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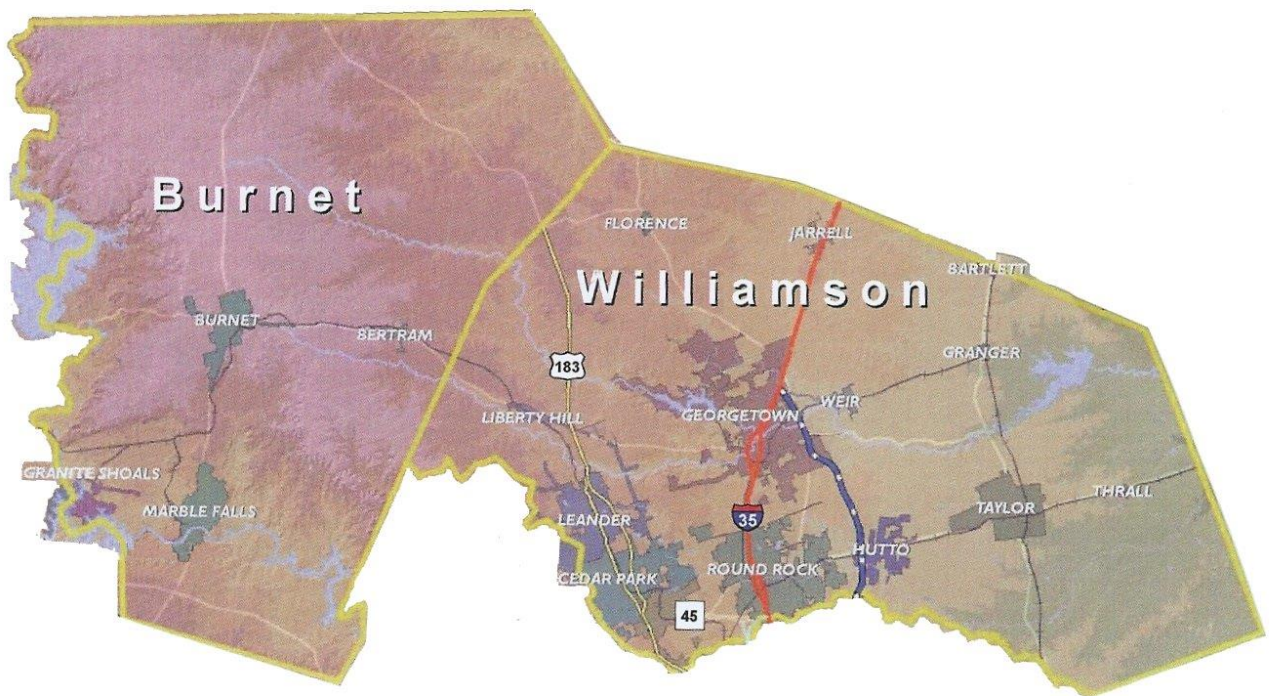
COMMUNITY SERVICES



EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## 2020 Community Assessment

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties (Opportunities) is the community action agency for Williamson and Burnet Counties. Williamson County has a rapidly growing population of 589,914, while Burnet has a population of 48,196. Williamson County is projected to grow rapidly with the population topping one million by 2040. By 2050, the population is projected to be 1,645,982. Burnet is expected to continue growing at a more moderate rate with a projected 2050 population of 61,465.

Williamson County is primarily urban with 88% of its population classified as urban. Burnet County is more rural with 59% being classified as rural and 41% classified as urban. Burnet County has two urban areas: The City of Burnet in the northern part of the county and the city of Marble Falls in the southern part.

Burnet County has a larger senior population with 23% of its residents being 65 or older. Even though Williamson County has several senior communities, only 13% of its population are seniors. The median age in Burnet County is 44, while the median age in Williamson County is 36. Both counties' child populations are statistically even, with 22% of Burnet County and 23% of Williamson County under the age of 18. While the senior and child populations are expected to increase at the same rate as the overall population in both counties, both populations are expected to remain around the same percentage. In the future, OWBC will need to continue with programs supporting both the senior and child populations.

The White population makes up the largest racial group in both counties: 73% in Burnet County and 57% in Williamson County. The percentage of the White population is projected to decrease in both counties. By 2050 the White population of Burnet County is projected to be 61%, while the White population of Williamson County is projected to be 36%. The Black population in both counties is small: less than 2% in Burnet County and 6% in Williamson County. The Hispanic population in Burnet County is 24% and is projected to increase to 35% by 2050. The current Hispanic population of Williamson County is 25% and is projected to remain near that level. Other racial/ethnic groups in Burnet County are around 2% and are projected to remain the same. On the other hand, Williamson County's Asian population is expected to increase from its current 7% to 26% by 2050. The median income in Burnet County is \$59,009, and the median income in Williamson County is \$82,131. Both counties have had low unemployment rates: 2.6% for Burnet County and 2.7% for Williamson County. These rates are expected to rise sharply due to business shutdowns stemming from COVID-19, and it is not clear how long these counties' economies will take to recover.

The poverty rate for Burnet County is 10.4%, or 4,722 individuals; the poverty rate for Williamson County is 6.1%, or 32,931 individuals. The poverty rate is higher for children: 17.7% in Burnet County and 7.2% in Williamson County.

Looking at information from quantitative and qualitative data, community needs surveys, community focus groups, a community forum, as well as input from community leaders, community partners, and board and policy council members, the following needs for each county were identified:

**Williamson County**

1. Affordable childcare, including afterschool care and youth programs.
2. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family, including job skills training and coaching.
3. Access to affordable housing.
4. Improved transportation services.
5. Counseling services including individual, family, couples, and youth counseling and substance abuse rehabilitation.

**Burnet County**

1. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family, including job skills training and coaching.
2. Case management services including assistance with defining and reaching life and work goals, financial education, budgeting classes, and credit counseling; assistance moving away from public assistance and towards independence; rural adult education; and computer skills training.
3. English as a second language classes.
4. Drug and alcohol treatment programs.
5. Affordable childcare (including a possible Head Start program in Bertram), programs and activities for teenagers, and afterschool care.

**The top five needs for the Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties Service Area are:**

1. Affordable childcare including exploring possible Head Start expansions, programs and activities for teenagers, and afterschool care.
2. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family, including job skills training and coaching.
3. Access to quality affordable housing.
4. Improved transportation services.
5. Counseling services including individual, family, couple, and youth counseling and substance abuse rehabilitation

## INTRODUCTION

### Background

Every three years Opportunities conducts a community assessment to assess the strengths and needs of communities in Williamson and Burnet Counties. The results of this assessment are used as part of the agencies strategic planning process.

### Organizational Profile of Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties

Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties, hereafter referred to as Opportunities, is a Community Action Agency providing services to residents of Williamson and Burnet County. Opportunities, initially called Williamson & Burnet County Opportunities, was founded in 1966 during President Johnson's War on Poverty. It employs approximately 206 individuals and has over 14,500 volunteers.

### VISION

The vision of OWBC is a healthy, educated community in which all people live independently and with dignity.

It is the vision of the OWBC to serve as the counties' central social service hub for its communities and respond to its needs in a broad, yet meaningful way. Maximizing opportunities for client self-sufficiency through increased education and resource awareness are continually at the forefront for all programs.

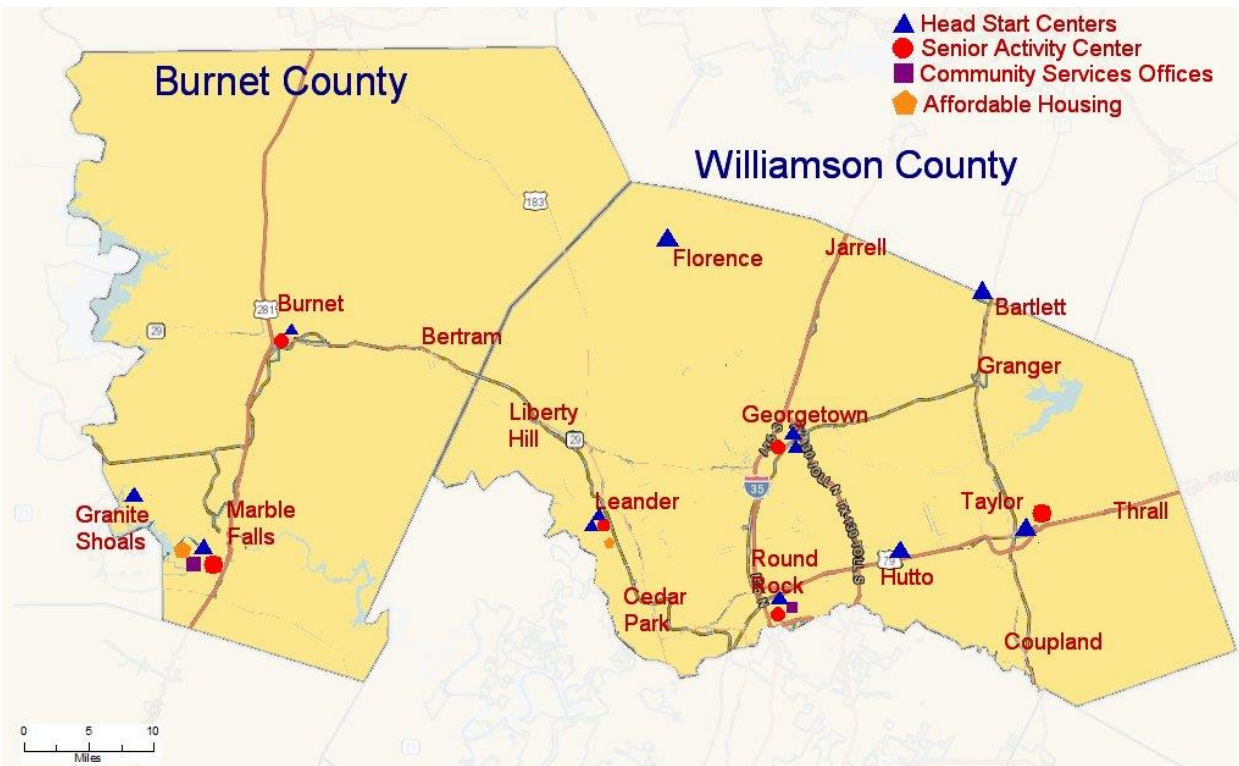
### MISSION

To empower children, families, and seniors to achieve and maintain independence by partnering with area organizations to provide education, nutrition, housing, and community support.

Opportunities is governed by a 15-member tri-partite Board of Directors, one-third from the Public Sector (elected officials), one-third from the Private Sector (business, civic organizations, etc.), and one-third from Target Area Sector (advocates for low-income clients and families). In addition, the Head Start/Early Head Start program has shared governance with a policy council made up primarily of Head Start parents elected by the parent groups at each Head Start Center.

Opportunities has a Head Start/Early Head Start program consisting of 13 centers with Head Start programs and nine centers with Early Head Start programs, a Senior Nutrition program with Meals on Wheels and five senior activity centers, a Community Resources and Assistance program, and two Affordable Housing sites.





### Head Start & Early Head Start

#### Opportunities Head Start Vision:

To provide the appropriate knowledge and skills to mold productive, active, and successful members of society.

#### Opportunities School Readiness Vision Statement:

Head Start children and families will be school and life ready.

#### Opportunities Head Start Mission:

To maintain a program of parent involvement, to strengthen family growth and development, provide health, nutritional and community services and reinforce the natural nurturing instinct.

#### Opportunities Head Start School Readiness Mission Statement:

We will provide tools needed for children and families to succeed in school and life through partnerships with community and families.

Head Start is a federally funded program. Head Start provides comprehensive child development services to children, ages 0 to 5, and their families. Services provided include educational/school readiness services, disability services, family support services, mental health service, health services, and nutritional services.

#### Meals on Wheels/Senior Nutrition:

Meals on Wheels / Senior Nutrition Program is funded through multiple sources including the Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area (AAACAP), The St. David's Foundation, The United Way of Williamson County, Texas Department of Agriculture, Local municipalities, and other charitable foundations. As a regional Meals On Wheels provider, Opportunities provides



consistent and vital meals to seniors in need each day. We offer home-delivered meals to those with limited mobility as well as programming at six OWBC-managed meal and activity centers. The Williamson County sites include centers in Taylor, Round Rock, Georgetown and Leander, and our Burnet County sites in Burnet and Marble Falls. Currently we serve nearly 1100 seniors daily: nearing almost half a million meals annually. Over 850 of those meals are home delivered, approximately 200 are served out of local senior centers.

### **Affordable Housing**

Opportunities Affordable Housing program is funded through tenant rents and subsidized by the HUD programs. Opportunities owns Cedar Ridge Apartments in Leander, TX and serves as property manager for Highview Retirement Village in Marble Falls, TX.

Cedar Ridge Apartments, built during 1994-1997, has over 150 two and three-bedroom apartments with family-oriented amenities to increase financial stability and provide an affordable living option to low-income residents living in Williamson County.

Highview Retirement Village has 51 units, built in 1983, and provides subsidized housing for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities, as well as health programs and screening, food distribution, and social activities in Burnet County.

### **Community Resources & Assistance**

Opportunities Community Services is funded through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The program provides assistances and resources to our communities' low-income families through a varied of services.

OWBC case management program empowers families who strive for a transition out of poverty. Case Managers can meet intensely one on one with the families, creating service plans to complete goals and remove barriers for success. This is a long-term case management program. OWBC staff performs ongoing guidance, support, advocacy, and coaching. OWBC staff also matches families with resources, provides some additional financial aid, councils on budgeting, finances, skills, career assessments and other areas needed to empower the families to achieve independence and improved quality of life.

OWBC utility assistance program assists families with energy costs through long-term assistance and short-term crisis situations. There are additional assistance programs provided by several energy companies which are facilitated by OWBC Community Services.

OWBC Community Services staff reaches into the communities to create and strengthen connections with outside programs needed for the families. OWBC staff also performs presentations and maintains a presence within the non-profit communities served.

## **TIMELINE, ACTIVITIES, DATA COLLECTION & METHODOLOGIES**

Planning for the Community Assessment began in May on 2019. Leaders from the different Opportunities programs were asked to participate in the process. Each team member was assigned specific parts of the community assessment to coordinate and develop.

### **Community Needs Survey**

In August, the Community Needs Assessment was designed, and the team discussed each item eliminating some items and adding others. An online and a paper version (see appendix A) were designed and flyers asking for participation were distributed throughout the different communities and programs within each community. in Williamson and Burnet Counties. While we welcomed participation from all members of the community special effort was made to ensure that low income individuals were invited to participate. Individuals receiving services from Opportunities programs such as Senior Nutrition, Head Start, Affordable Housing, and Community Assistance were invited to participate. A link to the Community Needs Survey was placed on Opportunities web page. Community partners such as the Caring Place also encourage their clientele to participate. Responds were collected from Oct 2019 to the end of Jan 2020. 524 individuals completed the survey, 444 from Williamson County and 80 from Burnet County. 50.3% were Opportunities clients, 35.9% were community members, 7.7% were Opportunities volunteers, 17.7% were employee, and 1.4% were public officials.

### **Sources of Quantitative Data**

Quantitative data began to be research in October 2019 after new data sources for 2019 became available and continued through April 2020. Sources of quantitative data include.

- Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019
- US Census Bureau
- American Community Survey
- BestPlace.net
- US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2019
- Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities
- Texas Health and Human Services
- Texas Workforce Connection
- Data USA
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- National Center for Education Statistics,
- 2019 Texas Child Care Market Rate Survey
- Texas Health and Human Services
- Texas Protects
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- County Health Rankings
- 2019 Williamson County Health District's Community Health Assessment

## Community Member Forum and Focus Groups

A community forum and focus group took place on February 4<sup>th</sup>, in Round Rock. There were 76 participants from different communities including Hutto, Georgetown, Taylor, Bertram, Burnet, Marble Falls, Granite Shoals, Leander, Cedar Park, Florence, Bartlett, and Round Rock. Participants included 1 elected official, 35 community partners from different community agencies, 20 staff from the different programs at Opportunities, 2 member of Opportunities board of directors, 8 members of Opportunities, Head Start, Policy Counsel, and 10 other members of the community.

During the forum Kelli Becerra M.Ed., CHES, from Williamson County Health District, facilitated a panel discussion. The panel was made up of Dena Yantz, Education Coordinator for Opportunities, Head Start; Tiffany Price, Director of Life Park Center; and Diane Tackett, COO of Texas Workforce Solutions, Rural Capital Areas. Panelists addressed how their agency was a community resource, how the community utilizes their services, and how their agency partners with other community organizations. In addition, they discussed what gaps there are in community services.

During the focus group, participants formed groups of up to eight individuals organized by different communities within Williamson and Burnet Counties. Opportunities staff then facilitated group discussion on the needs of their community. Their responses were collected, and the responses from all the groups tabulated to determine the top identified needs for Williamson and Burnet Counties.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, over 100 Opportunities, Head Start teachers met in Burnet and participated in a focus group addressing the needs in their communities and the needs of the families they provide services to. Their responses were also collected and tabulated.

## Community Partners/Community Leaders Surveys

Our community partners and community leaders, including elected leaders were invited to complete surveys on the needs of families and individuals in their communities. Responses were collected from Dec 2019 to April 2020. 46 individuals representing various service organizations in Williamson and Burnet County completed surveys.

Organizations that participated included

- Elected officials from Williamson County
- Elected officials from Burnet County
- Burnet County Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Marble Falls, ISD
- Burnet CISD
- Texas Housing Foundation
- The Georgetown Project
- A Gift in Time, A Dementia Day Program
- Bancorp South
- Goodwill, Central Texas

- Stonehaven Senior Center, Georgetown Housing Authority
- Williamson County, Children's Advocacy Center
- City of Georgetown
- Backpack Friends
- Life Park Center/Blue Bonnet Trails
- Southeast Georgetown Community Counsel
- Hutto Resource Center
- Hill Country Community Ministries
- The Key 2 Free
- Hutto ISD
- Habitat for Humanity of WILCO
- The Caring Place
- Girls Empowerment Network
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Santa Rosa
- Georgetown ISD
- Round Rock Area Serving Center
- Round Rock Housing Authority
- Faith in Action Georgetown
- Georgetown Health Foundation
- Drive a Senior Northwest (Cedar Park, Leander, NW Austin)
- Central Texas College

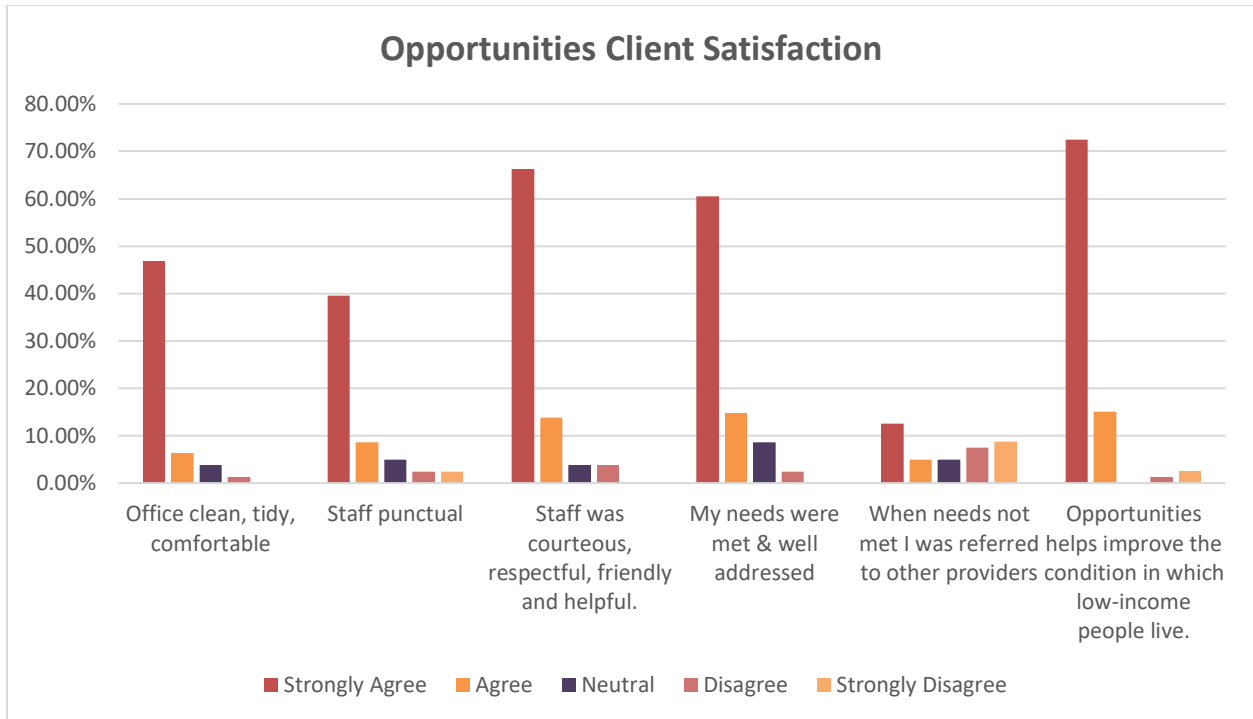
### **Elected Official & Board Members Interview**

Opportunities Board Members were asked to complete electronic interviews (see appendix C).

### **Customer Satisfaction Surveys**

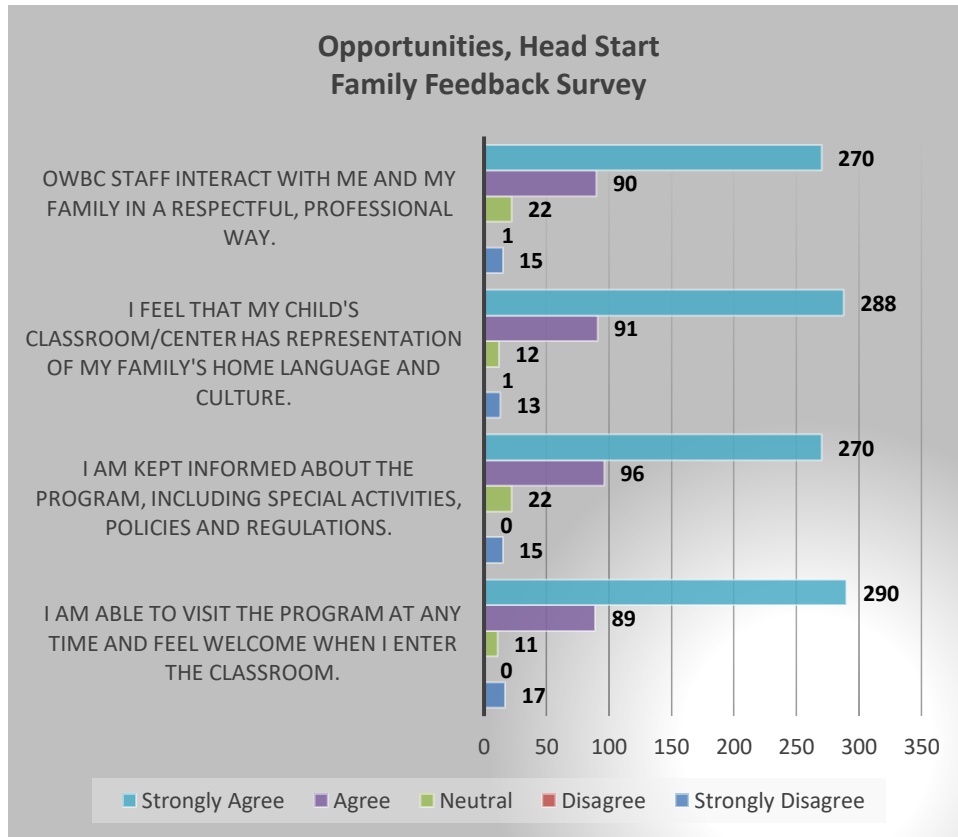
Clients are provided with the opportunities to complete client satisfaction surveys. Surveys from 82 clients (74 from clients from Williamson County and 8 from Burnet County) were collected and entered by computer.

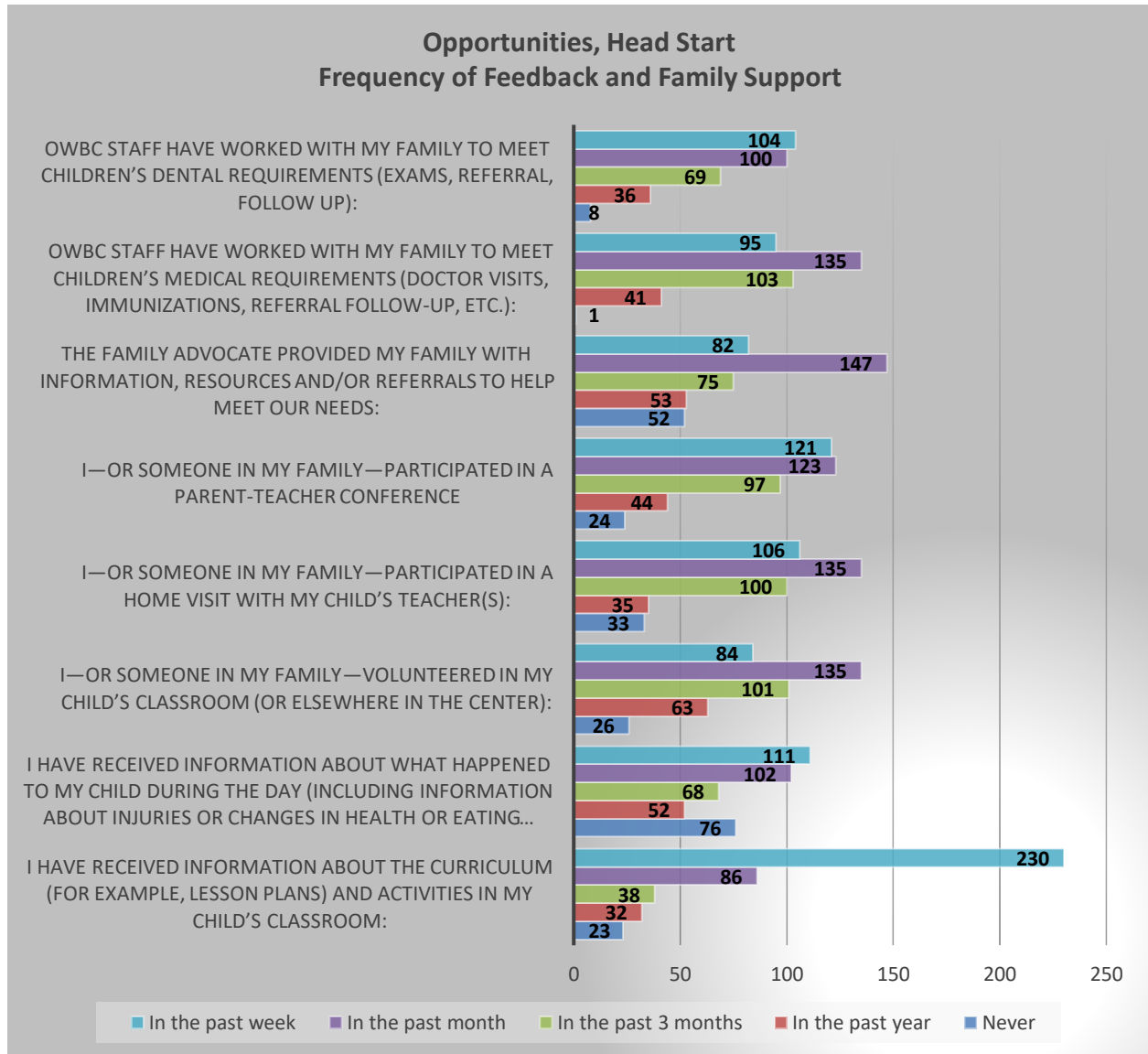
The charts below show the level of satisfaction clients of opportunities reported for different area and their overall level of satisfaction.



### Opportunities, Head Start Family Feedback Surveys

Many parents provided feedback on Opportunities, Head Start services and the frequency of feedback and family support offered.



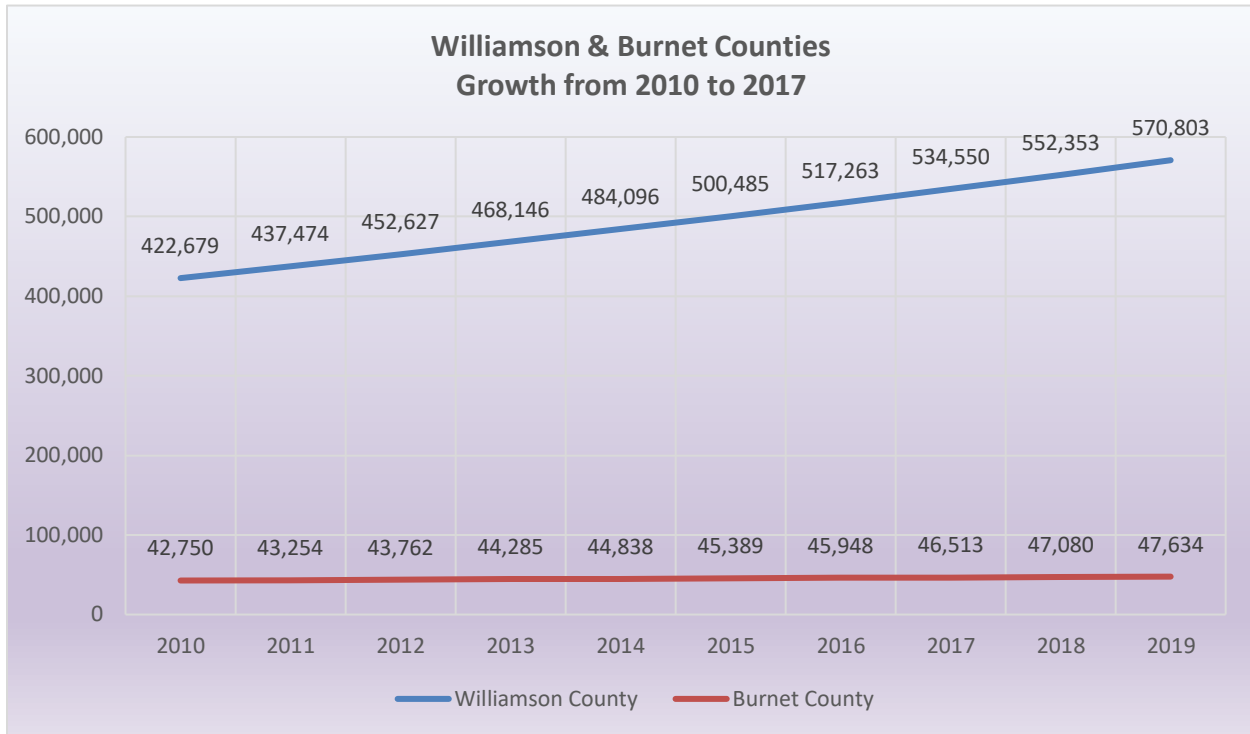


## COMMUNITY PROFILES

### Population Information

Opportunities provides services to seniors and low-income individuals and families in Williamson and Burnet Counties. Williamson and Burnet County cover an area of 2,112.56 square miles. Williamson and Burnet Counties have an estimated 2020 combined population of 638,110 (Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections).



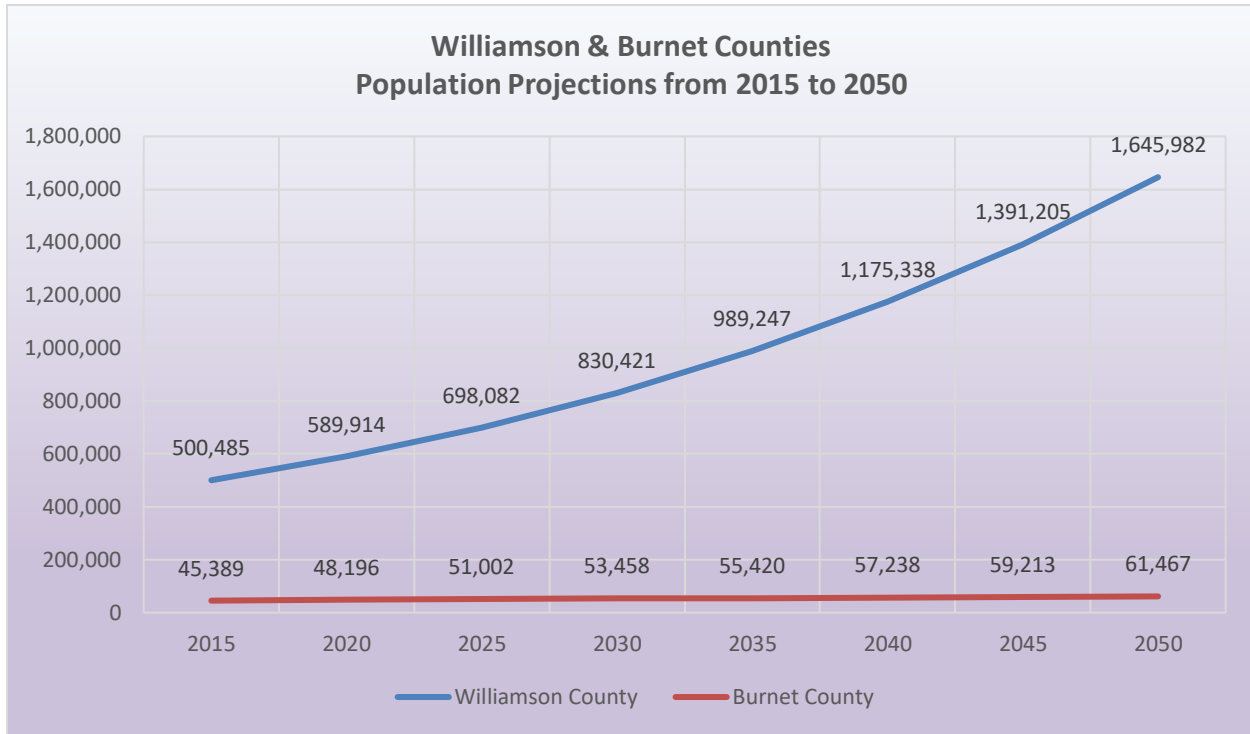


**Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019**

Williamson County is experiencing rapid growth. From 2010 to 2019 Williamson County grew 35%, from 422,679 to 570,803. Burnet County with a population of less than 10% of Williamson County and is experiencing more moderate growth. From 2010 to 2019 Burnet County grew 11% from 42,750 to 47,634.

Williamson Counties population growth is project to accelerate and exceed 1 million by 2040. By 2050 Williamson County is projected to have a population of 1,645,982, a 179% increase from its projected 2020 population.

Burnet Counties population growth is projected to continue at a moderate rate. By 2050 Burnet Counties is projected to have a population of 61,467, a 27.5% increase from its projected 2020 population.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

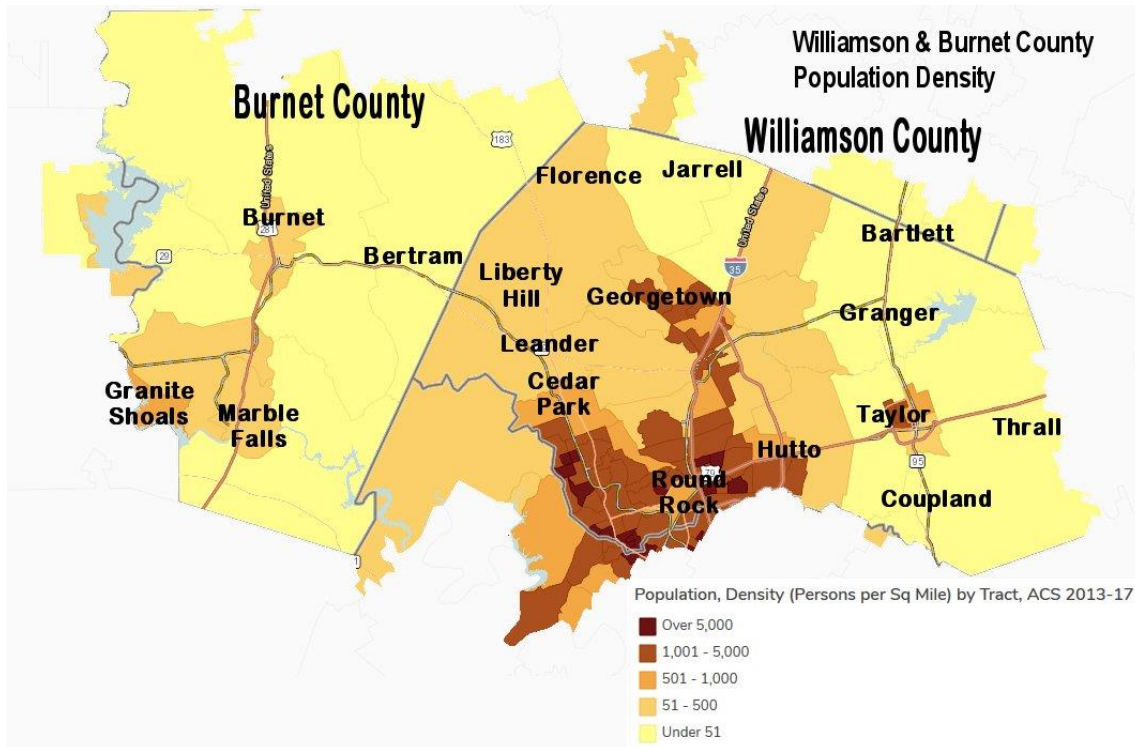
### Rural vs Urban Breakdown

The two counties are substantially different from each other. Fifty-eight percent of Burnet County is rural and 41.4% is urban. On the other hand, 11.9% of Williamson County is Rural and 88.1% is Urban. The rural areas of Williamson County on the Eastern side of the county outside of Taylor and parts of northern Williamson County.

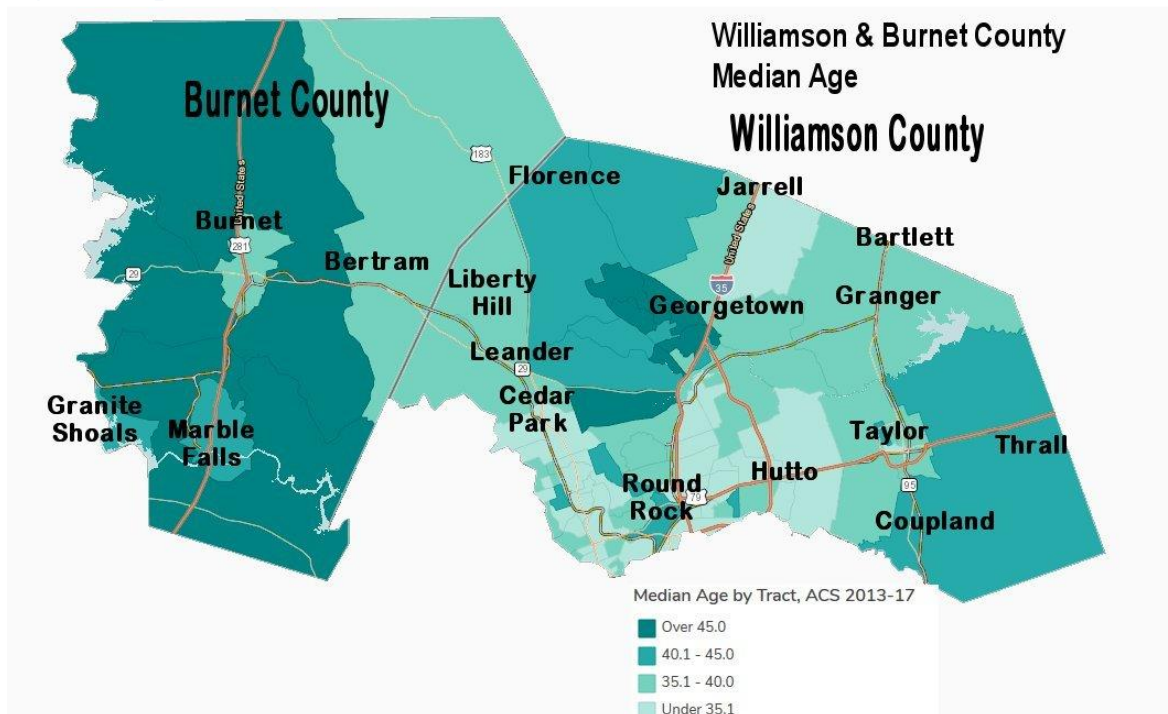
Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Urban & Rural Populations		
County	Percent Urban	Percent Rural
Burnet	41.4%	58.6%
Williamson	88.1%	11.9%

Data Source: US Census, 2010

Population density in Burnet County is greatest in and near the cities of Burnet, Marble Falls, and Granite Shoals. Population density in Williamson County is greatest in the southern and central portions of the county.



## Age of Population



The map above shows the median age in different parts of Williamson and Burnet Counties. The median age in Williamson County is 36.1 while the median age in Burnet County is 44.2. A complete breakdown of the age of the population in both counties by percent and count is shown in the charts below.

<b>Williamson &amp; Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Age Group, Percent</b>					
<b>County</b>	<b>&lt;18</b>	<b>18-24</b>	<b>25-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65+</b>
<b>Burnet</b>	21.6%	7.6%	22.3%	25.9%	22.8%
<b>Williamson</b>	25.3%	8.7%	8.7%	24.5%	12.5%

<b>Williamson &amp; Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Age, Total Count</b>					
<b>Burnet</b>	10,273	3,600	10,605	12,314	10,842
<b>Williamson</b>	144,585	49,841	49,841	139,777	71,311

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

The charts below show the age break down of children in Williamson and Burnet Counties by age and percent

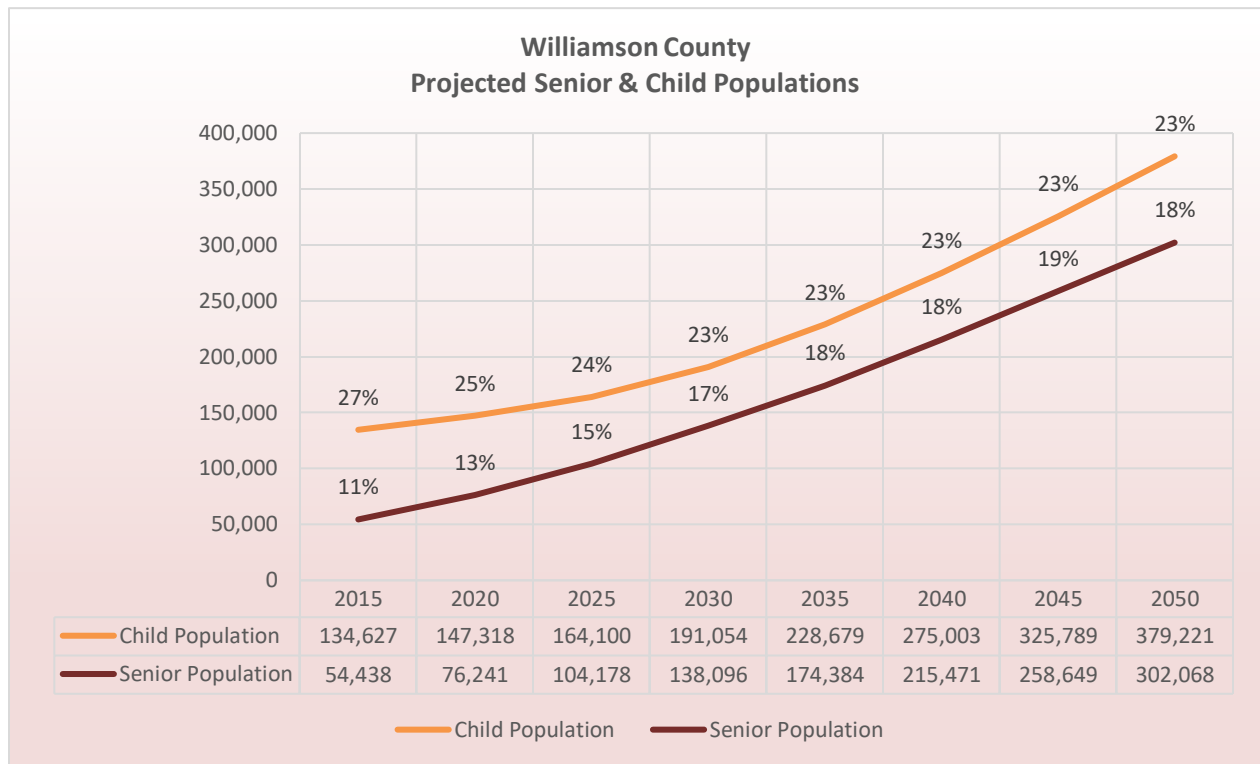
<b>Williamson &amp; Burnet Counties Child Population Breakdown by Age, Percent of Population</b>								
<b>County</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>13-17</b>
<b>Burnet</b>	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	4.7%	4.6%	6.0%
<b>Williamson</b>	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	5.5%	5.8%	7.3%

<b>Williamson &amp; Burnet Counties Child Population Breakdown by Age, Total Count</b>								
<b>Burnet</b>	614	602	598	593	587	2,238	2,169	2,872
<b>Williamson</b>	7,737	7,689	7,694	7,718	7,754	31,206	33,226	41,561

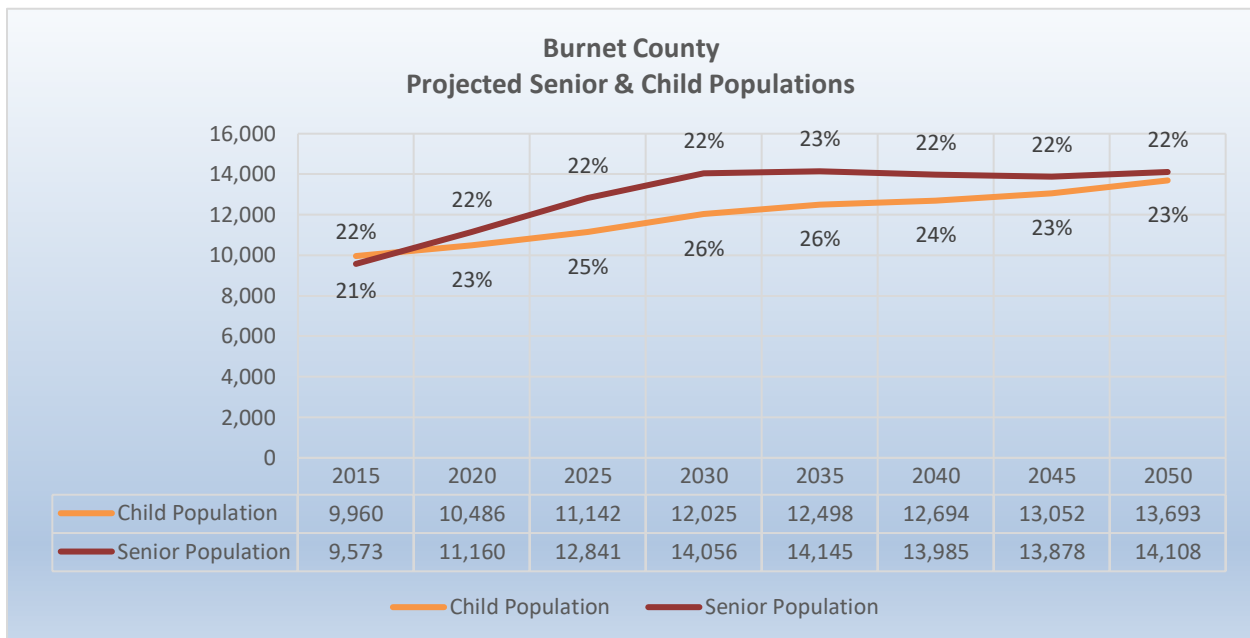
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## Projected Senior & Child Populations

The charts below show the projected population of senior and child populations in Williamson and Burnet Counties.



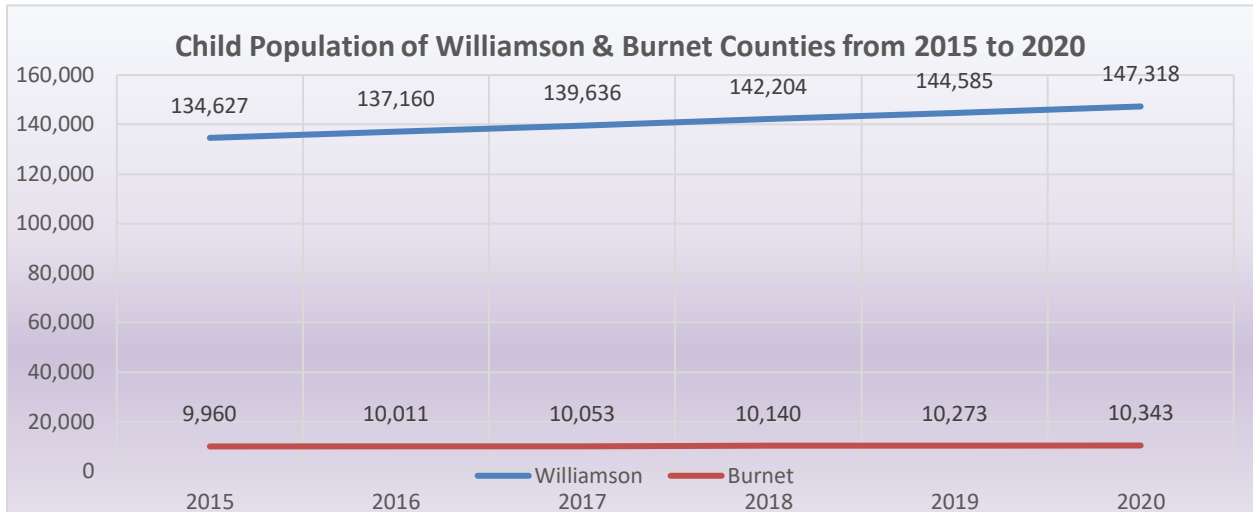
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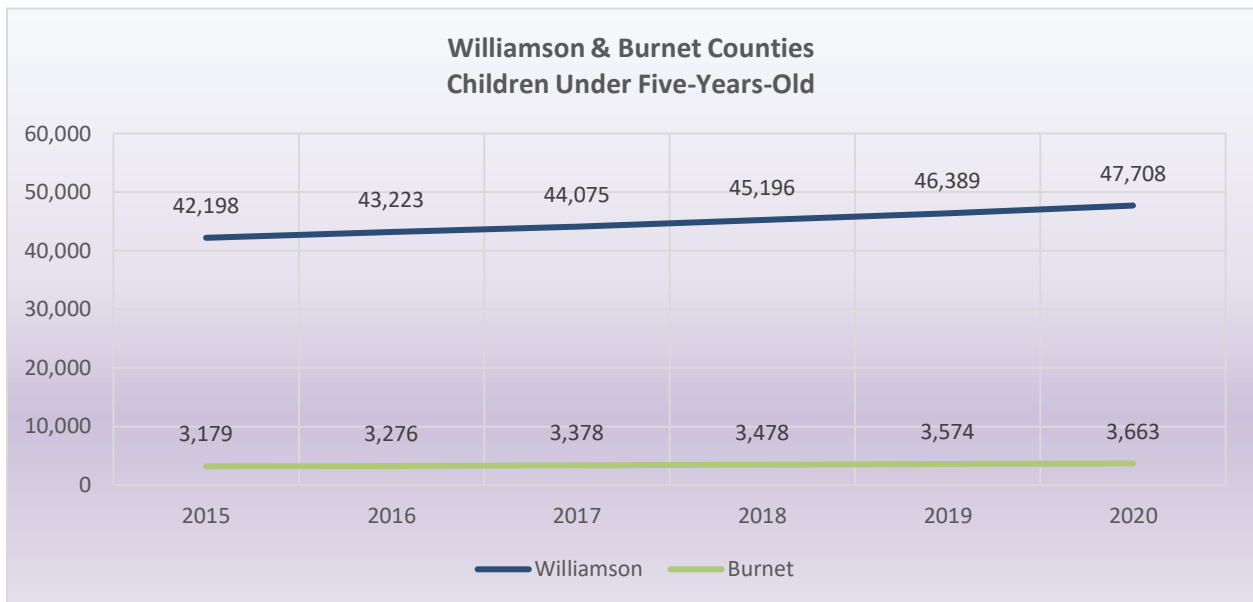
## Child Population

This graph shows the child population for Williamson and Burnet Counties from 2010 to 2020.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

The graph below shows the population of children under five from 2010-2020.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

The chart below shows a breakdown of the under-five population.

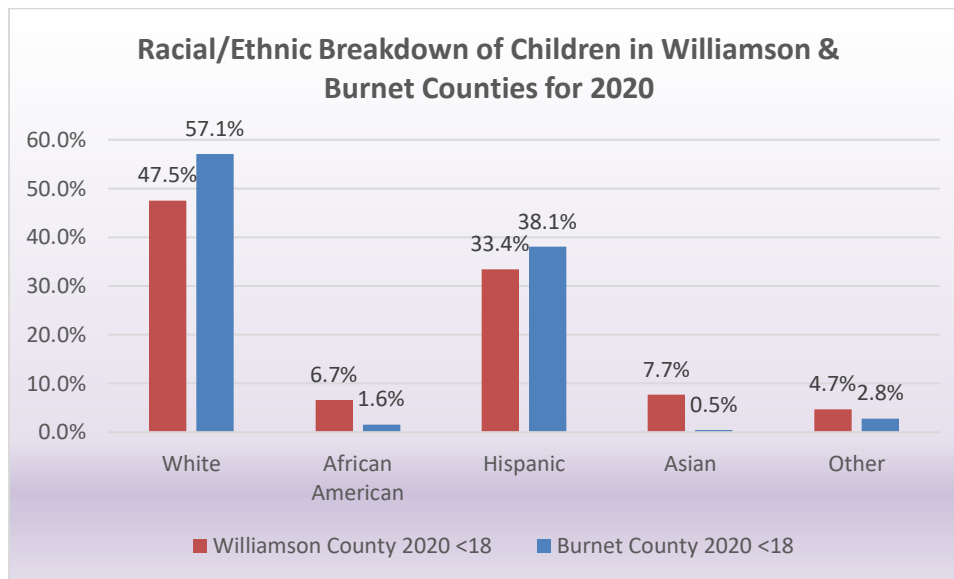
Williamson	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<1-yr old	6,929	7,102	7,297	7,506	7,737	8,001
1-yr old	6,928	7,098	7,276	7,473	7,689	7,925
2-yr old	6,970	7,136	7,309	7,493	7,694	7,917
3-yr old	7,010	7,181	7,351	7,529	7,718	7,924
4-yr old	7,051	7,225	7,397	7,573	7,754	7,949
5-yr old	7,310	7,481	7,445	7,622	7,797	7,992
Burnet	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<1-yr old	552	568	582	595	614	626
1-yr old	541	558	573	590	602	620
2-yr old	533	552	567	584	598	611
3-yr old	523	543	561	577	593	606
4-yr old	513	533	552	571	587	602
5-yr old	517	522	543	561	580	598

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

The graph below shows the racial/ethnic breakdown of children in Williamson & Burnet Counties. The largest racial group in both counties is White and the second largest group is Hispanic.

#### Racial Ethnic Breakdown of Child Population

The chart below shows the racial ethnic breakdown of children within Williamson & Burnet Counties.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019



The chart below shows children relationship to the householder of the house they live in.

<b>Williamson &amp; Burnet County, Child's Relationship to Householder</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>Own Child</b>	<b>Grandchild</b>	<b>Other Relative</b>	<b>Foster Child or Other Unrelated Child</b>
<b>Burnet County</b>	86.6%	10.7%	2.4%	0.3%
<b>Williamson County</b>	92.4%	4.9%	1.2%	1.5%
<b>Data Source: Data Census, 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates</b>				

### Breakdown of Children in Opportunities Head Start

<b>Opportunities, Head Start/Early Head Start Staff, Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Native American	1
Asian	1
Black	11
White	39
Hispanic	84
Mixed Race	2
<b>Data Source: Opportunities Head Start, PIR, 2019-2020</b>	

The chart to the side shows the Race/Ethnic breakdown of children enrolled in Opportunities Head Start while the chart below shows the break down in age of enrolled children per center.

<b>EHS Program</b>	<b>AGE RANGE IN MONTHS, 5/8/2020</b>				
<b>Center</b>	<b>Total Enrolled</b>	0-12 months	12-24 months	24-36 months	36 months & older
AOL	9	5	2	2	0
Bagdad	32	3	8	12	9
Bartlett	24	3	5	9	7
Burnet	24	0	8	11	5
Falls	8	0	0	8	0
Florence	8	0	0	7	1
Harris Ross	41	1	10	16	14
Marble Falls	32	2	9	11	10
Rawleigh Elliott	40	4	5	12	19
Round Rock	31	4	9	12	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>HS Program</b>	<b>AGE RANGE IN YEARS</b>				
<b>Centers</b>	<b>Total Enrolled</b>	3-4	4-5	5 & older	
Bagdad	57	7	29	21	
Bartlett	17	6	11	0	
Burnet	17	5	12	0	
Florence	33	5	17	11	
Harris Ross	34	12	22	0	
HL Elementary	28	0	10	18	
H Lakes	30	8	22	0	
Hutto	37	12	17	8	
Marble Falls	32	5	27	0	
MF Elementary	20	0	5	15	
Mary Bailey	59	5	36	18	
Round Rock	67	11	35	21	
THJ	41	0	8	33	
<b>Total</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>145</b>	

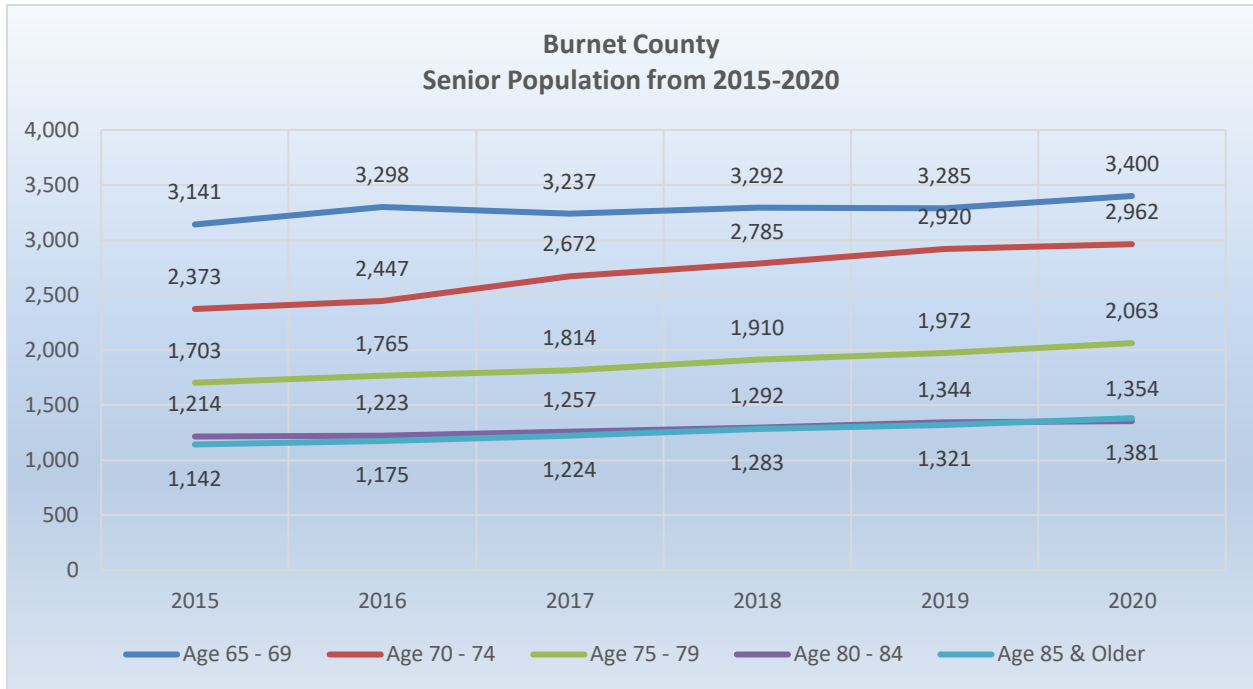
### Senior Population by Age and Racial Make Up

Williamson County 2019 Senior Population 71,311

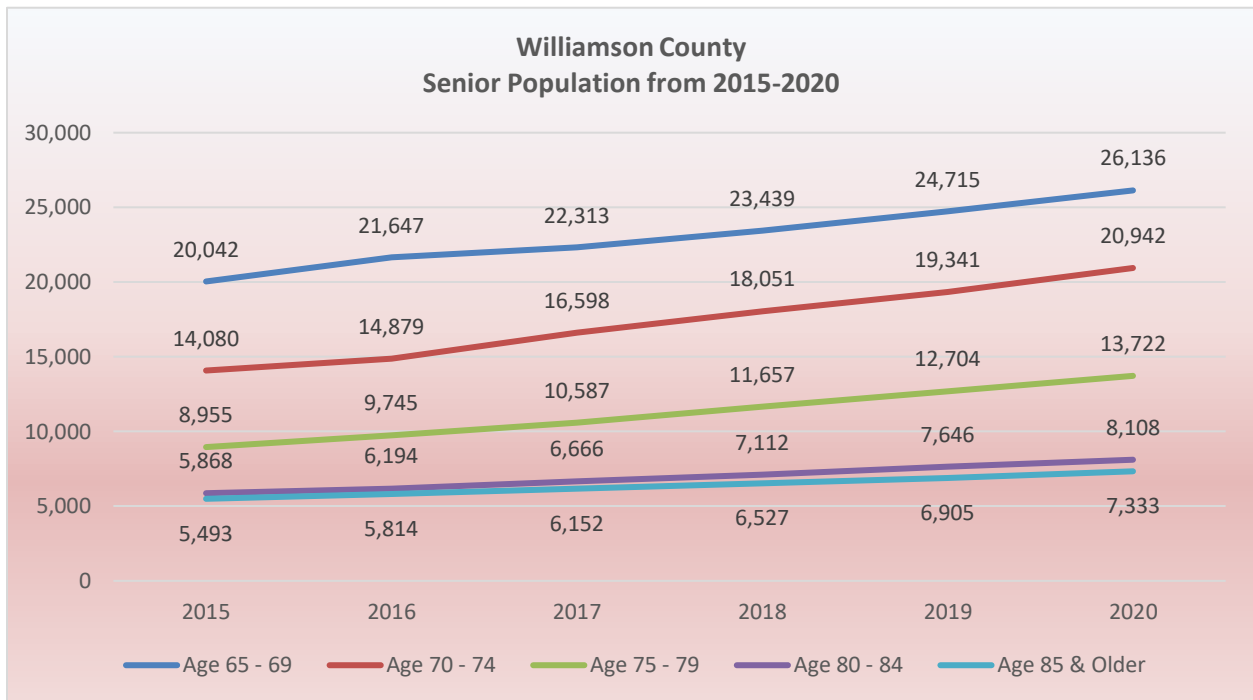
Burnet County 2019 Senior Population 10,842

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

The graphs below show the senior population by age bracket from 2015 to 2020.

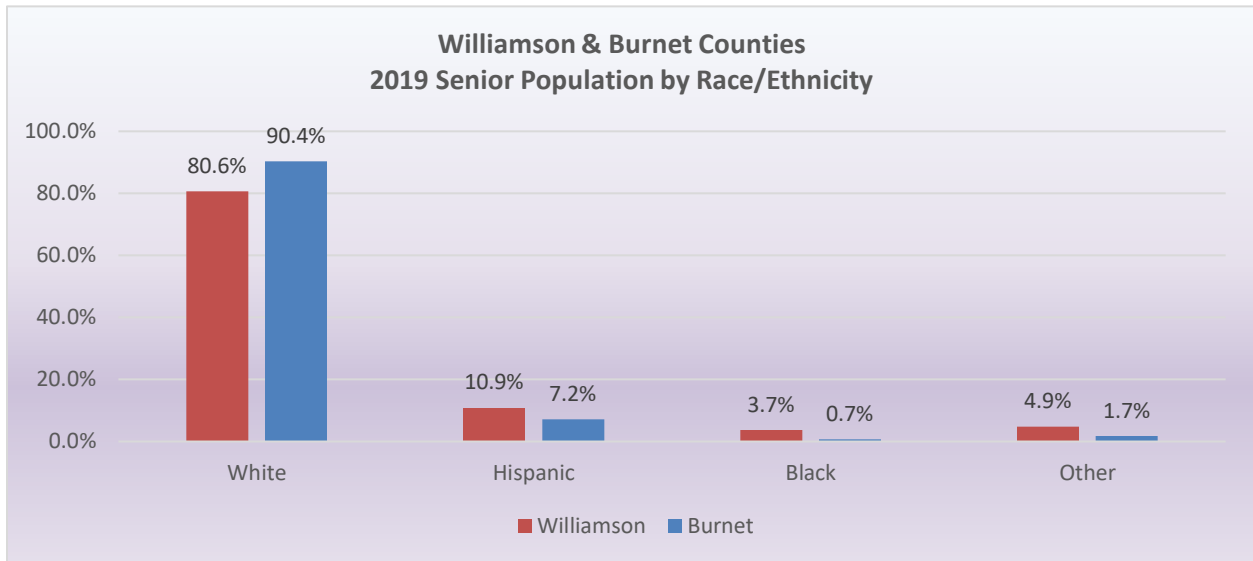


Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019



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The chart below shows the racial/ethnic makeup of the Senior population of Williamson and Burnet Counties.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

## Gender

The gender of the populations in both counties is around 49% male and 51% female.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Gender				
County	Number Males	Percent Males	Number Females	Percent Females
Burnet	23,270	48.9%	24,364	51.1%
Williamson	279,468	49.0%	291,335	51.0%

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

## Race/Ethnicity

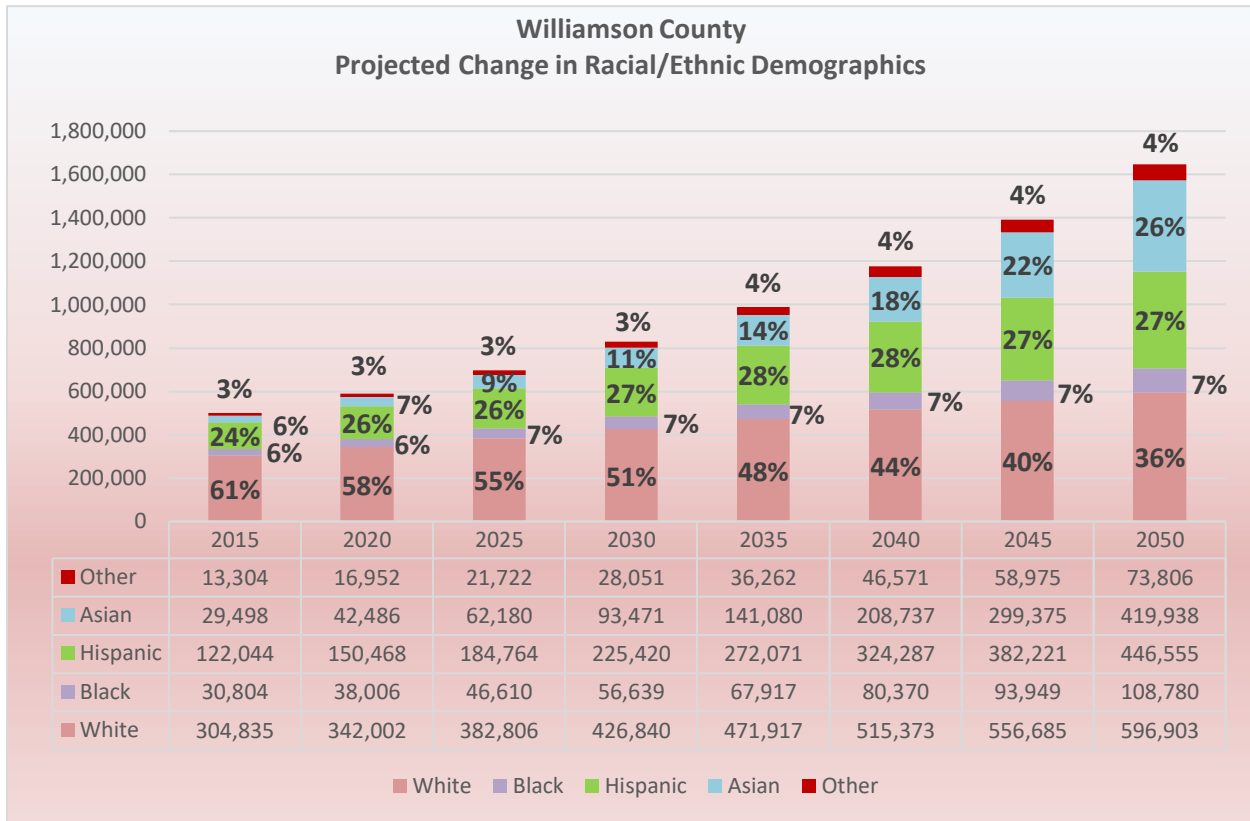
The chart below shows the current racial/ethnic breakdown of Williamson and Burnet Counties by count and percent of the population.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Race/Ethnicity				
County	Race/Ethnicity	Data Type	Count and Percent of Total Population	Count and Percent of Child Population
Burnet	White	Number	34,557	5,908
		Percent	72.5%	57.5%
	Black	Number	792	164
		Percent	1.7%	1.6%
	Hispanic	Number	11,223	3,873
		Percent	23.6%	37.7%
	Asian	Number	230	51
		Percent	0.5%	0.5%
	Other	Number	832	277
		Percent	1.7%	2.7%
Williamson	White	Number	326,803	69,685
		Percent	57.3%	48.2%
	Black	Number	36,458	9,572
		Percent	6.4%	6.6%
	Hispanic	Number	144,374	47,865
		Percent	25.3%	33.1%
	Asian	Number	39,486	10,756
		Percent	6.9%	7.4%
	Other	Number	16,146	6,707
		Percent	2.8%	4.6%

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

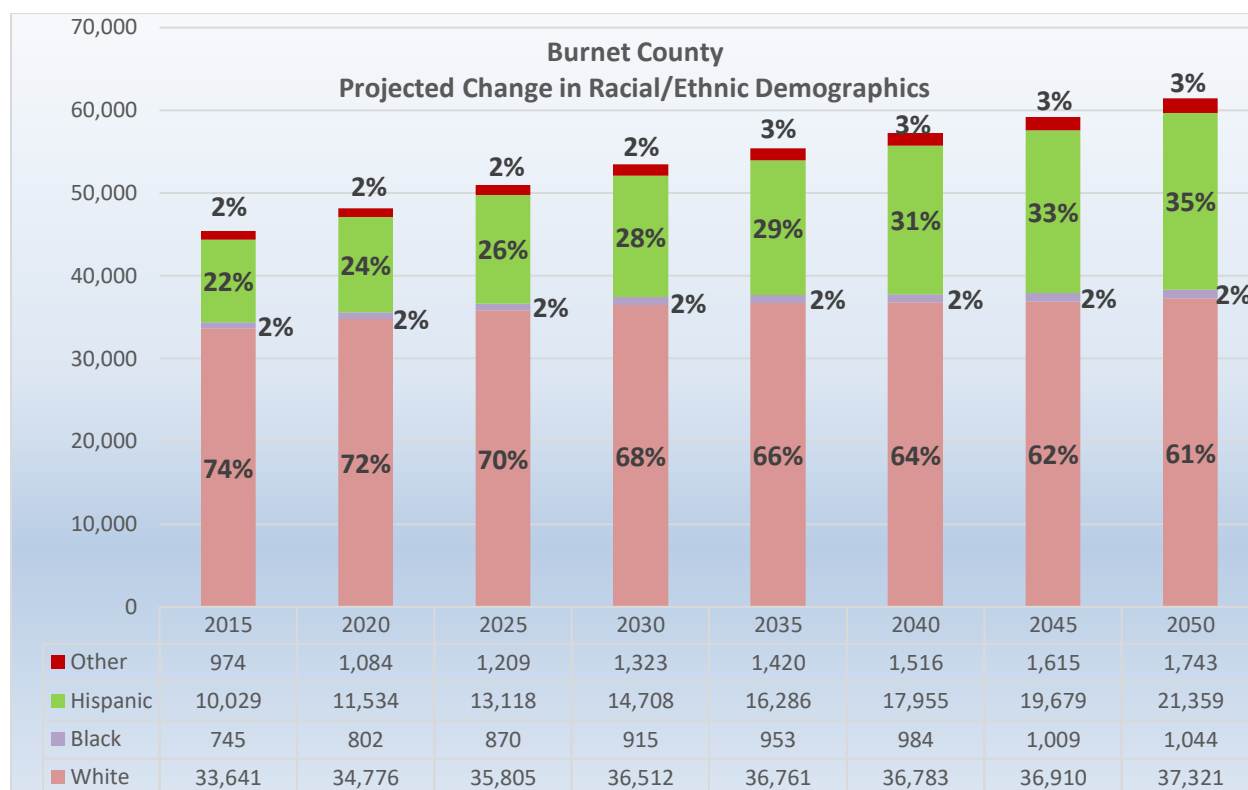
The graphs below show the projected racial/ethnic breakdown of Williamson and Burnet Counties in the future. In both counties all racial/ethnic groups will increase in number but the percentage of the total population of each group is projected to change significantly. In Williamson County the White population will decrease from 58% in 2020 to 36% in 2050. The African American population will remain around 6% to 7%. The Hispanic population is projected

to remain between 26% to 27%. The Asian population is projected to make up a greater percent of the population. From 7% in 2020 to 26% in 2050. Other racial groups will continue to make up between 3% and 4% of the population.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

In Burnet County the percent of the White population is projected to decrease from 72% in 2020 to 61% in 2050. The African American population is projected to remain around 2%. The Hispanic population is projected to increase from 24% in 2020 to 35% in 2050. Other racial groups, including the Asian population is projected to remain between 2% and 3%.



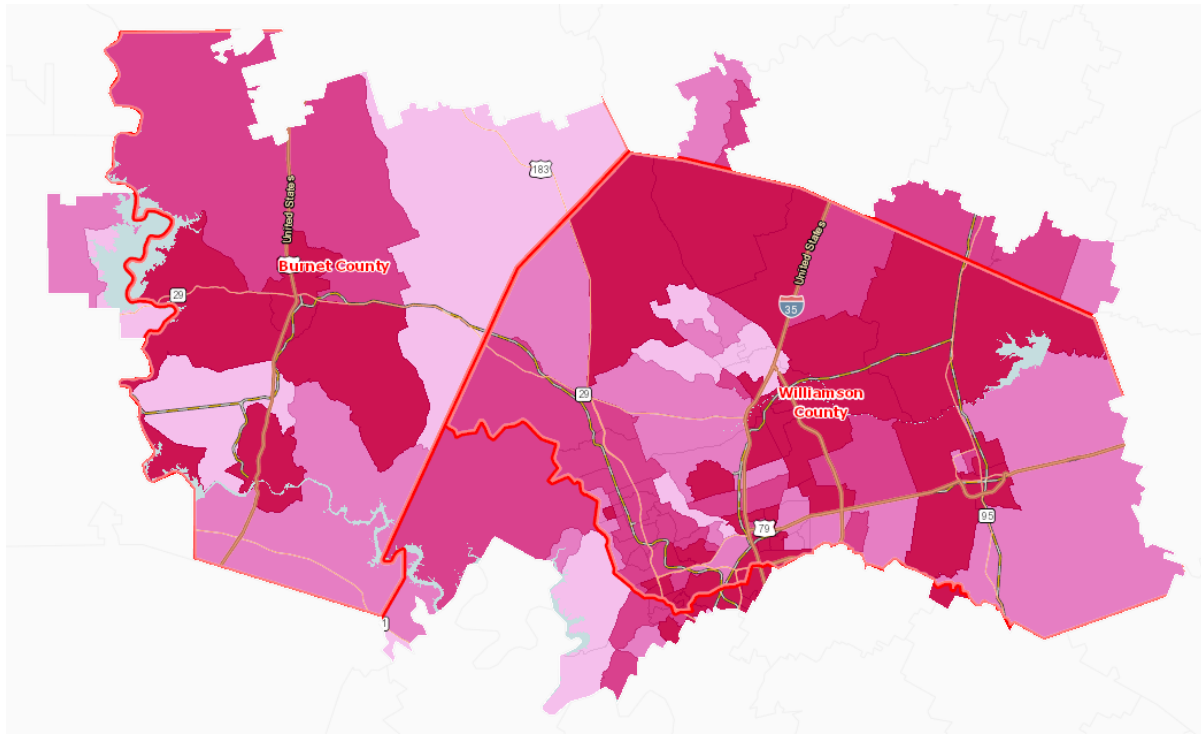
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### Population in Limited English Households

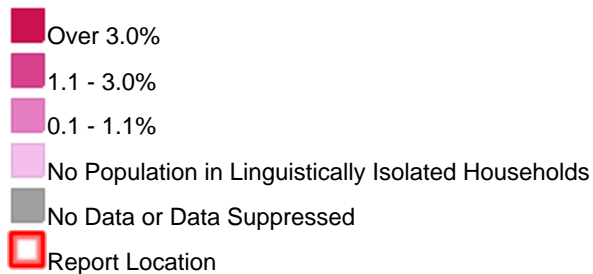
The chart below reports the percentage of the population aged 5 and older living in Limited English-speaking households. A “Limited English-speaking household” is one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English at home or (2) speaks a language other than English at home and speaks English “Very well.” This indicator is significant as it identifies households and populations that may need English-language assistance. The map shows the location of linguistically isolated households.

Williamson & Burnet Counties: Population Living in a Limited English-Speaking Household			
Report Area	Total Population Age 5+	Linguistically Isolated Population	Percent Linguistically Isolated Population
Burnet County, TX	42,619	1,327	3.11%
Williamson County, TX	473,761	13,806	2.91%
Texas	25,437,762	1,961,574	7.71%
United States	301,150,892	13,323,495	4.42%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2013-17.			





Population in Linguistically Isolated Households, Percent by Tract, ACS 2013-17



The chart below shows home in Williamson and Burnet Counties broken down by the language spoken at home. The chart following that shows the primary language spoken in the homes of children enrolled in Opportunities, Head Start during the 2019-2020 school year.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Language Spoken at Home					
County	English	Spanish	Other European	Asian	Other
Burnet	84%	15%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%
Williamson	78.9%	13.9%	3.2%	3.5%	0.5%
Data Source: Data Census, 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates					

Primary Language of Children enrolled in Opportunities Head Start/Early Head Start						
Program	English	Spanish	Middle Eastern	Far East	European	African
Early Head Start	73.2%	23.6%	1.1%	0.4%	1.1%	0.7%
Head Start	65.9%	30.7%	1.8%	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%
Opportunities Head Start PIR, 2019-2020						

## Data of Poverty Populations

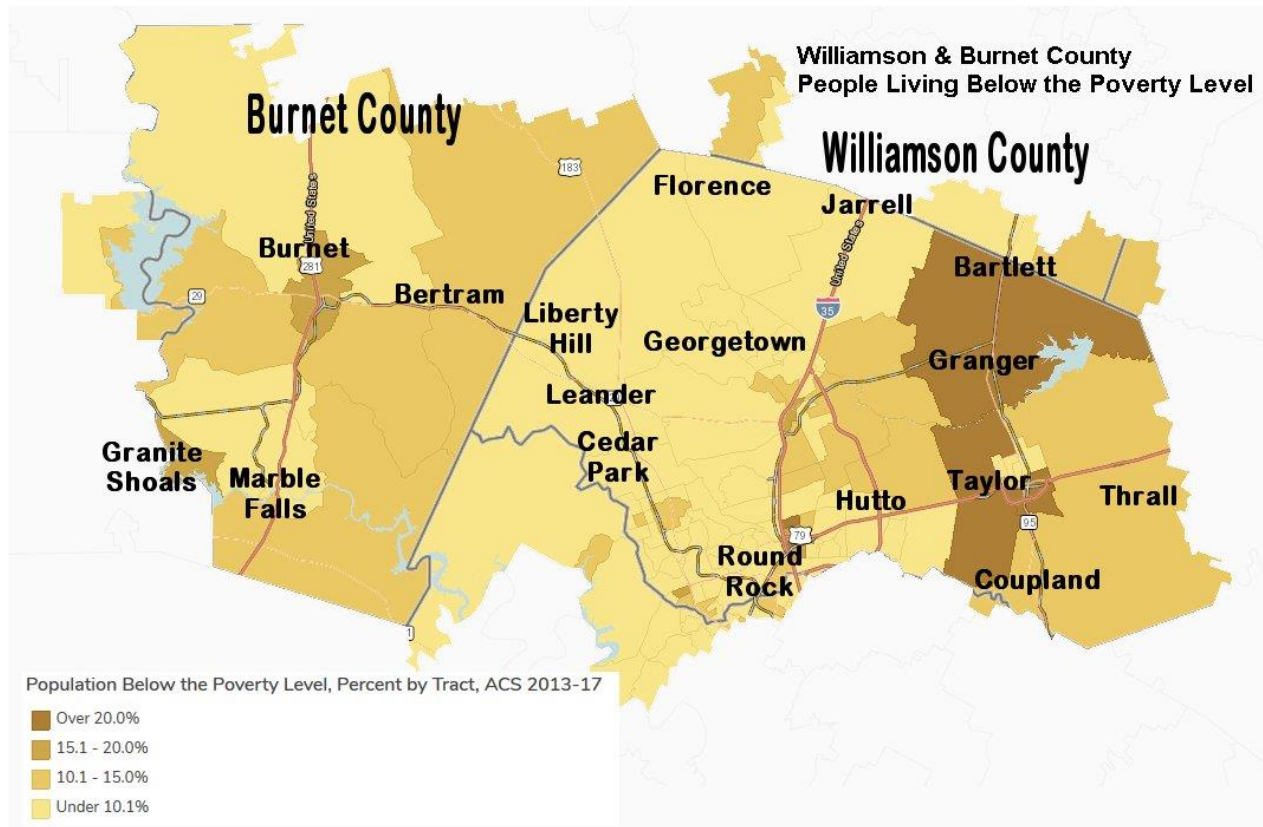
(all poverty data shown is the most current available as of Dec 2019)

The chart below shows the number of individuals in Williamson and Burnet Counties living below the poverty level and what percentage of the population live below the poverty level. It further breaks down the numbers by children who live below the poverty level in both the 0 to 17 age groups and the 5 to 17 age groups. Children are more likely to be living below the poverty level and children younger than five are the most likely to be living below the poverty level.

Individuals in Burnet County are more likely to be living below the poverty level but due to the number of people living in Williamson County there are many more people living below the poverty level in Williamson County than there are in Burnet County. The percent of individuals living below the poverty level in Williamson and Burnet Counties are below both the national and Texas percentages.

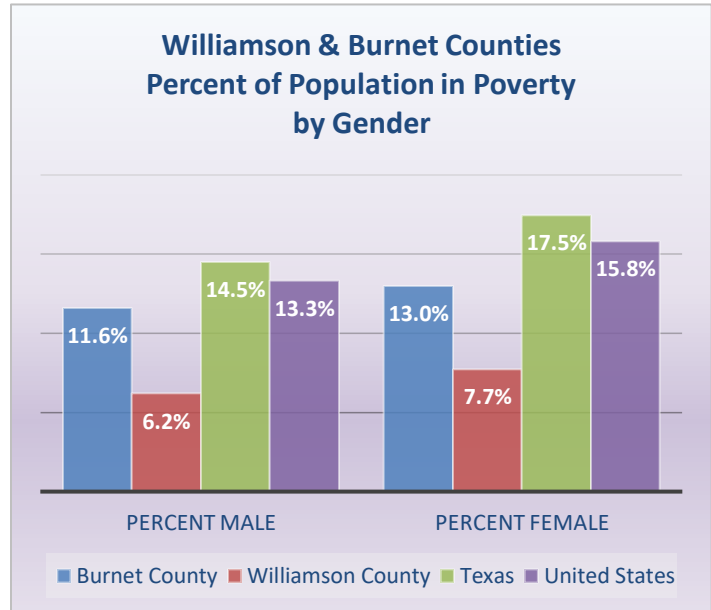
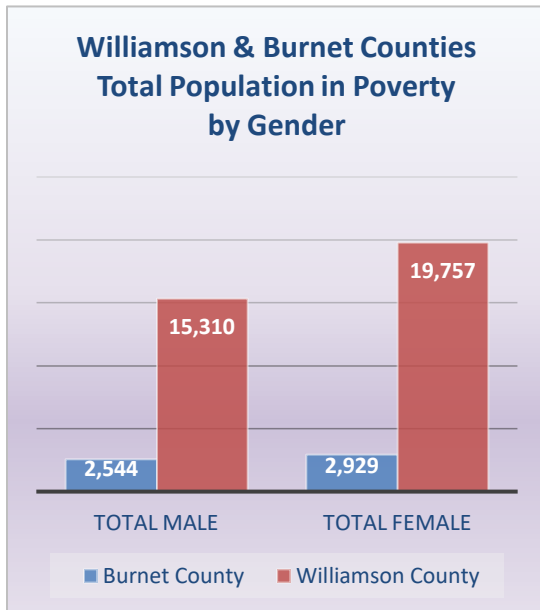
Poverty in Williamson & Burnet Counties						
Area	All Ages		Age 5-17		Age 0-17	
	No of Individuals	Poverty Rate	No of Individuals	Poverty Rate	No of Individuals	Poverty Rate
Burnet County	4,722	10.40%	1,240	16.80%	1,771	17.70%
Williamson County	32,931	6.10%	6,627	6.30%	10,124	7.20%
Texas	4,080,377	14.70%	1,047,625	19.90%	1,525,944	21%
United States	42,583,651	13.40%	9,120,503	17.30%	13,353,202	18.40%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates. 2017.						

The map below shows were the percentage of the population that is living under the poverty level is the highest.

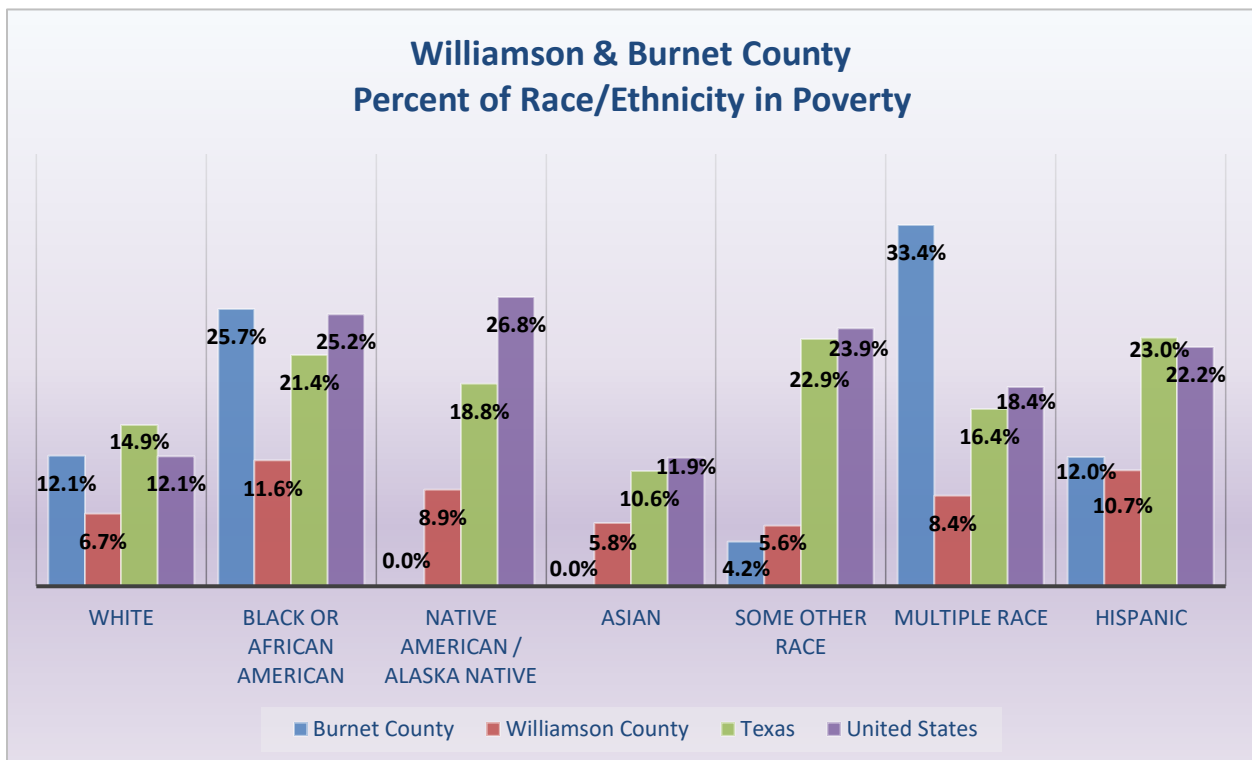


### Poverty Levels Broken Down by Gender, Race & Family Type:

The graphs below show the number and percent of the population that lives below the poverty level by gender. Females are more likely to be living in poverty than males.



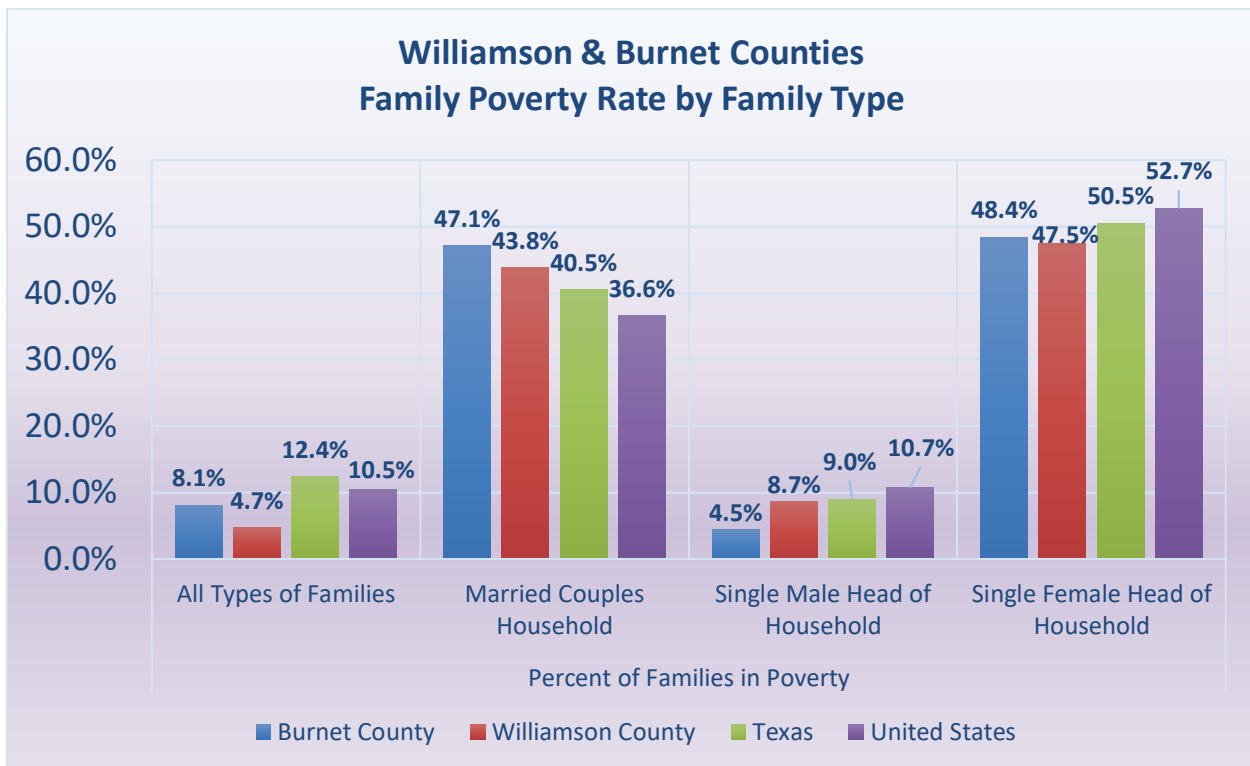
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2013-17.



The graph above shows the racial breakdown of individuals living below the poverty level by race/ethnicity.

In Burnet County individuals with reported mixed race had the highest level of poverty with rates well above both national and Texas levels. This high rate is most likely a statistical anomaly caused by the small sample size. The African American population has a high poverty level more than twice that of Whites and slightly above the national level and above Texas levels. The poverty level for Hispanics was nearly the same as that of Whites and significantly below national and Texas levels. There is no significant population of individuals from the Native American or Asian groups.

In Williamson County the African American population has the highest poverty rate and the Hispanic population had the second highest rates. Both populations had poverty level rates much lower than both nationals and Texas levels. Individuals of the White population had poverty rates well below both national and Texas levels. Individuals of the Asian population had the lowest rate of poverty.



**Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2013-17.**

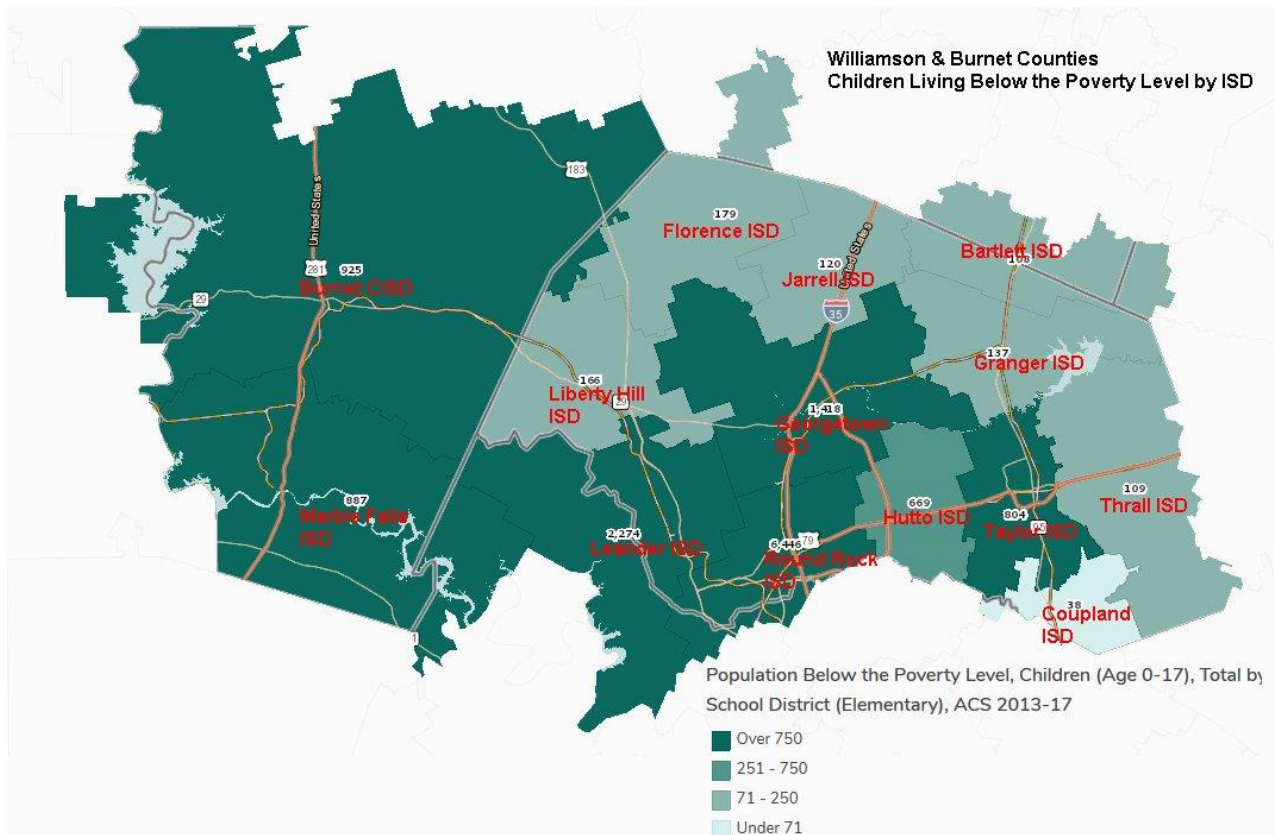
In the graph above the first group of columns show the percentage of families who live below the poverty level. The other groups of columns show the percentage of families in poverty that fall in that category.

In Burnet County 8.1% of families live below the poverty level and of that 8.1%, 47.1% are families of married couples, 4.5% single male heads of households, and 48.4% are single female heads of households.

In Williamson County 4.7% of families live below the poverty level and of that 4.7%, 43.8% are families of married couples, 8.7% single male heads of households, and 47.5% are single female heads of households.

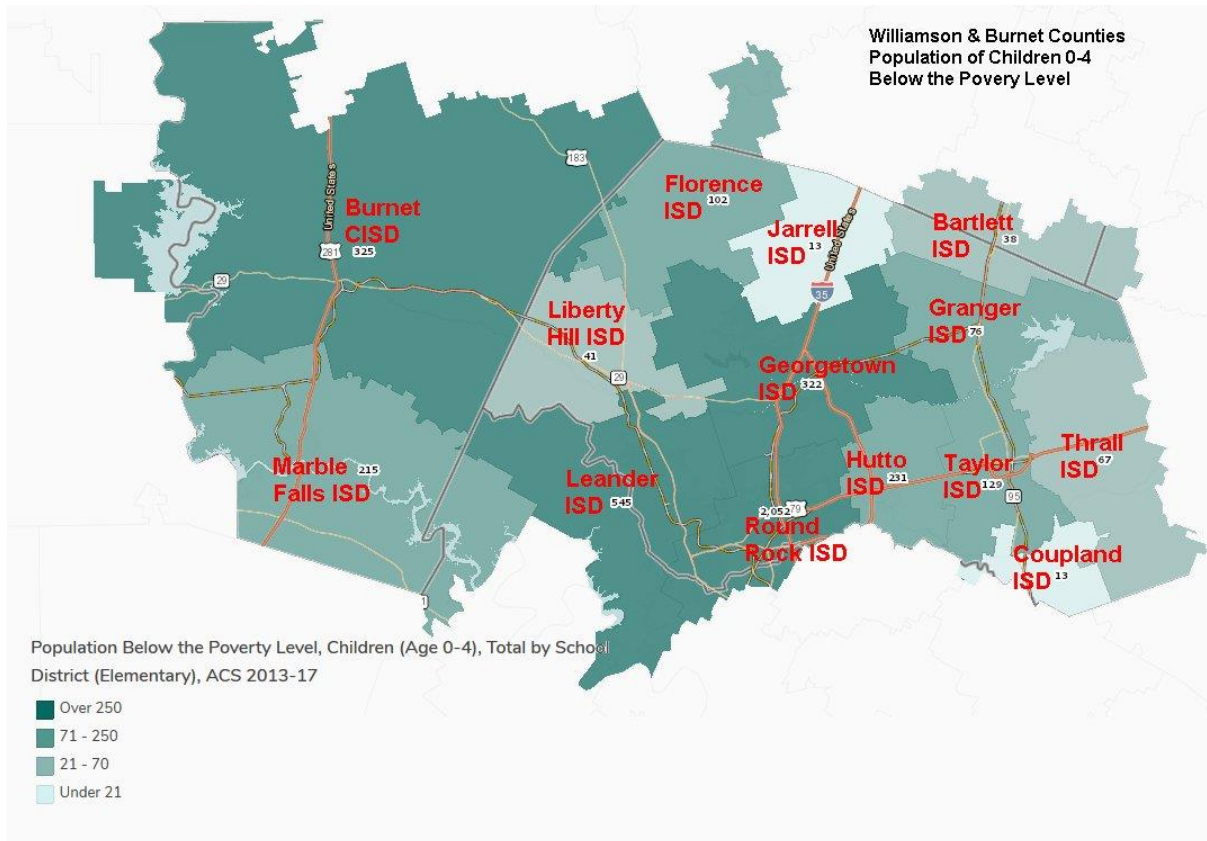
### Poverty Levels of Children by school district

The maps and chart below show the number of children living below the poverty level by school district and the number of children, under five, living below the poverty level by by school district





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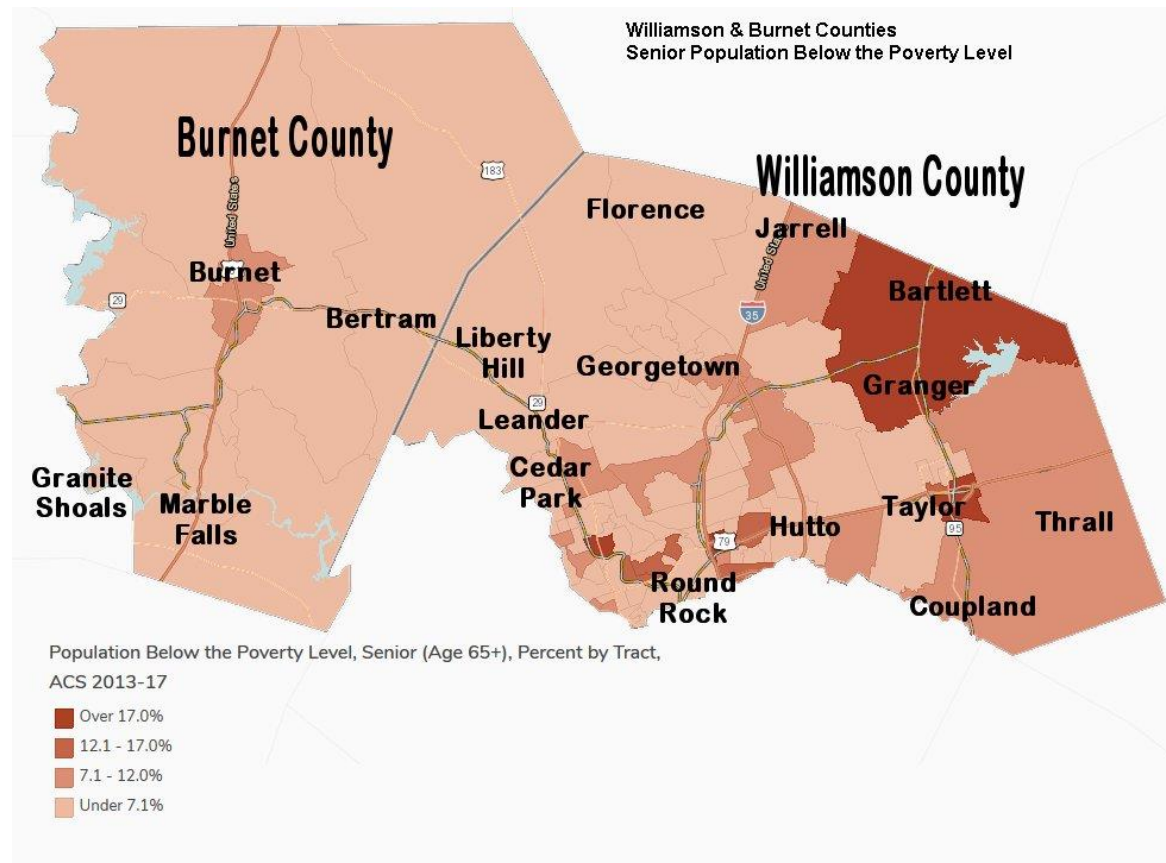


Number of Children Living Below the Poverty Level by School District		
School District	Number of Children in Poverty	Number of Children Younger Than 5 in Poverty
Burnet Consolidated Independent School District	925	325
Marble Falls Independent School District	887	215
Florence Independent School District	179	102
Liberty Hill Independent School District	166	41
Leander Independent School District	2,274	545
Jarrell Independent School District	120	13
Georgetown Independent School District	1,418	322
Round Rock Independent School District	6,446	2,052
Hutto Independent School District	669	231
Bartlett Independent School District	108	38
Granger Independent School District	137	76
Taylor Independent School District	804	129
Coupland Independent School District	38	13
Thrall Independent School District	109	67
Data Source: American Community Survey, 2013 - 2017		



### Locations of Seniors Living Below the Poverty Level

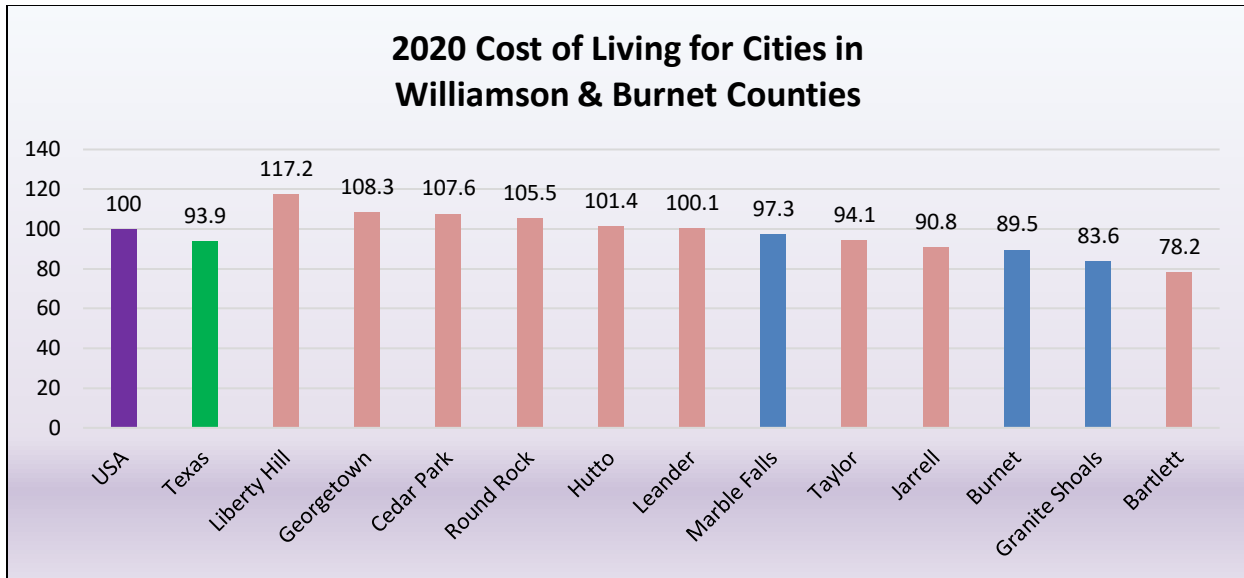
The map below shows the percent of seniors who live below the poverty level by census tract.



## ECONOMIC & SOCIAL INDICATORS OF WILLIAMSON & BURNET COUNTIES

### Cost of Living

The graph below shows the cost of living in various communities in Williamson and Burnet County. Pink bars show communities in Williamson County and the blue bars are communities in Burnet County. The cost of living in Williamson and Burnet Counties varies from one community to another. From 117.2% of the national cost of living in Liberty Hill to 78.2% in Bartlett.



Data Source: BestPlaces.net

### Living Wage Calculation

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an **individual** in a household must earn to support his or herself and their family. The assumption is the sole provider is working full-time (2080 hours per year). The tool provides information for individuals, and households with one or two working adults and zero to three children. In the case of households with two working adults, all values are **per working adult, single or in a family** unless otherwise noted.

The state minimum wage is the same for all individuals, regardless of how many dependents they may have. Data are updated annually, in the first quarter of the new year. State minimum wages are determined based on the posted value of the minimum wage as of January one of the coming year (National Conference of State Legislatures, 2019). The poverty rate reflects a person's gross annual income. It has been converted to an hourly wage for the sake of comparison.

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	1 Adult				2 Adults (1 working)				2 Adults (both working)			
# of Children	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
<b>Burnet County</b>												
Living Wage	\$11.52	\$22.49	\$26.46	\$32.86	\$18.38	\$21.94	\$24.31	\$27.99	\$9.19	\$12.50	\$14.47	\$17.09
Poverty Wage	\$6.00	\$8.13	\$10.25	\$12.38	\$8.13	\$10.25	\$12.38	\$14.50	\$4.06	\$5.13	\$6.19	\$7.25
Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25
<b>Williamson County</b>												
Living Wage	\$13.01	\$25.70	\$29.66	\$36.45	\$20.77	\$25.14	\$27.51	\$31.58	\$10.38	\$14.10	\$16.07	\$18.88
Poverty Wage	\$6.00	\$8.13	\$10.25	\$12.38	\$8.13	\$10.25	\$12.38	\$14.50	\$4.06	\$5.13	\$6.19	\$7.25
Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25
Data Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology												

### Income - Inequality (GINI Index)

This chart shows income inequality using the Gini coefficient. Gini index values range between zero and one. A value of one indicates perfect inequality where only one household has any income. A value of zero indicates perfect equality, where all households have equal income. Index values are acquired from the 2014-18 American Community Survey.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Inequality Index	
Area	Gini Index Value
Burnet County	0.45
Williamson County	0.40
Texas	0.48
United States	0.48
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> , 2014-18.	

## Household & Family Composition

### Family Data

There are 138,915 families living in the Opportunities service area, 12,285 in Burnet County and 126,630 in Williamson County (ACS 2014-2018).

The charts below show the different type of families with children enrolled in the Opportunities, Head Start during the 2019-2020 school year.

Opportunities, Head Start Family Type										
	Two Parent Family					Single Parent Family				
Prog	Parent	Grand Parent	Other Relative	Foster	Other	Mother	Father	Grand Parent	Other Relative	Foster
EHS	81			4	1	150	3	3		1
HS	198	3	1	15	1	224	8	6	1	3
Program		Two Parent				One Parent				
Early Head Start		86				157				
Head Start		218				242				
Opportunities, Head Start PIR, 2019 - 2020										

### Single Parent Households

The chart below shows the number and percent of single parent households in Williamson and Burnet Counties. Texas data is shown for comparison purposes. Burnet County has a larger percentage of single parent families than Texas as a whole, while Williamson County has a lower percentage of single parent families.

Single Parent Households						
Location	Data Type	2009 - 2013	2010 - 2014	2011 - 2015	2012 - 2016	2013 - 2017
Texas	Number	1,845,486	1,868,559	1,881,184	1,897,521	1,898,630
	Percent	30.7%	30.8%	30.7%	30.7%	30.3%
Burnet	Number	2,825	2,816	2,989	3,342	2,973
	Percent	33.5%	33.8%	36.8%	39.9%	34.5%
Williamson	Number	24,434	25,095	25,319	24,551	25,506
	Percent	21.1%	21.4%	21.2%	20.1%	20.4%
<b>Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities</b> <b>Definitions:</b> The number and percent of all children (ages 0-17) living in families headed by a parent without a spouse present in the home. <b>This indicator includes only children of the head of household.</b> <b>Data Source:</b> Census Bureau's Decennial Census, Summary File 4 (1990, 2000) and American Community Survey Table (5-year estimates) for all other years.						

### Working Parents & Family Composition

The chart below shows the work status of parents in Williamson and Burnet Counties broken down by parents of children under six and parents of children six to seven years old. The chart also breaks down the information by whether a child lives with two parents or one parent and which parents in the family work.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Work Status of Parents		
	Burnet County	Williamson Count
<b>Total Children</b>	9,288	134,424
<b>Children Under 6</b>	2,694	41,286
<b>Living with 2 Parents</b>	1,560	32,914
<b>Both Working</b>	771	19,494
<b>Father Only Working</b>	769	12,454
<b>Mother Only Working</b>	20	786
<b>Neither Parent Working</b>	0	180
<b>Living with One Parent</b>	1,134	8,372
<b>Living with Father</b>	702	2,350
<b>Father Working</b>	702	2,300
<b>Father Not Working</b>	0	50
<b>Living with Mother</b>	432	6,022
<b>Mother Working</b>	393	4,356
<b>Mother Not Working</b>	39	1,666
<b>Children 6 – 17 Years</b>	6,594	93,138
<b>Living with 2 Parents</b>	4,532	70,602
<b>Both Working</b>	2,652	47,198
<b>Father Only Working</b>	1,638	20,527
<b>Mother Only Working</b>	149	2,145
<b>Neither Parent Working</b>	93	732
<b>Living with One Parent</b>	2,062	22,536
<b>Living with Father</b>	1,047	4,913
<b>Father Working</b>	993	4,688
<b>Father Not Working</b>	54	225
<b>Living with Mother</b>	1,015	17,623
<b>Mother Working</b>	876	15,739
<b>Mother Not Working</b>	139	1,884
Data Source: Data.census.gov; 2018: ACS 5-Year Estimate		

### Grandparents

Frequently grandparents are living with the grandchildren and are often the primary caregiver. Grandparents frequently become a child's official or unofficial primary caregiver when the parent of the children are young or children are removed from parental custody due to abuse or neglect. This is often related to parental substance abuse. The chart below shows the number of grandparents living with grandchildren and the number of grandparents responsible for raising their grandchildren.

Williamson & Burnet County, Grandparents Living with or Responsible for Grandchildren		
County	Living with Grandchildren	Responsible for Grandchildren
Burnet County	1,443	618
Williamson County	12,429	3,432
Data Source: ACS, 2010 - 2018		

## Household Data

The chart below shows the total number and percentage of households by composition (married couple family, nonfamily, etc.). According to the American Community Survey subject definitions, a family household is any housing unit in which the householder is living with one or more individuals related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption\*. A non-family household is any household occupied by the householder alone, or by the householder and one or more unrelated individuals.

*\*Family households and married-couple families do not include same-sex married couples even if the marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples. Same sex couple households are included in the family households category if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption.*

Williamson & Burnet Counties Households					
Report Area	Total Households	Family Households	Family Households, Percent	Non-Family Households	Non-Family Households, Percent
Burnet County	16,849	12,285	72.91%	4,564	27.09%
Williamson County	174,754	126,630	72.46%	48,124	27.54%
Texas	9,553,046	6,629,325	69.39%	2,923,721	30.61%
United States	119,730,128	78,697,103	65.73%	41,033,025	34.27%
Data Source: Cares Engagement Network; US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18.					

Households by Composition and Relationship to Householder					
Report Area	Total Households	Married Family Households	Single Male Family Households	Single Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Burnet County	16,849	9,697	1,054	1,534	4,564
Williamson County	174,754	102,622	7,003	17,005	48,124
Texas	9,553,046	4,812,972	488,202	1,328,151	2,923,721
United States	119,730,128	57,816,948	5,821,975	15,058,180	41,033,025
Data Source: Cares Engagement Network; US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18.					

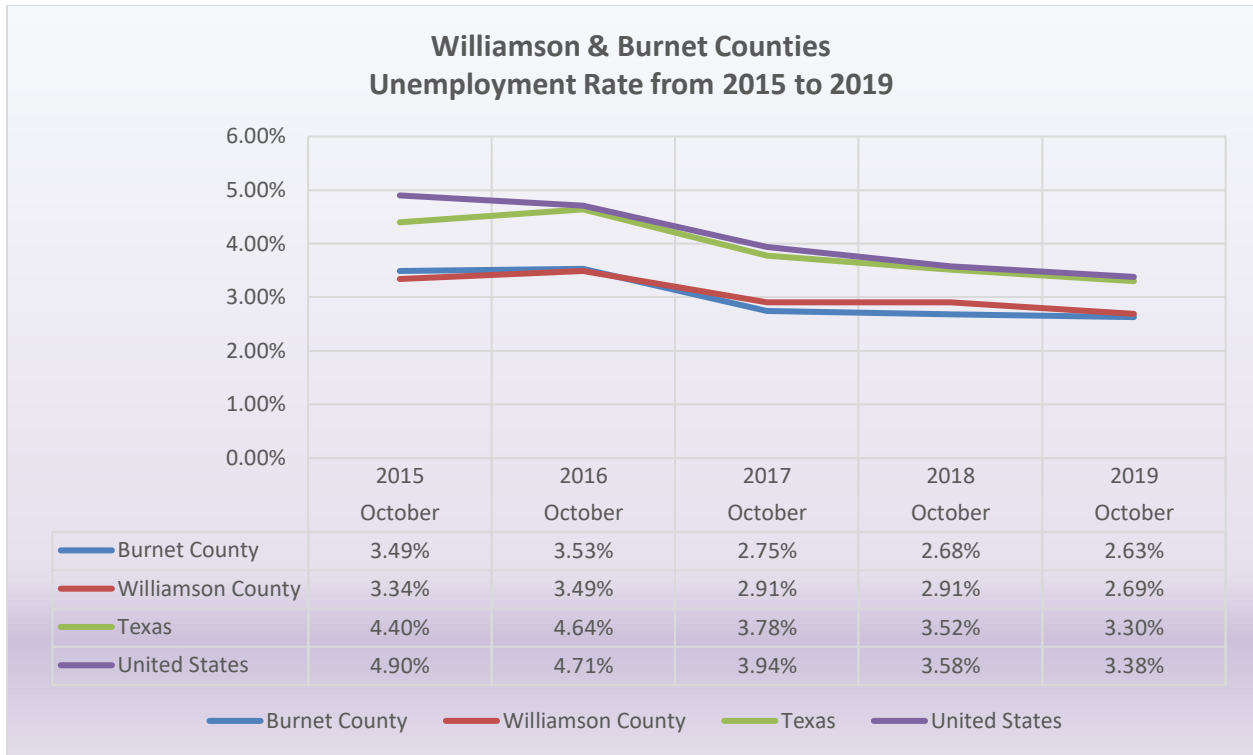
Households with Children by Composition and Relationship to Householder, Percentage of Total Households					
Report Area	All Household Types	Married Family Households	Single-Male Family Households	Single-Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Burnet County	29.34%	18.96%	4.35%	5.91%	0.11%
Williamson County	39.57%	29.95%	2.31%	6.97%	0.33%
Texas	37.08%	24.48%	2.87%	9.46%	0.27%
United States	31.38%	20.43%	2.70%	7.96%	0.29%
Data Source: Cares Engagement Network; US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> , 2014-18.					

## Employment & Income

The chart below shows the labor force, number employed and number unemployed in Williamson and Burnet compared to national and Texas figures. The unemployment rate in both counties is below national and Texas figures.

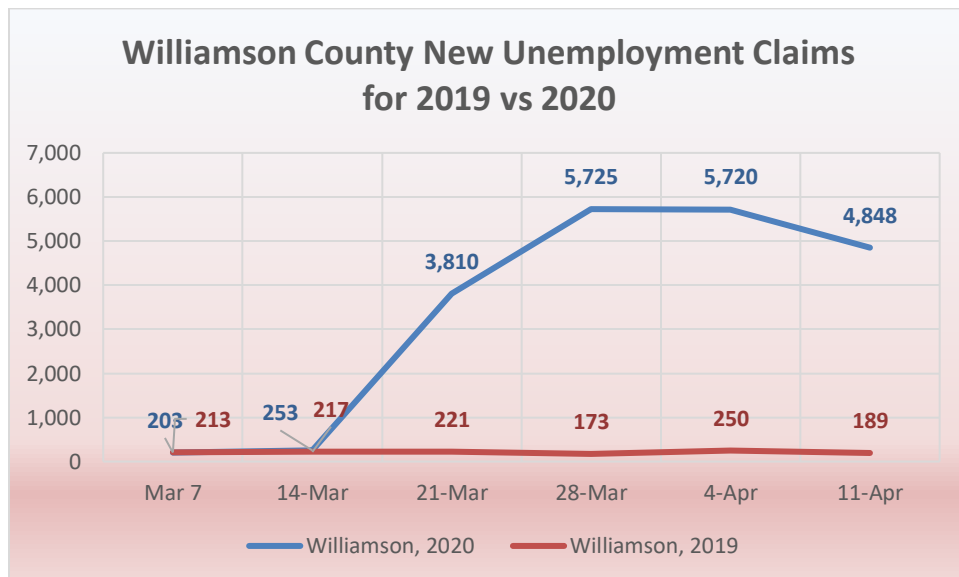
Williamson & Burnet Counties Employed & Unemployed Labor Force				
Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Burnet County	23,409	22,794	615	2.60%
Williamson County	309,285	300,954	8,331	2.70%
Texas	14,189,091	13,721,100	467,991	3.30%
United States	165,638,906	160,033,858	5,605,048	3.40%
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2019 - October.				

The graph below shows the unemployment rates for Williamson and Burnet Counties compared to national and Texas levels from 2015 to 2019. The rates while lower than national and Texas levels follow the same trends.

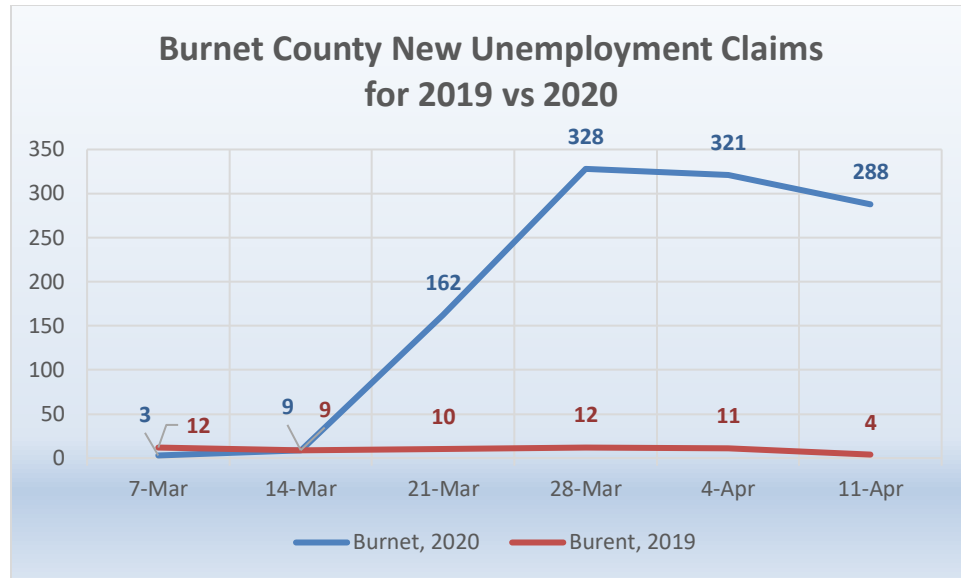


**Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2019 - October.**

The spread of Covid 19 and the subsequent shut down of non-essential business have resulted in many people being unable to work. The graphs below illustrate the number of unemployment claims that have been made prior to and after March 14<sup>th</sup> and how they compared to the same time in 2019.





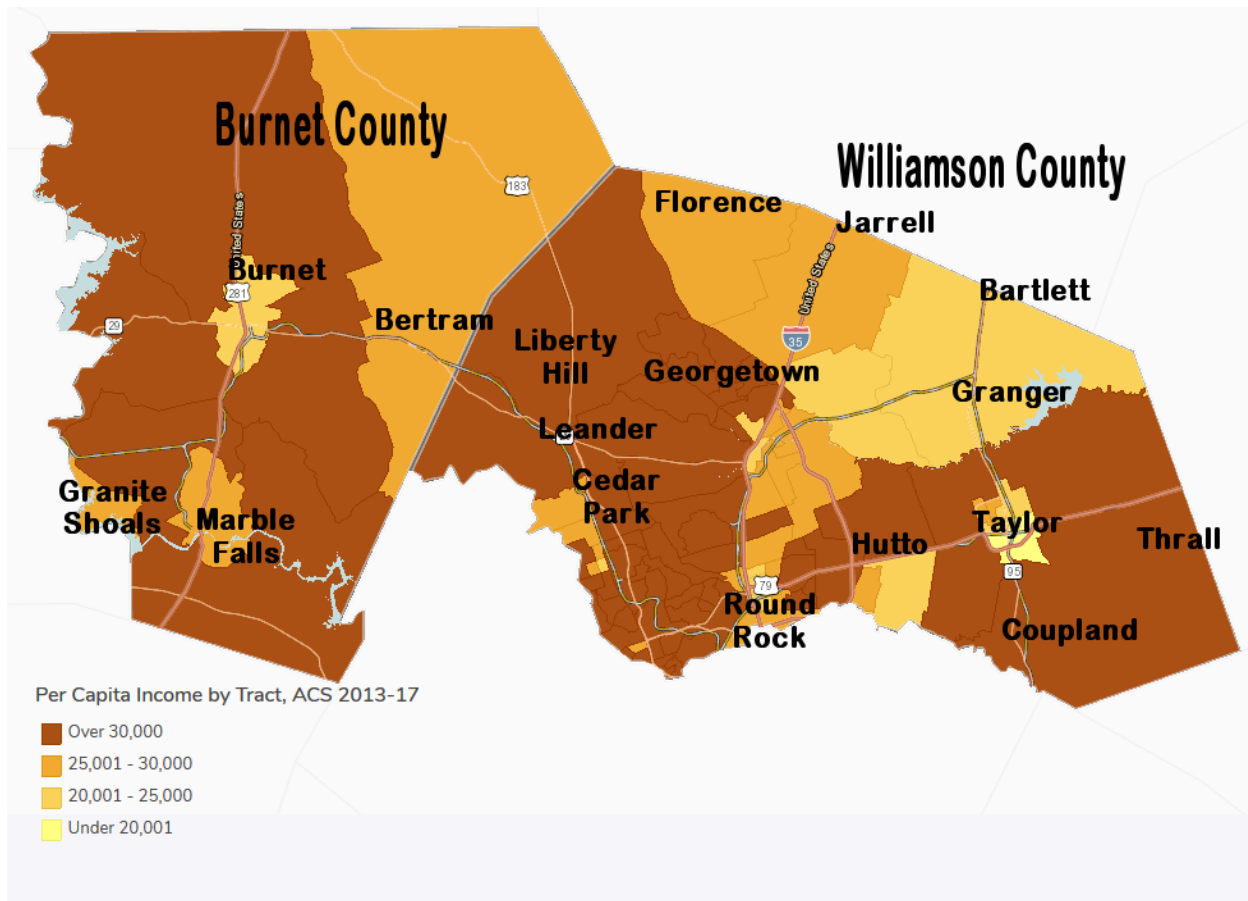


**Data Source: Texas Workforce Commission**

The following chart shows the median household income and the per capita income for Williamson and Burnet Counties compare to national and Texas incomes.

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
Burnet County	\$59,009.00	\$29,247.00
Williamson County	\$82,131.00	\$34,575.00
Texas	\$59,195.00	\$28,985.00
United States	\$60,336.00	\$31,177.00
Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates. 2017 for Median Household Income and US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2013-17 for Per Capita Income		

The map below shows the per capita income of different parts of Williamson and Burnet Counties.



### Williamson County - Employment by Occupations

From 2017 to 2018, employment in Williamson County, TX grew at a rate of 5.64%, from 273k employees to 288k employees.

#### Most Common

The most common jobs held by residents of Williamson County, TX, by number of employees, are Office & Administrative Support Occupations (35,982 people), Management Occupations (33,261 people), and Sales & Related Occupations (29,960 people).

#### Most Specialized

Compared to other counties, Williamson County, TX has an unusually high number of residents working as Computer & Mathematical Occupations (2.15 times higher than expected), Architecture & Engineering Occupations (1.71 times), and Business & Financial Operations Occupations (1.26 times).

#### Highest Paid

The highest paid jobs held by residents of Williamson County, TX, by median earnings, are Computer & Mathematical Occupations (\$90,365), Computer, Engineering, & Science Occupations (\$86,024), and Architecture & Engineering Occupations (\$83,067).

**Data Source:** Data USA, Census Bureau ACS 1-year Estimate

## Burnet County - Employment by Occupations

From 2016 to 2017, employment in Burnet County, TX grew at a rate of 1.72%, from 19.2k employees to 19.6k employees.

### Most Common

The most common jobs held by residents of Burnet County, TX, by number of employees, are Management Occupations (2,275 people), Sales & Related Occupations (2,274 people), and Office & Administrative Support Occupations (2,118 people).

### Most Specialized

Compared to other counties, Burnet County, TX has an unusually high number of residents working as Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations (1.81 times higher than expected), Construction & Extraction Occupations (1.67 times), and Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations (1.61 times).

### Highest Paid

The highest paid jobs held by residents of Burnet County, TX, by median earnings, are Legal Occupations (\$108,542), Health Diagnosing & Treating Practitioners & Other Technical Occupations (\$84,423), and Life, Physical, & Social Science Occupations (\$65,902).

**Data Source: Data USA, Census Bureau ACS 1-year Estimate**

## Travel

The chart below shown the amount of time residents travel to work and then back home again.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Travel Time to Work						
Area	Workers that Commute	Percent of Workers Who				Average Commute Time
		Who Travel Less than 10 Minutes	Who Travel Between 10 to 30 Minutes	Who Travel 30 to 60 Minutes	Who Travel More than 60 Minutes	
<b>Burnet County</b>	18,042	20.1%	43.3%	23.5%	13.1%	24.9 min.
<b>Williamson County</b>	231,973	10.0%	47.3%	34.5%	8.2%	27.9 min
<b>Texas</b>	11,988,267	12.2%	49.7%	29.3%	8.2%	26.1 min
<b>United States</b>	141,404,632	12.7%	49.8%	28.6%	8.9%	26.4 min
<b>Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2013-17.</b>						

The chart below shows the availability of vehicles for workers. Workers without vehicles must rely on other means of transportation to get to and from work or to take the children to childcare. Other forms of transportation are not available in many parts of both counties. In addition individuals living in poverty if they do have a vehicle have older vehicles in poor repair that do

not provide reliable transportation. In some instances homeless families use their vehicles as shelter.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Vehicles Availability for Workers						
County	No Vehicle Available	1 Vehicle Available	Male		Female	
			No Vehicle Available	1 Vehicle Available	No Vehicle Available	1 Vehicle Available
Burnet	1.2%	16.7%	1.0%	16.4%	1.3%	17.1%
Williamson	1.1%	15.7%	1.3%	13.7%	0.9%	18.1%
Data Source: Data.Census; 2018, ACS 5-Year Estimate						

## Violent Crime

This chart below shows the number of violent crimes and the number of homicides per 100,000 individuals in Williamson and Burnet Counties.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Violent Crimes per 100,000		
Location	Violent Crime Rate	Homicide Rate
Texas	420	5
Burnet County	248	4
Williamson County	165	1
Data Source: County Health Rankings, Uniform Crime Reporting, FBI, 2014 & 2016; National Center for Health Statistics, 2012-2018		

## Public Assistance

The following chart show information on families receiving public assistance.

Opportunities, Head Start, Eligibility						
Program	Income Eligible	Public Assist	Foster Child	Homeless	Over Income	100% to 130% of Poverty
EHS	189	11	20	13	16	31
HS	275	20	36	7	47	112
Opportunities Head Start, PIR, 2019 - 2020						

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Households Receiving Public Assistance Income				
County	Households Receiving Public Assistance Income	Percent Households with Public Assistance Income	Aggregate Public Assistance Dollars Received	Average Public Assistance Received
Burnet	239	1.47%	\$549,200	\$2,297
Williamson	2,222	1.34%	\$6,990,500	\$3,146

Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)				
Area	Households Receiving SNAP Total	Households Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty
Burnet County	1,408	8.5%	661	747
Williamson County	8,403	4.9%	2,611	5,792
Texas	1,196,016	12.7%	594,564	601,452
United States	15,029,498	12.7%	7,420,946	7,608,552

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2013-17.

**Williamson & Burnet Counties, Households & Individual Receiving SNAP Benefits September 2019**

County	Number of Individuals	Age of Recipients			Total Payments
		< 5 years	5 – 17 years	Adult	
Burnet	3,739	605	1,285	1,380	\$385,239
Williamson	27,155	4,471	10,146	10,033	\$2,988,485

Data Source: Texas Health and Human Services, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program Statistics

Persons Receiving Medicare			
Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Burnet County	11,076	1,045	12,121
Williamson County	66,231	7,395	73,627
Texas	6,895,663	1,136,636	8,032,890

Data Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. 2013-17.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Individuals Receiving Medicaid 2019			
County	Population with Any Health Insurance	Population Receiving Medicaid	Percent of Insured Population Receiving Medicaid
Burnet	45,757	5,203	8.79%
Williamson	492,790	36,445	13.52%
Source: <a href="https://datausa.io/profile/geo/williamson-county-tx">https://datausa.io/profile/geo/williamson-county-tx</a>			

TANF recipients (0-17) in Texas						
Location	Data Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Texas	Number	90,089	78,943	68,393	59,734	53,313
	Percent	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%
Burnet County	Number	47	36	35	42	35
	Percent	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Williamson County	Number	548	485	353	502	233
	Percent	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%

**DEFINITIONS & SOURCES** Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities  
Definitions: Number and percent of children ages 0-17 receiving cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.  
Data Source: Texas Health and Human Services Commission.  
Footnotes: TANF recipients do not include parents under the age of 18 who receive TANF on behalf of their families but do include the children in those families.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, TANF Recipients August 2019						
County	Type of Program	Cases	Recipients	Children	Adults	Average Payment per Recipient
Burnet	Basic	16	27	19	8	\$96
	State	2	5	3	2	\$45
Williamson	Basic	105	254	188	67	\$78
	State	2	9	7	2	\$42
Source: Texas Health and Human Services						

SSI recipients (0-17)							
Location	Data Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Texas	Number	144,079	147,086	146,148	145,394	137,546	134,429
	Rate per 1,000 children	20.6	20.9	20.4	20.1	18.9	NA
Burnet County	Number	124	124	108	124	122	1,111
	Rate per 1,000 children	12.6	12.6	10.9	12.5	12.2	NA
Williamson County	Number	984	1,011	1,029	1,036	898	910
	Rate per 1,000 children	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	6.6	NA

**DEFINITIONS & SOURCES** Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities  
Definitions: The number of children ages 0-17 (and rate per 1,000 children 0-17) receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI).  
Data Source: U.S. Social Security Administration and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.  
Rate calculated using Texas Demographic Center estimates.  
For the most recent year of data, all rates per 1,000 children display "NA" until population

WIC Recipients (0-4)				
Location	Age group	2013	2014	2015
Texas	1-4	478,416	451,241	452,509
	Under 1	226,938	222,232	228,036
	Women	249,718	242,988	247,598
Burnet County	1-4	686	617	580
	Under 1	297	299	280
	Women	348	340	328
Williamson County	1-4	3,630	3,406	3,252
	Under 1	1,881	1,828	1,818
	Women	1,978	1,852	1,801
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities Definitions: Number of infants (under age 1) and children (ages 1-4), and women that participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children's (WIC). Data Source: Texas Department of State Health Services Footnotes: Monthly average of federal fiscal year. Counties may not sum to state totals because a small number of cases are from unknown counties. Participation in WIC represents continued use.				

## Food Insecurities & Access to Healthy Food

The chart below shows the number and percent of people and children who experience food insecurity. Food insecurity is not knowing when your next meal will be.

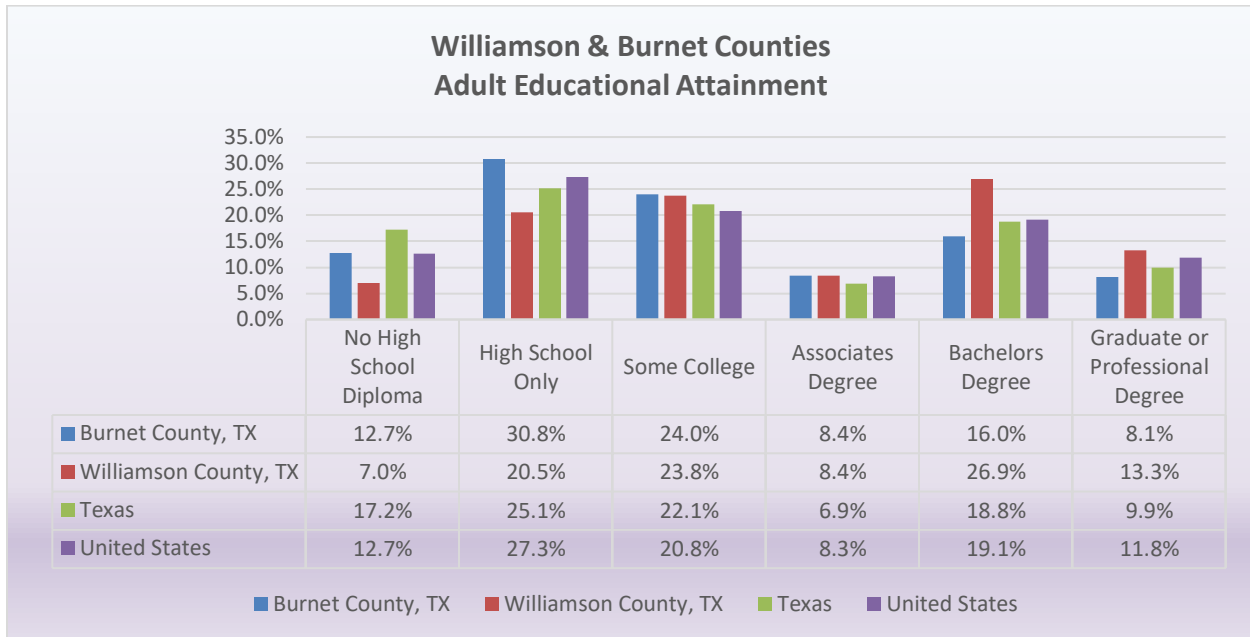
Food Insecurity							
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Texas	All Ages	Number	4,773,850	4,653,290	4,578,670	4,320,050	4,277,540
		Percent	18.3%	17.6%	17.0%	15.4%	15.4%
	Children	Number	1,909,470	1,899,310	1,821,820	1,713,430	1,676,740
		Percent	27.4%	27.4%	25.6%	23.8%	23.0%
Burnet County	All Ages	Number	6,740	7,320	7,120	7,030	6,500
		Percent	15.7%	16.9%	16.2%	15.9%	14.6%
	Children	Number	2,570	2,770	2,680	2,500	2,250
		Percent	26.1%	28.2%	27.6%	25.7%	23.2%
Williamson County	All Ages	Number	62,520	67,270	67,140	65,940	63,690
		Percent	14.7%	15.2%	14.7%	13.9%	13.0%
	Children	Number	25,020	27,280	27,160	25,680	24,170
		Percent	20.6%	21.9%	21.3%	19.7%	18.2%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities							
Definitions: Number and percentage of total population estimated to be food insecure. A person is defined as being food insecure if he or she lives in a household having difficulty meeting basic food needs, as defined by the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.							
Data Source: Feeding America analysis of Current Population Survey data on food-insecure households and American Community survey data on household income, unemployment, poverty, homeownership, race, and ethnicity.							

The chart below shows the number of individuals and percent of the population who have limited access to healthy foods.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Limited Access to Healthy Foods		
Area	Number	Percent
Texas	2,180,417	9%
Burnet County	5,568	13%
Williamson County	33,788	8%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; USDA, Food Environment Atlas, 2015		

## Education

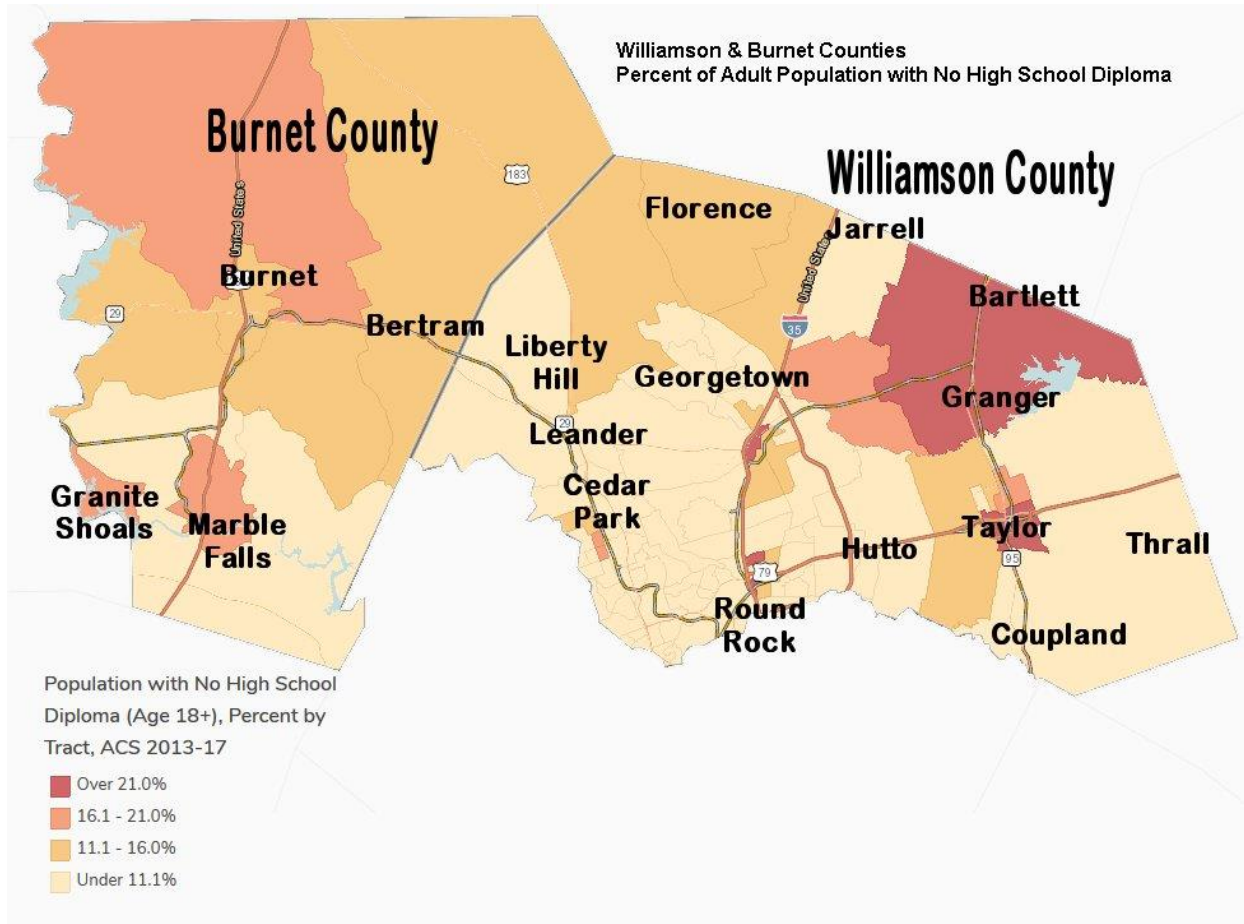
The chart below shows the adult educational attainment of adults in Williamson and Burnet Counties.



**Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2013-17.**

The map below shows which areas of Williamson and Burnet Counties have the highest percent of adults without a high school diploma.





The chart below shows the number and percent of the population in each county that lack literacy skills.

Adult Literacy		
Area	Estimated Population over 16	Percent Lacking Literacy Skills
<b>Burnet County</b>	29,749	13%
<b>Williamson County</b>	217,805	8%
<b>Texas</b>	15,936,279	19%
<b>United States</b>	219,016,209	14.64%
Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Estimates of Low Literacy. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) produces estimates for adult literacy based on educational attainment, poverty, and other factors in each county		

The chart below shows data from locale school districts on the percent of its student body that are Economically Disadvantaged. Economically disadvantaged (make less than or equal to 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines) students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. It also show the percent of students who are English Language Learners, and their annual dropout rate for grades 9-12.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, School Districts			
School District	Economically Disadvantages	English Learner	Annual Dropout Rate Gr. 9-12
<b>Burnet County ISD's</b>			
Burnet CISD	56.0%	7.7%	0.6%
Marble Falls ISD	63.4%	16.4%	0.3%
<b>Williamson County ISD's</b>			
Bartlett ISD	83.3%	12.0%	0.0%
Granger ISD	62.9%	11.0%	0.0%
Thrall ISD	28.3%	2.3%	0.9%
Taylor ISD	63.5%	13.7%	1.0%
Coupland ISD	28.5%	5.5%	N/A
Hutto ISD	38.1%	10.0%	0.3%
Round Rock ISD	25.9%	9.8%	0.4%
Georgetown ISD	42.4%	13.6%	0.7%
Jarrell ISD	56.0%	13.8%	0.2%
Florence ISD	52.8%	22.3%	1.5%
Liberty Hill ISD	21.8%	3.4%	0.6%
Leander ISD	19.1%	5.6%	0.1%
Data Source: TEA, Snapshot 2018			

The chart below shows the attrition rate, the number of 9<sup>th</sup> graders not enrolled in 12<sup>th</sup> grade four school years later. It is probably a more accurate measure of how many students fail to graduate from high school than the dropout rate.

Attrition in Public High Schools						
Location	Data Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Texas	Number	119,836	110,804	103,140	99,575	94,711
	Percent	29%	27%	26%	25%	24%
Burnet County	Number	131	118	107	90	84
	Percent	22%	19%	19%	16%	15%
Williamson County	Number	1,938	1,829	1,766	1,658	1,671
	Percent	25%	23%	22%	20%	20%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities						
Definitions: Number and percent of students from a class of 9th graders not enrolled in 12th grade four school years later. Year indicates the graduating year of the cohort.						
Data Source: Intercultural Development Research Association.						

## Housing

The chart below shows the median age and year built of houses in Williamson and Burnet Counties.

Report Area	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2017)
Burnet County	1990	27
Williamson County	1999	18
Texas	1986	31
United States	1977	40
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-18		

## Owner & Renter Occupied Housing

The chart below shows the number and percent of homes in Williamson and Burnet county that are either occupied by the house owner or a renter. Both counties have a lower percentage of renter occupied homes than either Texas or the nation.

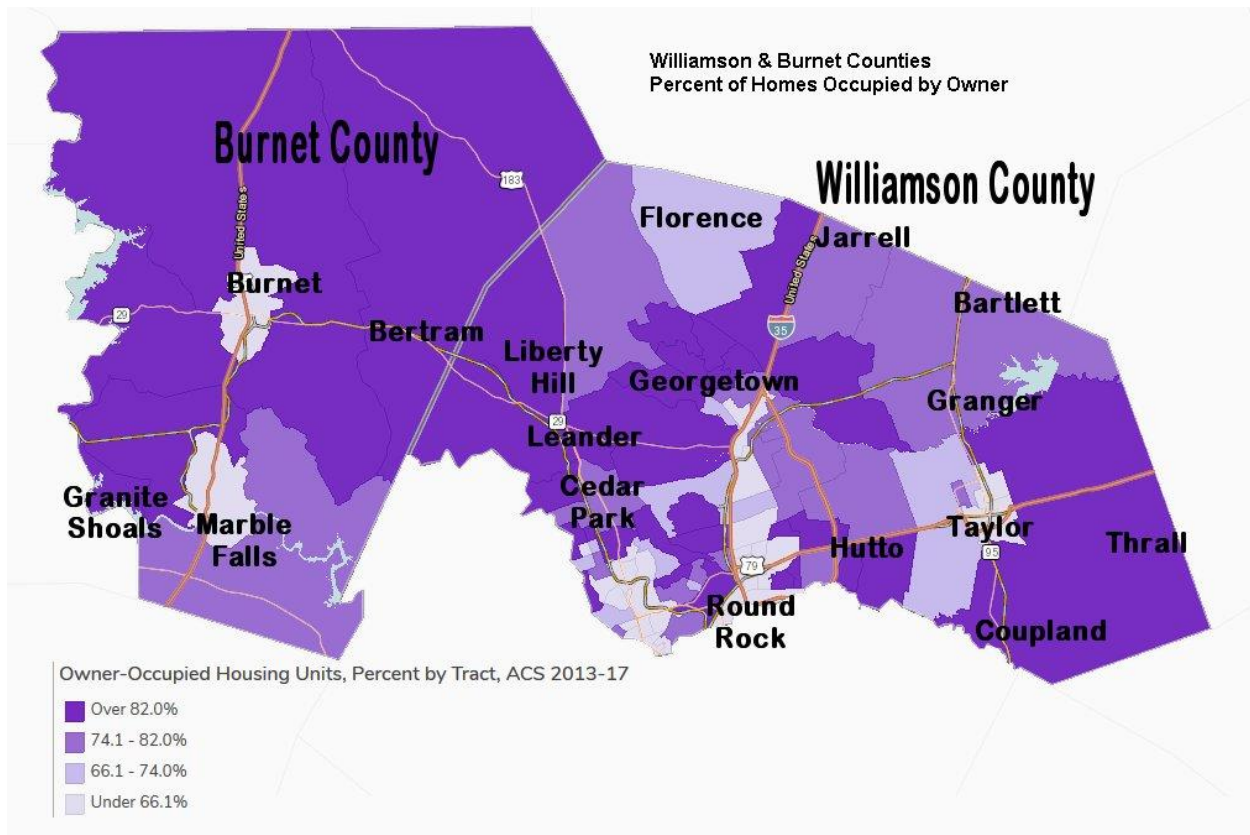
Williamson & Burnet Counties Homeowners				
Area	Owner		Renter	
	Total Owner-Occupied Homes	Percent of Owner-Occupied Homes	Total Renter Occupied Homes	Percent Renter Occupied Homes
Burnet County	12,690	75.32%	4,159	24.68%
Williamson County	120,222	68.79%	54,532	31.21%
Texas	5,917,771	61.95%	3,635,275	38.05%
United States	76,444,810	63.85%	43,285,318	36.15
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2014-18. All occupied housing units that are not owner occupied, whether they are rented or occupied without payment of rent, are classified as renter occupied				

## Housing Cost:

The chart below shows the median cost of either owning or renting a home in Williamson and Burnet Counties.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Median Monthly Home Ownership Cost		
Area	Median Monthly Owner Costs	Median Monthly Rental Cost
Burnet County	\$863.00	\$816.00
Williamson County	\$1,521.00	\$1,058
Texas	\$1,069.00	\$1,046
United States	\$1,113.00	\$1,058
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18		

The map below shows the percent of homes that are owner occupied in different areas of both counties.



### Housing Cost Burden

A housing cost burden is when someone spends more than 30% of their income on housing. The next two charts show how many families in Williamson and Burnet Counties, both owners and renters, have a housing cost burden

<b>Williamson &amp; Burnet Counties Homeowners with Excessive Housing Cost</b>				
<b>Area</b>	<b>Homeowners with Mortgage</b>		<b>Homeowners without Mortgage</b>	
	<b>Number of Homeowners Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing</b>	<b>Percent of Homeowners Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing</b>	<b>Number of Homeowners Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing</b>	<b>Percent of Homeowners Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing</b>
<b>Burnet County</b>	2,143	35.36%	738	11.13%
<b>Williamson County</b>	20,582	23.51%	3,390	10.37%
<b>Texas</b>	906,845	26.50%	311,479	12.48%
<b>United States</b>	13,750,273	28.53%	3,879,417	13.73%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18.				

Williamson & Burnet Counties Renters with Excessive Housing Cost			
Area	Occupied Rental Units	Number of Renters Paying 30% or More of Income on Rent	Percent of Renters Paying 30% or More of Income on Rent
Burnet County	4,159	1,720	41.36%
Williamson County	54,532	23,440	42.98%
Texas	3,635,275	1,614,679	44.42%
United States	43,285,318	20,141,357	46.53%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18. Source geography: tract			

### Availability of Affordable Housing

The chart below shows the number and percentage of housing units affordable at various income levels. Affordability is defined by assuming that housing costs should not exceed 30% of total household income. Income levels are expressed as a percentage of each county's median household income (MI). Median incomes are \$59,009 for Burnet, \$82,131 for Williamson County, \$59,195 for Texas, and \$60,336 for the U.S.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Availability of Affordable Housing at % of Median Income (MI)							
Area	Units Affordable at 15% MI	Units Affordable at 30% MI	Units Affordable at 40% MI	Units Affordable at 50% MI	Units Affordable at 60% MI	Units Affordable at 80% MI	Units Affordable at MI
Burnet County	5.55%	14.29%	19.59%	28.73%	37.93%	52.4%	63.99%
Williamson County	2.17%	4.27%	10%	22.59%	35.38%	57.18%	71.69%
Texas	3.49%	9.6%	16.66%	26.9%	37.98%	57.39%	71.3%
United States	3.5%	8.24%	13.37%	21.16%	30.23%	47.39%	61.04%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-2018.							

### Unsafe/Unsanitary Homes

A lack of plumbing is an indicator of unsafe and unsanitary homes. The chart below shows how many homes there are without plumbing in each county in 2000 and 2017. The number of homes without plumbing is low for both counties. However, the percent of homes without plumbing has risen in Burnet County and is higher than either the State or National levels.

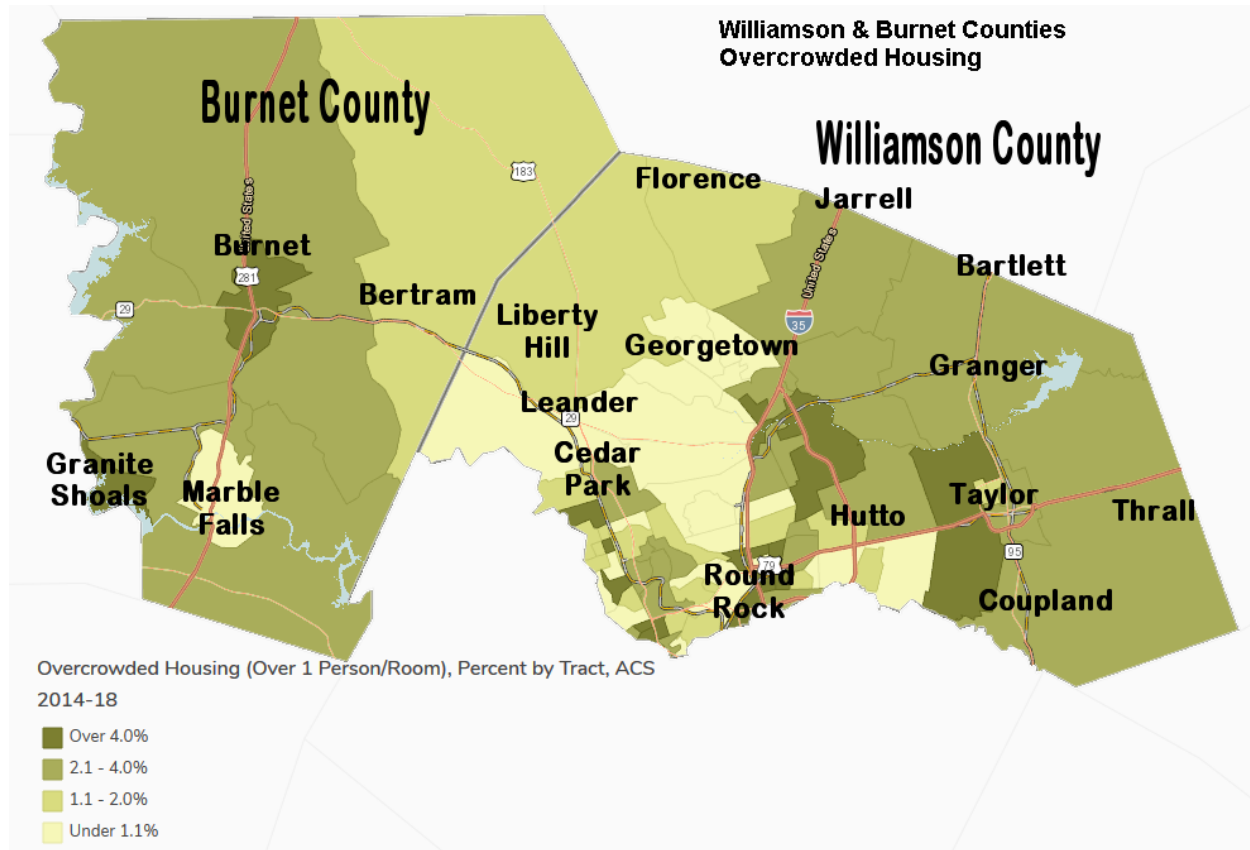
Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes						
The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for the area						
Area	2000			2017		
	Occupied Housing Units	Housing Units without Plumbing	Percent without Plumbing	Occupied Housing Units	Housing Units without Plumbing	Percent without Plumbing
Burnet County	13,133	46	0.29%	16,545	128	0.77%
Williamson County	86,766	258	0.29%	170,051	489	0.29%
Texas	7,393,354	54,853	0.67%	9,430,419	42,879	0.45%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	118,815,922	460,775	0.39%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2013-17.						

### Overcrowded Housing (over one person per room)

Overcrowded housing is defined as living in a home with fewer than one room for each person in the home. The chart below shows the number and percent of overcrowded home in each county for the years 2000 and 2018. The number of overcrowded homes in both counties has increased significantly.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Overcrowded Housing from 2000 to 2018					
Area	Overcrowded Housing Units 2000	Percent Overcrowded 2000	Overcrowded Housing Units 2018	Percent Overcrowded 2018	Percent Increase in Overcrowding
Burnet County	77	0.59%	520	3.29%	229%
Williamson County	445	0.51%	4,121	2.83%	183%
Texas	120,487	1.63%	457,185	6.30%	530%
United States	1,075,110	1.01%	4,045,822	4.37%	337%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . US Census Bureau, <a href="#">Decennial Census</a> . 2014-18					

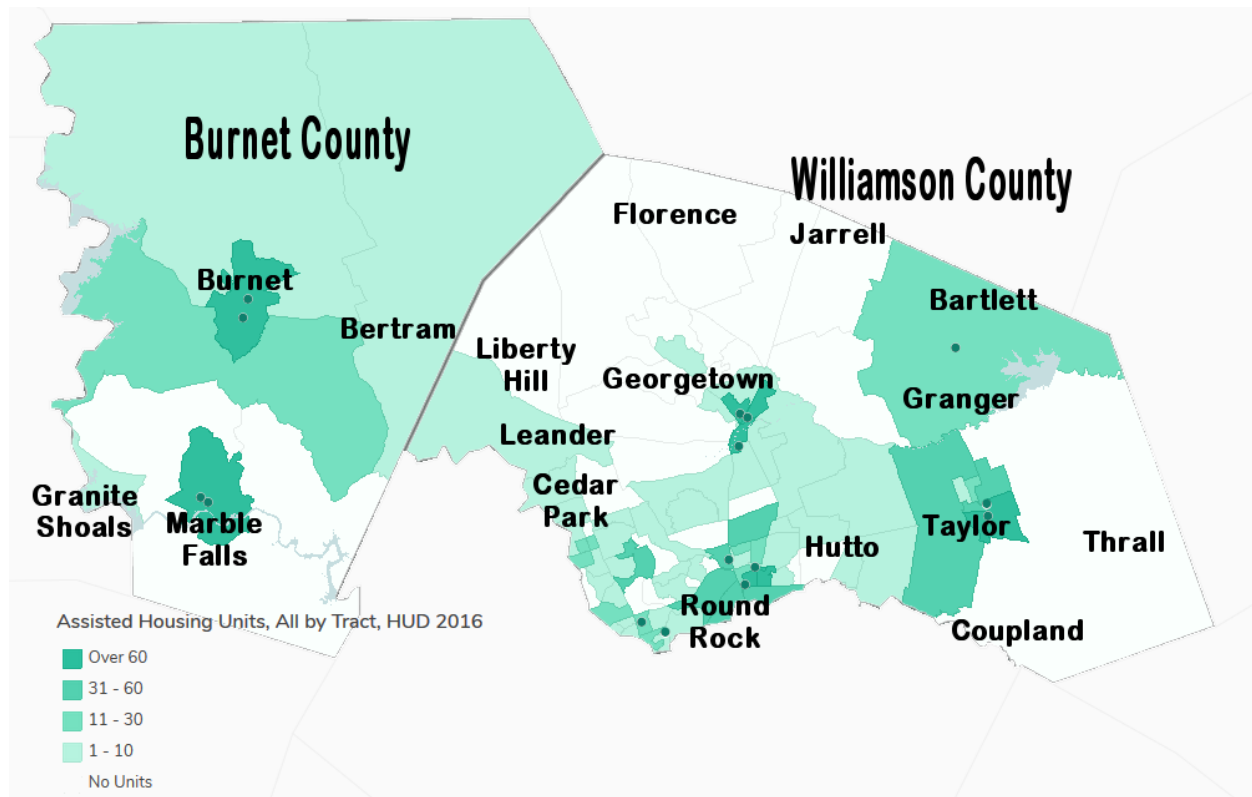




## Assisted Housing

This indicator reports the total number of HUD-funded assisted housing units available to eligible renters as well as the unit rate (per 10,000 total households).

Williamson & Burnet Counties HUD Funded Assisted Housing		
Report Area	Total HUD-Assisted Housing Units	HUD-Assisted Units, Rate per 10,000 Housing Units
Burnet County	422.00	202.20
Williamson County	1,408.00	86.50
Texas	276,682.00	277.31
United States	5,005,789.00	375.41
Data Source: <a href="#">US Department of Housing and Urban Development</a> . 2016. Source geography: County		



## Child Care

### Subsidized childcare

Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area benefits families, providers, and local communities by assisting parents with tuition assistance who are striving to become self-sufficient and by providing child care technical assistance and training to child care providers through Workforce Solutions, Child Care Services (CCS) program in a nine county area.

The goals of the Child Care Services program are:

- To offer families an expanded choice of accessible childcare arrangements,
- To offer families an identifiable source of childcare information and financial assistance,
- To support the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of children,
- To assist providers with increasing and maintaining quality childcare,
- To support and strengthen the childcare industry, and
- To provide a community resource for childcare needs.

The chart below shows then number of children who received subsidized Child Care from 2011 to 2015.



Children (0-12 years) receiving subsidized childcare in Texas						
Location	Data Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Texas	Number	231,097	206,991	195,767	187,435	183,415
	Percent	4.6%	4.1%	3.8%	3.7%	3.5%
Burnet County	Number	222	189	191	253	198
	Percent	3.2%	2.7%	2.8%	3.7%	2.9%
Williamson County	Number	2,152	2,180	2,107	2,102	2,144
	Percent	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities Definitions: Number and percentage of children ages 0-12 receiving state subsidized childcare during the State Fiscal Year (September - August). Data Source: Texas Workforce Commission Footnotes: Both the "Choices/FSE&T" and the "Transitional/At-Risk" populations are included in the numbers seen here. These numbers represent the unduplicated head counts of children who have received care at least one day during the State Fiscal Year.						

### Public School Pre-K Enrollment

The chart below shows that number of children enrolled in public school Pre-Ks from 2010 to 2016. There was little to no enrollment of three-year-old children while there was significant enrollment of four-year-old children.

Public Pre-kindergarten enrollment of 3 & 4-year-olds								
Location	Age Group	Data Type	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Texas	3	Number	23,618	21,505	22,120	22,565	24,388	25,854
		Percent	6.1%	5.5%	5.8%	5.9%	6.2%	6.6%
	4	Number	200,181	203,143	205,056	203,648	195,461	194,993
		Percent	51.7%	51.8%	52.3%	53.4%	50.2%	49.6%
Burnet County	3	Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Percent	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	4	Number	311	308	296	250	250	244
		Percent	62.8%	61.8%	59.3%	51.4%	49.3%	49.9%
Williamson County	3	Number	41	46	57	35	20	32
		Percent	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%
	4	Number	2,186	2,198	2,195	2,065	1,915	1,956
		Percent	31.5%	31.4%	31.6%	31.4%	29.3%	30.9%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities Definitions: Number and percent of children ages three and four enrolled in public school pre-kindergarten programs. Data Source: Texas Education Agency. Footnotes: Only Pre-Kindergarten enrollees are included in this data.								

### Private Licensed Childcare

The cost of childcare can be a significant drain on family finances, particularly if you have multiple children. The charts below show the median cost of different types of childcare facilities in the area and the number and capacity of Licensed Childcare facilities in both counties. It also shows how many of these facilities accept subsidized childcare.

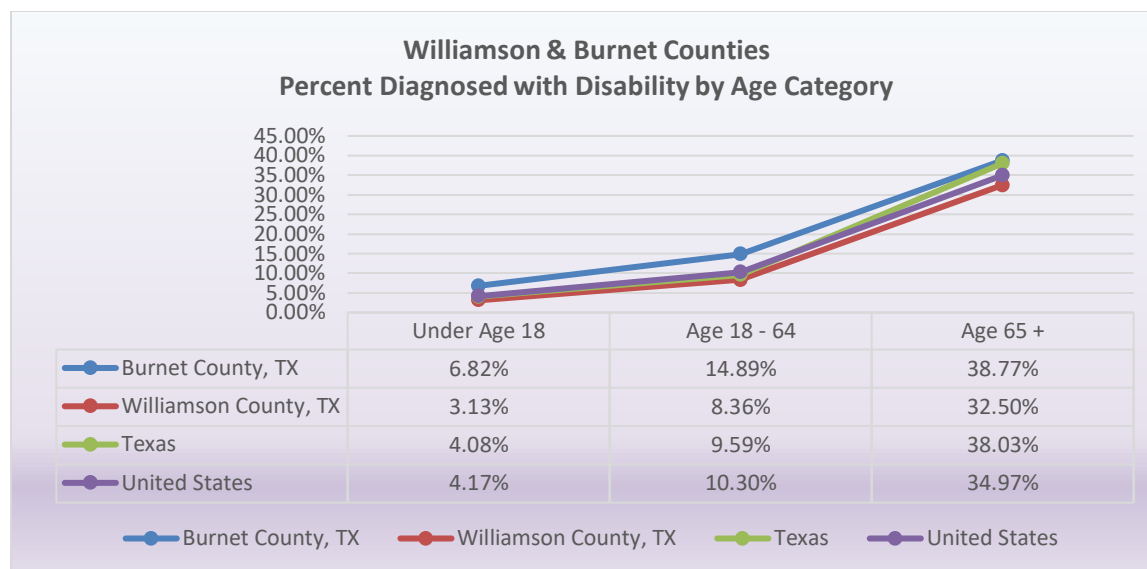
Rates for Full Time Child Care in Rural Capitol Area			
Type of Child Care	Age	Median Dailey Rate	Extrapolated Monthly Rate
Licensed Child Care Centers	Infant	\$36.18	\$783.90
	Toddler	\$33.24	\$720.20
	Preschool	\$30.81	\$667.55
	School age	\$29.09	\$630.28
Licensed Child Care Homes	Infant	\$31.71	\$687.05
	Toddler	\$30.13	\$652.82
	Preschool	\$28.51	\$617.72
	School age	\$25.61	\$554.88
Registered Child Care Homes	Infant	\$30.79	\$667.12
	Toddler	\$29.18	\$632.23
	Preschool	\$26.91	\$583.05
	School age	\$23.47	\$508.52
Data Source: 2019 Texas Child Care Market Rate Survey			

Number of Full Day Licensed Childcare Facilities in Williamson & Burnet Counties							
County	Number of Full Day Licensed Childcares	Overall Capacity	Provide Service to Children of the Following Age Groups				Accept CSS subsidizes
			Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	School	
Williamson	189	26,582	140	182	184	179	86
Burnet	15	1,442	11	13	15	14	12
Source: Texas Health and Human Services							

## Disabilities

The charts below show the percentage of the total civilian non-institutionalized population with a disability. The percentage of individuals with diagnosed disabilities in Burnet County is almost double that of Williamson County and significantly higher than the state and national percentages. This may be due in part to the fact that Burnet Counties population is older and the number of people diagnosed with disabilities increase with age. See the graph below.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Population with a Disability		
Area	Total Population with a Disability	Percent of Population with a Disability
Burnet County	8,280	18.30%
Williamson County	50,999	9.74%
Texas	3,152,865	11.50%
United States	40,071,666	12.60%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18.		



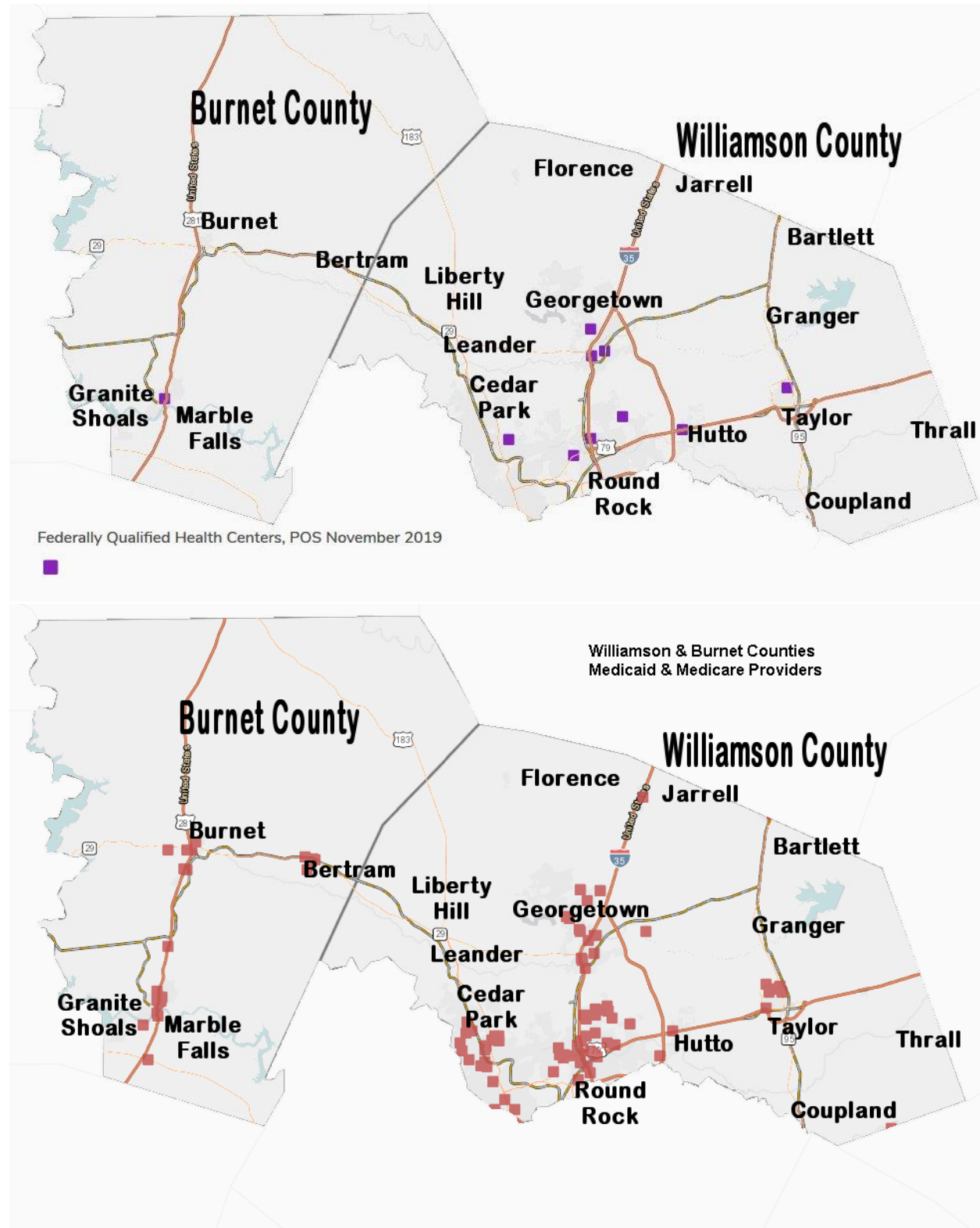
The charts below show the number of children enrolled in Opportunities, Head Start during the 2019-2020 school year that had a diagnosed disability. The second chart shows the percent of children in public school districts that were enrolled in Special Education.

Opportunities Head Start/Early Head Start, 2019-2020, Identified Disabilities	
Early Head Start	11.74%
Head Start	13.11%
Disabilities by Type	
Speech Impairment	8.68%
Autism	1.63%
Developmental Delay	0.81%
Other Health Impairments	0.41%
Hearing Impairment	0.27%
Orthopedic Impairment	0.27%
Intellectual Disability	0.27%
Emotional Disturbance	0.14%
Traumatic Brain Injury	0.14%
Data Source: Opportunities Head Start, 2019-2020 PIR.	

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Percent of School District Enrolled in Special Education	
Burnet County ISD's	
Burnet CISD	12.4%
Marble Falls ISD	11.7%
Williamson County ISD's	
Bartlett ISD	8.8%
Granger ISD	8.3%
Thrall ISD	9.5%
Taylor ISD	10.2%
Coupland ISD	5.5%
Hutto ISD	12.2%
Round Rock ISD	9.3%
Georgetown ISD	13.6%
Jarrell ISD	10.2%
Florence ISD	10.3%
Liberty Hill ISD	8.1%
Leander ISD	11.0%
Data Source: TEA, Snap Shot, 2018-2019	

## Health Services

The maps below show where in Williamson and Burnet Counties Federally Qualified Health Centers and Medicaid and Medicare providers are located.



## Health

### 2020 Health Rankings Report

The results of the 2020 County Health Rankings Report is shown on the charts below.

2020 County Health Rankings Report (Ranking out of 244 Texas Counties)		
County	Health Outcomes	Health Factors
Burnet	22 <sup>nd</sup>	36 <sup>th</sup>
Williamson	6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Data Source: 2020 County Health Rankings		
Health Outcomes – measures of the length and quality of life		
Health Factors – measures of health behavior, clinical care, social & emotional factors, and physical environment		

#### Life Expectancy

The charts below show the health rankings for Williamson and Burnet Counties in the different areas that were used to determine Health Outcomes and Health Factors ratings. The first chart shows Life Expectancy.

Williamson & Burnet County, Life Expectancy					
Location	Overall	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
Texas	79.1	Not in Report			
Burnet County	79.2	NA	NA	83.3	78.2
Williamson County	82.0	87	79.5	85	81.2
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistic – Mortality File, 2016-2018					
Note NA: The population is too low to have an accurate figure.					

#### Ranking on Broad Health Categories

The chart below shows both counties rankings on broad health categories. Williamson County ranked highly on Length of Life (4<sup>th</sup>), Clinical Care (4<sup>th</sup>), and Social Economic Factors (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Health Rankings out of 244 Texas Counties						
County	Length of Life	Quality of Life	Healthy Behavior	Clinical Care	Social & Economic Factors	Physical Environment
Burnet County	39 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	61 <sup>st</sup>	45 <sup>th</sup>	56 <sup>th</sup>	122 <sup>nd</sup>
Williamson County	4 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	188 <sup>th</sup>
Data Source: County Health Rankings						

#### Reports of Poor Health

The chart below shows the percent of respondent who rated their health as fair to poor and the average number of physically unhealth days they experience per month.

Williamson & Burnet County Reports of Poor Health		
Location	Reported Having Fair to Poor Health	Average Number of Physically Unhealthy Days
Texas	21%	3.7
Burnet County	17%	3.5
Williamson County	15%	3.3
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2017		

### *Unhealthy Lifestyle Choices*

The chart below shows the prevalence of unhealthy lifestyle choices.

Williamson & Burnet County, Unhealthy Lifestyles				
Location	Adult Smoking	Adult Obesity	Physically Inactive	Insufficient Sleep
Texas	16%	30%	24%	33%
Burnet County	13%	31%	27%	30%
Williamson County	13%	30%	20%	32%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2017; United States Diabetes Surveillance System				

### *Access to Exercise & Healthy Foods*

The chart below shows the percent of the population who have Access to Exercise and the Healthy Food Index Scores. The Healthy Food Index Score indicate how much access residents have to healthy food with a score of 0 being the worst and a score of 10 being the best

Williamson & Burnet County Access to Exercise & Healthy Food Index		
Location	Access to Exercise Opportunities	Healthy Food Index Score
Texas	81%	6.0
Burnet County	63%	7.0
Williamson County	87%	7.7
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Business Analysis, Delorme map data, 2010 & 2019,		

### *Ratio of Primary Care Physicians and Dentist*

The chart below shows the number of primary care physicians and dentist available peer 100,000 residents. Burnet County has far fewer primary care physicians and dentist than the Texas average.

Williamson & Burnet County, Primary Care Physicians & Dentist per 100,000		
Location	Primary Care Physicians	Dentist
Texas	61	58
Burnet County	47	42
Williamson County	69	55
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Area Health Resource File/American Medical Association, 2017		

### *Air & Drinking Water Quality*

This chart shows the air quality in the area in particulate matter in micrograms per cubic meter. The drinking water violations show whether the was drinking water violations. Air particulates in both counties exceeds the Texas average and both counties have had drinking water violations.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Air and Drinking Water Quality		
Location	Average Air Quality, Particulate Matter	Drinking Water Violations
Texas	8.8	
Burnet County	9.1	Yes
Williamson County	10.4	Yes
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Environmental Public Health Tracking Network, 2014; Safe Drinking Water Information Systems, 2018		

### Flu Vaccinations

The chart below shows the percent of the population that received flu vaccinations. With slightly more than half of Williamson County residents getting flu vaccinations they exceed the Texas average. However, flu vaccinations for members of the Black and Hispanic population, was significantly lower than it was for the Asian and White populations.

Williamson & Burnet County, Flu Vaccinations					
Location	Overall	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
Texas	44%				
Burnet County	45%	17%	33%	36%	45%
Williamson County	52%	52%	37%	43%	53%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool, 2017					

### School Age Vaccinations

The chart below shows the percent of children in Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade who received their vaccinations.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, School Aged Vaccinations							
Kindergarteners, 2019-2020							
County	DTP/DTaP/DT/Td	Hep A	Hep B	MMR	Polio	Varicella	Meningococcal
Burnet	94.4%	94.8%	96.1%	95.0%	94.8%	94.8%	
Williamson	94.6%	94.2%	95.3%	95.1%	94.8%	94.1%	
Texas	96.6%	96.4%	97.4%	97.0%	96.2%	96.5%	
Seventh Graders, 2019-2020							
Burnet	95.5%	96.7%	97.4%	97.7%	97.1%	96.7%	97.0%
Williamson	96.1%	96.8%	97.4%	97.3%	97.3%	95.9%	96.2%
Texas	97.1%	98.2%	98.6%	98.7%	98.5%	98.4%	97.0%
Data Source: TDSHS, 2019-2020 – Results of Annual Report of Immunization Status							

### Uninsured Population

The charts below show the number and percent of insured and uninsured individuals in Williamson and Burnet Counties compared to Texas and the Nation. The uninsured rate in Texas is significantly high than in the nation. The uninsured rates in both Burnet and Williamson Counties are higher than the nations. The uninsured rate in Burnet County is higher than in Texas while Williamson Counties uninsured rate is lower than in Texas. The second chart shows the percent of uninsured adults and children.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Insured versus Uninsured			
Report Area	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Burnet County	27,629	8,281	18.40%
Williamson County	434,346	61,360	12.07%
Texas	19,635,342	4,883,741	17.81%
United States	240,092,386	27,954,329	8.71%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18			

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Uninsured Rates for Adults and Children		
Area	% Uninsured Adults	% Uninsured Children
Texas	23%	11%
Burnet County	24%	14%
Williamson County	14%	7%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2017		



## Mental Health

The chart below shows the number of mental health providers per 100,000 individuals, the average number of poor mental health days report, the percent of people experiencing frequent mental distress, and the suicide rate per 110,000.

Williamson & Burnet County, Mental Health				
Location	Mental Health Providers per 100,000	Average Number of Poor Mental Health Days	Percent Experiencing Frequent Mental Distress	Suicide Rate per 100,000
Texas	114	3.8	12%	13
Burnet County	65	3.9	12%	16
Williamson County	111	3.7	12%	14
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Area Health Resource File/National Provider Identification file, 2018; Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2017; National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files, 2014-2018.				

## Substance Abuse

The chart below shows the percent of people who reportedly engaged in excessive drinking, this number is most likely an underestimate. The chart also shows the percent of driving fatalities that were alcohol related.

Williamson & Burnet County Reports of Poor Health		
Location	Self-Report of Engaging in Excessive Drinking	% of Driving Deaths with Alcohol Involvement
Texas	20%	27%
Burnet County	18%	28%
Williamson County	21%	31%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2017; Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 2014 – 2018.		

In 2017 Burnet County had 16 reported emergency room visits related to opioid abuse.

Williamson County had 123. 52.9% were individuals between 18 and 44 years old, 24.1% were between 45 and 64 years old, and 10.7% were 65 or older. 27.3% were Hispanic and 65.8% were White.

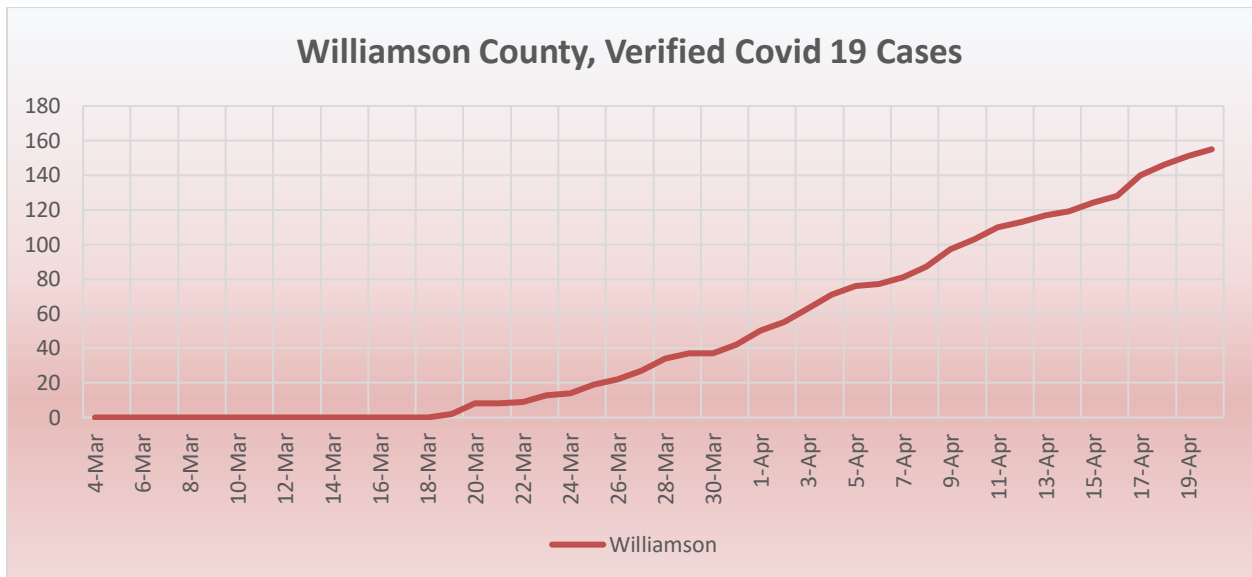
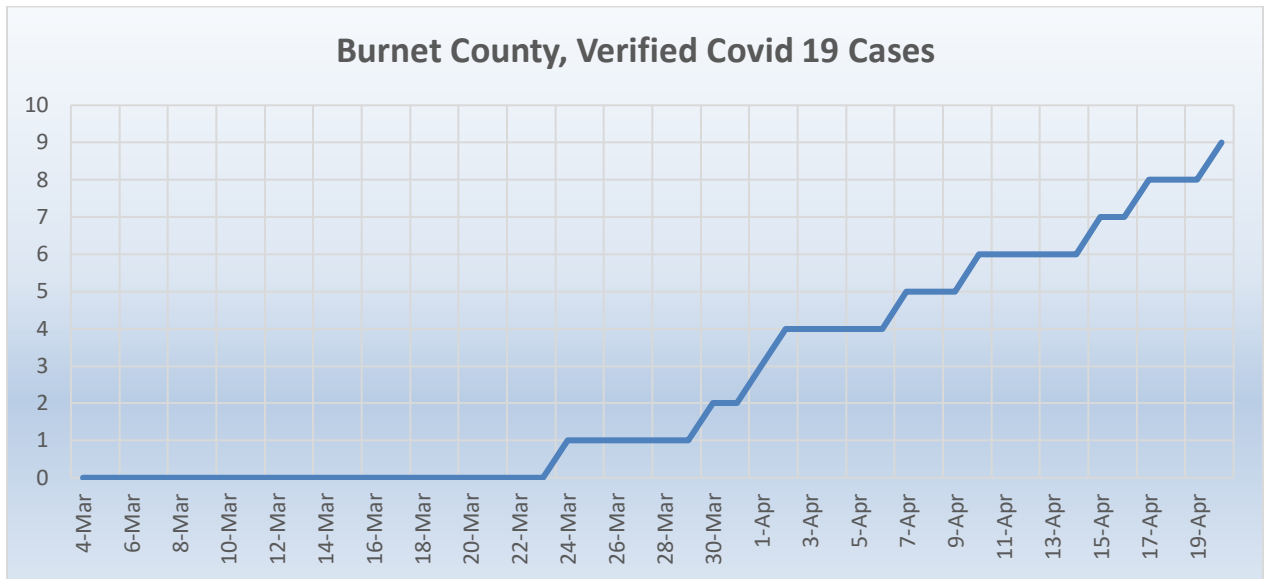
The chart below reports the number of reported drug overdose death in each area.

Williamson & Burnet County, Drug Overdose Deaths		
Location	# of Overdose Deaths	Overdose Death per 100,000
Texas	8,825	10
Burnet County	20	14
Williamson County	96	6
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files, 2016 - 2018		



## Covid 19 Cases

The following chart shows the number of diagnosed Covid 19 cases from March 18<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>.



Data Source: Texas Health & Human Services

## Pregnancy and Birth Information

According to Texas Health Data in 2015, there were 526 expectant mothers who gave birth in Burnet County and 6,428 in Williamson County

The chart below shows the number of births to women who receive late or no prenatal care from 2010 to 2015.

Births to Women Receiving Late or no Prenatal Care in Williamson & Burnet Counties						
Location	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Texas	37%	35%	35%	36%	36%	36%
Burnet	38%	35%	33%	32%	LNE	LNE
Williamson	21%	20%	18%	20%	18%	19%
Data Source: Kids Count; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas Dept of State Health Services						
Footnote: LNE: Low Number Event						

## Children Born to Addicted Mothers

According to HCUPS Fast Stats – Map of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in 2016 the rate of children born to addicted mothers was 2.4 per 1,000 newborns born in hospitals. If that rate holds true for Williamson and Burnet Counties that would mean that in Burnet County there would be 1.3 children born to addicted mothers yearly 15.4 in Williamson County.

## Births to Teen Moms & Low Birth Weights

The chart below shows the number of teen births in Williamson and Burnet Counties.

Williamson & Burnet County, Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females Ages 15 - 19					
Location	Teen Birth Rate Overall	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
Texas	34				
Burnet County	34	LNE	LNE	52	24
Williamson County	15	3	14	26	10
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistics - Natality files. 2012 - 2018					
Footnotes: "LNE" indicates that the number of teen births in the specified racial/ethnic group is not publicly available to prevent the potential identification of individuals.					

The chart below shows the number and percent of children born with low birth weights from 2011 to 2015.

Low birthweight births						
Location	Data Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Texas	Number	32,048	31,647	32,175	32,661	33,178
	Percent	8.5%	8.3%	8.3%	8.2%	8.2%
Burnet County	Number	34	31	30	27	30
	Percent	7.3%	6.9%	6.3%	5.9%	5.7%
Williamson County	Number	435	487	460	462	435
	Percent	7.3%	7.9%	7.6%	7.2%	6.8%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities						
Definitions: Number and percent of infants born weighing under 5.5 pounds.						
Data Source: Texas Department of State Health Services.						

The chart below shows the number and percent of children born with low birth weights by race.

Low Birthweight Births (by race/ethnicity)					
Location	Race Ethnicity	Data Type	2013	2014	2015
Texas	Other Race	Number	2,389	2,435	2,549
		Percent	9.7%	9.0%	9.0%
	Black	Number	5,837	6,161	6,288
		Percent	13.2%	13.4%	13.2%
	Hispanic	Number	14,209	14,256	14,668
		Percent	7.7%	7.5%	7.5%
	White	Number	9,740	9,809	9,673
		Percent	7.3%	7.2%	7.1%
Burnet	Other Race	Number	0	LNE	LNE
		Percent	0.0%	LNE	LNE
	Black	Number	LNE	LNE	0
		Percent	LNE	LNE	0.0%
	Hispanic	Number	10	11	LNE
		Percent	5.8%	6.9%	6.9%
	White	Number	19	13	19
		Percent	6.8%	4.7%	6.7%
Williamson	Other Race	Number	62	37	66
		Percent	9.7%	5.5%	9.0%
	Black	Number	42	50	38
		Percent	13.0%	12.8%	9.7%
	Hispanic	Number	133	133	114
		Percent	7.9%	7.5%	7.5%
	White	Number	223	242	217
		Percent	6.6%	6.7%	6.1%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities					
Definitions: Number of infants born weighing under 5.5 pounds (2,500 grams), by race/ethnicity of mother. Percentages are share of births that are low birthweight within each racial/ethnic category. For example, what percentage of births to White mothers was low birthweight? What percentage of births to Hispanic mothers was low birthweight?					
Data Source: Texas Department of State Health Services.					

## Child & Infant Mortality

The chart below shows the child and infant mortality rates.

Williamson County, Child & Infant Mortality		
Area	Child Mortality Rate Per 100,000	Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000
Texas	50	6
Burnet County	NA	NA
Williamson County	34	4
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files, 2015 – 2018 & 2012 – 2018.		
Footnote – NA: Not report to protect the identity of individuals and families.		

## Family Violence and Abuse

### Intimate Partner Violence

According to United Health Foundations, America's Health Ranking in Texas 40.1% of women, 18 and older experience violence including sexual violence, physical violence, stalking, psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Nationally 37.3% of women experience intimate partner violence. The CDC reports that nationally intimate partner violence affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men. The CDC suggest ways to stop intimate partner violence before it starts.

1. Teach safe and healthy relationship skills
  - a. Social-emotional learning programs for youth
  - b. Healthy relationship programs for couple
2. Engage influential adults and peers
  - a. Men and boys as allies in prevention
  - b. Bystander empowerment and education
  - c. Family-base programs
3. Disrupt the developmental pathways towards partner violence
  - a. Early childhood home visitation
  - b. Preschool enrichment with family engagement
  - c. Parenting skill and family relationship programs
  - d. Treatment for at-risk children, youth, and families
4. Create protective environments
  - a. Improve school climate and safety
  - b. Improve organizational policies and workplace climate
  - c. Modify the physical and social environment of neighborhoods
5. Strengthen economic supports for families
  - a. Strengthen household financial security
  - b. Strengthen work-family supports
6. Support survivors to increase safety and lessen harms
  - a. Victim-centered services
  - b. Housing programs
  - c. First responder and civil legal protections
  - d. Patient-centered approaches
  - e. Treatment and support for survivors of IPV, including teen dating violence

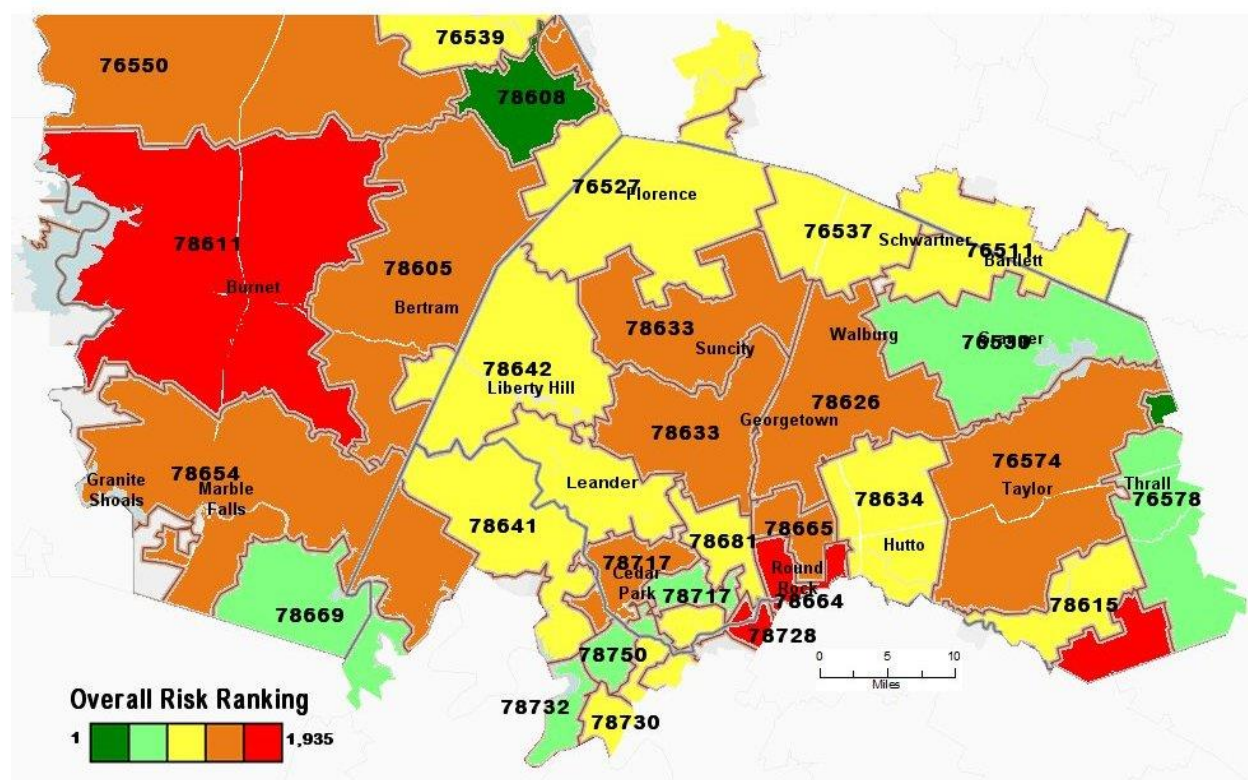
### Confirmed Cases of Child Abuse

This chart shows the number of confirmed cases of child abuse and the ratio per 1,000 children in 2019

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Confirmed Cases of Child Abuse		
County	Confirmed Case	Ratio per 1,000 Children
Burnet	210	20.4
Williamson	693	4.8
Data Source: Data.Texas.Gov CPI		

## Risk Factors for Child Abuse

On April 27, 2016, TexProtects created an interactive zip code map of the State of Texas, it has analyzed ZIP code level data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Texas Department of State Health Services to develop a comprehensive child abuse and neglect risk assessment and ranking for all Texas zip codes through the use of substantiated child maltreatment, child abuse and neglect related fatalities, teen birth, substance abuse, and child poverty rates. The following map shows where each zip code area in our service area ranked. Areas in red are at high risk for child abuse while areas in green are low risk.



Areas with the highest risk factors in our service area include the 78611-zip code including the City of Burnet and the surrounding county area, the 78664-zip code area of Round Rock, and the 78665 area of Round Rock.

## Troubled Youth Stats

The following charts shows the rate of juvenile arrest per 1,000 juveniles.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Juvenile Arrest per 1,000 Juveniles	
Area	Rate of Juvenile Arrest
Texas	17
Burnet County	21
Williamson County	14
Data Source: County Health Rankings, Easy Access to State and County Juvenile Court Case Counts, 2017	

## Homeless

The chart below shows the number of homeless individuals in Texas as of January 2019

Homelessness Statistics for State of Texas	
Texas, Total Homeless Population	25,848
Total Family Households Experiencing Homelessness	1,919
Veterans Experiencing Homelessness	1,806
Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness	3,511
Unaccompanied Young Adults (Aged 18-24) Experiencing Homelessness	1,355
Total Number of Homeless Students	231,305
Data Source: United States Interagency Council on Homelessness	

### Point in Time:

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> a Point-in-Time Count (PIT) was conducted for Williamson County to identify the needs of households residing in Unsheltered locations (such as cars, streets, parks, etc.) as well as Sheltered locations (Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing). The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area, over the course of one night. Responses are self-reported and/or observations and do not represent the entire homeless population.

Twelve individuals were interviewed. Of these individuals, nine were White, and three Black, five were Hispanic. Ten were households without children and two were unaccompanied youths. Seven were male and three were female, the gender of two individuals was not reported. One was a veteran. Six were chronically homeless. One reported receiving disability benefits.

### Homeless Personal Information

Have you ever been involved in any of the following institutions?	
Child Protective Services	1
Criminal Justice System	6
Drug Treatment	3
Foster Care	1
Mental Health Treatment	1

In the last 12 months, what have been your sources of income?	
No Income	4
SSI/SSDI	1
Pan handling	3
Other	1

What is the highest level of school you have completed?	
GED	5
HS Diploma	1
Some College	1
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	1

Experience with Homelessness															
<b>Where are you sleeping tonight?</b> <table> <tr> <td>Street or sidewalk</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle</td><td>4</td></tr> </table>	Street or sidewalk	4	Vehicle	4	<b>Did you become homeless in the same city you are currently living in?</b> <table> <tr> <td>Yes</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr> <td>No</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Don't know/Refused</td><td>4</td></tr> </table>	Yes	7	No	1	Don't know/Refused	4				
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During the 2019 – 2020 school year Opportunities Head Start provided services to 20 children who were homeless.

## Transportation

Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Transportation to Work						
Area	Percent Drive Alone	Percent Carpool	Percent Public Transportation	Percent Bicycle or Walk	Percent Taxi or Other	Percent Work at Home
Burnet County	76.4%	12.3%	0.0%	3.1%	1.1%	7.0%
Williamson County	80.0%	9.4%	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%	7.9%
Texas	80.6%	10.2%	1.4%	1.8%	1.4%	4.7%
United States	76.4%	9.1%	5.1%	3.3%	1.2%	4.9%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership; <a href="#">American Community Survey</a> . 2014-18.						



During the Opportunities, Community Assessment focus group meetings all areas reported a need for expanded dependable low-cost public transportation services. This is particularly true of the more rural areas, “If you don’t have reliable transportation you can’t get to other communities to find the resources you need.” A lack of dependable affordable transportation, or inadequate public transportation, with people being unable to travel to other areas to find work was identified as a cause of poverty and a barrier to gain self-sufficiency.

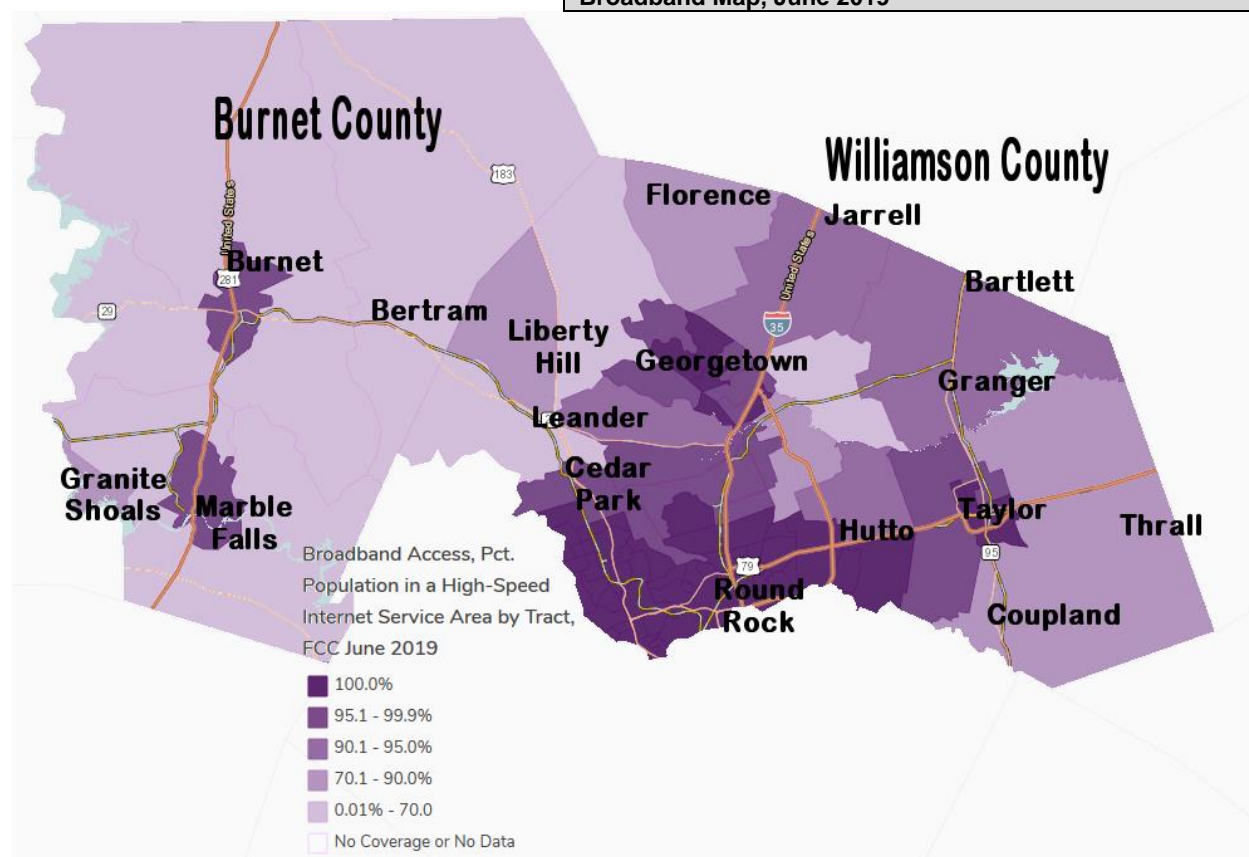
There is a commuter rail service that connects Leander and Cedar Park with Austin. The Capital Area Rural Transportation Service (CARTS) provides busing services to the more rural counties around Austin, including Williamson and Burnet Counties. Most of the focus groups identified CARTS as a strength of the communities but many people felt that the services offered were inadequate.

The chart above shows the number of individuals who utilize public transportation in the area, the state, and the country.

## Broadband Access

This chart and the map below show the percentage of the population with access to high-speed internet.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Broadband Access	
Area	Access to DL Speeds 25MBPD (2019)
Burnet County	72.0%
Williamson County	97.5%
Texas	95.3%
U.S.	95.3%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership; National Broadband Map, June 2019	





## ANALYSIS OF DATA

### Description of Causes and Conditions of Poverty

#### Williamson County

The poverty rate in Williamson County, 6.1% is significantly lower than the national rate of 13.4% and the Texas rate of 14.7% but that still comes to 32,931 individuals. The poverty rate is higher for families with children and highest for families with young children. This leads to the conclusion that as heads of families gain more experience and education many begin to earn more money.

Poverty in Williamson County is concentrated in older neighborhoods. Families in poverty cannot afford the housing cost of newer neighborhoods. Williamson County has rapid growth and demand for housing exceeds supply resulting in escalating cost. 43% of Williamson County renters pay more than 30% of their income on housing. Most of the growth in Williamson County is along Interstate 35 and toll road corridors in central and western Williamson County, particularly in the southern sections of the county. This has resulted in some families being forced out of these areas and moving more to the north and the east. The cost of living varies greatly from community to community in Williamson County: from 117.2% of the mean U.S. cost of living in Liberty Hill, in western Williamson County to 78.8% in Bartlett located in northeastern Williamson County. Ironically, the communities with the lowest cost of living have the highest levels of poverty. They are more isolated, lack services, and shopping, and lack industries that provide jobs.

The unemployment rate in Williamson County is 2.7%, meaning that many people living below the poverty level have work but still do not earn enough to live above the poverty line. To make a living wage in Williamson County a single parent with two children working 40 hours a week would need to make \$29.66 an hour. With a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, many individuals make significantly less than that and work several part-time jobs with no benefits. They live from paycheck to paycheck and are one emergency away from being unable to pay their bills.

Childcare can also be a significant expense. Monthly childcare expenses at a licensed childcare run at over \$700 a month for toddlers and infants and over \$650 a month for preschoolers. With several children the cost of childcare can easily exceed housing cost.

6.2% of the male population lives in poverty and 7.7% of the female population live in poverty, so gender plays only a small role. Race appears to play a larger role: only 5.8% of Asian individuals live below the poverty level, and 6.7% of White individuals live below the poverty level. On the other hand, 11.6% of African American individuals, and 10.7% of Hispanic individuals live below the poverty level. 4.7% of Williamson County families live below the poverty level. Of those families 47.5% are families with female heads of households, 43.8% are married couples, and only 8.7% are families with male heads of households.

## Burnet County

The poverty rate in Burnet County, 10.4% is lower than the national rate of 13.4% and the Texas rate of 14.7%. In Burnet County there are 4,722 individuals living below the poverty level. The poverty rate is higher for families with children and highest for families with young children. This leads to the conclusion that as heads of families gain more experience and education many begin to earn more money. The median income is \$59,009.00.

Burnet is a largely rural area 58.6% rural and 41.4% urban. Poverty in Burnet County is more prevalent in the more urban areas around the cities of Burnet and Marble Falls. However, it also occurs in isolated homes in rural areas of the county. Most homes in Burnet County are owner owned 75.3% with only 24.7% of the homes occupied by renters. Most rentals are in the cities of Burnet and Marble Falls. Monthly home ownership cost is \$863.00 per month for homeowners and \$816.00 per month for renters. 35.7% of home owners and 41.4% of renter pay more than 30% of their income on housing cost.

The unemployment rate in Burnet County is 2.6%, meaning that many people living below the poverty level have work but still do not earn enough to live above the poverty line. To make a living wage in Burnet County a single parent with two children working 40 hours a week would need to make \$26.46 an hour. With a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour many individuals make significantly less than that and work several part-time jobs with no benefits. They live from paycheck to paycheck and are one emergency away from being unable to pay their bills.

Childcare can also be a significant expense. Monthly childcare expenses at a licensed childcare run at over \$700 a month for toddlers and infants and over \$650 a month for preschoolers. With several children the cost of childcare can easily exceed housing cost.

11.6% of the male population lives in poverty and 13.0% of the female population live in poverty, so gender plays only a small role. The racial composition of Burnet County is 72.5% White and 23.6% Hispanic with an increasing Hispanic population. 37.7% of the child population is Hispanic. Race does not appear to play a role as 12.1% of the White population lives below the poverty line and 12% of the Hispanic population lives below the poverty line. 8.1% of Burnet County families live below the poverty level. Of those families 48.4% are families with female heads of households, 47.1% are married couples, and only 4.5% are families with male heads of households.

## Community Strengths & Assets

### Williamson County

The 2019 Williamson County Health District's Community Health Assessment identified the following community strength in Williamson County:

1. Access to healthcare – Williamson county has a plethora of medical provides and facilities. However, residents in the small communities near to the outskirts of the county must travel 20 to 30 minutes to access these resources.
2. Clean environment – Residents report that Williamson County had a clean environment.
3. Community partnerships and collaboration - Williamson County has many community partnerships and collaborations. Such as Hutto Resource Center, Round Rock Non-

Profit Meeting, The Georgetown Project, Interagency Support Council of Eastern Williamson County, Inc., EWCC, West WilCo Community Resources, and the WWA.

4. Community resources – Organizations and individuals in Williamson County have access to many community resources. Unfortunately, awareness of these resources is sometimes lacking.
5. Strong Community Support – Many residents of the community report feeling supported. Some residents in the larger communities have reported that even though the community is rapidly growing that it still has a small-town feel.
6. Good education system – “The county consists of 15 independent school districts fully or partially located in the county and many higher education campuses like Austin Community College, Southwestern University, Texas State University, and Texas A&M Health Science Center.
7. Low crime and safe neighborhoods
8. Parks, trails, and recreation facilities – the county has many parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

### **Burnet County**

Burnet County is in the Texas Hill Country with almost a1,000 square miles of beautiful lakes and rolling hills. One of its primary businesses is tourism. The cities in Burnet have a strong sense of community. It has a low cost of living. The cost of living in 97.3% of the national average cost of living, Burnet is at 89.5%, and Granite Shoals cost of living is at 83.6% of the national average. The County Health Rankings ranked Burnet’s quality of life at 26<sup>th</sup> .

### **Gaps in Services & Barriers**

#### **Williamson County**

Community focus groups, and responses from community leaders revealed the following barriers and gaps in services. Participants identified the follow gaps in Williamson County services:

1. Residents’ do not know what services are available, what they are qualified to receive, or who to go to for help. They need help determining what help they need and navigating and accessing services.
2. There is a lack of immigration services in the county.
3. Transportation services are limited, they are awkward, inconvenient, and unreliable. This is particularly true in rural areas.
4. There is limited affordable childcare.
5. Not enough affordable housing. “Healthy food is expensive when all my money goes to rent.”  
“What if I must buy medicine?”
6. Training and help accessing and utilizing technologies such as phones and internet.
7. Outlying communities do not have readily available access to health care services.
8. Lack of resources for the homeless.
9. Need more programs that provide job skills training.
10. Job skills training, coaching, and counseling. Trade schools and other training for well-paying jobs that do not require a college degree.

11. Substance abuse treatment
12. We need more infostructure in the outlying areas of the county, so we attract more manufacturing and other business to those areas.
13. “We live in a mental health desert; students are waiting six months for a mental health evaluation.”

### **Burnet County**

Community focus groups, and responses from community leaders revealed the following barriers and gaps in services. Participants identified the follow gaps in Burnet County services:

1. Transportation services are limited, they are awkward, inconvenient, and unreliable. This is particularly true in rural areas. “We need transportation between Burnet and Bertram.
2. The county needs more affordable childcare and afterschool care.
3. Access to affordable housing.
4. Access to pediatric healthcare.
5. Access to dental care.
6. More education and employment opportunities.
7. We need a Head Start and Meals on Wheels in Bertram
8. Food pantries need to be open on the weekend.
9. More employment training and services.
10. More drug addiction and substance abuse services.
11. The communities are not organized or coordinated.
12. We need more infostructure in Burnet County, so we attract more manufacturing and other business to the area.
13. Training and help accessing and utilizing technologies such as phones and internet. Easy access to computers/and the internet. “Everything seems to be online.” We need a list of location were free Wi-Fi or internet access is provided.
14. Need to get the word out to people in Burnet about Head Start.

### **Top Needs**

By reviewing and tabulating the results of community needs surveys, surveys and interviews from community leaders and community partners, and discussions from focus groups. The following list of top five community needs was developed for Williamson and Burnet Counties.

### **Williamson County**

6. Affordable childcare including afterschool care and youth programs.
7. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family including job skills training and coaching.
8. Access to affordable housing.
9. Improved transportation services.
10. Counseling services including individual, family, couples, and youth counseling and substance abuse rehabilitation.

### **Burnet County**

6. Assistance finding work that pay enough to support a family including job skills training and coaching.
7. Case management services including assistance defining and reaching life and work goals; financial education, budgeting classes, and credit counseling; assistance moving away from public assistance and towards independence; rural adult education; and computer skills training.
8. English as a second language classes.
9. Drug and alcohol treatment programs.
10. Affordable childcare including a possible Head Start program in Bertram, programs, and activities for teenagers, and after school care.

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6. Affordable childcare including exploring possible Head Start expansions; programs and activities for teenagers, and after school care.
7. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family including job skills training and coaching.
8. Access to quality affordable housing.
9. Improved transportation services.
10. Counseling services including individual, family, couple, and youth counseling and substance abuse rehabilitation

## Appendix A: Community Needs Survey



### 2019 2020 – Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties Community Needs Survey

Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties is conducting a community needs survey to help determine the needs of families and individuals in Williamson & Burnet Counties. This information is used to help determine the goals, priorities, and services provided by Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties and our partners.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated. All information collected is kept confidential.

1. Which community do you live in or near?
  - ☐ Bartlett
  - ☐ Cedar Park
  - ☐ Coupland
  - ☐ Florence
  - ☐ Georgetown
  - ☐ Granger
  - ☐ Hutto
  - ☐ Jarrell
  - ☐ Liberty Hill
  - ☐ Leander
  - ☐ Round Rock
  - ☐ Taylor Thrall
  - ☐ Bertram & Oatmeal area
  - ☐ Burnet area
  - ☐ Marble Falls
  - ☐ Granite Shoals
1. While your input is confidential, we would like to know a little about your role in the community. I am a: (check all that apply)
  - ☐ Opportunities client (Head Start, Meals on Wheels, Affordable Housing, Community Services)
  - ☐ Community Member
  - ☐ An Opportunities volunteer
  - ☐ Opportunities Employee
  - ☐ Public official

Mark the box that reflects your opinion on the needs of each item in your community

<b>1. People Needing Assistance</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Applying for Social Security, SSI, WIC, TANF, etc.					
Finding childcare					
With finding food					
With transportation					
With income tax preparation					
With legal services					
Obtaining other services (including VA)					

<b>2. Case Management Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Assistance finding resources in the community					
Assistance in moving away from public assistance					
Assistance defining and reaching life and work goals					

<b>3. Educational Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
GED classes					
Literacy training					
English as a second language					
Learning Spanish					
Computer skills					
Assistance attending trade or technical school					
Assistance attending college					

<b>4. Employment Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Assistance finding work					
Assistance finding full time employment					
Assistance gaining job skills					
Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family					

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5. <b>Family Support Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Financial education, budgeting classes, credit counseling					
Prenatal services					
Parenting classes					
Nutrition education, healthy eating workshops					
Classes on healthy relationships, conflict resolution					
Affordable childcare					
After school childcare and programs					
Programs and activities for children (ages 13-18)					

6. <b>Counseling Services</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Counseling services for children					
Counseling services for adults					
Drug/Alcohol treatment					
Couples counseling					
Family counseling					

7. <b>Support for Seniors</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Programs and activities for seniors					
Meal delivery for homebound seniors					
Assisted living					

8. <b>Support for Individuals with Disabilities</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Disability evaluation or services for children					
Disability evaluation or services for adults					
Speech/Physical/Occupational therapy					
Medical equipment or devices					
Services or equipment for the visually or hearing impaired					
Support for caregivers					



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9. <b>Housing Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Access to affordable housing					
Assistance paying rent					
Assistance paying utility bills					
Assistance making home more energy efficient (weatherization)					
Assistance with home repairs					
Home modifications for disabilities					

10. <b>Medical Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Help signing up for Medicare/Medicaid					
Access to affordable health & dental care					
Help finding medical dental provider					
Help paying medical bills/Prescription assistance					
Home health assistance					
Assistance with end of life issues					



## Appendix B, Community Partners Survey

### 2019 2020 – Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties Community Partner Survey

Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties is conducting a community partner survey to help determine the needs of families and individuals in Williamson & Burnet Counties. We are seeking your input in continuing to identify prevalent community problems, and in identifying resources and suggestions for improving services. This information is used to help determine the goals, priorities, and services provided by Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties and our partners.

Your Name & Position? \_\_\_\_\_

What Organization you are Affiliated with? \_\_\_\_\_

Your participation is greatly appreciated. **All information collected is kept confidential.**

2. Which Williamson and Burnet County communities does your organization provide services for?
- ☐ Bartlett
  - ☐ Cedar Park
  - ☐ Florence
  - ☐ Georgetown
  - ☐ Granger
  - ☐ Hutto
  - ☐ Jarrell
  - ☐ Liberty Hill
  - ☐ Leander
  - ☐ Round Rock
  - ☐ Taylor/Thrall/Coupland
  - ☐ Bertram/Oatmeal area
  - ☐ Burnet/Buchanan Dam
  - ☐ Marble Falls
  - ☐ Granite Shoals

3. While your input is confidential, we would like to know a little about your role in the community. I am a: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Public Official
- ☐ Foundation Representative
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Grant Partner
- ☐ Educator
- ☐ First Responder
- ☐ Clergy
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the box that reflects your opinion on the needs of each item in your community

11. People Needing Assistance	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
Applying for Social Security, SSI, WIC, TANF, etc.					
Finding childcare					
With finding food					
With transportation					
With income tax preparation					
With legal services					
Obtaining other services (including VA)					

12. Case Management Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
Assistance finding resources in the community					
Assistance in moving away from public assistance					
Assistance defining and reaching life and work goals					

13. Educational Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
GED classes					
Literacy training					
English as a second language					
Learning Spanish					
Computer skills					
Assistance attending trade or technical school					
Assistance attending college					

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14. <b>Employment Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Assistance finding work					
Assistance finding full time employment					
Assistance gaining job skills					
Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family					

15. <b>Family Support Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Financial education, budgeting classes, credit counseling					
Prenatal services					
Parenting classes					
Nutrition education, healthy eating workshops					
Classes on healthy relationships, conflict resolution					
Affordable childcare					
After school childcare and programs					
Programs and activities for children (ages 13-18)					

16. <b>Counseling Services</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Counseling services for children					
Counseling services for adults					
Drug/Alcohol treatment					
Couples counseling					
Family counseling					

17. <b>Support for Seniors</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Programs and activities for seniors					
Meal delivery for homebound seniors					
Assisted living					

18. <b>Support for Individuals with Disabilities</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Disability evaluation or services for children					
Disability evaluation or services for adults					
Speech/Physical/Occupational therapy					
Medical equipment or devices					
Services or equipment for the visually or hearing impaired					
Support for caregivers					

19. <b>Housing Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Access to affordable housing					
Assistance paying rent					
Assistance paying utility bills					
Assistance making home more energy efficient (weatherization)					
Assistance with home repairs					
Home modifications for disabilities					

20. <b>Medical Needs</b>	<b>Very Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Rarely Needed</b>	<b>Not Needed</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Help signing up for Medicare/Medicaid					
Access to affordable health & dental care					
Help finding medical dental provider					
Help paying medical bills/Prescription assistance					
Home health assistance					
Assistance with end of life issues					

Please take a moment to comment from your personal and professional perspective any additional remarks about the needs you see within our communities, the resources/lack of resources), the strengths/gaps and any other relate comments.

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## Appendix C, ELECTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBER:

Attachment C: Interview Elected Officials and Board Members	
Date of Interview:	
Name of Elected Official:	
Title of Elected Position:	
City or County Represented:	
<p><b>Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties</b> is conducting a Community Needs Assessment as part of the requirements to receive Community Services Block Grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. As part of the survey, we are interviewing key stakeholders in the community.</p>	
<p><b>1. What do you know about our Community Action Agency and the services we provide that help address needs of low-income persons?</b> (Note: persons that serve on the agency board do not need to answer question #1.)</p>	
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<p><b>2. What do you think are the top five key needs of low-income persons in your community?</b> The needs could be in the areas of employment, education, income and asset building assistance, housing, health and social behavioral development, emergency assistance/services, helping persons to become self-sufficient, or coordination of services and connecting persons to services, community revitalization, or other needs.</p>	
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<p><b>3. What suggestions can you provide on how the needs could be addressed?</b></p>	
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**4. What do you think are some key community revitalization needs?**

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**5. How do you think our community can address the identified community revitalization needs?**

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**6. What do you think are some of the gaps or barriers to services in the community and do you have any suggestions related to this?**

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**7. Do you have any other feedback?**

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