

TASK FORCE ON HISPANIC QUALITY OF LIFE: EDUCATION General Data Comparisons

Summary

Population

- At the national level, the Hispanic population is growing, but is equal to the African American population. By comparison, in Texas and Travis County, the Hispanic population is growing at a faster rate, and is larger than the African American population. (See Table A)
- By 2040, at the national level, the Hispanic population will have almost doubled, but Whites will still be in the majority. By comparison, by 2040 in Texas and Travis County, Hispanics will be in the majority by a large margin. (See Table A)
- Related to the growth of the Hispanic population are comparatively larger household sizes, higher fertility rates, and lower median ages. (See Tables B, C, and D)
- A much larger percentage of the Hispanic population is foreign born. (See Table E)

Health

- The Hispanic infant mortality rate is somewhat higher than that for Whites, but African Americans have a significantly higher rate. (See Table F)
- Life expectancy for Hispanics is somewhat higher than that for Whites, but African Americans have a significantly lower life expectancy. (See Table G)
- Teen pregnancy rates for Hispanics and African Americans are significantly higher than the rate for Whites. In Texas and Travis County, the rate for Hispanics is greater than that for African Americans. (See Table H)
- Compared to African Americans and Whites, Hispanics are much more likely to lack health insurance coverage. (See Table I)

Economy

- At the national level, the labor force is predominantly White, with Hispanics and African Americans having roughly equal representation. In Texas and Travis County, the labor force is also largely White, but Hispanics have greater representation than African Americans; however, by 2040 in Texas, the majority of the labor force will be Hispanic. (See Table J)
- The unemployment rate for Hispanics is greater than that for Whites, but African Americans have the highest unemployment rate. (See Table K)
- The median household income for Hispanics is less than that for Whites, but somewhat greater than the median household income for African Americans. By comparison, a much larger percentage of the Hispanic population is below the poverty level. (See Tables L and M)
- Business ownership is predominantly White, but business ownership among Hispanics is greater than that for African Americans. (See Table N)
- Home ownership is predominantly White. At the national and local levels, home ownership among Hispanics and African Americans is roughly equal; however, at the state level, home ownership among Hispanics is greater than that for African Americans. (See Table O)
- Among the prison and jail population, Hispanics are not over-represented, but African Americans are considerably over-represented. (See Table P)
- In military enlistment, Hispanics are under-represented, but African Americans are somewhat over-represented. (See Table Q)

Education

- Students enrolled in post-secondary education are predominantly White but, compared to the nation, a greater percentage of Hispanics and African Americans are enrolled in post-secondary education in Texas and Travis County. (See *Table R*)
- Persons with Bachelor's or advanced degrees are predominantly White, and Hispanics hold fewer Bachelor's or advanced degrees than both Whites and African Americans. In Travis County, more of the general population holds Bachelor's or advanced degrees. (See *Table S*)
- Persons with a high school diploma are predominantly White, and Hispanics hold fewer diplomas than both Whites and African Americans. In Travis County, more of the general population holds a high school diploma. (See *Table T*)
- At the national level, elementary and secondary school enrollment is predominantly White, with Hispanics and African Americans enrolled at roughly the same rates. By comparison, at the state and local levels, elementary and secondary school enrollment is predominantly Hispanic. (See *Table U*)
- Elementary and secondary Hispanic students are more likely to receive disciplinary actions than Whites, and African Americans much more likely. (See *Table V*)
- Elementary and secondary Hispanic and African American students are more likely to be retained at grade level than Whites. Compared to the nation, state rates are generally lower. (See *Table W*)
- Hispanic and African American students are more likely to drop out of high school than Whites. Compared to the nation, state and local dropout rates are generally lower. (See *Table X*)
- Hispanic and African American high school students are less likely to participate in advanced placement exams than Whites. Compared to the nation, state rates are generally higher, and local rates are generally much higher. (See *Table Y*)
- Elementary and secondary teachers are predominantly White but, compared to the nation, more elementary and secondary teachers are Hispanic at the state and local levels. (See *Table Z*)

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General Data Comparisons

Table A: Population

| Group | U.S. 2000 % of Total | Texas 2005 % of Total | Travis Co. 2005 % of Total | U.S. 2040 % of Total | Texas 2040 % of Total | Travis Co. 2040 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 12.7% | 11.5% | 9.2% | 14.3% | 9.5% | 7.7% |
| Hispanic | 12.6% | 34.7% | 31.2% | 22.3% | 52.6% | 50.8% |
| White | 69.4% | 50.2% | 54.0% | 53.7% | 32.2% | 32.7% |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas State Data Center

Table B: Average Household Size

| Group | U.S. 2000 | Texas 2000 | Travis Co. 2000 |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| African American | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Hispanic | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| White | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.2 |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas State Data Center

Table C: Fertility Rate (Births per 1,000 Women Ages 15-44)

| Group | U.S. 2002 | Texas 2002 | Travis Co. 2000 |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| African American | 64.6 | 68.1 | 46.5 |
| Hispanic | 82.0 | 101.8 | 43.8 |
| White | 56.5 | 60.0 | 39.1 |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas Department of State Health Services

Table D: Median Age

| Group | U.S. 2000 | Texas 2000 | Travis Co. 2000 |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| African American | 30.2 | 29.8 | 29.4 |
| Hispanic | 25.8 | 25.5 | 25.1 |
| White | 38.6 | 38.1 | 34.7 |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas State Data Center

Table E: Foreign Born Population

| Group | U.S. 2004 % of Group | Texas 2004 % of Group | Travis Co. 2004 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 8.3% | 5.1% | 7.6% |
| Hispanic | 43.2% | 32.8% | 32.8% |
| White | 4.5% | 3.5% | 4.7% |

U.S. Census Bureau

Table F: Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths per 1,000 Births)

| Group | U.S. 2002 | Texas 2002 | Travis Co. 2000 |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| African American | 13.9 | 13.5 | 11.9 |
| Hispanic | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| White | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.2 |

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Texas Department of State Health Services

Table G: Life Expectancy, 2000

| Group | U.S. 2000 | Texas 2002 |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| African American | 71.7 | 71.8 |
| Hispanic | 80.4 | 78.1 |
| White | 77.4 | 77.3 |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas Department of State Health Services

Table H: Teen Pregnancy Rate (Pregnancies per 1,000 Women Ages 15-19)

| Group | U.S. 2000 | Texas 2000 | Travis Co. 2000 |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| African American | 151.0 | 120.0 | 47.0 |
| Hispanic | 132.0 | 142.0 | 64.3 |
| White | 56.9 | 65.0 | 14.9 |

National Center for Health Statistics; Austin-Travis County Health Department

Table I: Health Insurance Coverage

| Group | U.S. 2000 % of Group | Texas 2003 % of Group |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| African American | 80.3% | 79.0% |
| Hispanic | 67.3% | 63.0% |
| White | 88.7% | 88.0% |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas Department of State Health Services

Table J: Labor Force

| Group | U.S. 2004 % of Total | Texas 2000 % of Total | Travis Co. 2000 % of Total | Texas 2040 % of Total |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| African American | 10.2% | 10.7% | 8.0% | 7.9% |
| Hispanic | 11.8% | 27.5% | 24.8% | 58.7% |
| White | 74.2% | 58.4% | 61.1% | 25.2% |

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Hispanic Demographic Growth in Texas

Table K: Unemployment Rate, Age 16+ in Labor Force

| Group | U.S. 2005 % of Group | Texas 2000 % of Group | Travis Co. 2000 % of Group |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| African American | 10.3% | 10.5% | 7.4% |
| Hispanic | 5.8% | 8.7% | 5.6% |
| White | 4.3% | 4.1% | 3.0% |

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Texas State Data Center; U.S. Census Bureau

Table L: Median Household Income

| Group | U.S. 2000 | Texas 2000 | Travis Co. 2000 |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| African American | \$30,134 | \$29,305 | \$34,796 |
| Hispanic | \$34,241 | \$29,873 | \$37,079 |
| White | \$48,977 | \$47,162 | \$52,582 |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas State Date Center

Table M: Population below Poverty Level

| Group | U.S. 2000 % of Total | Texas 2000 % of Total | Travis Co. 2000 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 24.7% | 16.8% | 12.5% |
| Hispanic | 21.9% | 53.2% | 44.2% |
| White | 8.6% | 26.5% | 35.2% |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas State Data Center

Table N: Business Ownership

| Group | U.S. 2002 % of Total | Texas 2002 % of Total | Travis Co. 2002 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 5.2% | 5.1% | 2.5% |
| Hispanic | 6.9% | 18.4% | 11.2% |
| White | 82.1% | 70.9% | 83.2% |

U.S. Census Bureau

Table O: Home Ownership

| Group | U.S. 2002 % of Group | Texas 2002 % of Group | Travis Co. 2002 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 47.3% | 46.4% | 47.8% |
| Hispanic | 48.2% | 56.1% | 46.5% |
| White | 74.5% | 70.8% | 73.9% |

U.S. Census Bureau

Table P: Prison and Jail Population

| Group | U.S. 2004 % of Total | Texas 2000 % of Total | Travis Co. 2005 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 40.7% | 43.5% | 36.0% |
| Hispanic | 19.2% | 25.2% | 26.0% |
| White | 34.3% | 30.9% | 38.0% |

U.S. Department of Justice; Texas State Data Center; Travis County

Table Q: Military Enlistment

| Group | U.S. 2002 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African American | 22.5% |
| Hispanic | 9.5% |
| White | 61.9% |

U.S. Department of Defense

Table R: Post-Secondary Enrollment

| Group | U.S. 2001 % of Total | Texas 2004 % of Total | Travis Co. 2000 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 11.6% | 11.4% | 6.4% |
| Hispanic | 9.8% | 25.6% | 17.2% |
| White | 67.6% | 52.2% | 62.0% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; U.S. Census Bureau

Table S: Bachelor's or Advanced Degree, Age 25+

| Group | U.S. 2004 % of Group | Texas 2000 % of Group | Travis Co. 2000 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 17.7% | 15.5% | 20.5% |
| Hispanic | 12.1% | 8.9% | 16.0% |
| White | 30.6% | 30.0% | 51.0% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Hispanic Demographic Growth in Texas; U.S. Census Bureau

Table T: High School Diploma, Age 25+

| Group | U.S. 2004 % of Group | Texas 2000 % of Group | Travis Co. 2000 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| African American | 81.1% | 76.0% | 80.3% |
| Hispanic | 58.4% | 49.3% | 57.3% |
| White | 90.0% | 87.3% | 94.9% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Hispanic Demographic Growth in Texas; U.S. Census Bureau

Table U: Elementary and Secondary School Enrollment

| Group | U.S. 2003 % of Total | Texas 2004 % of Total | AISD 2004 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African American | 16.1% | 14.3% | 13.6% |
| Hispanic | 18.6% | 43.8% | 53.1% |
| White | 58.3% | 38.7% | 30.3% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Texas Education Agency

Table V: Elementary and Secondary Disciplinary Actions

| Group | U.S. 2000 % of Group | Texas 2003 % of Group | AISD 2003 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African American | 35.0% | 35.6% | 37.5% |
| Hispanic | 20.0% | 20.0% | 19.4% |
| White | 15.0% | 16.3% | 11.9% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Texas Education Agency

Table W: Elementary and Secondary Grade Level Retention Rate

| Group | U.S. 2000 % of Group | Texas 2003 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| African American | 18.0% | 6.0% |
| Hispanic | 13.0% | 6.1% |
| White | 9.0% | 2.8% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Texas Education Agency

Table X: High School Dropout Rate

| Group | U.S. 2003 % of Group | Texas 2004 % of Group | AISD 2004 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African American | 10.9% | 6.3% | 7.9% |
| Hispanic | 23.5% | 7.1% | 9.6% |
| White | 6.3% | 2.2% | 2.9% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Texas Education Agency

Table Y: High School Participation in Advanced Placement Exams

| Group | U.S. 2000 % of Group | Texas 2003 % of Group | AISD 2004 % of Group |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African American | 5.8% | 7.8% | 10.6% |
| Hispanic | 11.0% | 12.2% | 18.2% |
| White | 18.4% | 19.5% | 41.1% |

National Center for Education Statistics; Texas Education Agency

Table Z: Elementary and Secondary Teachers

| Group | U.S. 2003 % of Total | Texas 2003 % of Total | AISD 2004 % of Total |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African American | 8.4% | 9.0% | 6.5% |
| Hispanic | 5.5% | 18.0% | 22.9% |
| White | 82.7% | 72.0% | 68.5% |

U.S. Census Bureau; Texas Education Agency; AISD