Texas

JustSouth Index State Report Card

DIMENSION INDICES

Poverty

Texas ranks 46 out of 50 in the Poverty Dimension. Although the state has a robust economy with low unemployment, it also has a high proportion of low-wage jobs and static wages. Texas also has one of the weakest safety nets for families due to state welfare policy that will not expand Medicaid, limiting the TANF cash assistance program, and relatively low state investment in housing and child care assistance programs. [Dimension Index Score: 32 out of 1]

Racial Disparity

Texas ranks 25 out of 51 in the Racial Disparity Dimension, illustrating the gaps in opportunity and prosperity between white and minority residents in the state. Although minority groups have high rates of employment, they are more likely to be concentrated in similar occupations. Through increasing investments in schools serving minority students and ensuring that all students are paid fairly, equity and social mobility can increase equity and improve economic outcomes for minority families. [Dimension Index Score: 38 out of 1]

Immigrant Exclusion

Texas ranks 49 out of 50 in the Immigrant Exclusion Dimension, illustrating the depth of support available to the immigrant population in the state. In Texas, refugee resettlement agencies are providing the support necessary to help immigrants integrate into society. However, for the immigrant population, inclusion efforts reflect the lack of investment in education for immigrant students and inclusion efforts. [Dimension Index Score: 38 out of 1]

JUST SOUTH INDEX RANKING

2014 State Population by Race

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<td>Hispanic/Latino</td>
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<td>12.9%</td>
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<td>White</td>
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Total Population: 26,956,958

Individual Indicator Scores (0 to 1 Goalpost Scoring)

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Immigrant Exclusion Dimension

Only 58 percent of immigrants in Texas have public or private health insurance coverage, compared to 86 percent of the native-born population.

42% of immigrants in Texas have difficulty speaking English.

Poverty Dimension

Average Income of Poorest 25% of Households

- Texas: $14,770
- National Average: $15,281
- New Hampshire: $20,956

Share of Poor Without Health Insurance: 36%

Racial Disparity Dimension

Texas has a lower rate of school segregation than the national average, but 9 percent of Texas public schools still are segregated by race.

Gap in Unemployment Rates Between White and Minority Workers

- Minority workers unemployed: 6.2%
- White workers unemployed: 3.7%

When controlling for age, educational level, and occupation, minority workers in Texas earn 86 percent of what their white counterparts earn.

Minority workers’ earnings compared to white workers’ earnings with similar experience and occupations.

Immigrants’ Health Insurance by the Numbers

- Texas: 1,848,834
- National Average: 761,281

See full JustSouth Index Report, indicators and Methodology sections, for detailed description of analyses.