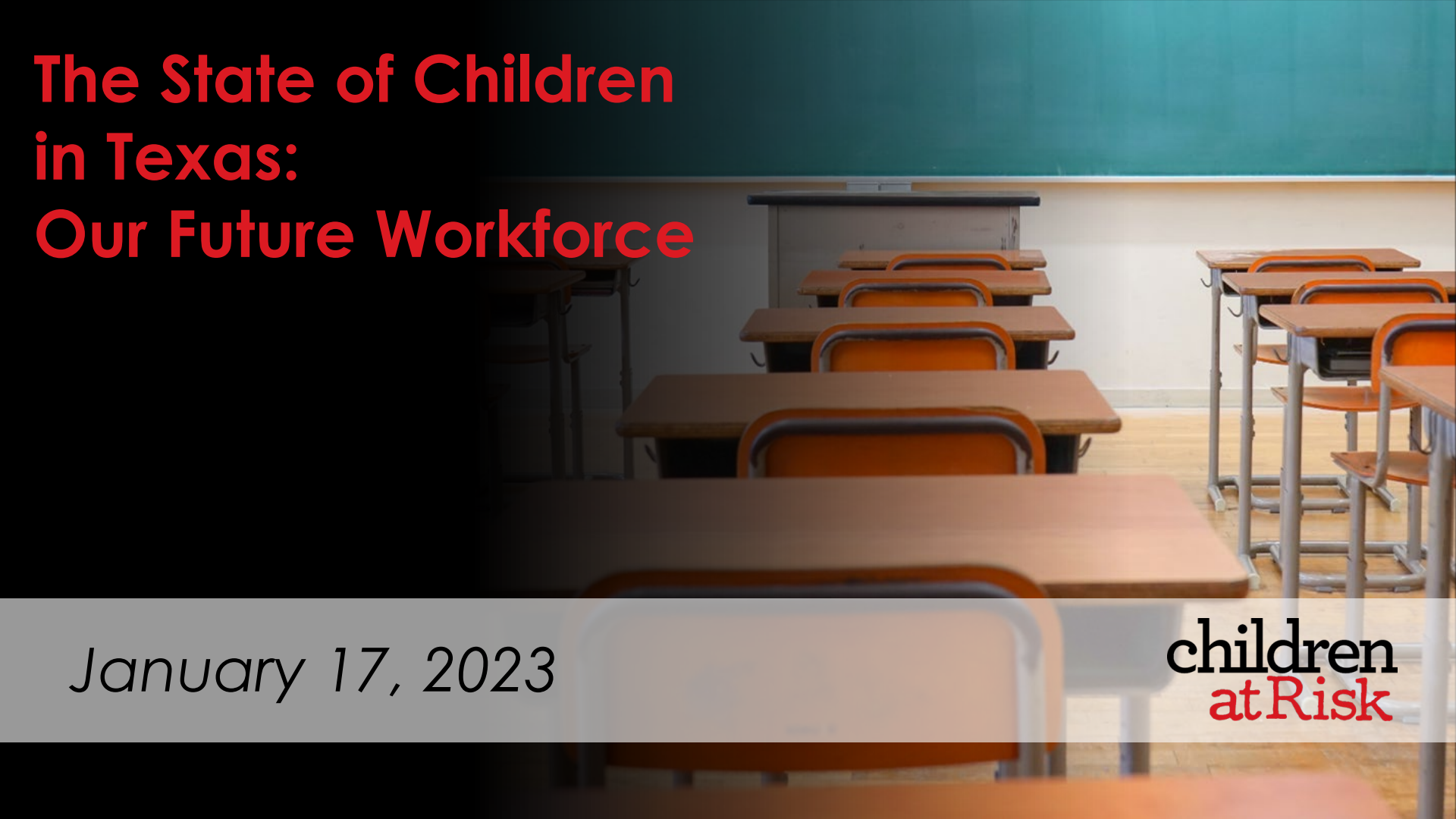
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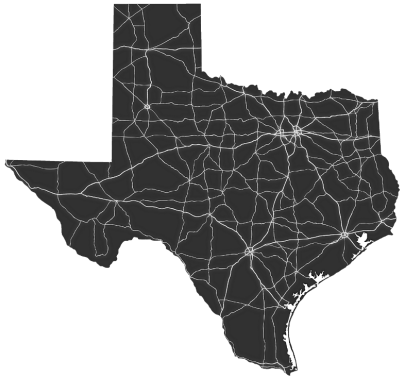
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Who We Are



CHILDREN AT RISK (C@R) serves as a catalyst for change to improve the quality of life for children through strategic research, public policy analysis, education, collaboration, and advocacy.



Committed to action beyond the data, C@R drives evidence-based change by speaking out on behalf of children. For more information, visit **childrenatrisk.org.**

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Who Are Texas' Children?

- There are **7,435,132** children in Texas
- Texas Children Race and Ethnicity:
  - **49%** of Texas children are Hispanic or Latino
    - **50.2%** of Texas children under 5 are Hispanic or Latino
  - **31%** of Texas children are White
  - **12%** of Texas children are Black or African American
  - **5%** of Texas children are Asian

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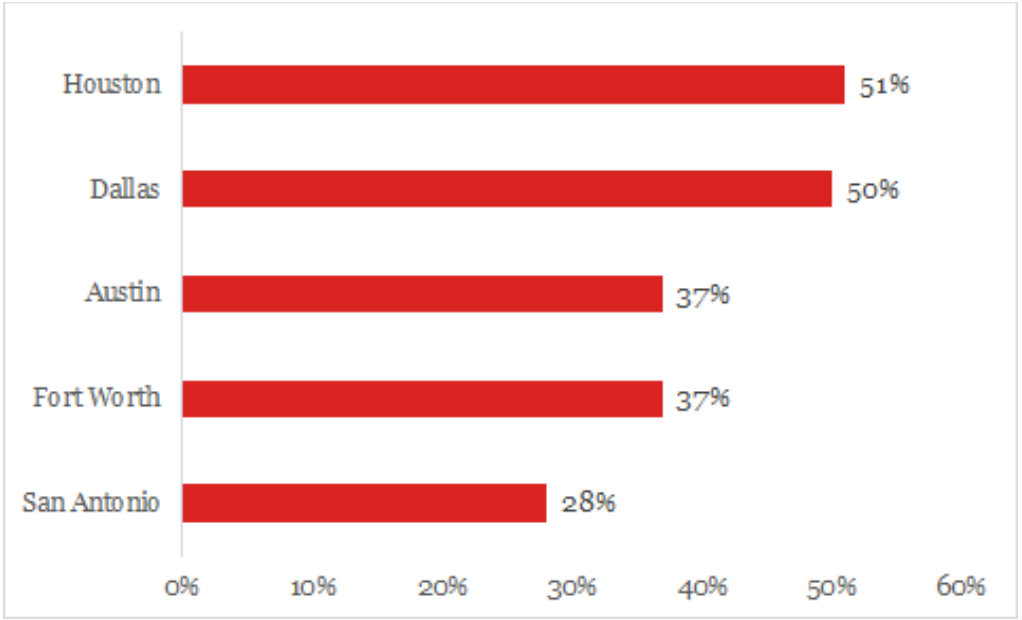
More About Texas' Children

- **60.2%** of Texas students are economically disadvantaged (qualify for free or reduced meals)
- **20.9%** of Texas children live below the poverty line, and (family of 4 making less than $26,172 per year)
- **4.1%** of Texas families live in extreme poverty (family of 4 that live on $10,000 or less per year)

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New American Children

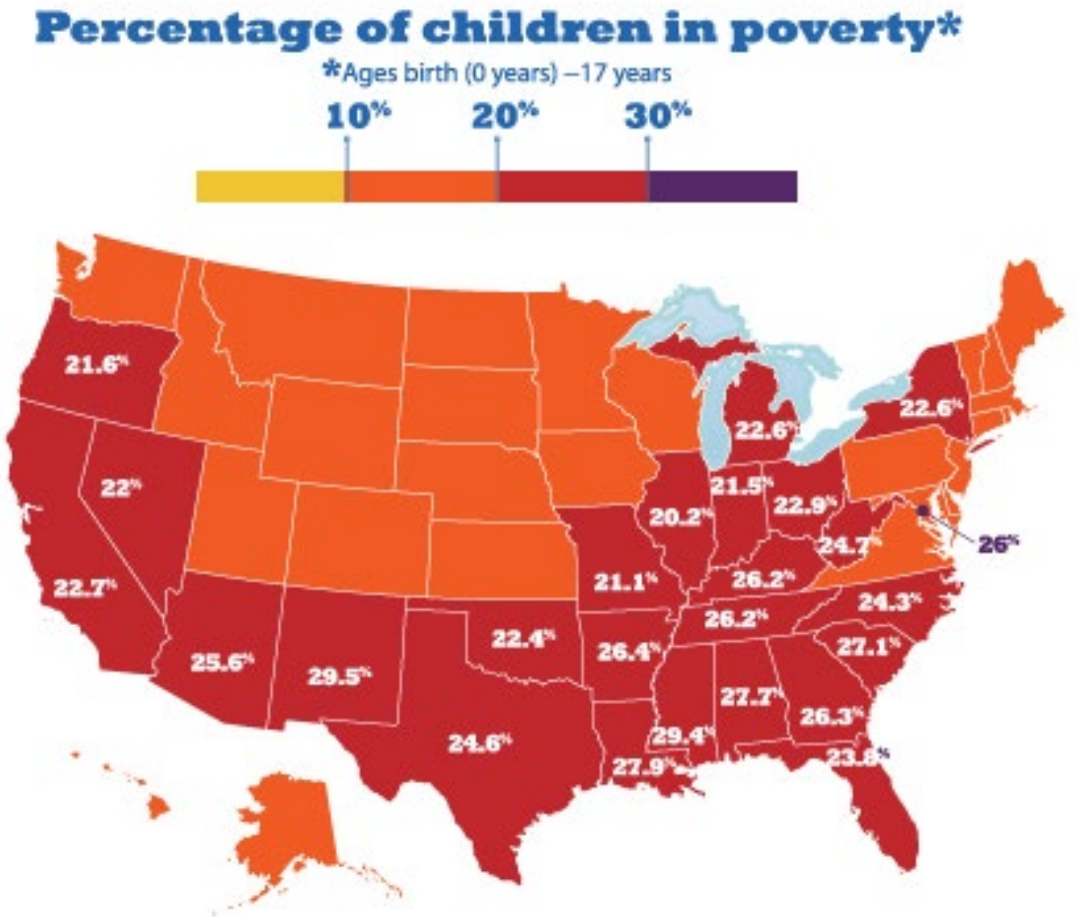
Children in Immigrant Families in Texas by City, 2018



- **51%** of Houston children are in immigrant families.
- Houston has the highest number of New American Children in the state with **298,000** kids.
- Although New American Children may be documented or undocumented, **84%** are US citizens.

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Child Poverty



Poverty in Texas: Pandemic Disparities

- The impacts of the pandemic have been particularly prevalent among Black, Latino, Indigenous, and immigrant households
- The sectors most deeply affected by COVID-19 disproportionately employ women, minorities and lower-income workers
- Stimulus checks, child-tax credits, and other poverty focused programs created during the pandemic have been a significant asset to children and families

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Parenting

Do parents want help with parenting?

Is parenting the answer?

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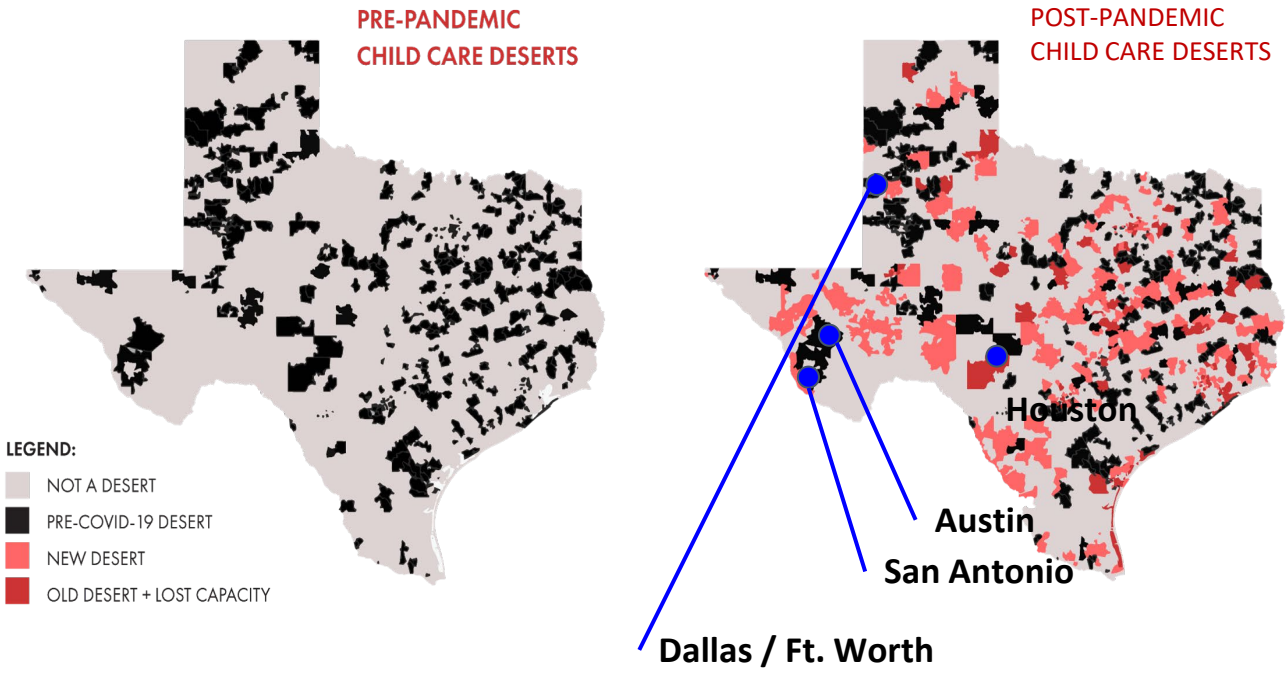
Early Childhood Education

- In 2019, **7-in-10** low income Texas children with working parents were living in a subsidized child care desert.
- Higher than the state average, **76%** of Houston children were living in a subsidized child care desert.

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Early Childhood Education: Child Care Deserts

The impact of COVID-19 on childcare centers in Texas



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Pre-K Education

Is Pre-K the Silver Bullet to quality public education?

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Pre-K Education

- **108** school districts have received a waiver from TEA exempting them from providing full-day Pre-K (roughly **9%**).

- What has the effect of the pandemic been on Pre-K?

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K – 12 Education

- Only **46%** of Houston area third graders meet standards on their state reading exam. This drops to **35%** for economically disadvantaged students.

- **50.1%** of Texas students and **53%** of Greater Houston students are at risk of dropping out of school.

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K – 12 Education: School Rankings

Top 10 High Schools in the Houston Area

1. **DEBAKEY H S FOR HEALTH PROF** (HOUSTON ISD)
2. **KERR H S** (ALIEF ISD)
3. **CARNEGIE VANGUARD H S** (HOUSTON ISD)
4. **EASTWOOD ACADEMY** (HOUSTON ISD)
5. **YOUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY** (HOUSTON ISD)
6. **EAST EARLY COLLEGE H S** (HOUSTON ISD)
7. **ALIEF EARLY COLLEGE H S** (ALIEF ISD)
8. **NORTH HOUSTON EARLY COLLEGE H S** (HOUSTON ISD)
9. **CHALLENGE EARLY COLLEGE H S** (HOUSTON ISD)
10. **HOUSTON ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES** (HOUSTON ISD)

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K – 12 Education: Gold Ribbon Schools

- Across Texas there were close to **600** Gold Ribbon Schools in 2019 (high-performing/high-poverty); however, the Pandemic Edition of the School Rankings revealed that only about **1/3** of these schools have consistently maintained Gold Ribbon Status for the last three years.

- Common themes and practices of Gold Ribbon Schools:
  - High quality full-day Pre-K
  - Set a culture of high expectations
  - Time on task
  - Communicate continuously with parents
  - Quality Leadership
  - Use data to drive instruction
  - Support the whole child

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K – 12 Education: Gold Ribbon Schools

Only **8%** of economically disadvantaged students in the Houston area attend gold ribbon schools.

***Gold Ribbon Schools** have 75% or more of their student body living in economically disadvantaged circumstances and receive an A or B in CHILDREN AT RISK's annual school rankings.*

Top Gold Ribbon* Districts in Texas

District	% Gold Ribbon of Eligible Schools
Edinburg CISD	76%
United ISD	69%
Brownsville ISD	64%
Socorro ISD	63%
Laredo ISD	58%
Mission CISD	53%
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD	53%
Harlingen CISD	53%
La Joya ISD	52%
Ysleta ISD	51%

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Higher Education: Forecasting

- Experts say that by the year 2030, **60%** of Texans will need a certificate or degree for the state to stay competitive in the global economy. Right now, not nearly enough Texas students are completing the levels of education needed to fill the jobs that will be available.

- Currently, **43.6%** of Texans have a postsecondary credential. **4.5%** have a certificate, **7.9%** have an associate's degree, **22.4%** have a bachelor's degree, **6.8%** have a master's degree, and **0.7%** have a doctorate.

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Higher Education: College Graduation Rates

- The statewide average 6-year graduation rate for full-time college students at public universities in Texas is **63%** - but this rate varies; for example, the average is **47.1%** for students that identify as Black.

- Nationally, **61%** of full-time college student at public universities graduate within 6 years. Less than **25%** of part-time students graduate within 8 years.

- This also varies by institution:
  - UH 6-year grad rate: **61%**
  - UHD 6-year grad rate: **27%**
  - Texas Southern 6-year grad rate: **22%**

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Higher Education: First Generation College Students

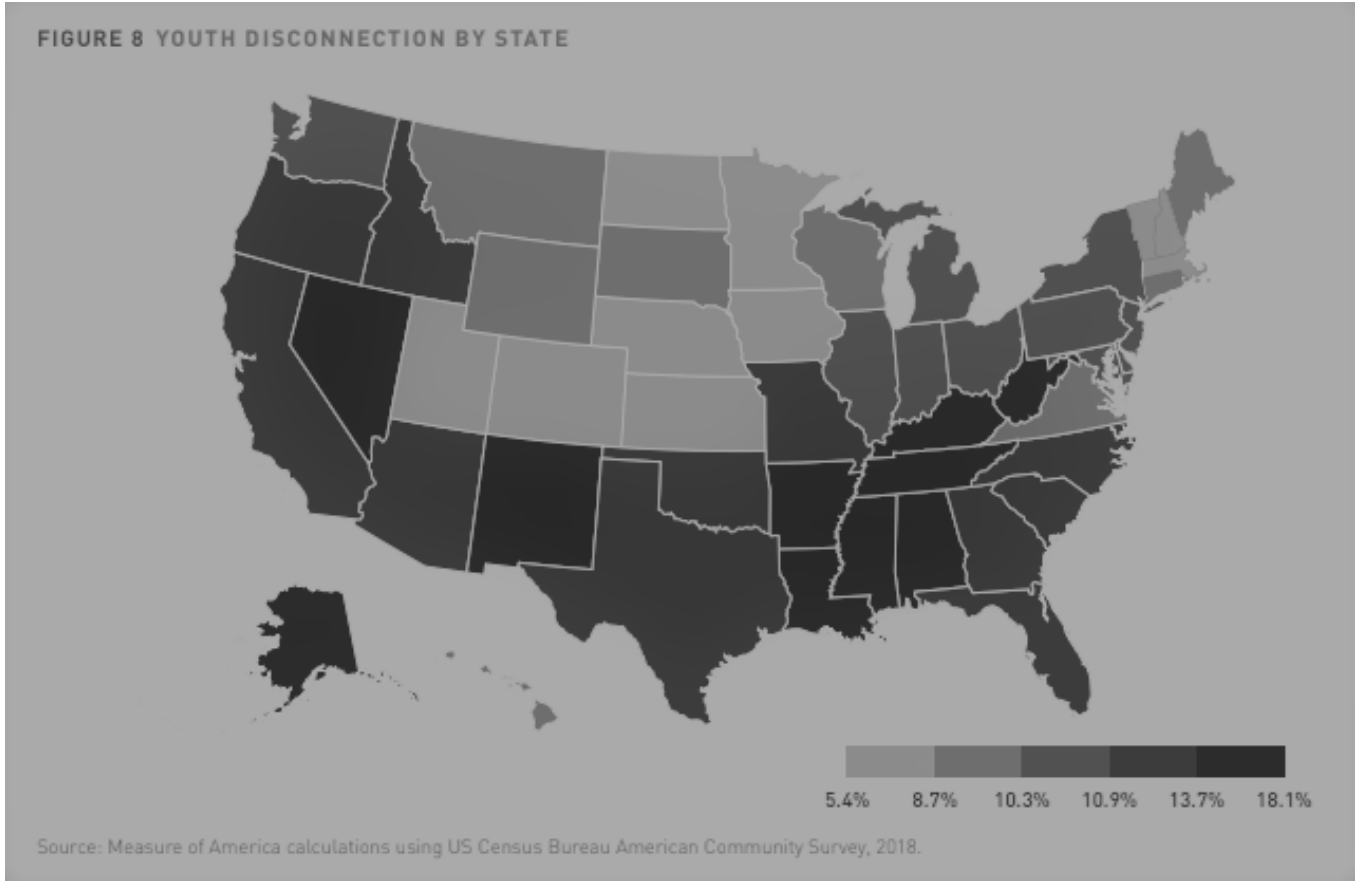
- **58.1%** of Texas college students are first generation compared to **55.5%** for the rest of the country

- **27%** of First generation students will drop out of college over a 4 year period, compared to **12%** for students whose parents have at least a bachelor's degree.

- **11.5%** of first generation students attend for profit, private universities. Only **25%** graduate within 6 years from 4 year programs, compared to **61-67%** at other college classifications.

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Opportunity Youth & Young Adults: Texas vs. The Nation



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Opportunity Youth & Young Adults: Texas vs. The Nation

- Texas ranks **39th** in opportunities for youth, with **12.7%** of youth (16-24 years old) disconnected from work and school.

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Opportunity Youth & Young Adults: Forecasts

- The U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded a **165%** increase in unemployment for this age group from March to April of 2020.

- Some researchers theorize that the percentage of disconnected youth may increase to as much as **25%** as a result of the pandemic.

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Can a child be successful when unhealthy?

Health & Nutrition: Insurance

- **11.1%** of Texas children are uninsured, the highest of any state.

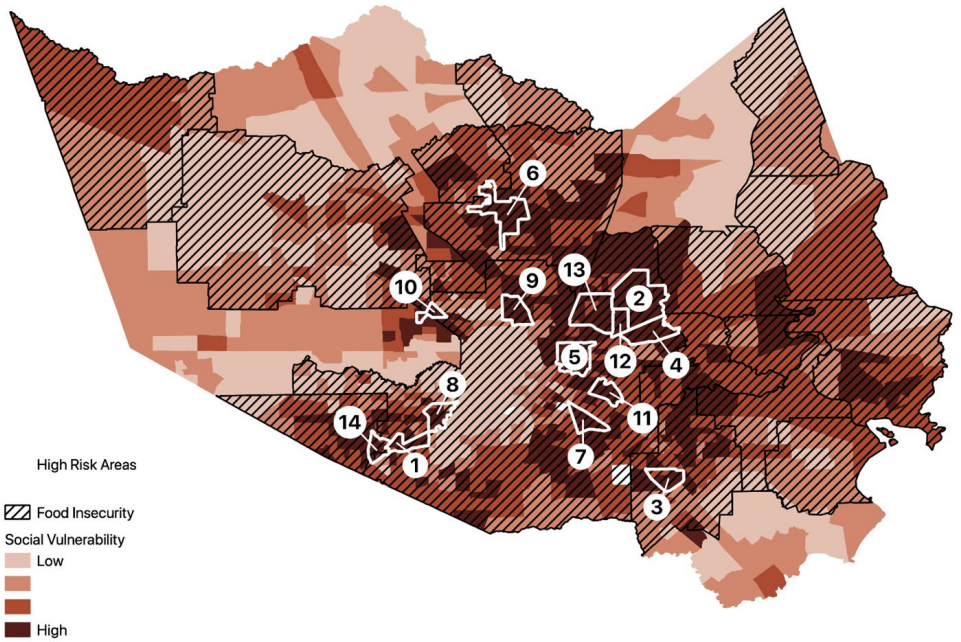
- Harris County has the highest percentage of uninsured children with **13%** of children uninsured.

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Health & Nutrition: Food Insecurity

Prior to the pandemic, approximately **22%** of children in Texas lived in food insecure households.

Harris County Food Insecurity Map, 2019



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Health & Nutrition: SNAP

- Across the state of Texas, SNAP helps to feed **550,790** children under age 5 and **1,288,049** children age 5 and older on average each month.

- Over **1-in-5** Houstonians were eligible, but not enrolled in SNAP – so still a long way to go to connect children and resources.

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Health & Nutrition: Food Rankings

Donna ISD

Ranked **1st** in C@R Food Rankings

Breakfast Participation: **82%**

Lunch Participation: **86%**

Provides after school snacks and supper

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Uplift Education Charter Schools

Ranked **Last** in C@R Food Rankings

Breakfast Participation: **32%**

Lunch Participation: **71%**

Does not provides after school snacks and supper

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Health & Nutrition: Vaccinations

- **95%** of kindergarten students in the 2019-2020 school year completed their vaccinations for measles, mumps, rubella, and pertussis (a slight decrease compared to the 2018-19 school year).

- High vaccination rates must continue in order to avoid an unnecessary public health crisis. Untimely access to recommended immunizations could create an additional public health burden, reducing community health providers' overall capacity.

- **Measles in Ohio**

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Maternal Mortality Rate

- Texas' overall severe maternal morbidity rate is **72.7** per **10,000** live births
- The lowest rate in the US is 8.8/100k (Minnesota)
- Racial disparities in maternal mortality statewide
    - Black women are **2x** as likely to die from childbirth than other groups in Texas
    - Overall rate: 72.7 deaths per 10,000 deliveries
        - **56.3** per 10,000 for White women
        - **72.1** per 10,000 for Hispanic women
        - **117.3** per 10,000 for Black women

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Health & Nutrition: Mental Health

- **Texas ranks 51st out of 51** (includes Washington, D.C.) in mental health funding

- **1-in-6** Texas children between the ages of 2-8 years old have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder.

- **11.2%** of Texas youths between the ages of 12-17 have had a major depressive episode in 2013-2014, but only **35.3%** of those youths received treatment.

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Maximizing Success: Public Policies that Work

- Parenting
- Early Education
- Quality Pre-K—12
- Extended Day/Year
- College
- Medical Homes-Access to CHIP
- Access to Nutrition/SNAP
- Summer Food

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Major Red Flags for Child Success

- Poverty
- Importance of Parents
- Early Education
- Quality Schools
- College Access
- Health Insurance
- Food Insecurity

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