — 7.5% — 6.5%
Texas 30-Day, 10.3% — 7.1% — 6.1%

2014   2016   2018   2020

Percent Responces

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FIGURE 46. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENTS' PAST 30 DAYS AND LIFETIME CONSUMPTION OF ANY ILLICIT DRUGS: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2016-2020[98]

How recently, if ever, have you used any illicit drugs?

Region 5/6 Lifetime, 23.4%   24.4%   26.0%
Texas Lifetime, 22.6%   23.5%   22.7%
Region 5/6 30-Day, 12.9%   14.8%   15.0%
Texas 30-Day, 12.8%   13.9%   13.0%

Percent Responces
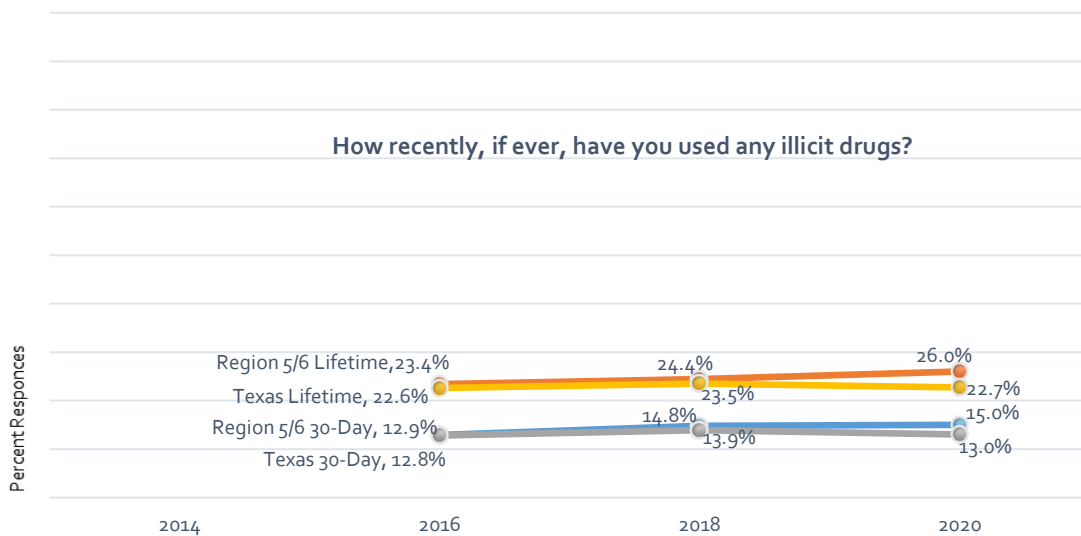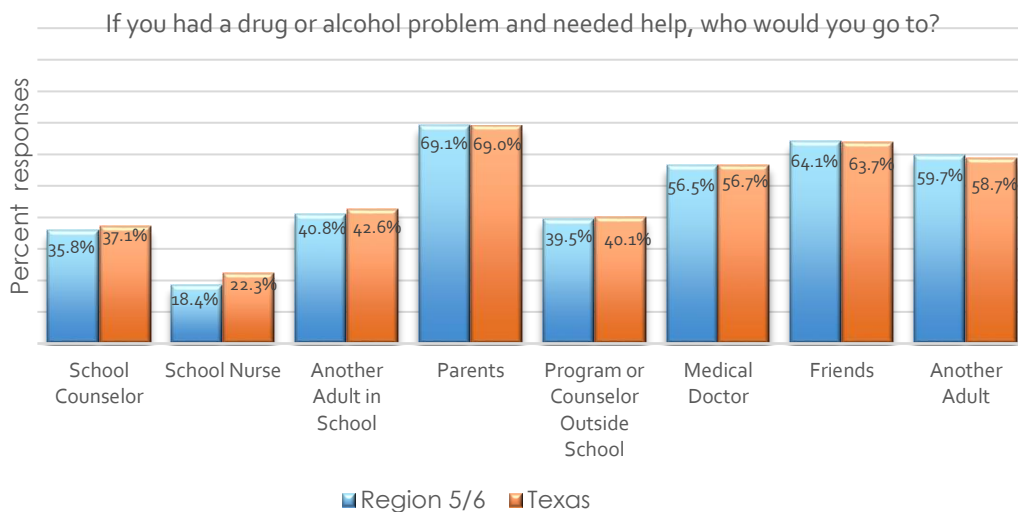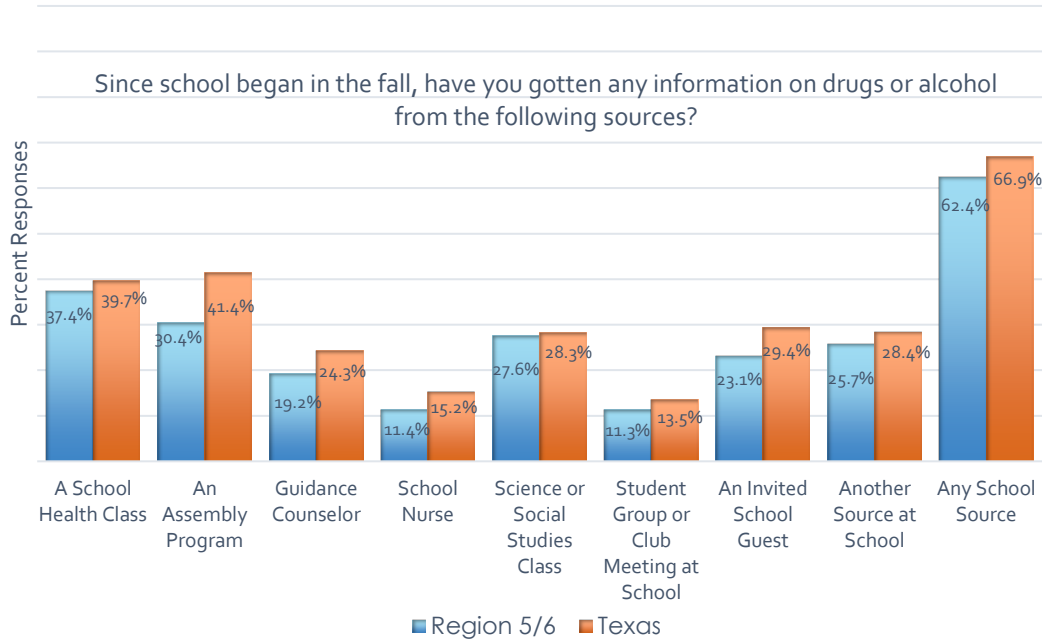
2014   2016   2018   2020

FIGURE 47. REGION 5/6 AND TEXAS STUDENT REPORTS OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM THEY WOULD REACH OUT IF THEY HAD A DRUG OR ALCOHOL PROBLEM: TSS GRADES 7-12, 2020[99]

If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who would you go to?

Percent responses

School Counselor: 35.8% / 37.1%
School Nurse: 18.4% / 22.3%
Another Adult in School: 40.8% / 42.6%
Parents: 69.1% / 69.0%
Program or Counselor Outside School: 39.5% / 40.1%
Medical Doctor: 56.5% / 56.7%
Friends: 64.1% / 63.7%
Another Adult: 59.7% / 58.7%

■ Region 5/6   ■ Texas

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Since school began in the fall, have you gotten any information on drugs or alcohol from the following sources?

	Region 5/6	Texas
A School Health Class	37.4%	39.7%
An Assembly Program	30.4%	41.4%
Guidance Counselor	19.2%	24.3%
School Nurse	11.4%	15.2%
Science or Social Studies Class	27.6%	28.3%
Student Group or Club Meeting at School	11.3%	13.5%
An Invited School Guest	23.1%	29.4%
Another Source at School	25.7%	28.4%
Any School Source	62.4%	66.9%

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Appendix B

Glossary of Terms

30 Day Use	Reported use of a substance in the 30 days prior to the report or survey
ACES	Adverse Childhood Experiences. Potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years) such as experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect; witnessing violence in the home; and having a family member attempt or die by suicide. Also included are aspects of the child's environment that can undermine their sense of safety, stability, and bonding such as growing up in a household with substance misuse, mental health problems, or instability due to parental separation or incarceration of a parent, sibling, or other member of the household.
ACS	American Community Survey
Adolescent	An individual between the ages of 12 and 17 years (SAMHSA)
APA	American Psychological Association
ATOD	Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
BAC	Blood Alcohol Concentration
BLS	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Health-related telephone survey that collects state data about U.S. residents regarding their health-related behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services.
CAPT	Southwest Regional Center for Applied Prevention Technologies
CBD	Cannabinoid
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHR	County Health Rankings

Counterfeit Drug	A medication or pharmaceutical item which is fraudulently produced and/or mislabeled then sold with the intent to deceptively represent its origin, authenticity, or effectiveness. Counterfeit drugs include drugs that contain no active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), an incorrect amount of API, an inferior-quality API, a wrong API, contaminants, or repackaged expired products.
CSAP	SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
Current Use	Misuse of a substance in the 30 days before participation in survey
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
Drug	A medicine or other substance which has a physiological effect when ingested or otherwise introduced into the body. Drugs can affect how the brain and the rest of the body work and cause changes in mood, awareness, thoughts, feelings, or behavior.
DSHS	Department of State Health Services. A state agency of Texas that assists Texans who need services or help. The agency's mission is to improve the health, safety, and well-being of Texans through good stewardship of public resources and a focus on core public health functions.
EBP Resource Center	SAMHSA's online Evidence-Based Practices Resource center providing communities, clinicians, policy-makers and others in the field with the information and tools they need to incorporate evidence-based practices into their communities or clinical settings. The Resource Center contains a collection of scientifically-based resources for a broad range of audiences, including Treatment Improvement Protocols, toolkits, resource guides, clinical practice guidelines, and other science-based resources, including prevention resources.
Epidemiology	The study (scientific, systematic, and data driven) and analysis of the distribution (who, when, and where), patterns, and determinants of health and disease conditions in defined populations.
Evaluation	Systematic application of scientific and statistical procedures for measuring program conceptualization, design, implementation, and utility, making comparisons based on these measurements, and the use of the resulting information to optimize program outcomes. The primary purpose is to gain insight to assist in future change.

EWG	Epidemiological Work Group
FBI UCR	Federal Bureau-Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting
HHS	Health and Human Services. The mission of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is to enhance the health and well-being of all Americans, by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.
HIDTA	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Incidence	The occurrence, rate, or frequency of a disease, crime, or something else undesirable. A measure of the risk for new substance abuse cases within a region.
IOM	Institute of Medicine
LGBTQIA+	An inclusive term covering people of all genders and sexualities, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, asexual, pansexual, and allies.
Lifetime Use	Any misuse of a substance, even just once, in one's lifetime
MAR/MAT	Medication-Assisted Recovery/Medication Assisted Treatment. The use of medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole patient" approach to the treatment of and recovery from substance use disorders.
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
Neurotoxin	Synthetic or naturally occurring substances that damage, destroy, or impair nerve tissue and the function of the nervous system. They inhibit communication between neurons across a synapse.
NIDA	National Institute on Drug Abuse
OCA	Texas Office of Court Administration
PDAP	Palmer Substance Abuse Program
PDMP	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Person-Centered Language	Prevention Resource Center. Prevention Resource Centers provide information about substance use to the general community and help track substance use problems. They provide trainings, support community programs and tobacco prevention activities, and connect people with community resources related to drug and alcohol use
PPRI	Public Policy Research Institute
PRC	Prevention Resource Center
Prevalence	The proportion of the population within the region found to already have a certain substance abuse problem.
Protective Factor	Conditions or attributes (skills, strengths, resources, supports or coping strategies) in individuals, families, communities, or the larger society that help people deal more effectively with stressful events and mitigate or eliminate risk in families and communities.
Recovery	A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.
Risk Factor	Conditions or attributes (skills, strengths, resources, supports or coping strategies) in individuals, families, communities, or the larger society that help people deal more effectively with stressful events and mitigate or eliminate risk in families and communities.
RNA	Regional Needs Assessment
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SDoH	Social Determinants of Health. The economic and social conditions that influence individual and group differences in health status.
Self-Directed Violence	Anything a person does intentionally that can cause injury to self, including death.
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SPF	Strategic Prevention Framework. SAMHSA's SPF is a planning process for preventing substance use and misuse. The five steps and two guiding principles of the SPF offer prevention professionals a comprehensive process for addressing the substance misuse and related behavioral health problems facing their communities. (SAMHSA)
Stigma	The stigma of addiction—the mark of disgrace or infamy associated with the disease—stems from behavioral symptoms and aspects of substance use disorder. The concept of stigma describes the powerful, negative perceptions commonly associated with substance abuse and addiction. Stigma has the potential to negatively affect a person's self-esteem, damage relationships with loved ones, and prevent those suffering from addiction from accessing treatment.
Substance Abuse	When alcohol or drug use adversely affects the health of the user or when the use of a substance imposes social and personal costs.
Substance Dependence	An adaptive state that develops from repeated drug administration, and which results in withdrawal upon cessation of drug use.
Substance Misuse	The use of a substance for a purpose not consistent with legal or medical guidelines. This term often describes the use of a prescription drug in a way that varies from the medical direction, such as taking more than the prescribed amount of a drug or using someone else's prescribed drug for medical or recreational use.
Substance Use	The consumption of low and/or infrequent doses of alcohol and other drugs such that damaging consequences may be rare or minor. Substance use might include an occasional glass of wine or beer with dinner, or the legal use of prescription medication as directed by a doctor to relieve pain or to treat a behavioral health disorder.
SUD	Substance Use Disorder. A condition in which there is uncontrolled use of a substance despite harmful consequences. SUDs occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

Telehealth	The use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support and promote long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, and health administration. Technologies include videoconferencing, the internet, store-and-forward imaging, streaming media, and terrestrial and wireless communications.
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TDC	Texas Demographic Center
TEA	Texas Education Agency
TJJD	Texas Juvenile Justice Department
TPII	Texas Prevention Impact Index
TSDC	Texas State Data Center
TSS	Texas School Survey. Collection of self-reported tobacco, alcohol, and substance use data among students in grades 7 through 12 in Texas public schools. The survey is sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and administered by the Public Policy Research Institute.
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
TxDPS	Texas Department of Public Safety
USCB	U.S. Census Bureau
WHO	World Health Organization
YRBSS	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey. an American biennial survey of adolescent health risk and health protective behaviors such as smoking, drinking, drug use, diet, and physical activity conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It surveys students in grades 9–12.