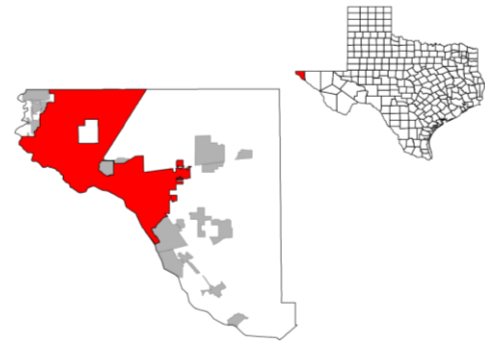


## National Commission on Hunger El Paso, TX, Field Visit

### El Paso County Fact Sheet

- El Paso lies in the far western part of Texas. It is located on the Rio Grande River, across the border from Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.
- El Paso County's poverty rate for families is 20% (compared to 13.7% for Texas and 11.3% for the U.S.). The residents of El Paso County have historically been some of the poorest, both in Texas, as well as the nation. According to the U.S. Census, 16.1% of the El Paso County's population had an academic level of less than a ninth grade education.
- In Anthony Independent School District, 91.7% are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. For reference, in all of El Paso County, 76.6% are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch, (TDA. PIR 15-153) and in all of Texas, 60.9%, or 3.2 million students, (2013-2014 school year; PIR 15-253) are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. Although free reduced-price meal eligibility is not a direct indicator of hunger or poverty, the percentage of students receiving free or reduced price lunch is often used as a proxy measure for the percentage of students living in poverty. A student from a household with an income at or below 130 percent of the poverty income threshold is eligible for free lunch. A student from a household with an income between 130 percent and up to 185 percent of the poverty threshold is eligible for reduced-price lunch.
- Median household income (2009–2013)<sup>2</sup>
  - El Paso County: \$40,157
  - Texas: \$51,900
- Persons below poverty level (2009–2013)<sup>2</sup>
  - El Paso County: 23.3%
  - Texas: 17.6%



El Paso County Incorporated and  
Unincorporated areas, El Paso Highlighted<sup>1</sup>

- Race/Ethnicity (2013)<sup>2</sup>

	El Paso County	Texas
White	92.2%(a)	80.3%
Black/African American	4.0%	12.4%
Asian	1.3%	4.3%
Hispanic/Latino American	81.1% (b)	38.4%
Indian/Alaska Native	1.0%	1.0%

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

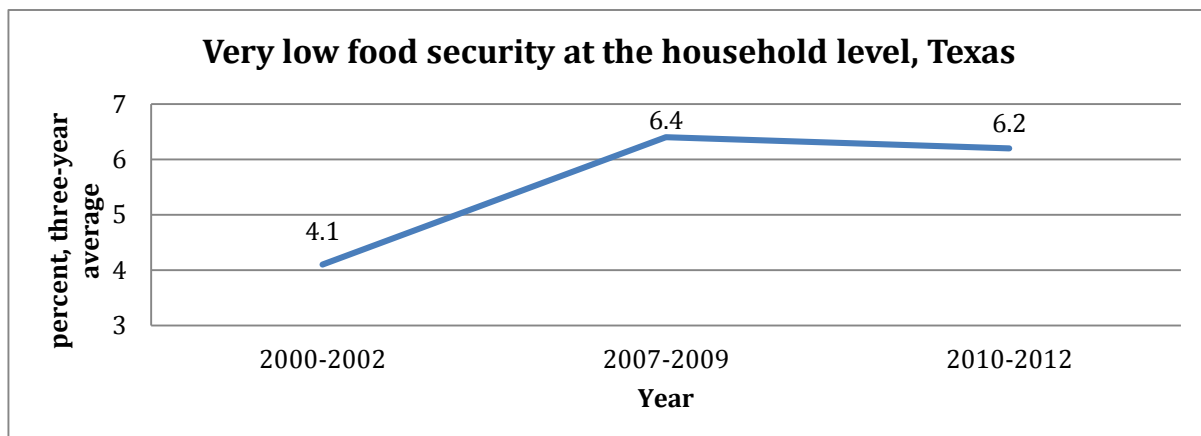
(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

*Note: Because individuals can indicate more than one racial/ethnic category, the values will not add up to 100%.*

- Household food insecurity (2013)<sup>4</sup>
  - El Paso County: 12.9% (104,890 people)
  - Texas: 17.6% (4,653,290 people)
  - Congressional District 16 (includes El Paso, TX): 12.9% (94,330 people)
- Child food insecurity (2013)<sup>4</sup>
  - El Paso County: 29.1%
  - Texas: 27.4%

*Note: These values are derived from the Map the Meal Gap methodology. For additional information on how those values were calculated, see <http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/our-research/map-the-meal-gap/2013/2013-map-the-meal-gap-tech-brief.pdf>.*

- Household very low food security, Texas<sup>3</sup>





- SNAP participation for Texas
  - 2012<sup>5</sup>: 75% of eligible participants (estimate)
  - 2014<sup>2,6</sup>: 6.0% of state population
- WIC participation for Texas
  - 2012<sup>7</sup>: 65.5% of eligible participants (estimate)
  - 2014<sup>2,8</sup>: 3.4% of state population

*Note: The most recent USDA estimates of the percent of all eligible participants receiving SNAP or WIC are from 2012; we have listed the 2014 data on the percent of individuals in the state who receive SNAP or WIC in order to provide recent information. The 2012 numbers and 2014 numbers represent different values.*



- School meal programs, Texas<sup>9</sup>
  - School breakfast program (2013–2014 school year)
    - Free and reduced-price lunch student participation rate (compared with school lunch participation): 62.0%
    - Change in free and reduced-price lunch participation in last 10 years: 49.9%
  - Summer nutrition program (July 2013)
    - Low-income participation rate (compared with regular-year free and reduced-price school lunch): 11.9%
    - Change in average daily summer nutrition participation in last 10 years: 103.7%

### School-based Meal Program Data by School District

	Free and Reduced-Price Eligible <sup>1</sup>		School Breakfast Program <sup>1</sup>				Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)/ Seamless Summer Option (SSO) <sup>2</sup>				Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) - At Risk <sup>3</sup>					
	#	%	Districts	Sites/Campuses	Meals Served	ADP	Sponsors	Sites	Meals Served (All Types)	ADP (Lunch)	Sponsors	Sites	Meals Served (Snack)	ADP (Snack)	Meals Served (Supper)	ADP (Supper)
<b>El Paso County</b>	<b>144,258</b>	<b>76.62%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>15,884,754</b>	<b>90,636</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>881,268</b>	<b>18,198</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>239,193</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>39,120</b>	<b>1,807</b>
Anthony ISD	753	91.72%		3	126,696	704		37	138,813	1,358		-	-	-	-	-
El Paso ISD	44,653	71.94%		90	3,192,440	17,739		34	236,379	4,750		-	-	-	-	-
Socorro ISD	37,727	71.05%		53	4,930,779	29,335		18	100,533	4,521		-	-	-	-	-
Ysleta ISD	35,606	82.24%		61	4,518,669	25,360		25	98,465	2,441		-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup>PIR 15-523

<sup>2</sup>PIR 15-252,497

<sup>3</sup>PIR 15-432

- Persistent poverty<sup>10</sup>
  - El Paso County and El Paso contain areas of persistent poverty tracts
- Income mobility<sup>11</sup>
  - El Paso County is ranks poorly in terms of income mobility for children in poor families. It is better than about 36 percent of counties in the United States. The table below provides estimates of how much 20 years of childhood in El Paso County adds or takes away from a child’s income (compared with an average county), along with the national percentile ranking for each.

### What a Childhood in El Paso County Does to Future Income

<i>For low-income kids</i>			<i>For average-income kids</i>			<i>For high-income kids</i>			<i>For kids in the top 1%</i>		
Group	Income Chg.	Nat. pct.	Group	Income Chg.	Nat. pct.	Group	Income Chg.	Nat. pct.	Group	Income Chg.	Nat. pct.
All kids	-\$70	36%	All kids	-\$1,810	8%	All kids	-\$3,420	1%	All kids	-\$4,460	<1%
Boys	+\$150	37%	Boys	-\$1,780	9%	Boys	-\$3,630	1%	Boys	-\$4,890	1%
Girls	-\$340	36%	Girls	-\$1,820	10%	Girls	-\$3,220	3%	Girls	-\$4,190	2%

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Persistent poverty refers to areas of long-term, concentrated poverty (e.g., neighborhoods facing high poverty for multiple decades in a row). Persistent poverty can be related to other issues such as poor housing and health conditions, higher crime rates, poor child development and educational outcomes, and employment dislocation.

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