

# Texas

OVERALL RANK  
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| KEY INDICATORS   | STATE TREND  |            |           | NATIONAL TREND |            |           | NATIONAL RANK |
|--|--------------|------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Percent low-birthweight babies   | 2000<br>2007 | 7.4<br>8.4 | ↑<br>14%  | 2000<br>2007   | 7.6<br>8.2 | ↑<br>8%   | 28            |
| Infant mortality rate<br>(deaths per 1,000 live births)  | 2000<br>2007 | 5.7<br>6.3 | ↑<br>11%  | 2000<br>2007   | 6.9<br>6.7 | ↓<br>-3%  | 13            |
| Child death rate<br>(deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14)  | 2000<br>2007 | 24<br>21   | ↓<br>-13% | 2000<br>2007   | 22<br>19   | ↓<br>-14% | 27            |
| Teen death rate<br>(deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19)   | 2000<br>2007 | 76<br>63   | ↓<br>-17% | 2000<br>2007   | 67<br>62   | ↓<br>-7%  | 23            |
| Teen birth rate<br>(births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)   | 2000<br>2007 | 69<br>64   | ↓<br>-7%  | 2000<br>2007   | 48<br>43   | ↓<br>-10% | 48            |
| Percent of teens not in school<br>and not high school graduates<br>(ages 16-19)                                  | 2000<br>2008 | 14<br>7    | ↓<br>-50% | 2000<br>2008   | 11<br>6    | ↓<br>-45% | 25            |
| Percent of teens not attending<br>school and not working<br>(ages 16-19)   | 2000<br>2008 | N.A.<br>8  | —         | 2000<br>2008   | N.A.<br>8  | —         | 21            |
| Percent of children living in families<br>where no parent has full-time,<br>year-round employment                | 2000<br>2008 | N.A.<br>26 | —         | 2000<br>2008   | N.A.<br>27 | —         | 17            |
| Percent of children in poverty<br>(income below \$21,834 for a family of<br>two adults and two children in 2008) | 2000<br>2008 | 22<br>23   | ↑<br>5%   | 2000<br>2008   | 17<br>18   | ↑<br>6%   | 43            |
| Percent of children in<br>single-parent families   | 2000<br>2008 | 31<br>33   | ↑<br>6%   | 2000<br>2008   | 31<br>32   | ↑<br>3%   | 29            |



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**PERCENT CHANGE OVER TIME**

- GETTING BETTER
- GETTING WORSE

**N.A.:** Comparable data not available  
for 2000 for these indicators. For more  
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