

**35** **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	TEXAS
<b>CHILDREN IN POVERTY</b> US: 14,116,000   TX: 1,619,000	22% 2010	26% 2010
	19% 2016 <b>BETTER</b>	<b>22%</b> 2016 <b>BETTER</b>
<b>CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT</b> US: 20,692,000   TX: 1,979,000	33% 2010	31% 2010
	28% 2016 <b>BETTER</b>	<b>27%</b> 2016 <b>BETTER</b>
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN</b> US: 23,556,000   TX: 2,287,000	41% 2010	37% 2010
	32% 2016 <b>BETTER</b>	<b>31%</b> 2016 <b>BETTER</b>
<b>TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING</b> US: 1,176,000   TX: 127,000	9% 2010	9% 2010
	7% 2016 <b>BETTER</b>	<b>8%</b> 2016 <b>BETTER</b>

**32** **EDUCATION**  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	TEXAS
<b>YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL</b> US: 4,256,000   TX: 463,000	52% 2009-11	57% 2009-11
	52% 2014-16 <b>SAME</b>	<b>58%</b> 2014-16 <b>WORSE</b>
<b>FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING</b> US: N.A.   TX: N.A.	68% 2009	72% 2009
	65% 2017 <b>BETTER</b>	<b>71%</b> 2017 <b>BETTER</b>
<b>EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH</b> US: N.A.   TX: N.A.	67% 2009	64% 2009
	67% 2017 <b>SAME</b>	<b>67%</b> 2017 <b>WORSE</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME</b> US: N.A.   TX: N.A.	21% 2010-11	14% 2010-11
	16% 2015-16 <b>BETTER</b>	<b>11%</b> 2015-16 <b>BETTER</b>

**41** **HEALTH**  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	TEXAS	
<b>LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES</b> US: 321,839   TX: 33,445	8.1% 2010	8.2% 2016 WORSE	8.4% 2010 8.4% 2016 SAME
<b>CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE</b> US: 3,277,000   TX: 671,000	8% 2010	4% 2016 BETTER	14% 2010 9% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000</b> US: 20,360   TX: 2,027	26 2010	26 2016 SAME	26 2010 26 2016 SAME
<b>TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS</b> US: 1,148,000   TX: 109,000	N.A. 2009-10	5% 2015-16	N.A. 2009-10 5% 2015-16

**47** **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	TEXAS	
<b>CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES</b> US: 24,267,000   TX: 2,464,000	34% 2010	35% 2016 WORSE	36% 2010 35% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA</b> US: 9,989,000   TX: 1,467,000	15% 2010	14% 2016 BETTER	23% 2010 20% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS</b> US: 9,448,000   TX: 1,198,000	13% 2008-12	13% 2012-16 SAME	19% 2008-12 17% 2012-16 BETTER
<b>TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000</b> US: 209,809   TX: 29,765	34 2010	20 2016 BETTER	52 2010 31 2016 BETTER