

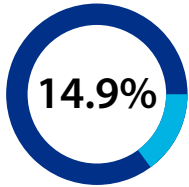


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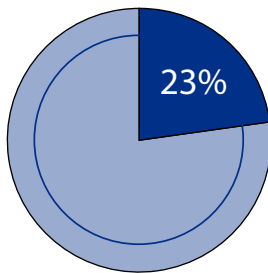
Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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Food Insecurity



More than 1 in 7 Texas high school students went hungry always, most, or some of the time in the past 30 days because there was not enough food in their home. (2017 YRBS)



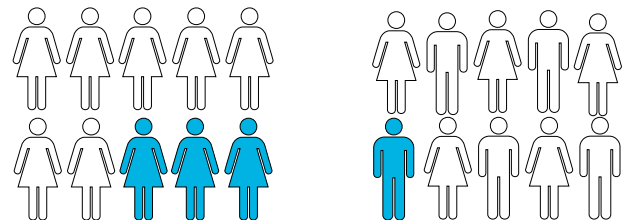
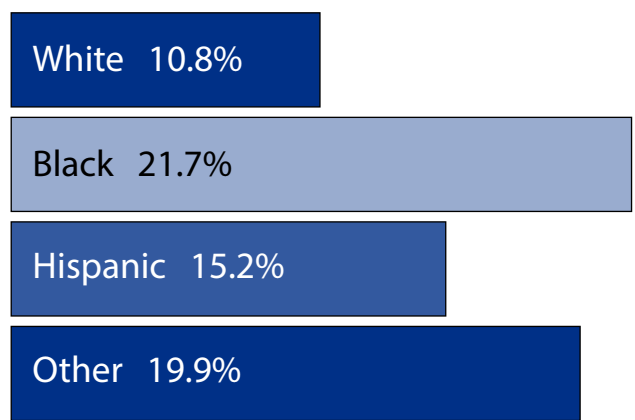
Feeding America, the largest domestic hunger-relief organization and network of food banks, estimates that in 2016, nearly 1 in 4 (23.0% of) children (of all ages) in Texas were food insecure. (map.feedingamerica.org/county/2016/child/texas)

That's a total of

1,676,740

food insecure children in Texas alone. (Source: Feeding America, 2016 Child County Food Insecurity in Texas)

Percentage of Texas High School Students who went Hungry Always, Most, or Some of the Time in the Past 30 Days Because There was Not Enough Food in Their Home by Race/Ethnicity, 2017 YRBS



According to the Economic Research Service (ERS) of the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), **children in families headed by a single woman were three times as likely to be food insecure as children in families headed by a married couple. (31.6% vs. 9.9%)** (Source: USDA, ERS, using data from the December 2016 Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement.)

The Texas YRBS is a biennial survey of students in randomly selected public and charter high schools across Texas. For more information about the Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey please visit: www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/yrbs.



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