



African American Profile in Texas

Demographics:

In 2014, 12.5% (3,369,620) of the total population of Texas were African Americans. The cities of Dallas and Houston accounted for approximately 24% of the total African Americans in Texas¹.

Educational Attainment:

In 2014, 27% of African American men aged 25 years and older had earned at least a high school diploma (compared to 19% Non-Hispanic White), 13% had earned at least a bachelor's degree (compared to 24% Non-Hispanic White). Among African American women, 22% had earned at least a high school diploma (compared to 21% Non-Hispanic White), 16% had earned at least a bachelor's degree (compared to 24% Non-Hispanic White)².

Health Disparity Facts

In 2013, the **life expectancy** at birth for African Americans was 74.4 years compared to 78.3 years for White and 79.5 years for Hispanics³.

Economics:

In 2014, the median household income for African-Americans in Texas was \$39,280 compared to \$65,786 for non-Hispanic White. 23.2% of African Americans compared to 9.3% of non-Hispanic Whites were living below the poverty level and 9.8% of African-American compared to 4.7% for non-Hispanic Whites were unemployed.

Insurance Coverage:

According to the 2014 Census Bureau Report, 16.1% of African-Americans in comparison to 10.8% of non-Hispanic whites were uninsured.

The **infant mortality rate** for African Americans was doubled compared to Whites (11.9 per 1000 infant birth for African Americans to 5.0 per 1000 infant birth for Whites)³.

African Americans in 2012 had the largest death rates from **heart disease and stroke** compared with other racial and ethnic populations (219.9 per 100,000 population for African Americans to 179 per 100,000 population for Whites and 138.1 per 100,000 population for Hispanics)³.

The prevalence of **obesity** among adults in 2012 was largest among African Americans compared with Whites (37.3% of African Americans were obese compared to 25.3% Whites)³.

In 2012, the rate of African Americans living with **diabetes** was 14.8% compared to 7.9% among Whites³.

1. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County Quick Facts
2. U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
3. DSHS: The Health Status of Texas, 2014



Additional Resources

U.S Census Bureau

- *Texas State Facts*
- *Texas QuickFacts*
- *American FactFinder*
- *African-American History Month 2015*

US Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health (OMH)

- *African American Profile*

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

- *Black or African American Populations*
- *Health Disparities and Inequalities Report (CHDIR)*
- *Disparities Analytics*
- *Healthy People 2000*
- *Healthy People 2010 Final Review*
- *Healthy People 2010 snapshot for the non-Hispanic black population*

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

- *Texas Data and Surveillance for Asthma*
- *Texas Direct links to health-related data*
- *Texas Health Indicators*
- *Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System*
- *Texas Diabetes Data: Surveillance and Evaluation*

National Center for Health Statistics

- *Health Indicators Warehouse*

For more information:

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