

2012 National KIDS COUNT Data Book



TEXAS KIDS COUNT

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A photograph of a man with dark hair, wearing a grey button-down shirt, smiling warmly at a baby. The baby is wearing a red and white patterned outfit and has a small white bow in her hair. They are outdoors with green foliage in the background.

KIDS COUNT

data book

2012 DATA BOOK

A New **KIDS COUNT** Index

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Why a new index?

OLD

- Ranked states on **10 indicators** of child well-being
- Dominated by health indicators
- Minimized education and family and community influences

NEW

- Ranks states on **4 domains** with **16 indicators** of child well-being
- Leverages new data availability
- Allows for more comprehensive and nuanced views of child well-being

The New Domains



**Economic
Well-Being**



Education



Health



**Family and
Community**

KIDS COUNT State Rankings

- Overall Child Well-Being ranked using **all 16 indicators** weighted equally
- New state ranking by each of the **four domains**



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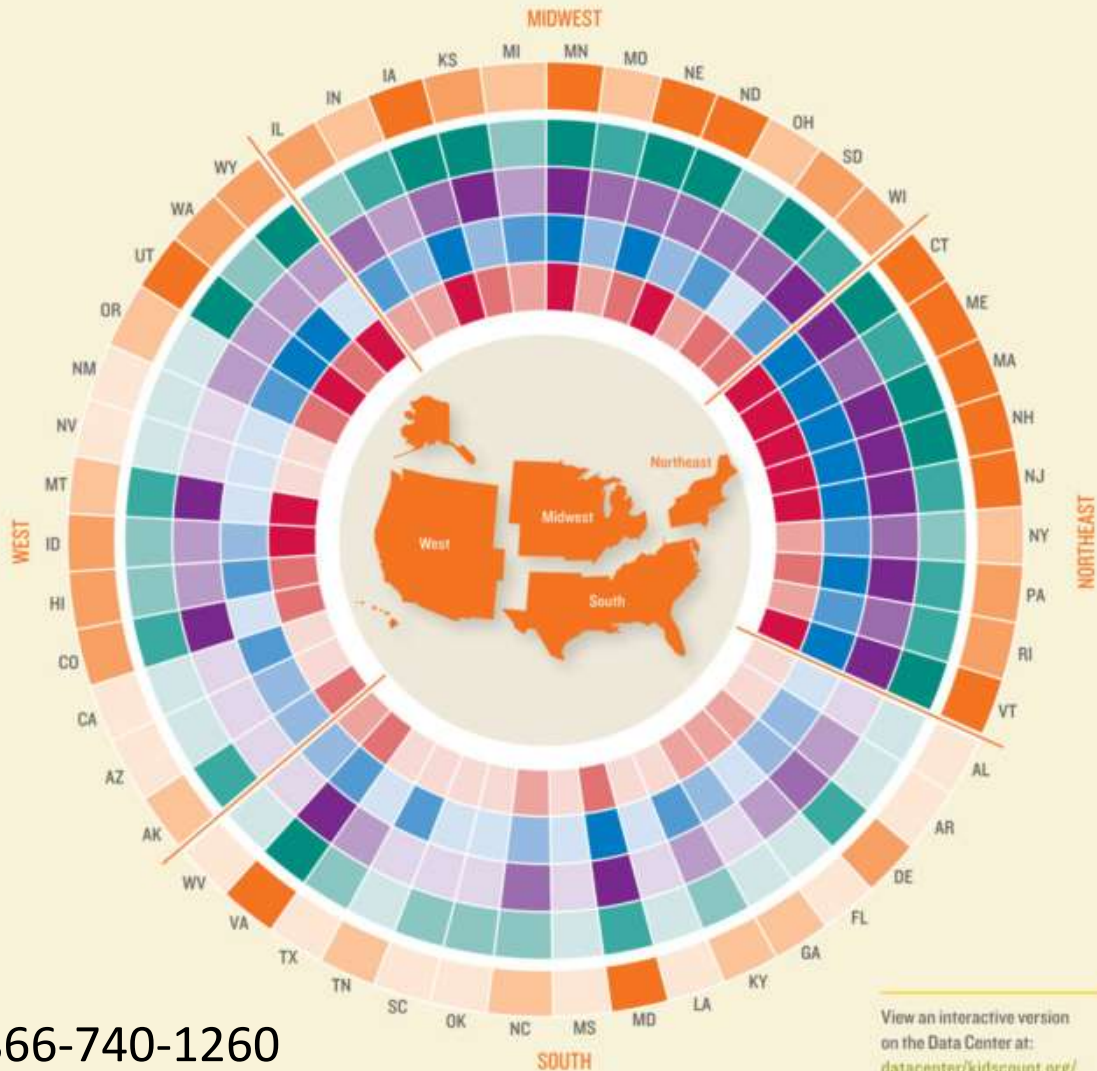
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New Interactive Feature



Consider sharing a link to our interactive data wheel in your article or on your website.

Quick and easy way to compare states.

View an interactive version on the Data Center at: datacenter/kidscount.org/databook/2012/

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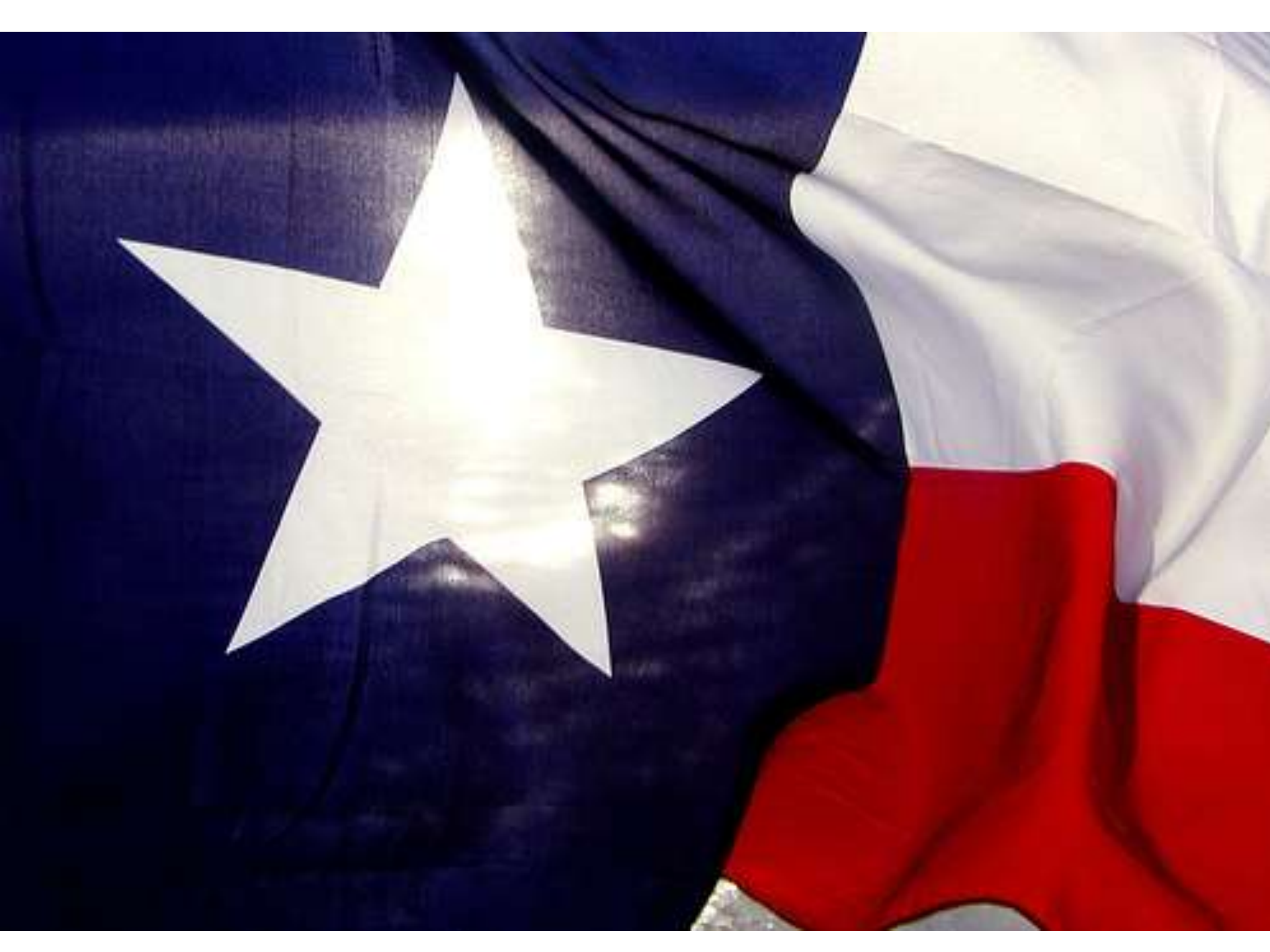
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'Texas century' will blaze trail for U.S. to follow

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Spartan budget plan calls for broad cuts

Public school funding, financial aid, health care would take big hits

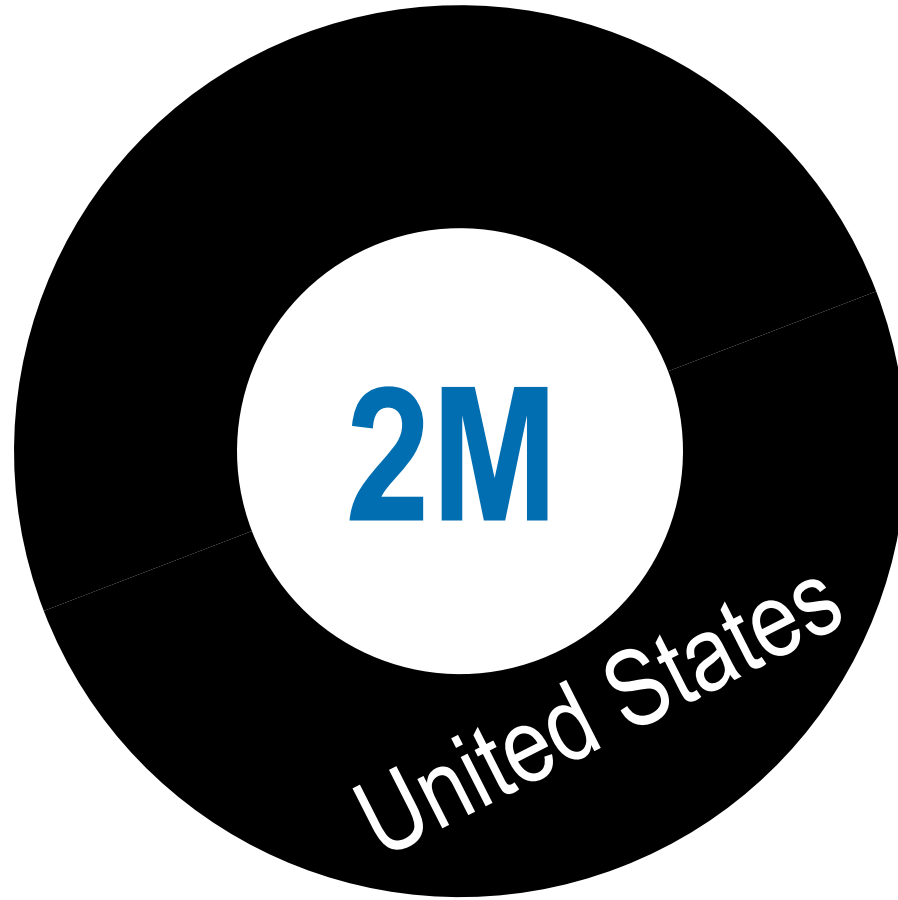
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What trail will Texas' children follow?



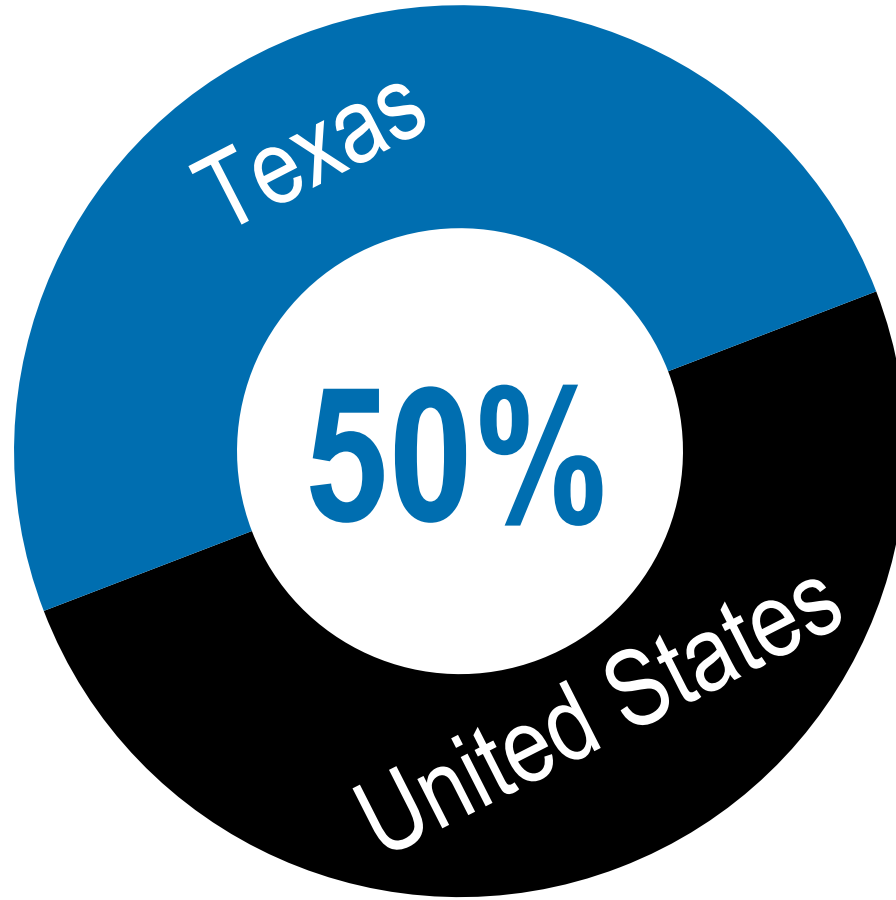
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The U.S. added 2 million kids in last decade



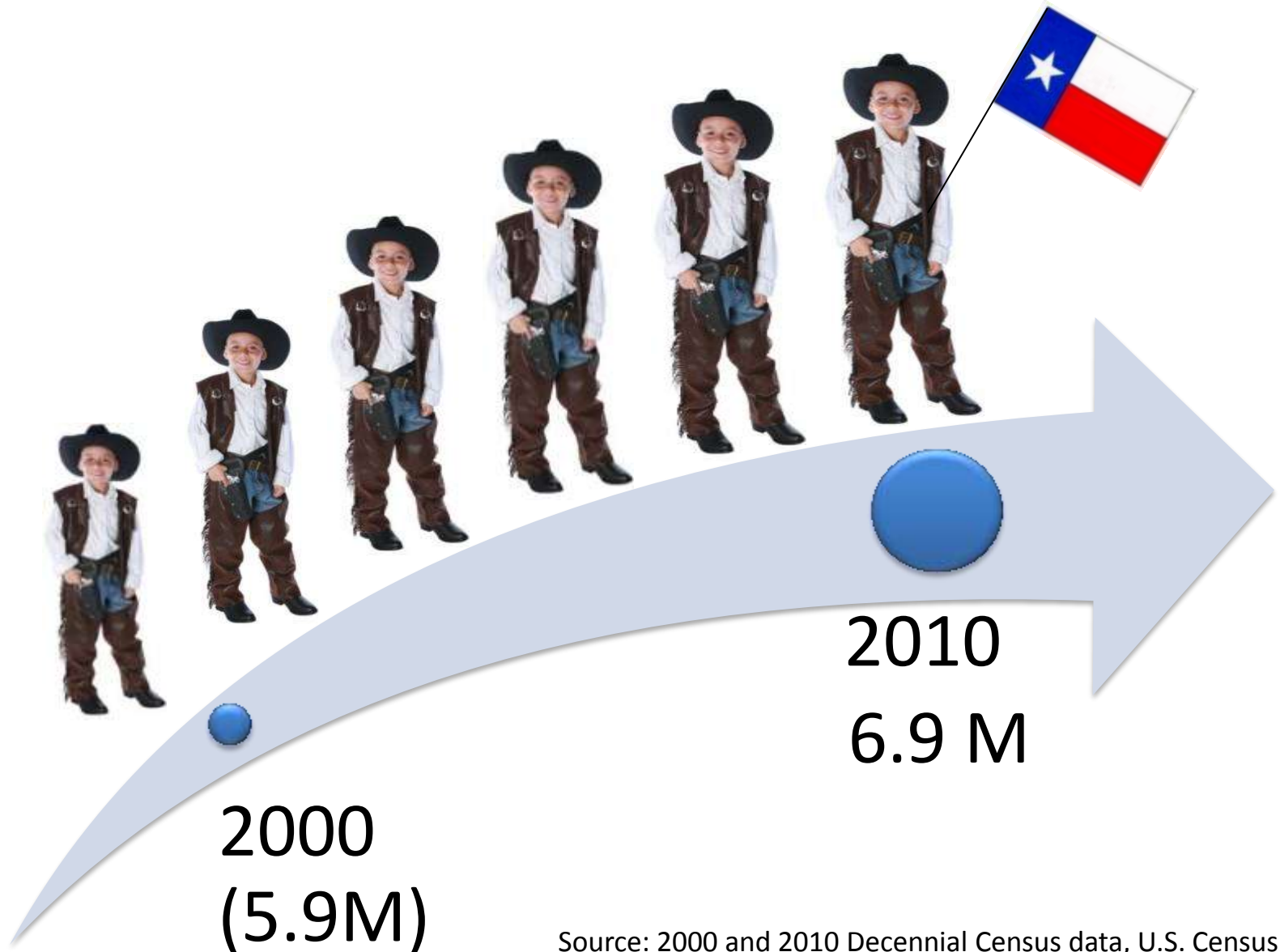
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Texas accounted for **half** of that growth!



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Texas added nearly ONE MILLION Kids



Source: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census data, U.S. Census Bureau

95%

OF TEXAS
KIDS ARE
CITIZENS



Trends in Family and Community

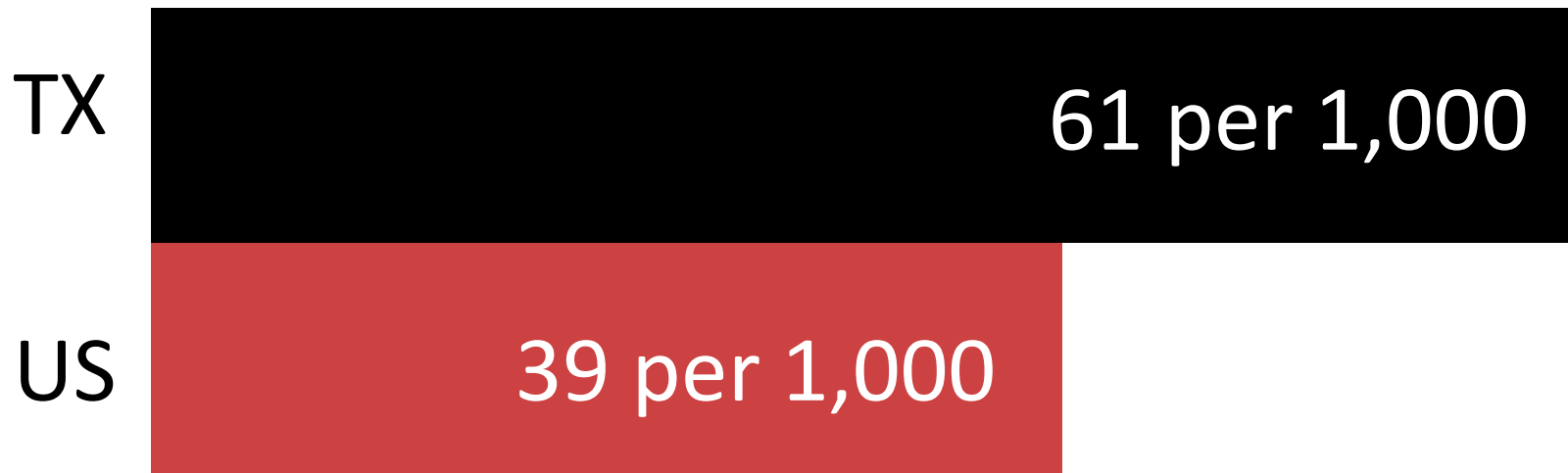




1 in 3
Texas
kids live
in single-
parent
families

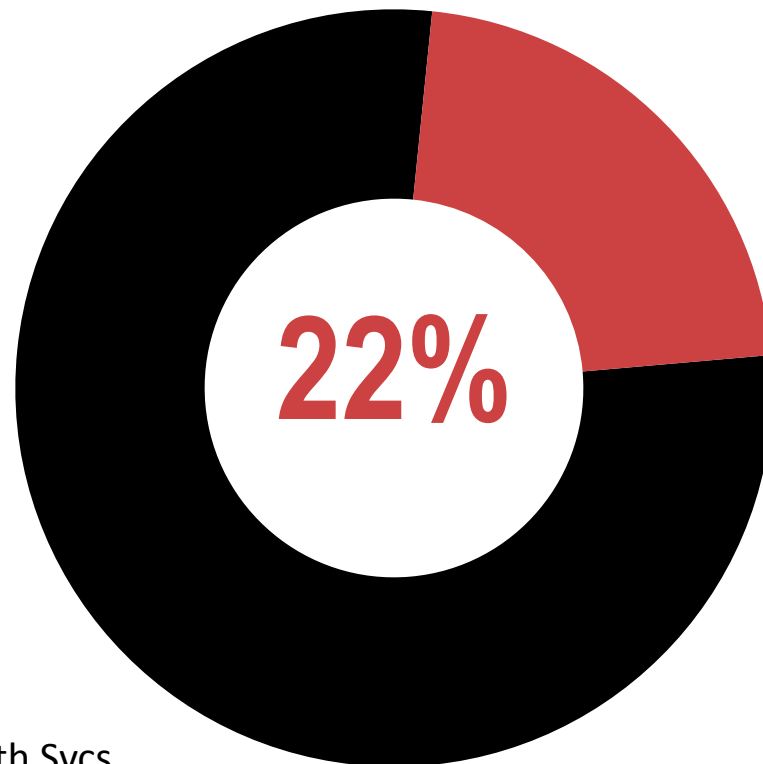
Struggling from the Start

Texas teens having babies at nearly twice national rate



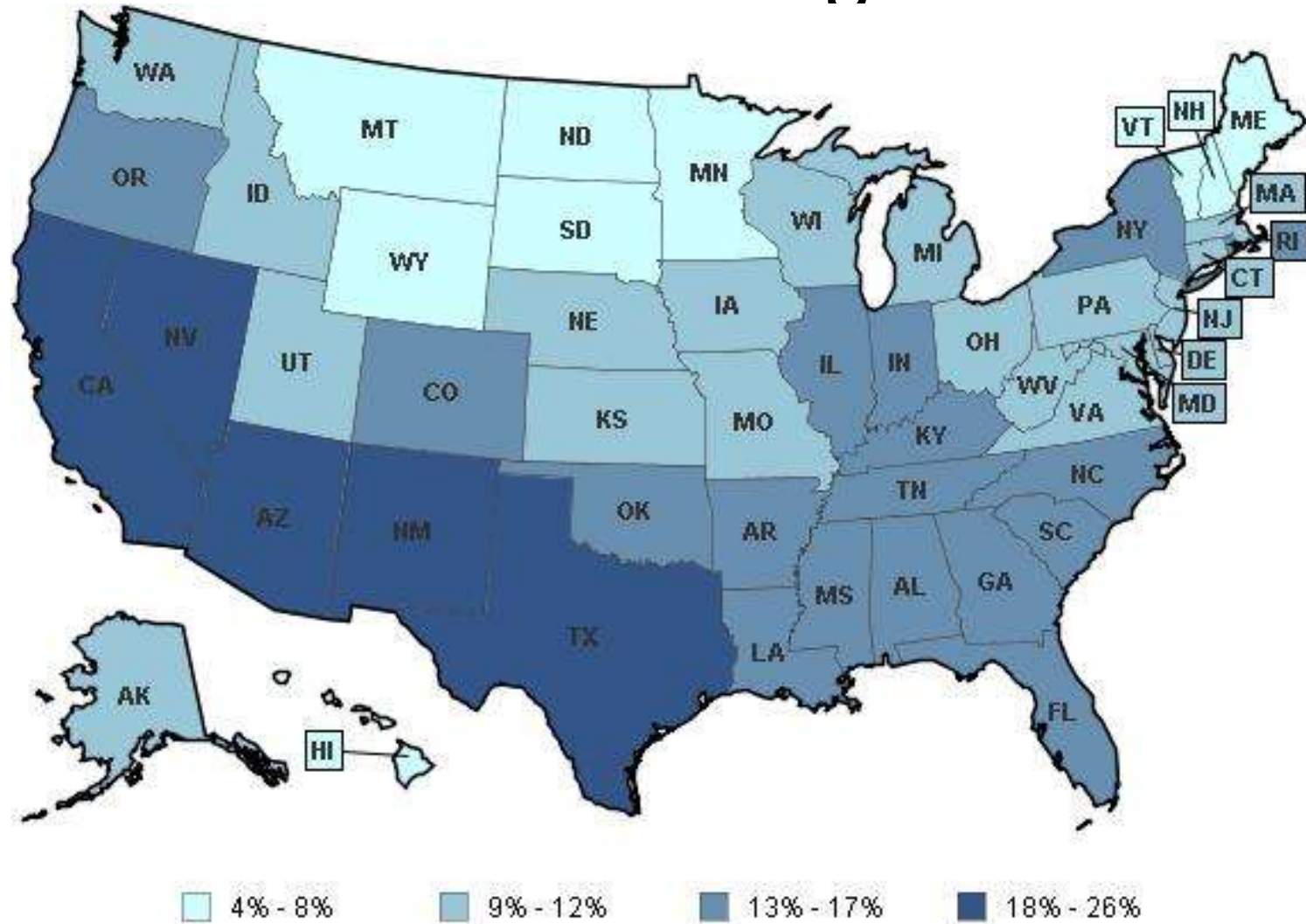
Struggling from the Start

Of Texas babies born to teens, more than **1 in 5** were born to teens who were already moms

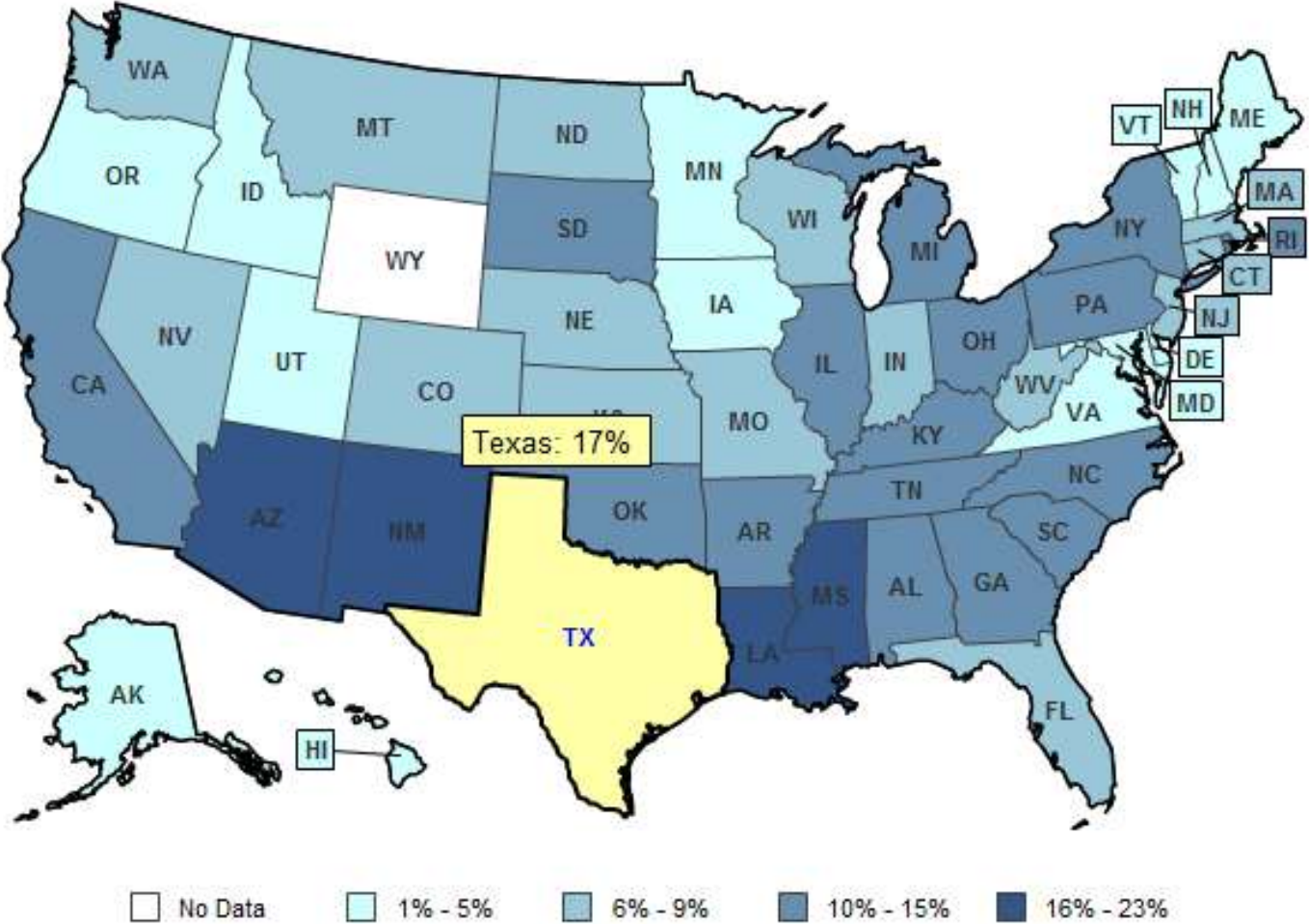


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Heads of families in SW less likely to have a HS degree



Children in high poverty neighborhoods



Trends in Economic Well-Being





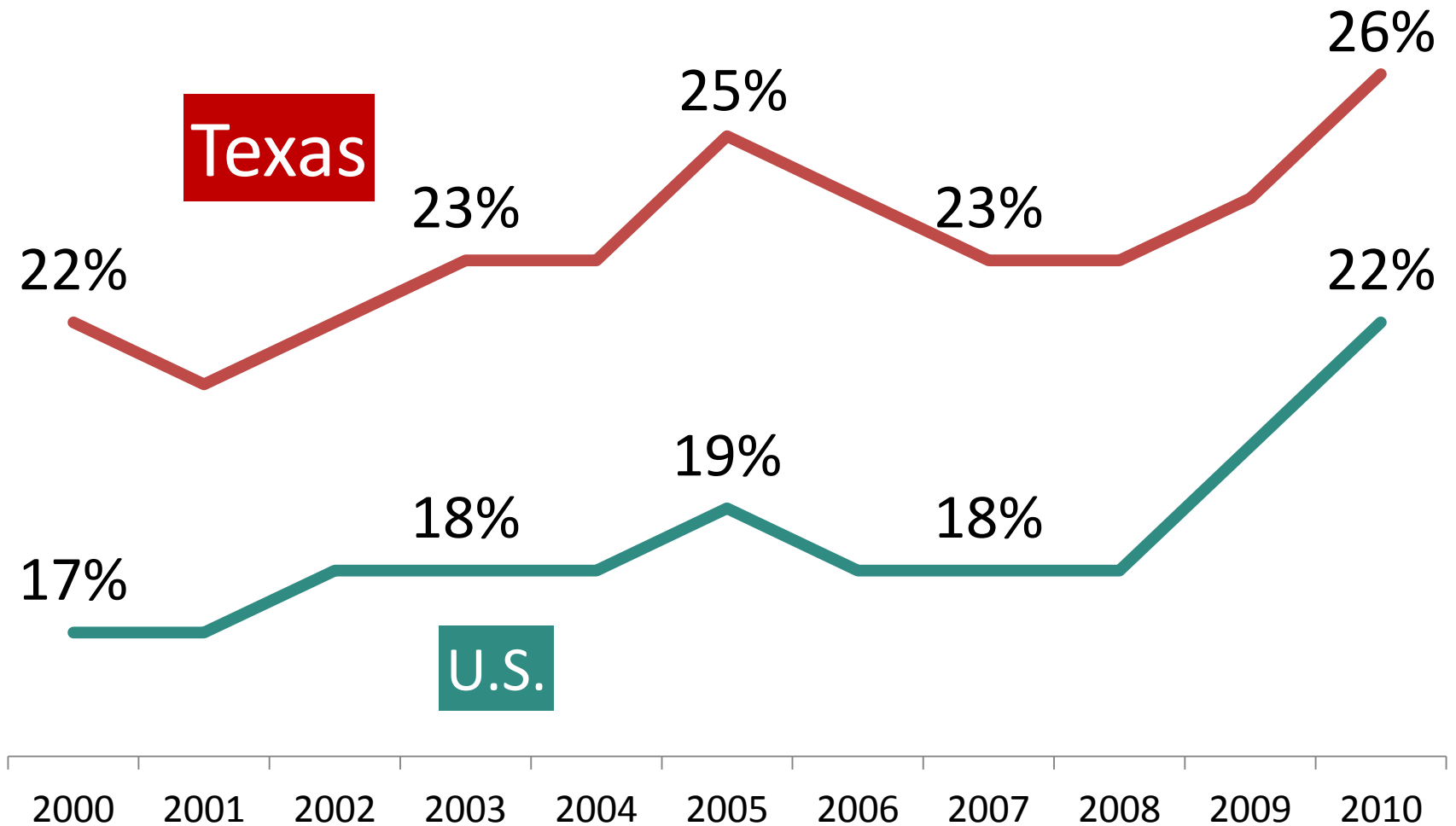
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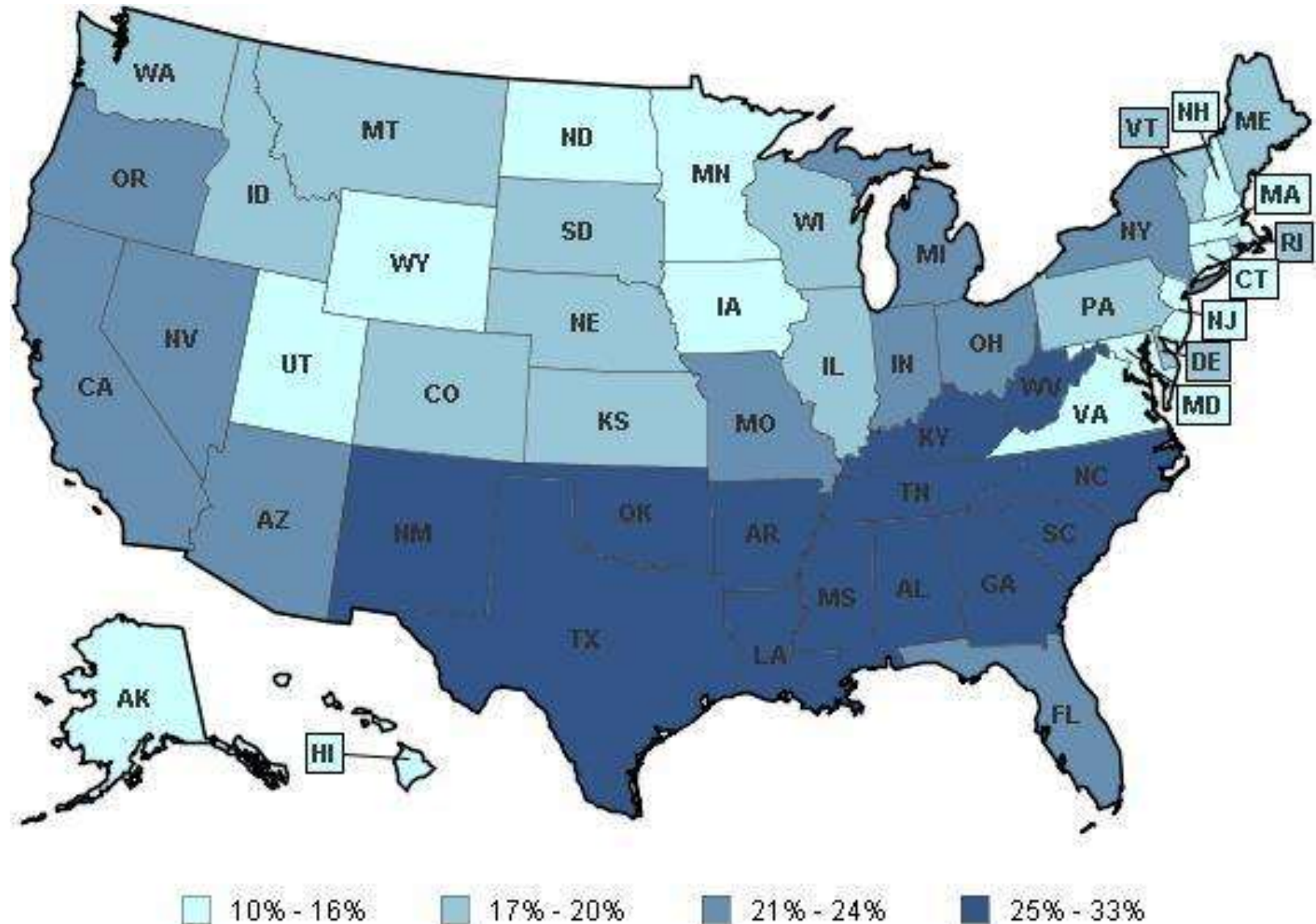
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Texas child poverty remains consistently higher than U.S.



Child poverty concentrated in South



On avg., U.S. families need 2x poverty to meet basic needs

2x Poverty

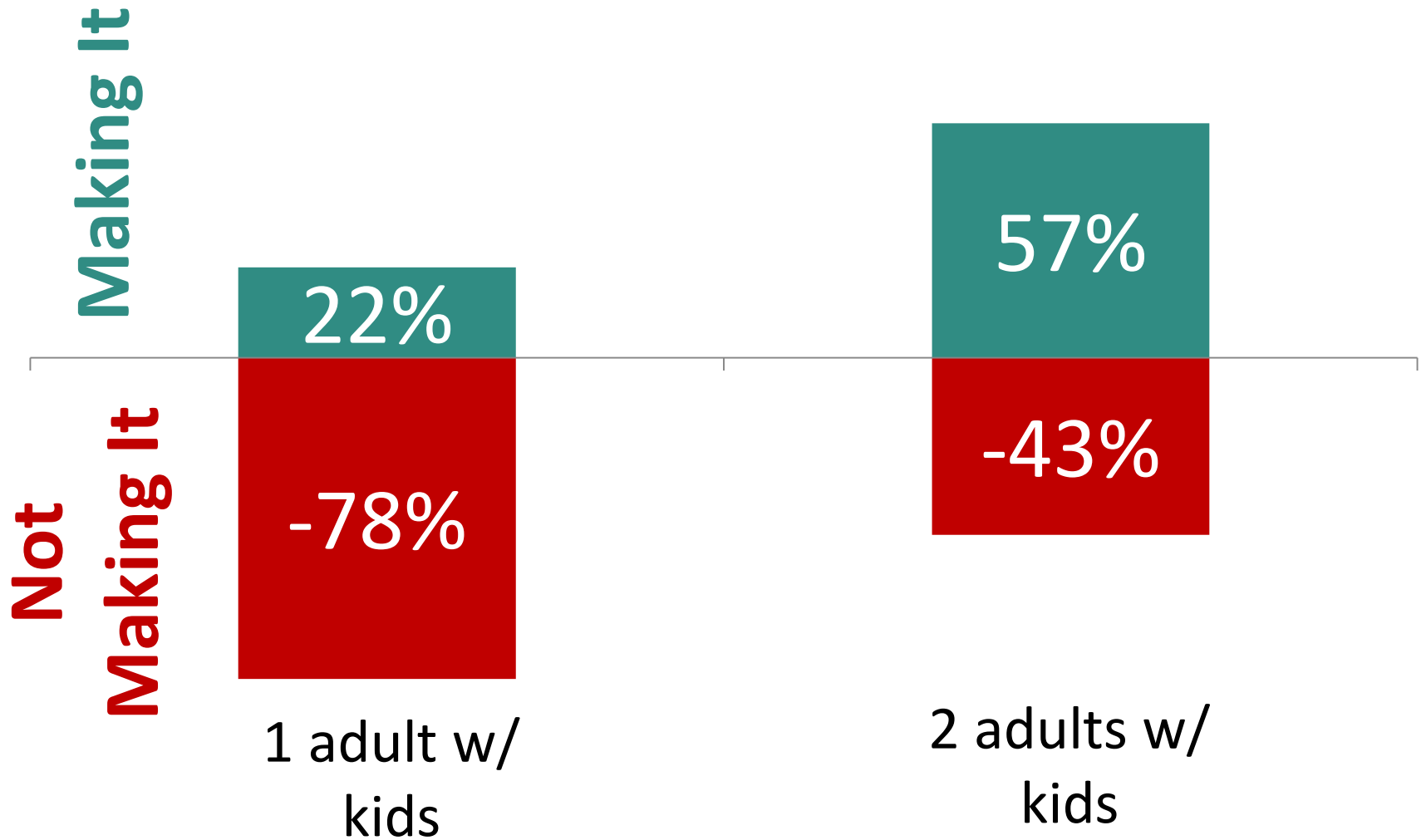
\$44,226

Poverty

\$22,113



Two-adult families much more likely to be able to meet basic needs in America



31% Texas kids have parents who lack secure employment



37%

Of Texas kids live in families with a **high housing cost burden**



1 in 11 Texas teens not in school and not working



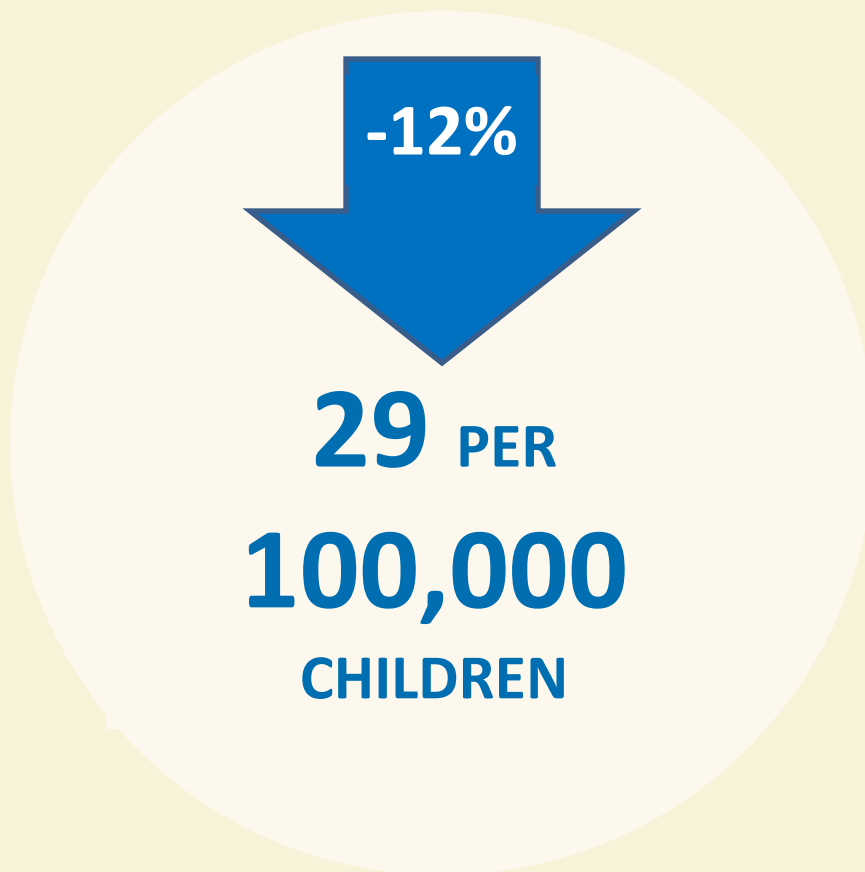
Trends in Health



1 in 14
Texas teens
abuse alcohol
or drugs



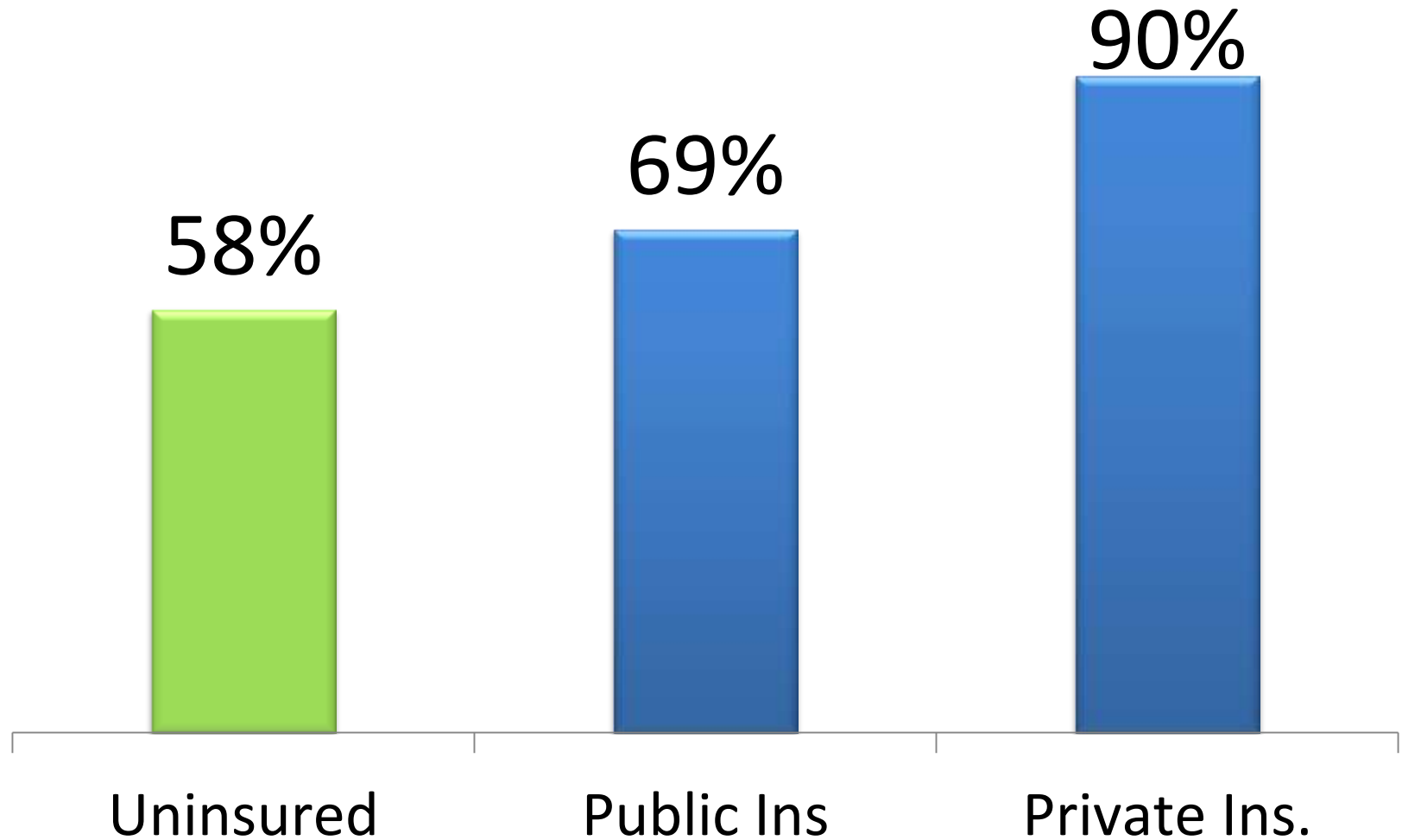
Child and Teen Death Rate



1 of every **6**
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KIDS ARE
UNINSURED



Texas' poor and uninsured kids less likely to be in excellent/very good health



Struggling from the Start

1 OF EVERY 11

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BABIES BORN

Low Birthweight

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Trends in Education



59%

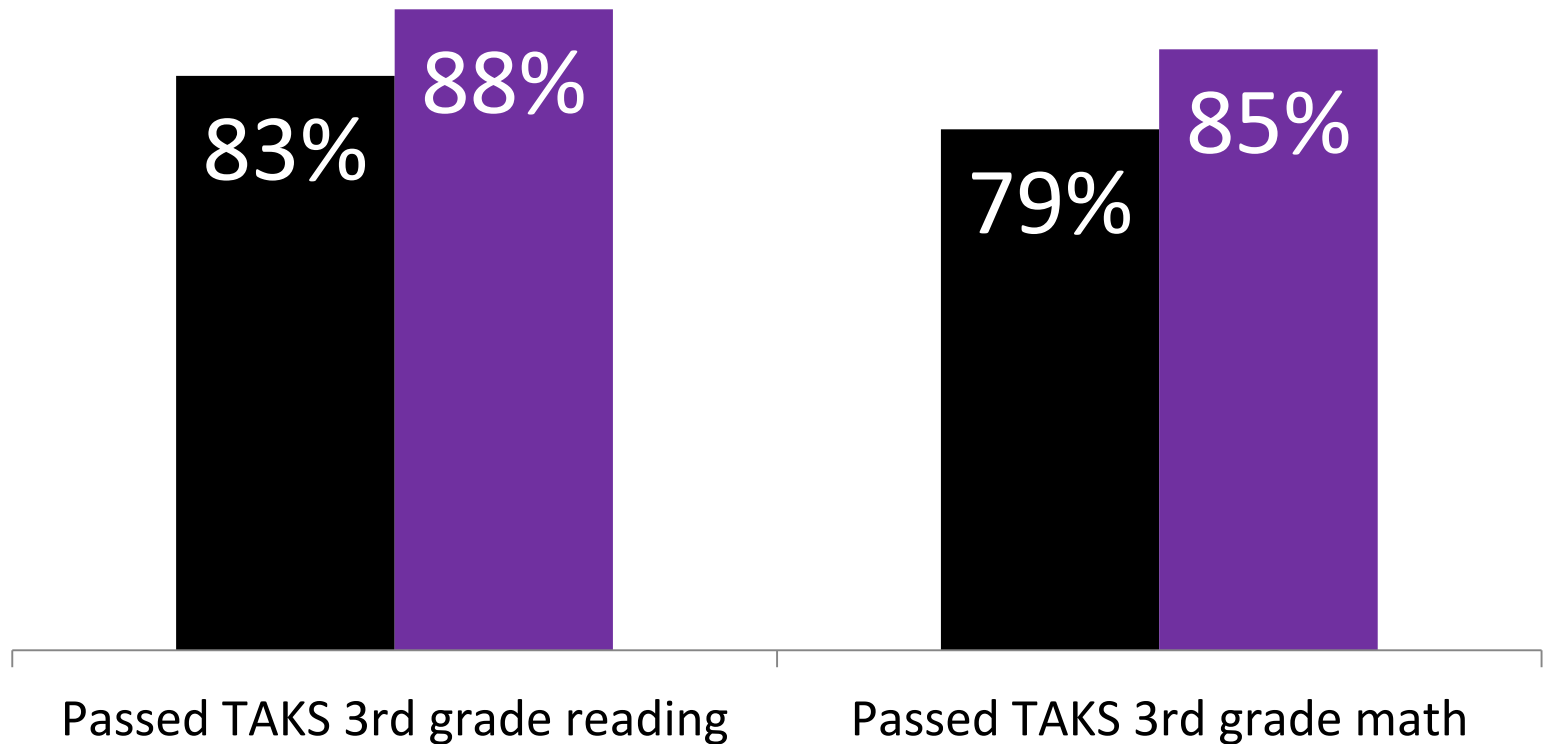
of Texas 3 to 4
year-olds are
not attending
preschool



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Economically Disadvantaged kids who went to pre-k did better on their state standardized tests

■ No Pre-K ■ Pre-K



Texas kids' performance on nationally standardized tests

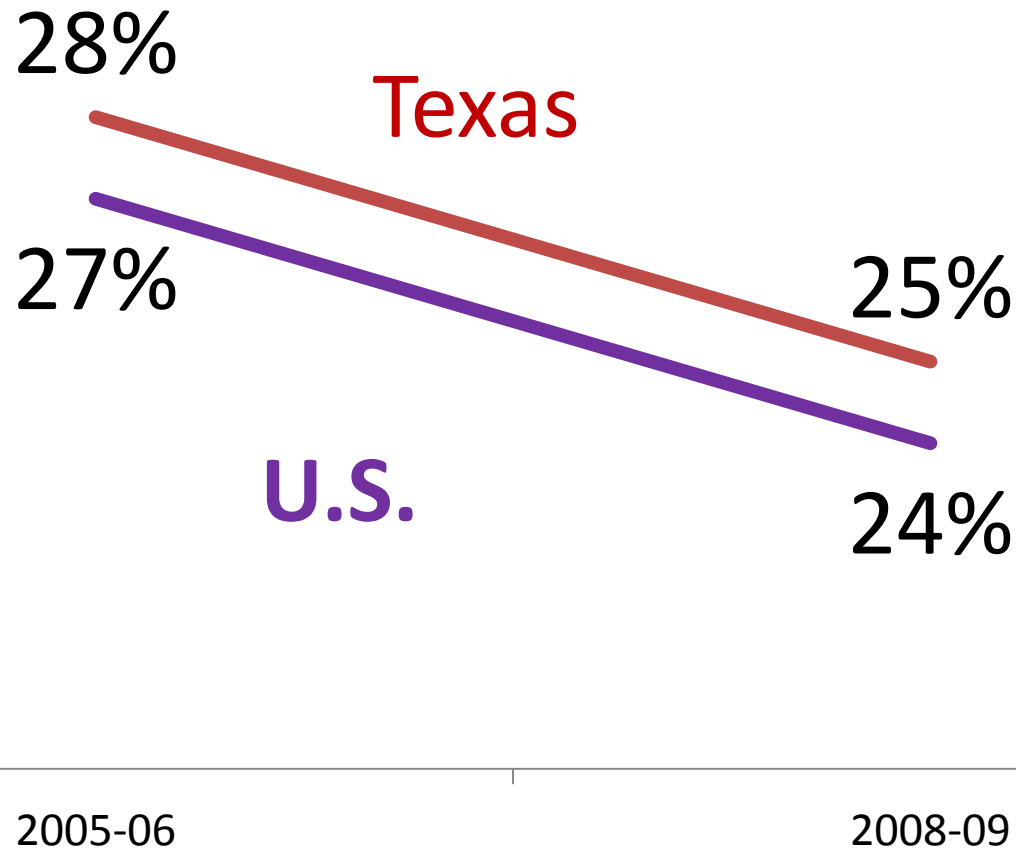
Texas 4th Graders not proficient in reading

72%

Texas 8th graders not proficient in math

60%

High school students not graduating on time: Still Not Great, But Improving



Choices: Texas
underfunded
public education
by \$5.3 Billion for
2012-13



Choices:

Including the elimination of



**Pre-k
expansion
grants**



**High
school
completion
grants**

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Children with special health care needs

**Family Planning
Services**

Texas' Cuts to Kids

**Communities in
Schools program**

**Provider rate cuts
in Medicaid and
CHIP**

**Community Mental
Health services**

**State and
community
mental health
hospitals**

Early Childhood Intervention

Community-based obesity prevention

**Foundation School
Program**

**Child abuse,
neglect, and
delinquency
prevention**

**Initiative to
improve rural
health care**

**Newborn
health
screenings**

**Financial support
for Family Based
Services for abused
kids**

Texas Century for children



Where does Texas stand?



Economic
Well-Being

33rd



Education

32nd



Health

42nd



Family and
Community

47th

Where does Texas stand?

44th

Overall child
well-being

Sustained & balanced
investment
is the key to
healthy child development and
our nation's
future prosperity.





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What can we do?



Children
succeed . . .



when
parents
succeed.



Invest in a two- generation strategy





Help parents put
their families on
a path to
economic
success





Enable Children
to Reach Their
Full Potential





Success

Failure



We know we can
do big things.

It's time to do the
right thing.



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Thank you!

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