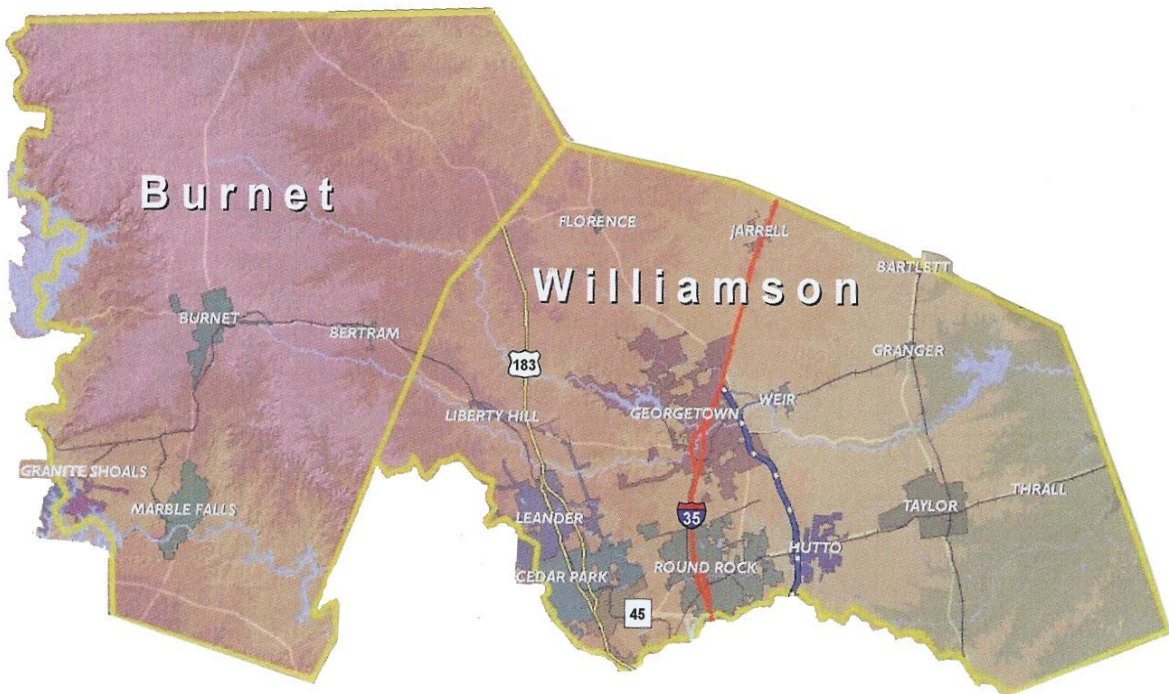


Opportunities

for Williamson & Burnet Counties



2023 Community Needs 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 population of 652,186, while Burnet County has a population of 49,893. 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 61,467.

Williamson County is primarily urban with 88% of its population classified as such. Burnet County is more rural with 56% being classified as rural and 44% 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 25% of its residents being 65 or older. Even though Williamson County has several senior communities, only 14% of its population are seniors. The median age in Burnet County is 45, while the median age in Williamson County is 37. Children make up 24% of Williamson County's population and 22% of Burnet County's population. 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, Opportunities 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: 71% in Burnet County and 56% 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: 2% in Burnet County and 7% in Williamson County. The Hispanic population in Burnet County is 25% and is projected to increase to 35% by 2050. The current Hispanic population of Williamson County is 26% and is projected to increase slightly to 27% by 2050. 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 8% to 26% by 2050. Other racial groups in Williamson County currently make up 3% of the population and are expected to increase to 5% by 2050.

The median income in Burnet County is \$59,919, and the median income in Williamson County is \$90,834. Both counties have a low unemployment rate of 2.8%.

The poverty rate for Burnet County is 7.5%, or 3,524 individuals; the poverty rate for Williamson County is 6.1%, or 34,242 individuals. The poverty rate for children is higher: 10.0% in Burnet County and 6.3% 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. Housing that is affordable
2. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family, including job skills training and coaching
3. Access to affordable quality childcare
4. Access to affordable quality health, dental care, mental health care, and medication
5. Assistance navigating the different service providers, in order to find needed services

Burnet County

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2. Access to affordable quality health, dental care, mental health, and medication
3. Access to affordable quality childcare
4. Assistance finding work that pay enough to support a family including job skills training and coaching.
5. Assistance navigating the different service providers, in order to find needed services

RESULTS: TOP 5 NEEDS FOR WILLIAMSON & BURNET COUNTIES

1. Housing that is affordable
2. Access to affordable quality childcare
3. Access to affordable quality health, dental care, mental health, and medications
4. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family, including job skills training and coaching
5. Assistance navigating the different service providers, in order to find needed services

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 agency's 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 Counties. Opportunities, initially called Williamson & Burnet County Opportunities, was founded in 1966 during President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. It employs approximately 206 individuals and has over 14,500 volunteers.

VISION

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

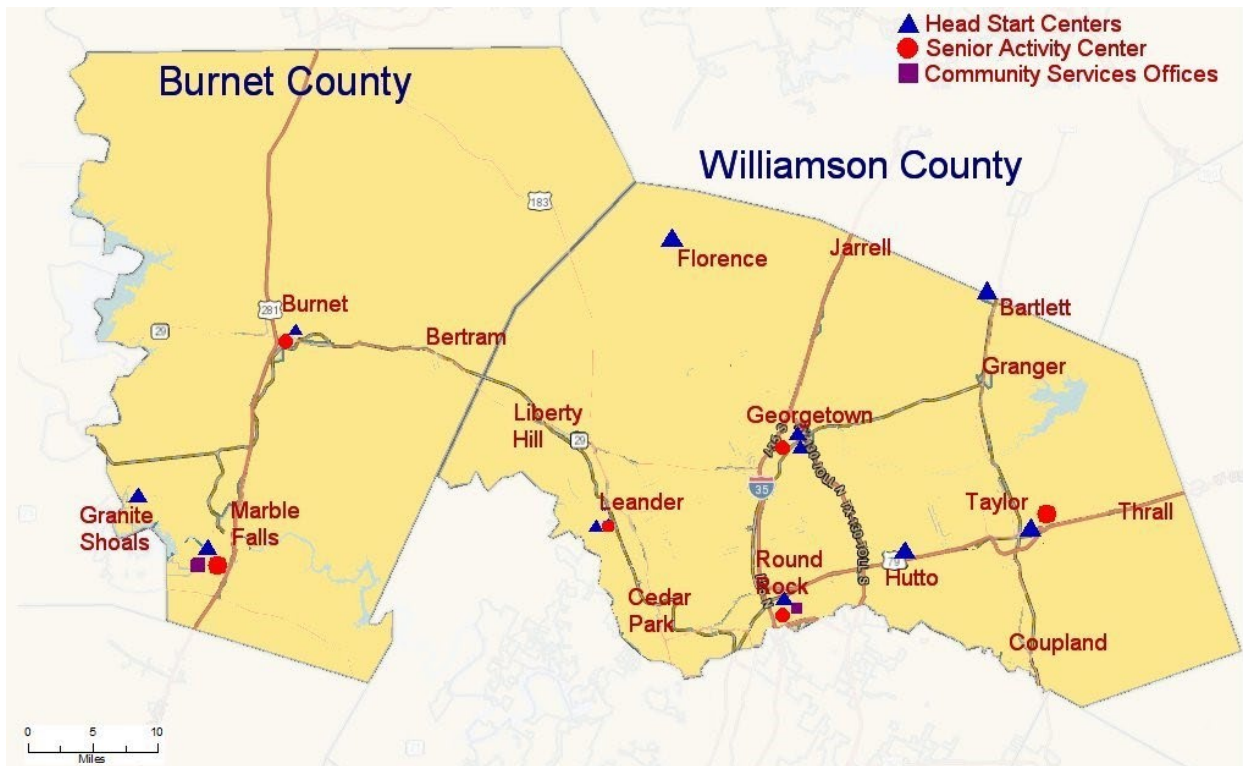
It is the vision of Opportunities to serve as the counties' central social service hub for its communities and respond to its needs in a broad, yet meaningful way. Maximizing opportunities for client self-sufficiency through increased education and resource awareness are continually at the forefront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

MISSION

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

Opportunities is governed by a 15-member tripartite 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 the 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 program consisting of eight Head Start centers and ten Early Head Start centers, a Meals on Wheels/Senior Nutrition program, hosting five senior activity centers, and a Community Services program providing utility assistance and self-sufficiency assistance.



Head Start & Early Head Start

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 Opportunities-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 1,100 seniors daily, or almost half a million meals annually. Over 850 of those meals are home delivered, and approximately 200 are served out of local senior centers.

Community Services

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

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

Opportunities' 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 Opportunities Community Services.

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

TIMELINE, ACTIVITIES, DATA COLLECTION & METHODOLOGIES

Planning for the Community Needs Assessment began in July 2022. 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 of 2022, the Community Needs Assessment was designed, and the team reviewed and approved the survey. An online and paper version (see appendix A) were designed, and flyers with QR codes to the survey 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, a special effort was made to ensure that low-income individuals were invited to participate. Individuals receiving services from Opportunities programs such as Meals on Wheels, Affordable Housing, Head Start and Community Services 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 encouraged their clientele to participate. Responses were collected from October 2022 to the end of March 2023.

688 individuals completed the survey: 527 from Williamson County and 161 from Burnet County. Of those responses, 36.2% reported that they were Opportunities clients, 48.8% were community members, 12.8% were Opportunities volunteers, 12.9% were employees, and 1.6% were public officials.

Sources of Quantitative Data

Research on quantitative data began October 2022 and continued through April 2023. Sources of quantitative data included:

- Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections
- 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 Commission
- Data USA
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- National Center for Education Statistics
- 2019 Texas Childcare Market Rate Survey
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- County Health Rankings
- 2021 Williamson County Health District's Community Health Assessment

Community Member Forum and Focus Groups

A community forum and focus group took place on March 23rd in Round Rock with satellite locations connected by video in Taylor and Burnet. There were 62 participants at the Round Rock site, 18 at the Taylor site, and 19 at the Burnet site. Participants represented different communities from all parts of Williamson and Burnet Counties. Participants included representatives of different community service providers and members from the community including community members who are economically disadvantaged, and individuals who receive Opportunity's services.

During the forum, a panel discussed the needs of the community, efforts being made to meet these needs, barriers preventing community members from meeting their needs, and ways to become more involved in making a difference. The panel consisted of Kelly Dix, City of Burnet Secretary, Judge Bill Gravell, Williamson County Commissioner, Diane Tackett, Texas Workforce Solutions, Amy Mizcles, United Way of Greater Austin, representing Success by Six, Williamson County, Chuck Collins, GTX Connect- Supporting change makers in Georgetown communities. The forum concluded with open ended questions for panel members from community members.

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 discussions on the needs of their community. Their responses were collected, and the responses from all groups were tabulated to help determine the top identified needs for Williamson and Burnet Counties, resources that were addressing those needs, barriers individuals encounter in meeting these needs, and what changes participants would like to see take place within the next three years.

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 October 2022 to March 2023. Fifty-one individuals representing various service organizations in Williamson and Burnet Counties completed the surveys.

Organizations that participated included:

- Community Resource Center of Burnet County
- Bluebonnet Trails
- Williamson County and Cities Health District
- The Crisis Center
- Hill Country Community Ministries
- Habitat for Humanities
- Cross Creek Hospital
- Hope Alliance
- AGE of Central Texas
- The Delaney
- Samaritan Center
- Georgetown Police Department

- First Presbyterian Church
- Round Rock Fire Department Crisis Response Unit
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Dickey Museum and Multipurpose Center
- CRCTX
- Texas Baptist Children's Home
- Community Resource Centers of Texas, Inc.
- The Georgetown Project
- Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration
- AARP Foundation SCSEP
- Hutto Resource Center
- Annunciation Maternity Home
- United Us: Coordinated Care Network
- Goodwill Central Texas
- BRBC
- Georgetown Housing Authority
- Texas Institute of Developmental Pediatrics
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- TDSHS/Children Special Health Care Needs
- Single Moms Society
- The Caring Place
- Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center

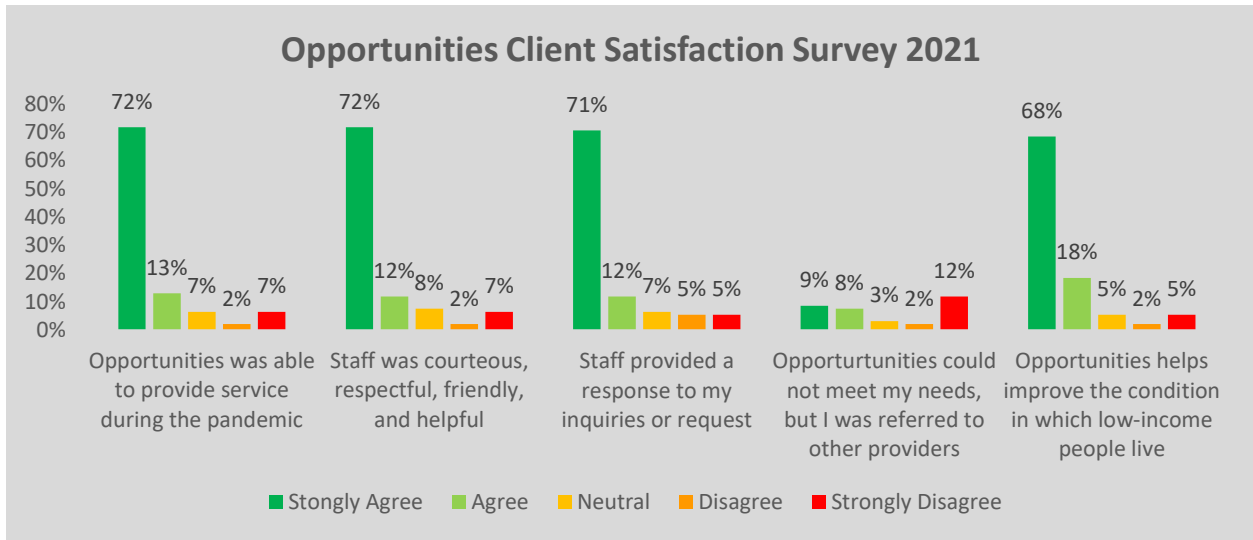
Elected Official & Board Members Interview

Elected officials and Opportunities Board Members were asked to complete electronic interviews (see appendix C). Fifteen individuals representing both counties completed the interviews.

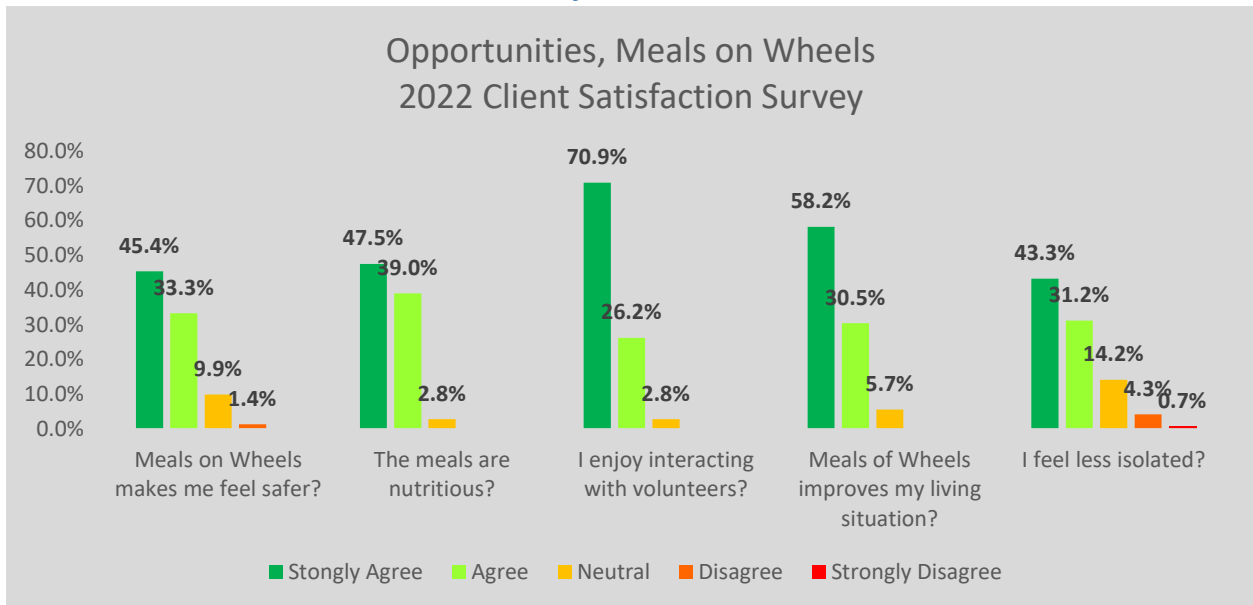
Customer Satisfaction Surveys

In the fall of 2021, clients were provided with the opportunity to complete client satisfaction surveys. Surveys from 92 clients (86% from Williamson County and 14% from Burnet County) were completed. The majority of responding clients received energy assistance, 94%. 9% received CARES Act assistance, and 7% had received senior nutrition assistance.

The charts below show the level of satisfaction by clients of Opportunities reported in different areas and their overall level of satisfaction.



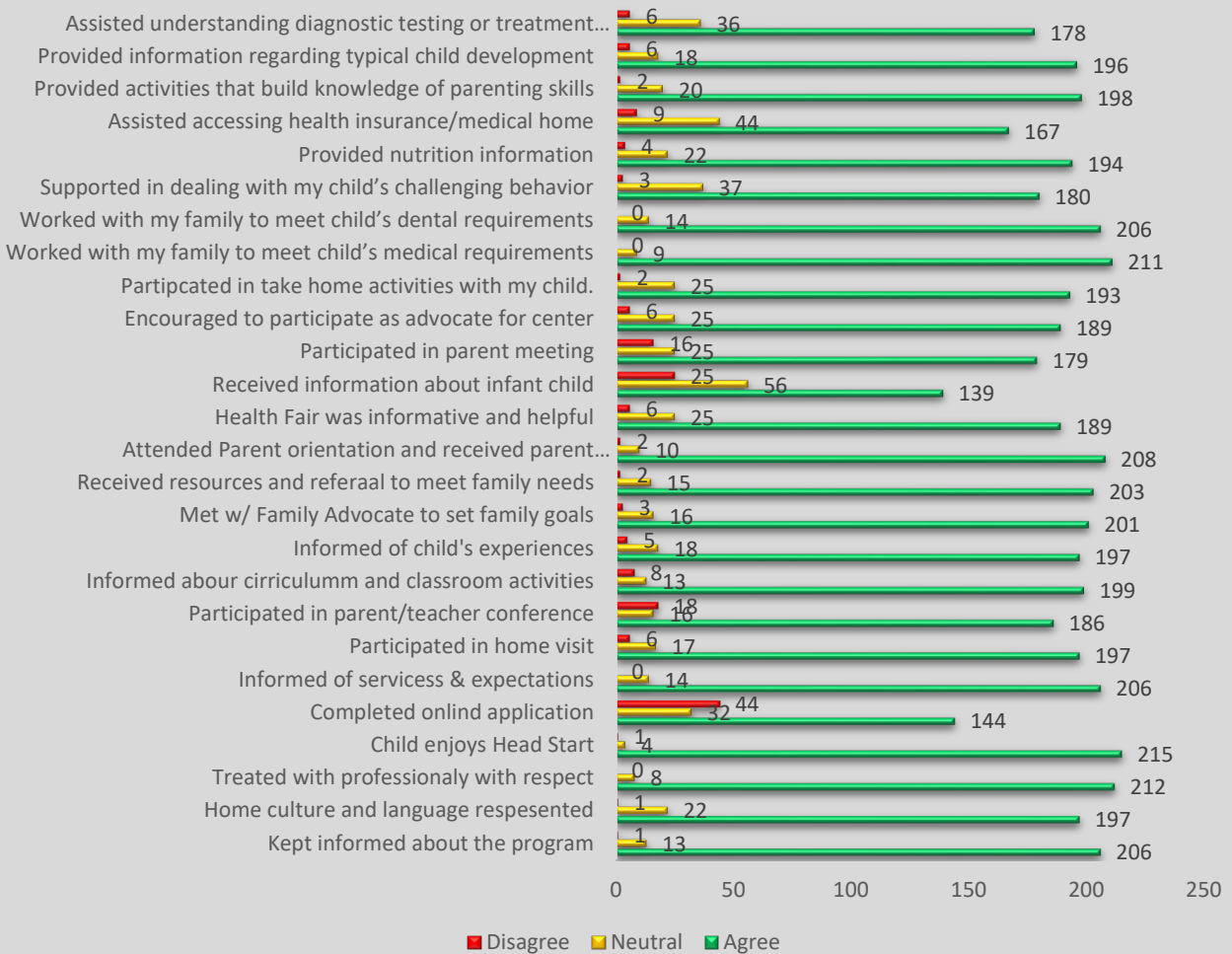
Meals on Wheels, Client Satisfaction Surveys



Opportunities Head Start Family Feedback Surveys

In January of 2022 parents provided feedback on Opportunities Head Start services and the frequency of feedback and family support offered.

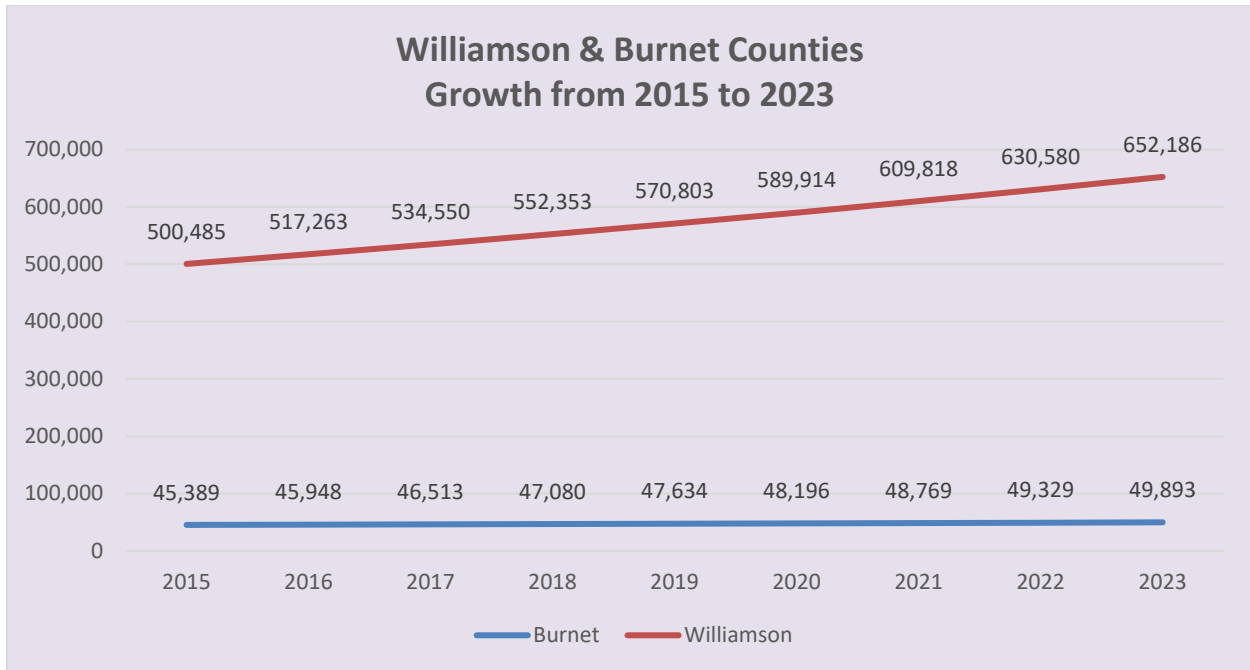
Opportunities, Head Start, Parent Survey Results



COUNTY PROFILES

Population Information

Opportunities provides services to seniors and low-income individuals and families in Williamson and Burnet Counties. Both counties cover an area of 2,112.56 square miles, and together they have an estimated 2023 combined population of 702,079 (Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections).

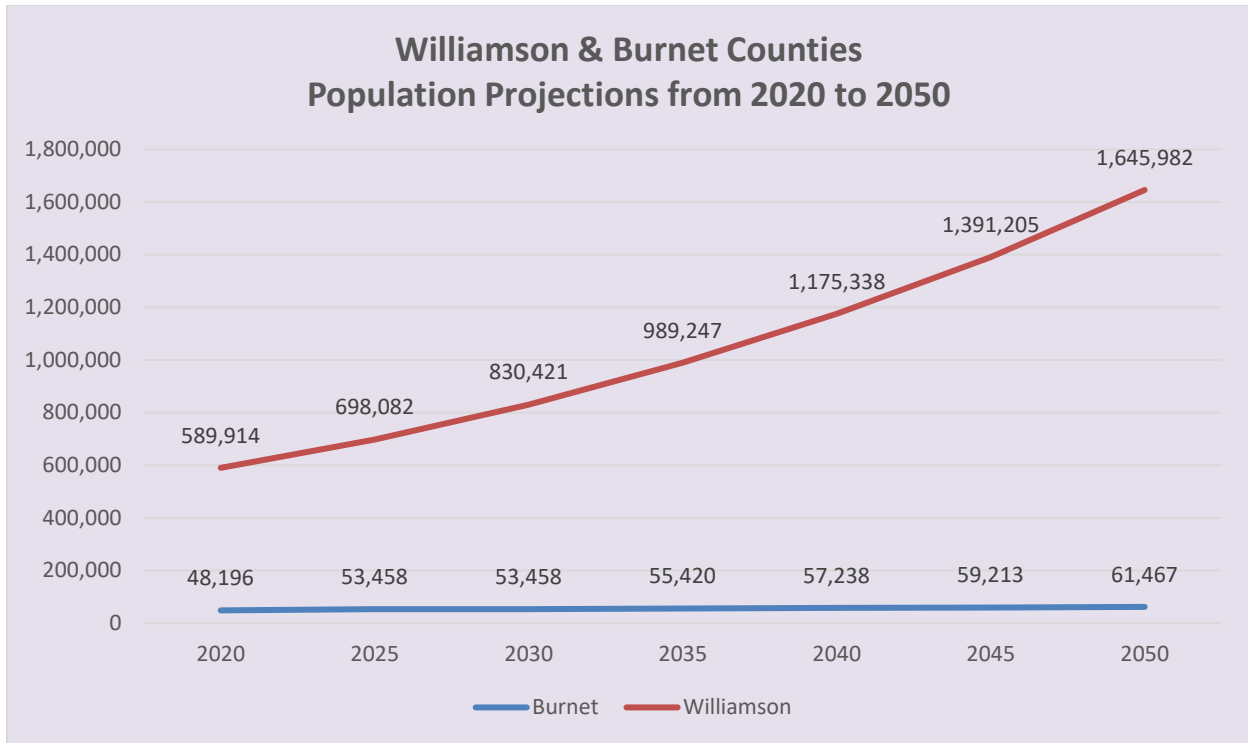


Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, 2022

Williamson County is experiencing rapid growth. From 2015 to 2023, Williamson County grew 30%, from 500,485 to 652,186. Burnet County, with a population less than 8% of Williamson County, is experiencing more moderate growth. From 2015 to 2023, Burnet County grew 10%, from 45,389 to 49,893.

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



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections 2022

Rural vs Urban Breakdown

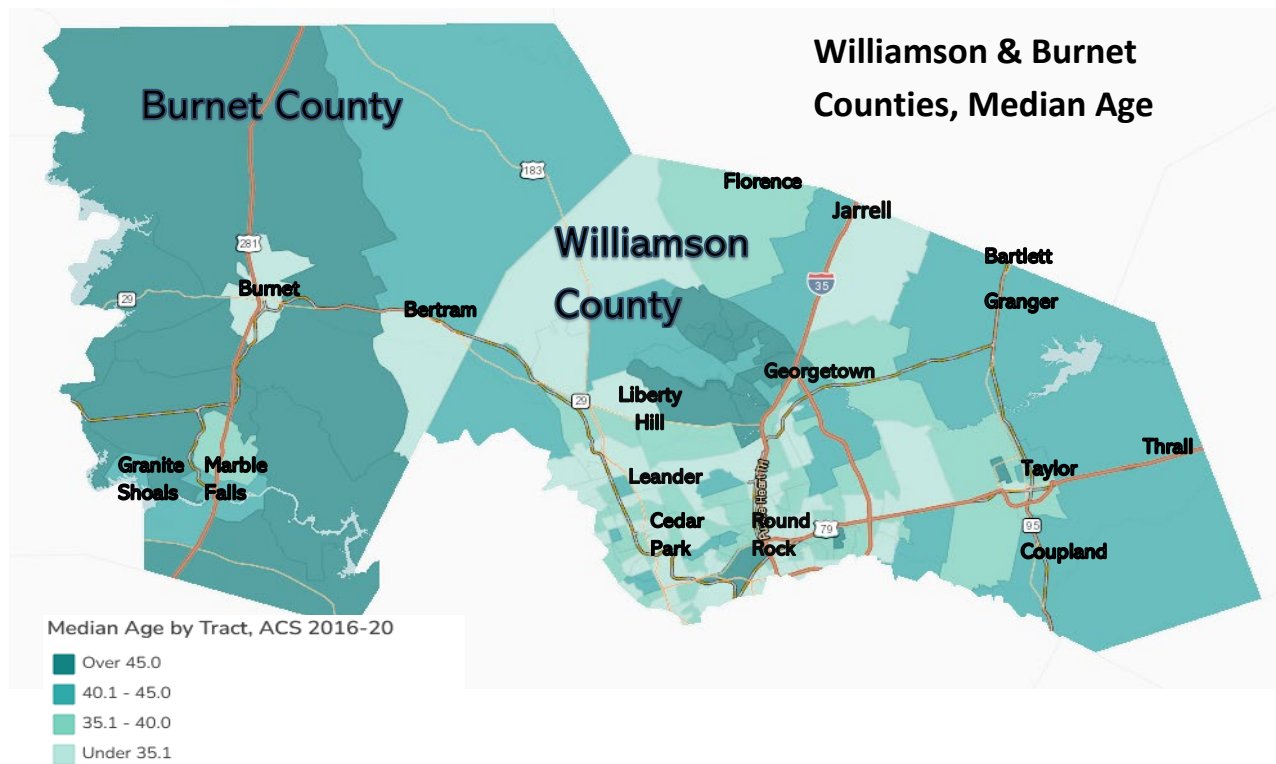
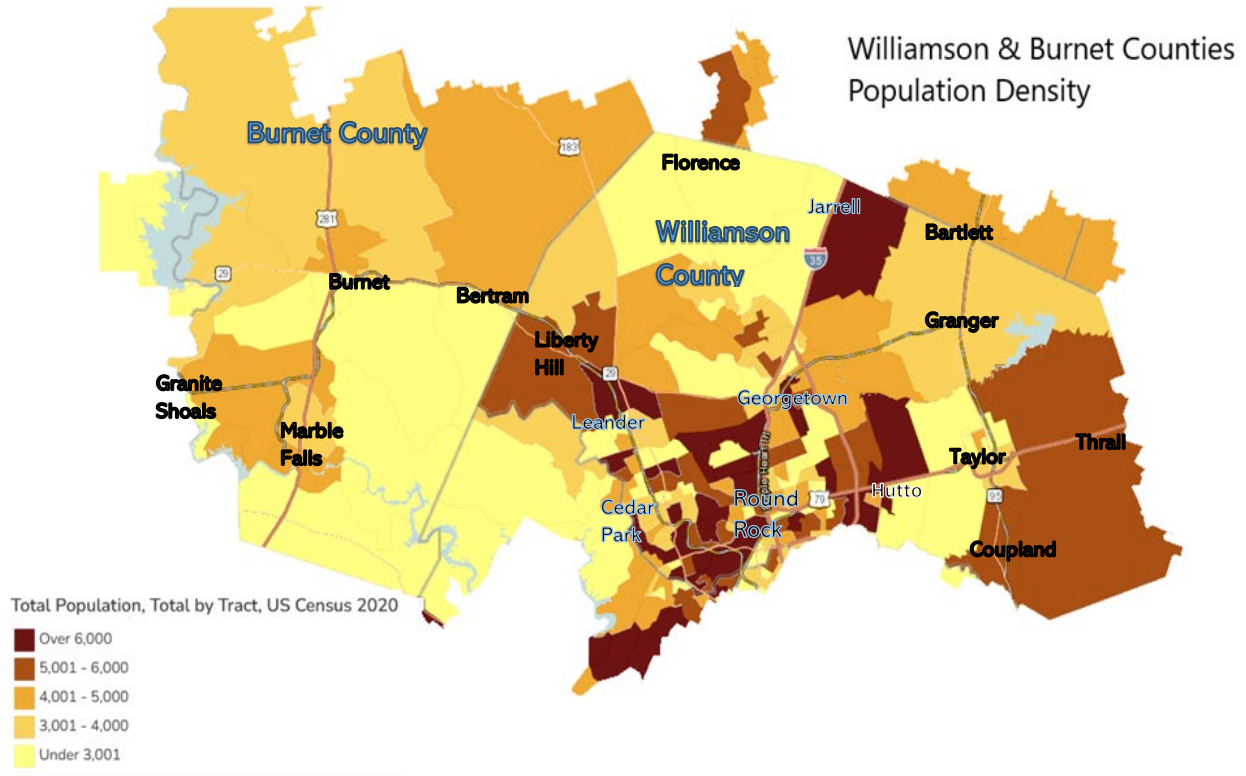
When comparing rural and urban populations, the two counties are substantially different from each other. Burnet County is 58.6% rural and 41.4% urban. On the other hand, 11.9% of Williamson County is rural and 88.1% is urban. The rural areas of Williamson County are the eastern side of the county outside of Taylor and parts of northern Williamson County.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Urban & Rural Populations		
County	Percentage Urban	Percentage Rural
Burnet	44.3%	55.7%
Williamson	88.0%	12.0%

Data Source: County Health Rankings and Roadmaps 2022

According to the American Community Survey, 2016 – 20, the population density in Burnet County is 48 individuals per square mile. The density is greatest in and near the cities of Burnet, Marble Falls, and Granite Shoals. The population density of Williamson County is much higher, 511 individuals per square mile. The population density in Williamson County is greatest in the southern and central portions of the county.

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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 36.6, while the median age in Burnet County is 44.8. A complete breakdown of the population age in both counties (by percentage and count) is shown in the charts below.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Age Group, Percentage					
County	<18	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Burnet	21.6%	7.3%	23.2%	23.4%	24.5%
Williamson	24.0%	8.7%	28.9%	24.3%	14.1%
Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Age, Total Count					
Burnet	10,787	3,654	11,567	11,674	12,211
Williamson	156,533	56,739	188,303	158,411	92,200

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections 2022

The charts below show the age breakdown of children in Williamson and Burnet Counties by age and percentage.

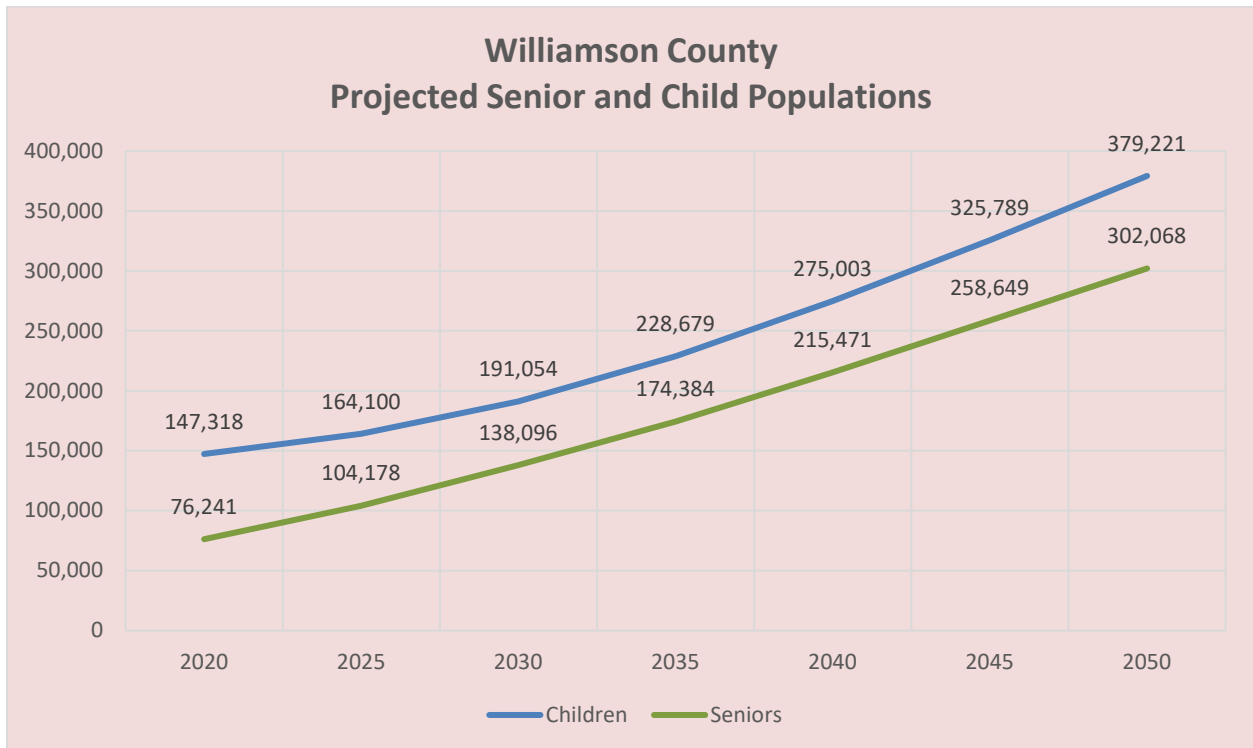
Williamson & Burnet Counties Child Population Breakdown by Age, Percentage								
County	<1	1	2	3	4	5-8	9-12	13-17
Burnet	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	5.0%	4.6%	5.4%
Williamson	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	5.3%	5.2%	6.8%

Williamson & Burnet Counties Child Population Breakdown by Age, Total Count								
County	<1	1	2	3	4	5-8	9-12	13-17
Burnet	646	647	650	652	651	2,514	2,313	2,714
Williamson	8,948	8,818	8,745	8,686	8,650	34,402	34,098	44,186

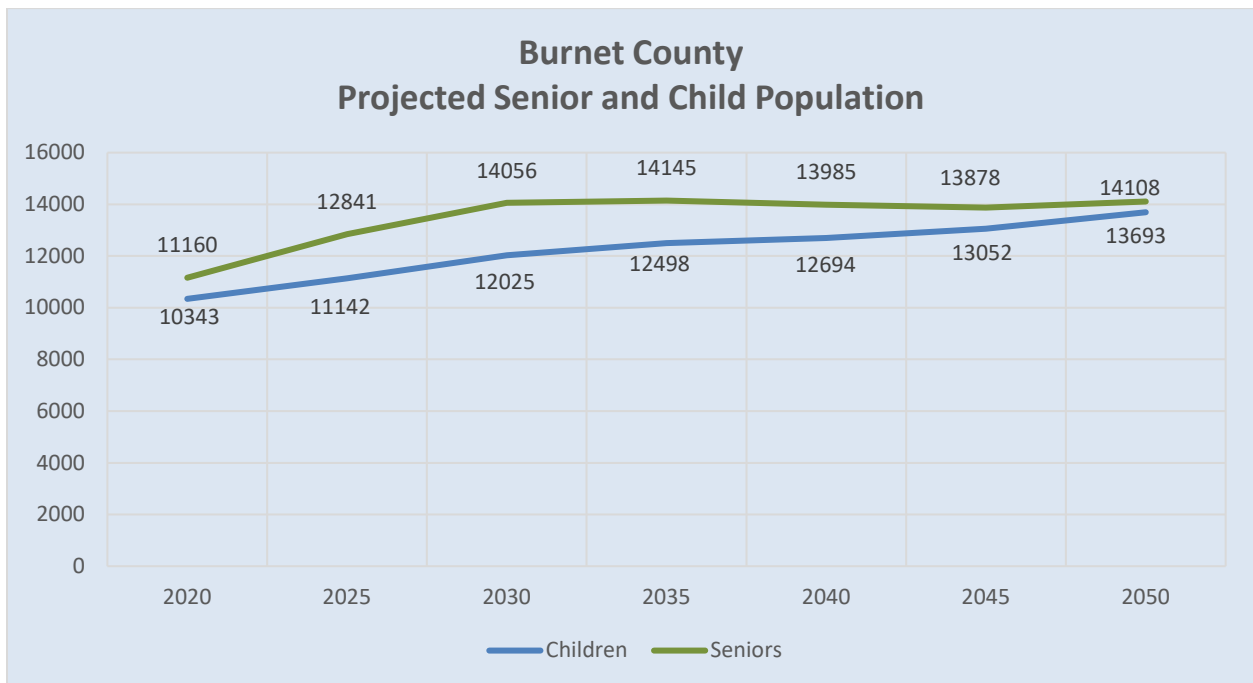
Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections 2022

Projected Senior & Child Populations

The charts below show the projected senior and child populations in both counties.



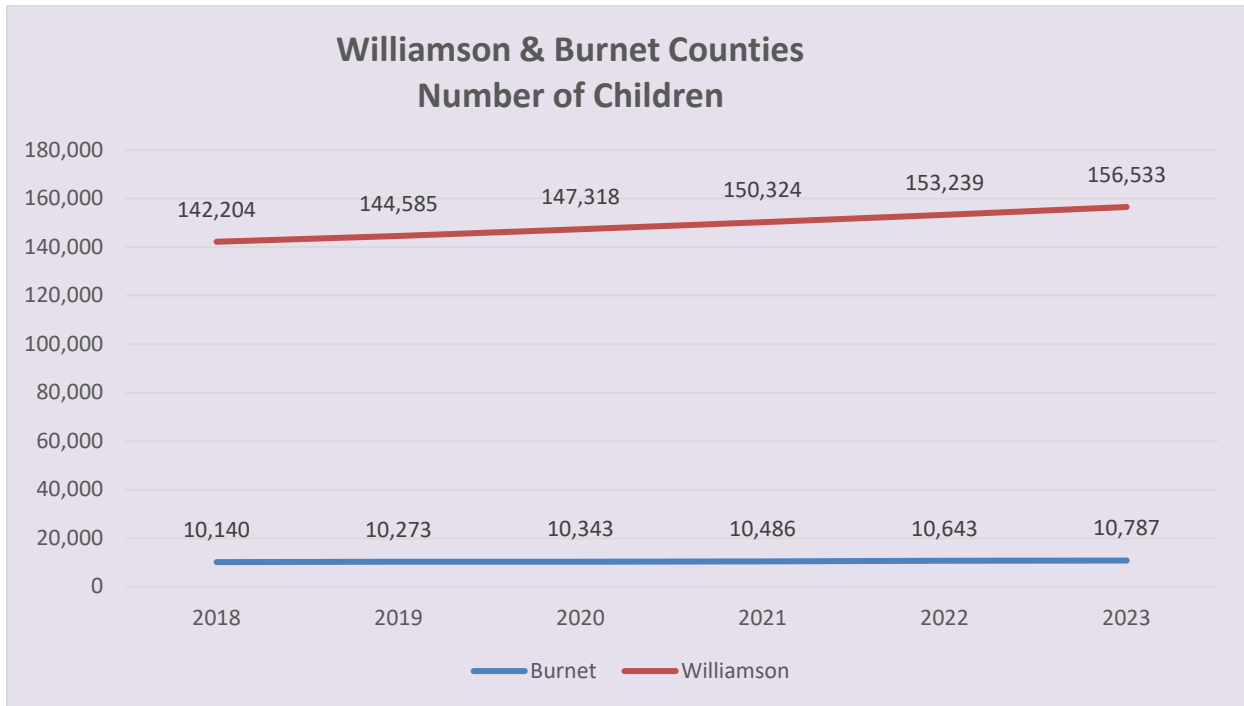
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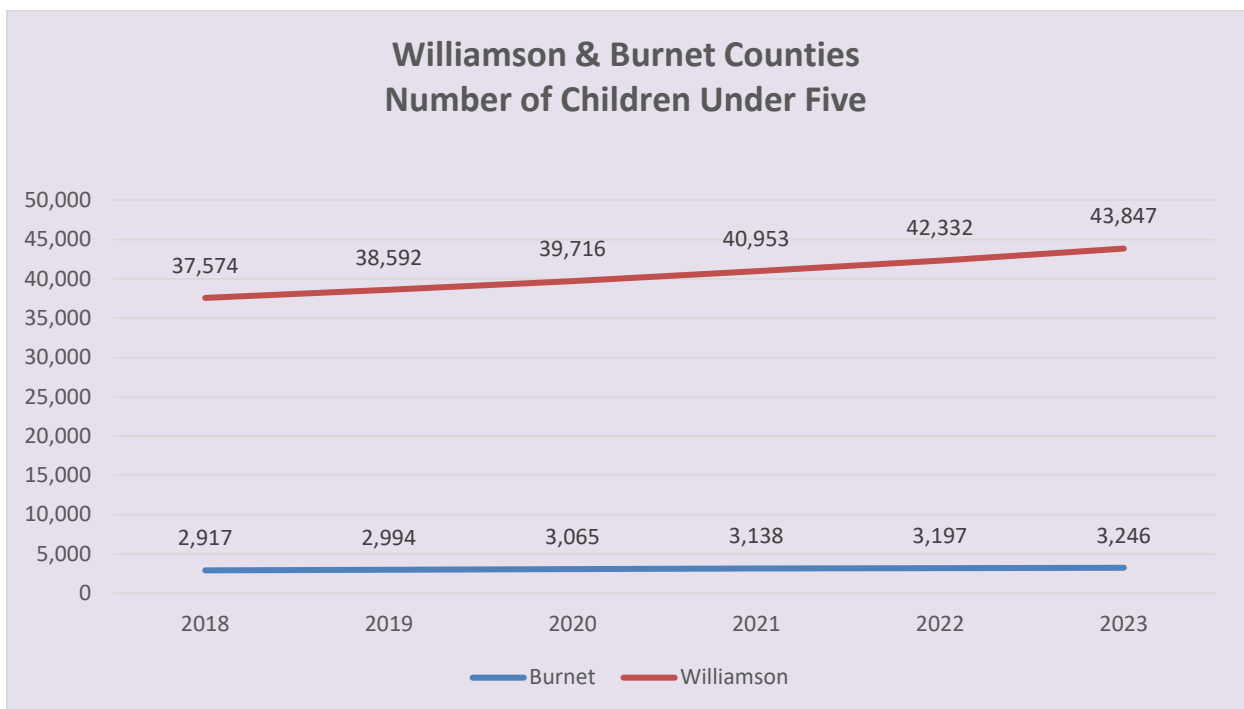
Child Population

This graph shows the child populations for Williamson and Burnet Counties from 2018 to 2023.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections 2022

The graph below shows the population of children under five from 2018-2023.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections 2022

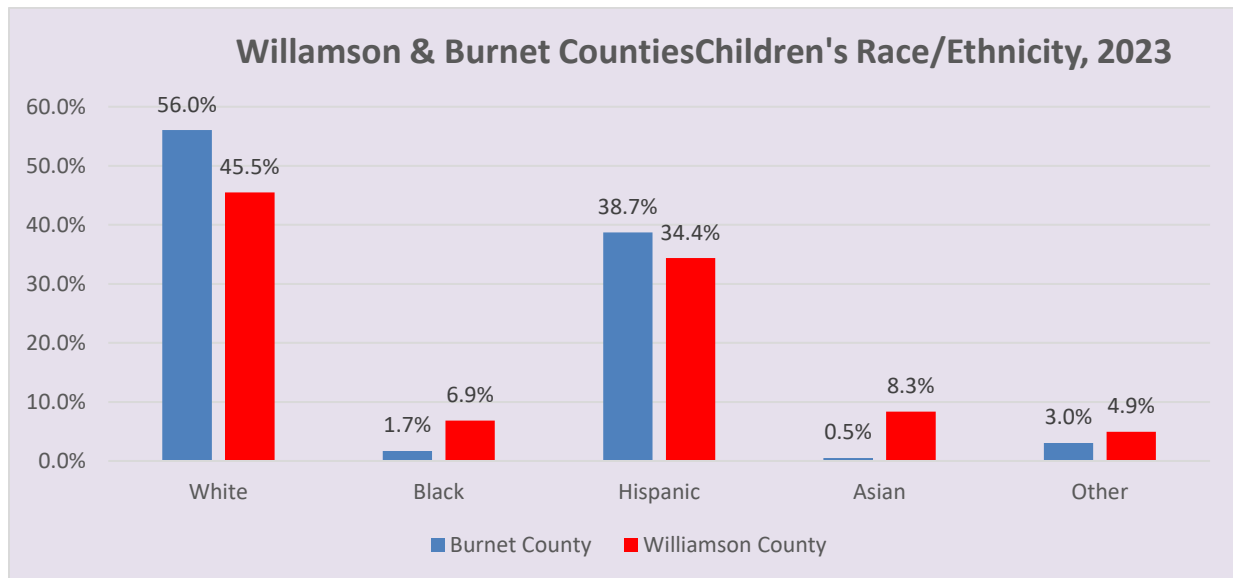
The chart below shows a breakdown of the under-five population.

Williamson	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<1-yr old	7,506	7,737	8,001	8,289	8,607	8,948
1-yr old	7,473	7,689	7,925	8,193	8,495	8,818
2-yr old	7,493	7,694	7,917	8,160	8,435	8,745
3-yr old	7,529	7,718	7,924	8,150	8,403	8,818
4-yr old	7,529	7,754	7,949	8,161	8,392	8,686
5-yr old	7,529	7,797	7,992	8,187	8,404	8,643
Burnet	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<1-yr old	595	614	626	634	641	646
1-yr old	590	602	620	632	640	647
2-yr old	584	598	611	631	641	650
3-yr old	577	593	606	623	642	652
4-yr old	571	587	602	618	633	651
5-yr old	571	580	598	612	628	644

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections 2022

Racial and Ethnic Breakdown of Child Population

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.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections 2022

The chart below shows a child's relationship to the householder of the house they live in.

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

Breakdown of Children in Opportunities Head Start

Opportunities Head Start/Early Head Start Race/Ethnicity	
Native American	1
Asian	7
Black	52
White	79
Hispanic	287
Mixed Race	31
Data Source: Opportunities Head Start, PIR, 2021-2022	

The chart above shows the racial/ethnic breakdown of children enrolled in Opportunities Head Start, while the chart below shows the breakdown in age of enrolled children per center.

EHS Program	AGE RANGE IN MONTHS, 2022			
Center	Total Enrolled	0-12 months	12-24 months	24-36 months
Leander	17	6	5	6
Bartlett	20	6	5	9
Burnet	17	4	7	6
Florence	8	0	6	2
Harris-Ross	15	5	7	3
Hutto	8	0	1	7
Marble Falls	26	6	8	12
Rawleigh Elliott	36	5	13	18
Round Rock	32	4	11	17
Totals	179	36	63	80

HS Program	AGE RANGE IN YEARS		
Centers	Total Enrolled	3-4	4-5
Leander	18	18	0
Leander ISD	7	0	7
Bartlett	14	14	0
Burnet	12	12	0
Florence	29	17	12
Harris-Ross	11	11	0
Highland Lakes	20	20	0
HL Elementary	9	0	9

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Hutto	13	13	0
Marble Falls	21	21	0
MF Elementary	8	0	8
Mary Bailey	52	29	23
Round Rock	26	26	0
TH Johnson	12	0	12
Total	252	181	71
Data Source: Opportunities Head Start, PIR, 2021-2022			

Ethnicity and Language of Head Start Staff

The chart above shows the ethnicity and language spoken by Head Start staff.

Race/Ethnicity of Head Start Staff	
Race/Ethnicity	Percent
Asian	0.8%
Black	11.2%
Pacific Islander	0.8%
White (non-Hispanic)	30.4%
Hispanic	54.4%
Multiracial	0.8%
Other	1.6%
Other Languages Spoken by Head Start Staff	
Language	Percent
Other than English	31.2%
Spanish	27.2%
Middle Eastern	1.6%
ASL	0.8%
Data Source: Opportunities Head Start, PIR, 2021-2022	

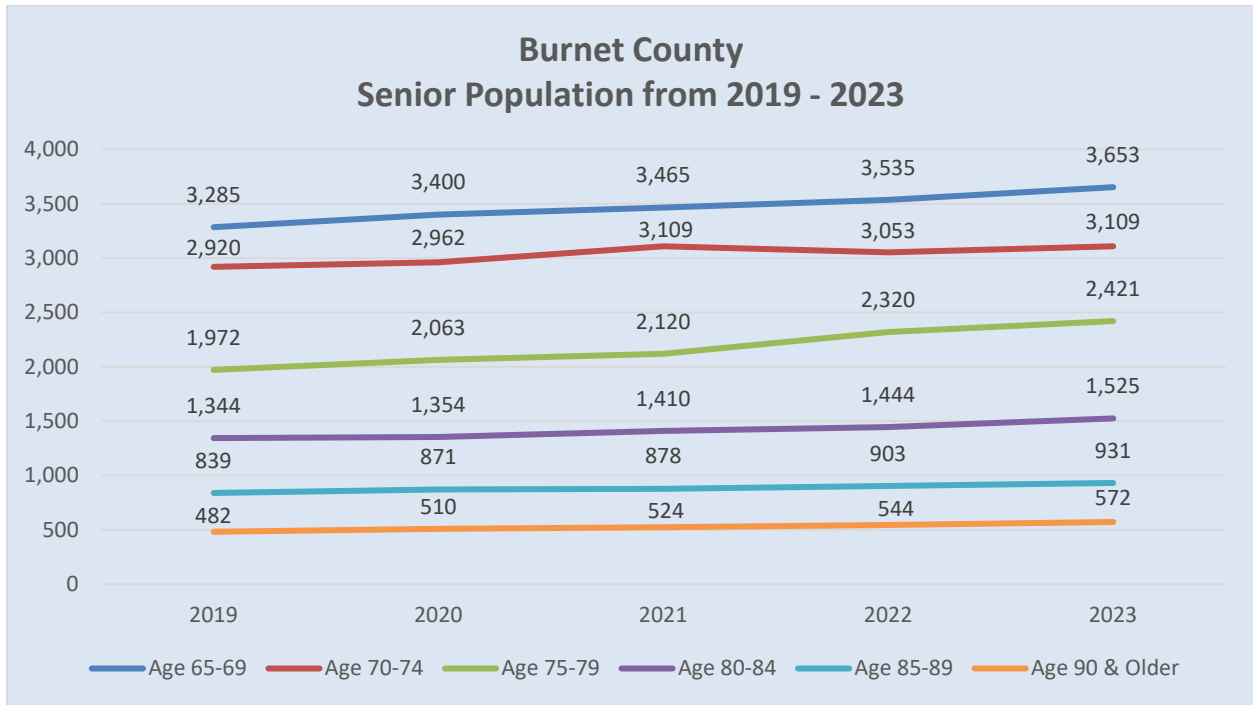
Senior Population by Age and Racial Make Up

Williamson County 2019 Senior Population 71,311

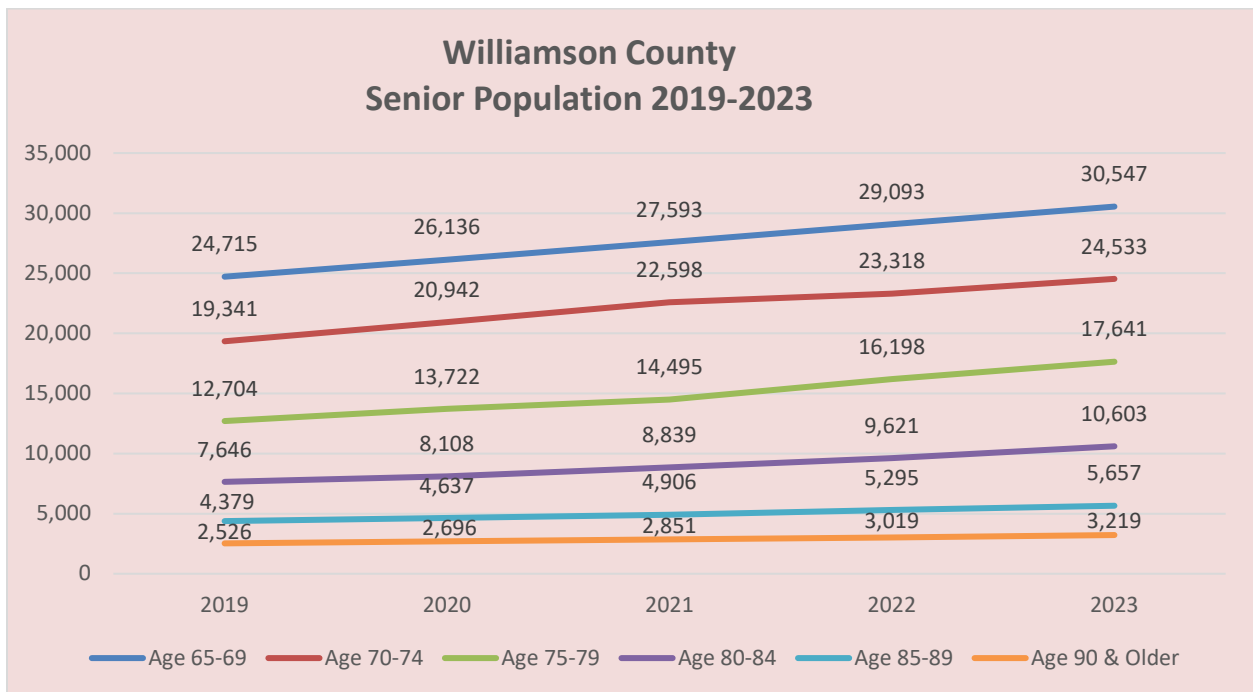
Burnet County 2019 Senior Population 10,842

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, Dec 2019

The graphs below show the senior population by age bracket from 2019 to 2023.

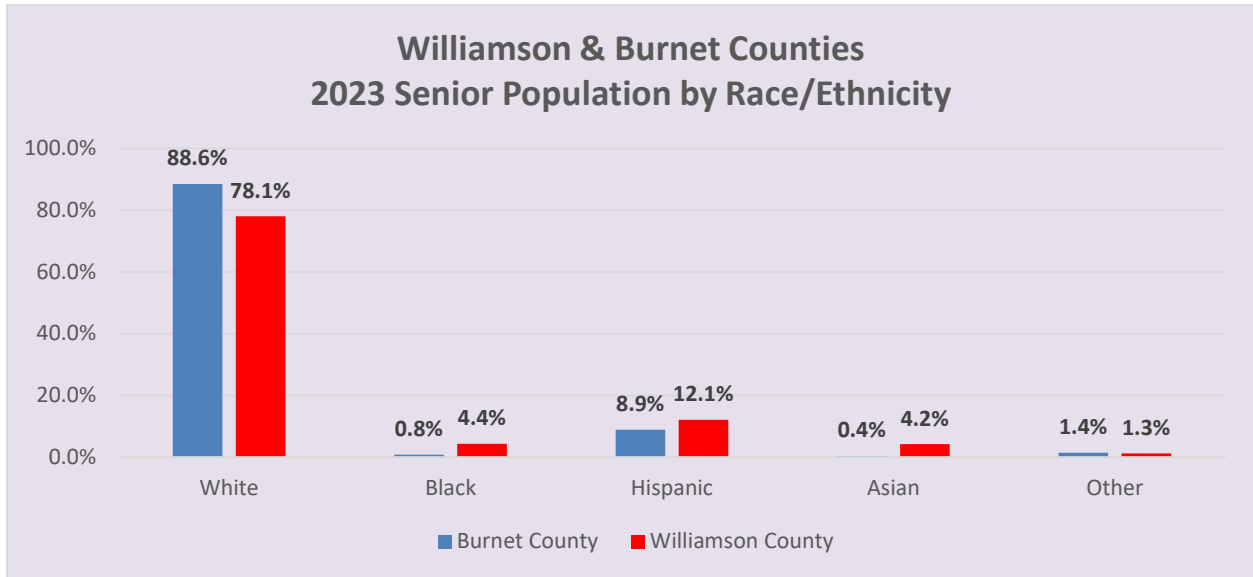


Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections



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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 2023

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	Percentage Males	Number Females	Percentage Females
Burnet	24,310	48.7%	25,583	51.3%
Williamson	318,554	48.8%	333,632	51.2%

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, December 2023

Race/Ethnicity

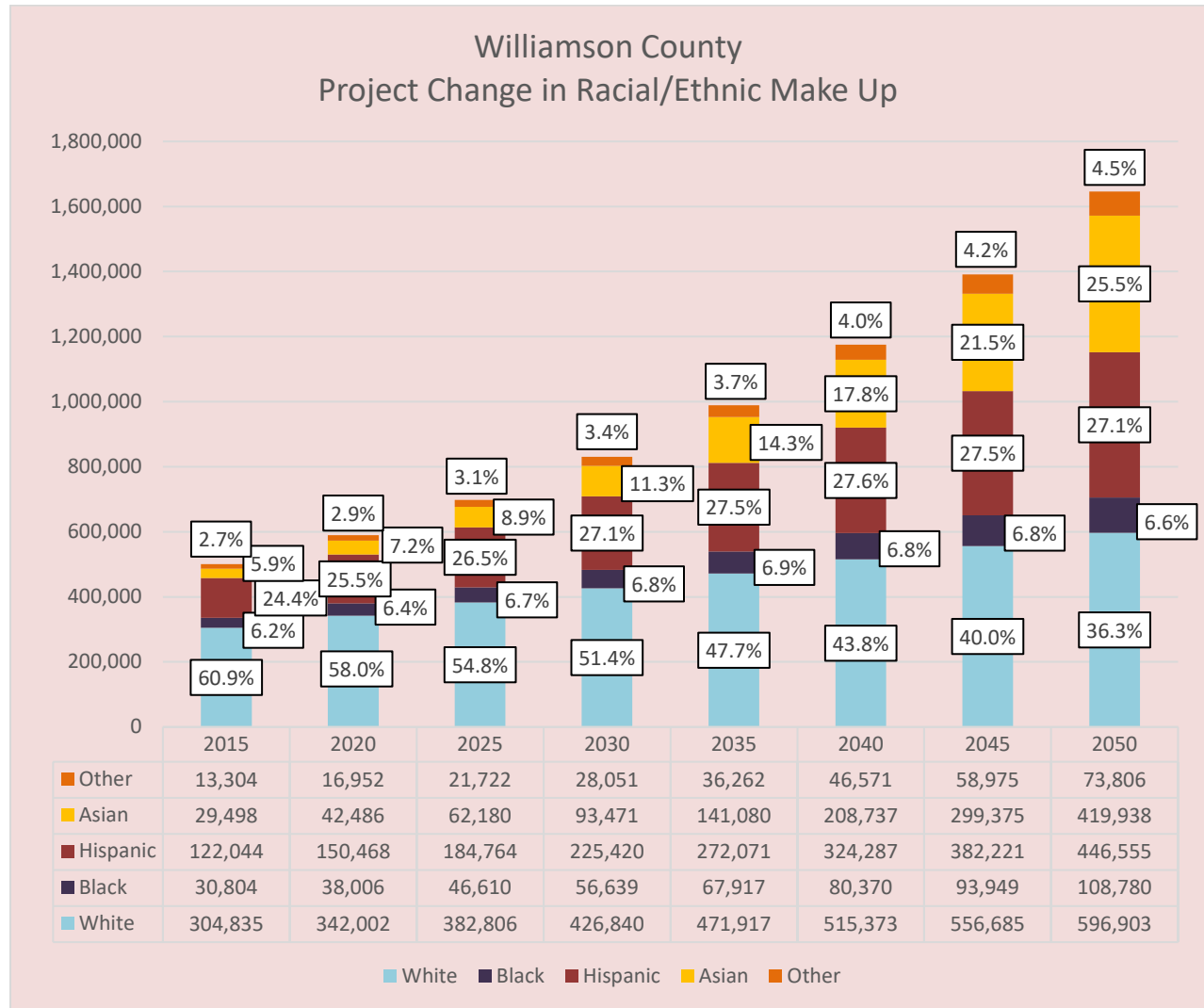
The chart below shows the current racial/ethnic breakdown of Williamson and Burnet Counties by count and percentage of the population.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Population Breakdown by Race/Ethnicity				
County	Race/Ethnicity	Data Type	Count and Percentage of Total Population	Count and Percentage of Child Population
Burnet	White	Number	35,420	6,046
		Percentage	71.0%	56.0%
	Black	Number	840	182
		Percentage	1.7%	1.7%
	Hispanic	Number	12,474	4,176
		Percentage	25.0%	38.7%
	Asian	Number	242	55
		Percentage	0.5%	0.5%
	Other	Number	917	328
Williamson		Percentage	1.8%	3.0%
	White	Number	366,036	71,225
		Percentage	56.1%	45.5%
	Black	Number	42,986	10,731
		Percentage	6.6%	6.9%
	Hispanic	Number	170,303	53,776
		Percentage	26.1%	34.4%
	Asian	Number	53,202	13,063
		Percentage	8.2%	8.3%
	Other	Number	19,659	7,738
		Percentage	3.0%	4.9%

Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, December 2023

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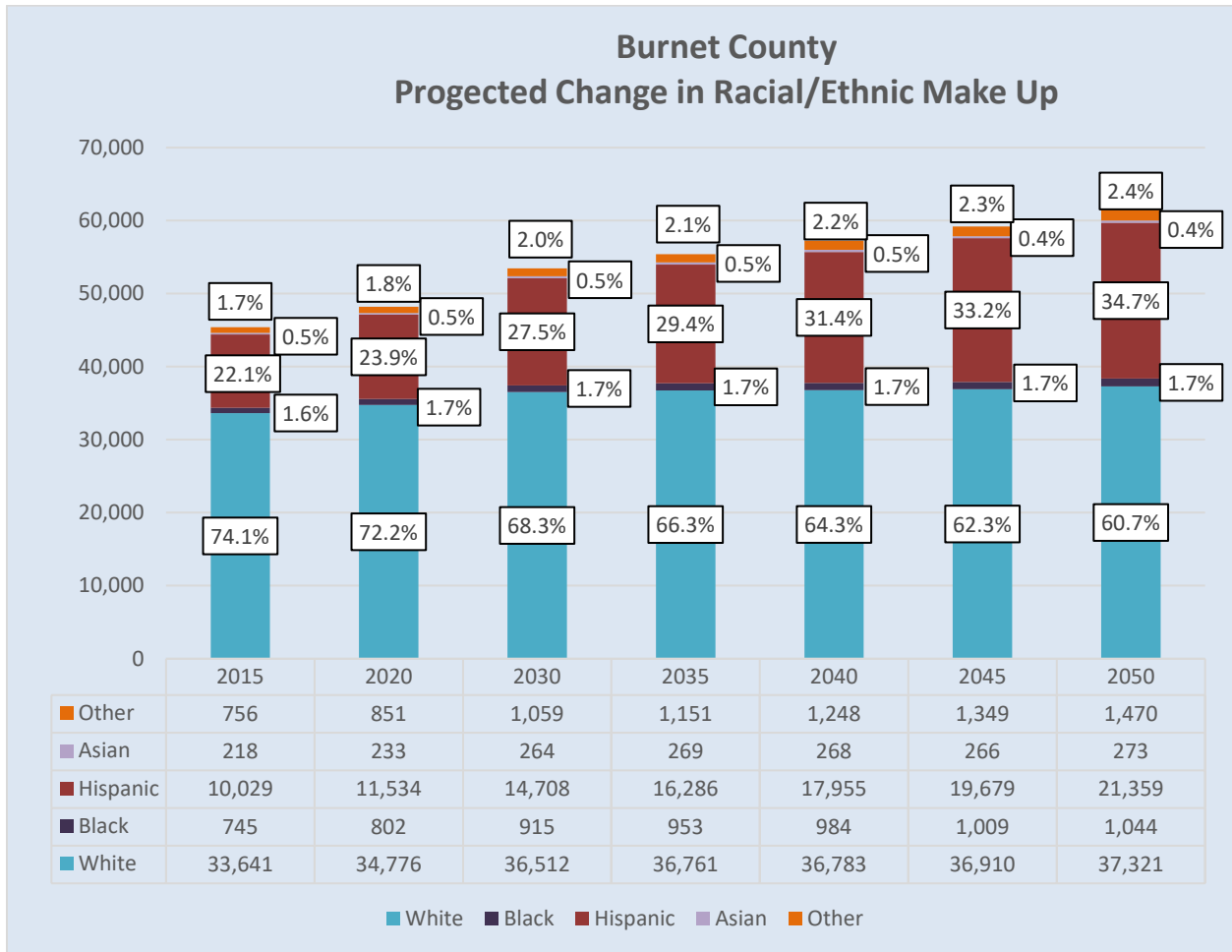
The graphs below show the projected racial/ethnic breakdown of Williamson and Burnet Counties in the future. In both counties, all racial/ethnic groups will increase in number, but the percentage of the total population of each group is projected to change significantly. In Williamson County, the white population will decrease from 58% in 2020 to 36% in 2050. The Black 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 percentage 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 2022

In Burnet County, the percentage of the white population is projected to decrease from 72% in 2020 to 61% in 2050. The Black population is projected to remain around 2%. The Hispanic population is projected

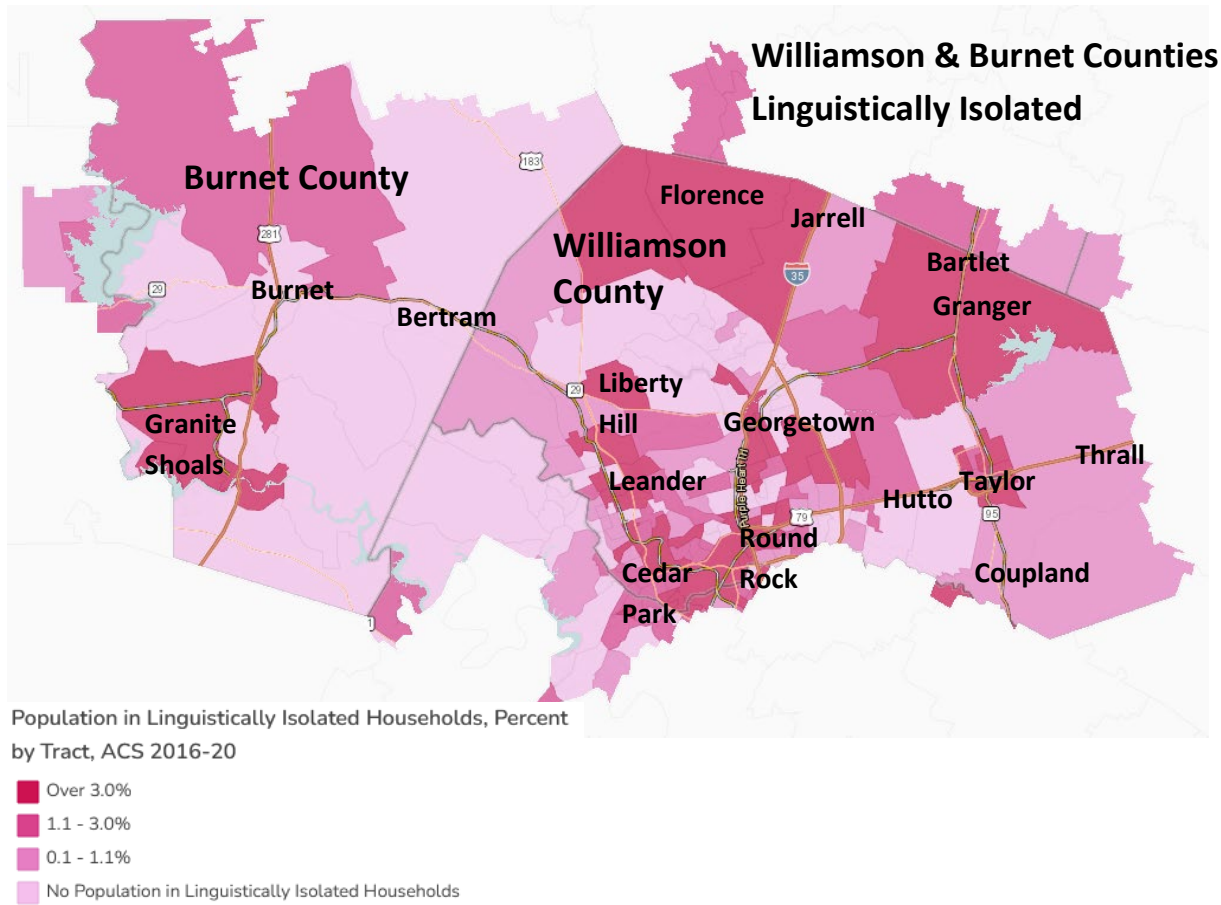
to increase from 24% in 2020 to 35% in 2050. Other racial groups, including the Asian population, are projected to remain between 2% and 3%.



Source: Texas Demographic Center, Population Projections, 2022

Population in Limited-English Households

The map below shows the location of linguistically isolated households. Household were no member of the household over the age of 14 speaks English very well. Families in limited English-speaking households may need English-language assistance.



The charts below show homes in Williamson and Burnet Counties broken down by the language spoken at home. The lower chart 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	East Asian	African
Head Start/Early Head Start	67.4%	28.5%	2.2%	0.7%	0.9%
Opportunities Head Start PIR, 2021 - 2022					

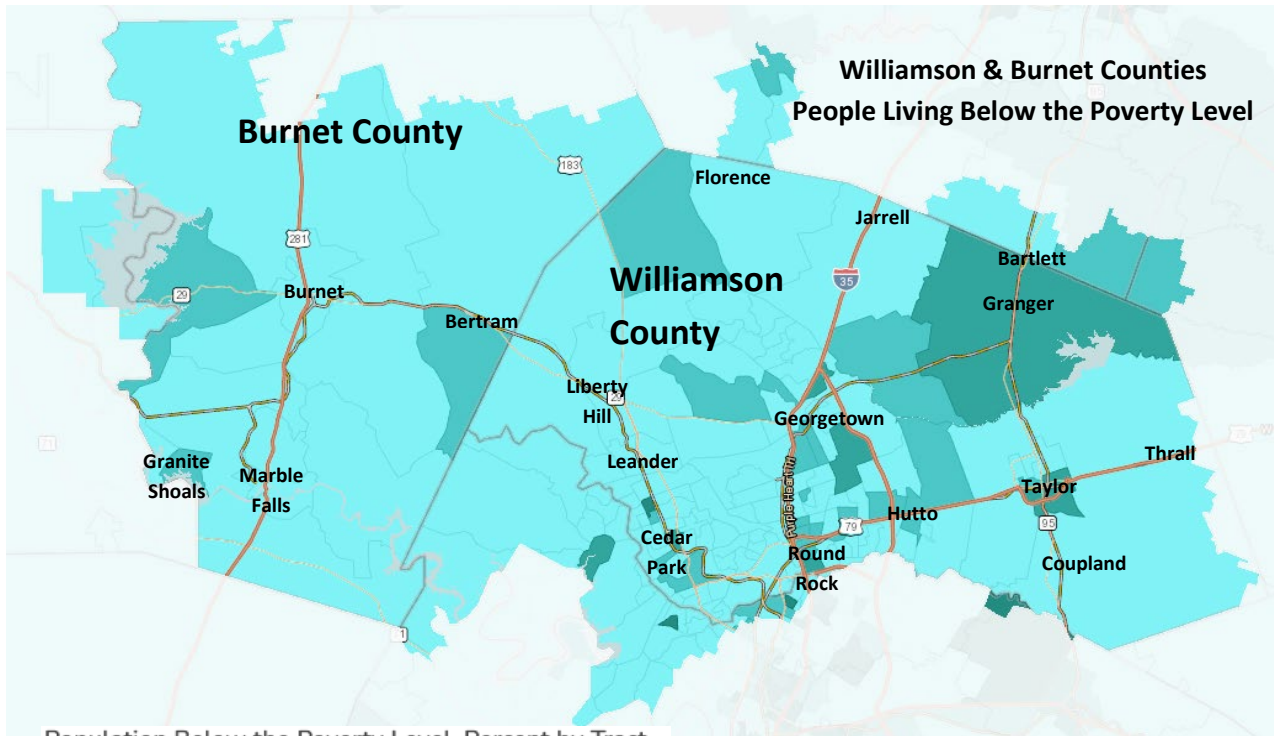
Data of Poverty Populations

The chart below shows the number of individuals in Williamson and Burnet Counties living below the poverty level and the percentage of the population that live below the poverty level. It further breaks down the numbers by showing the number of children who live below the poverty level. 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.

The percentage of individuals and children living below the poverty level in both counties is significantly lower than both the Texas and the national levels. Individuals in Burnet County are more likely to be living below the poverty level, but due to the population of Williamson County, there are many more people living below the poverty level there than there are in Burnet County.

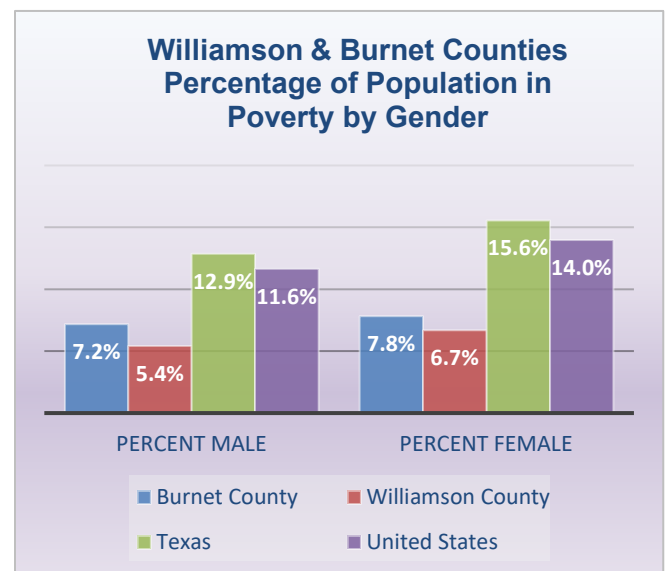
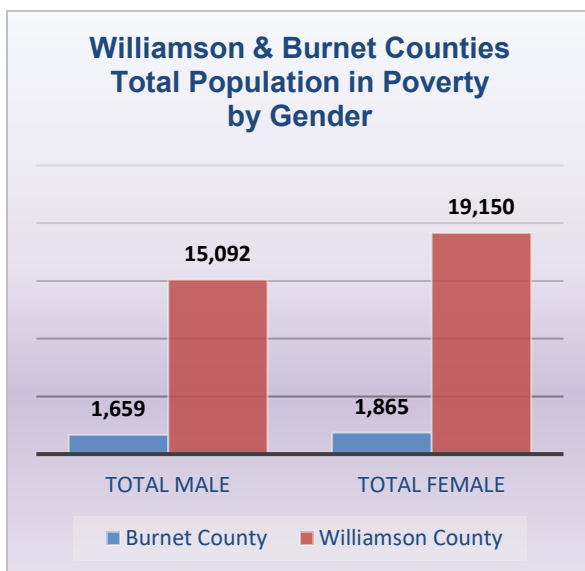
Poverty in Williamson & Burnet Counties				
Area	All Ages		Children Age under 18	
	No. of Individuals	Poverty Rate	No. of Individuals	Poverty Rate
Burnet County	3,524	7.51%	994	10.01%
Williamson County	34,242	6.06%	9,074	6.30%
Texas	3,984,260	14.22%	1,462,277	20.05%
United States	40,910,326	12.84%	12,598,699	17.48%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020.				

The map below shows where 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 above show the number and percentage of the population that live below the poverty level by gender. Females are more likely to be living in poverty than males.

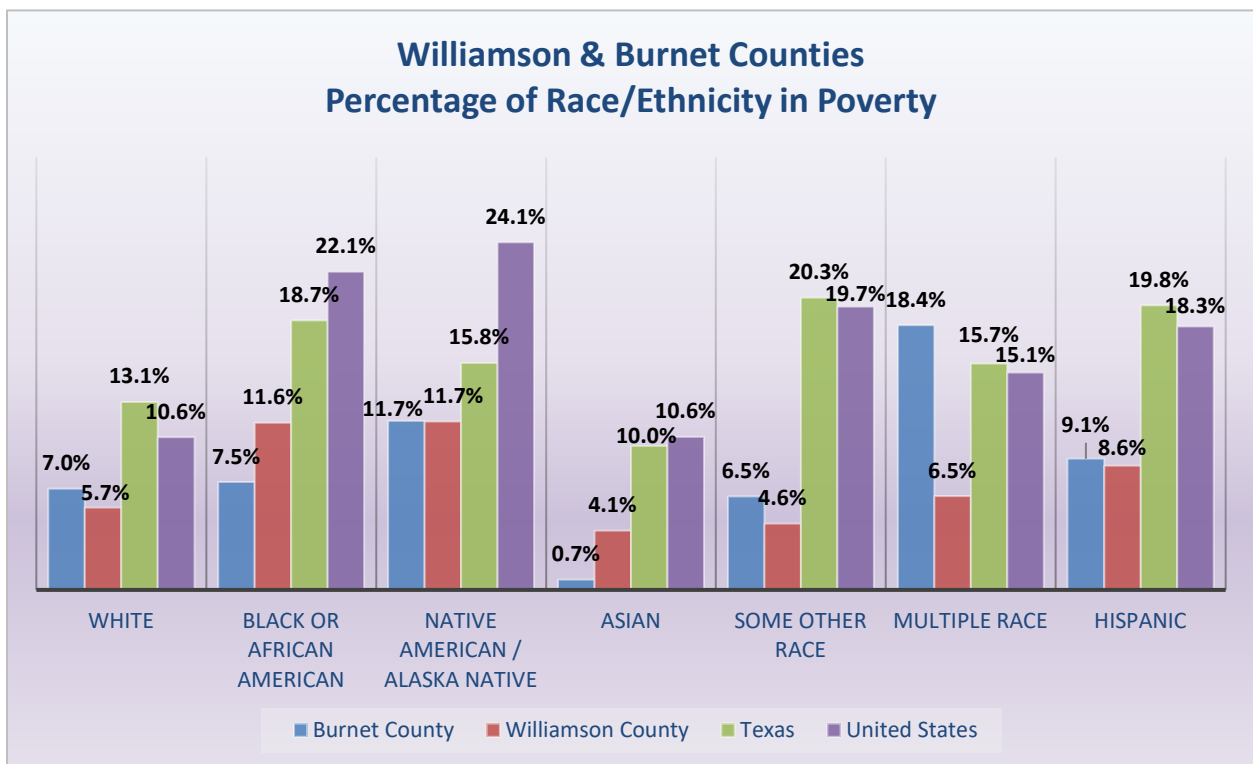


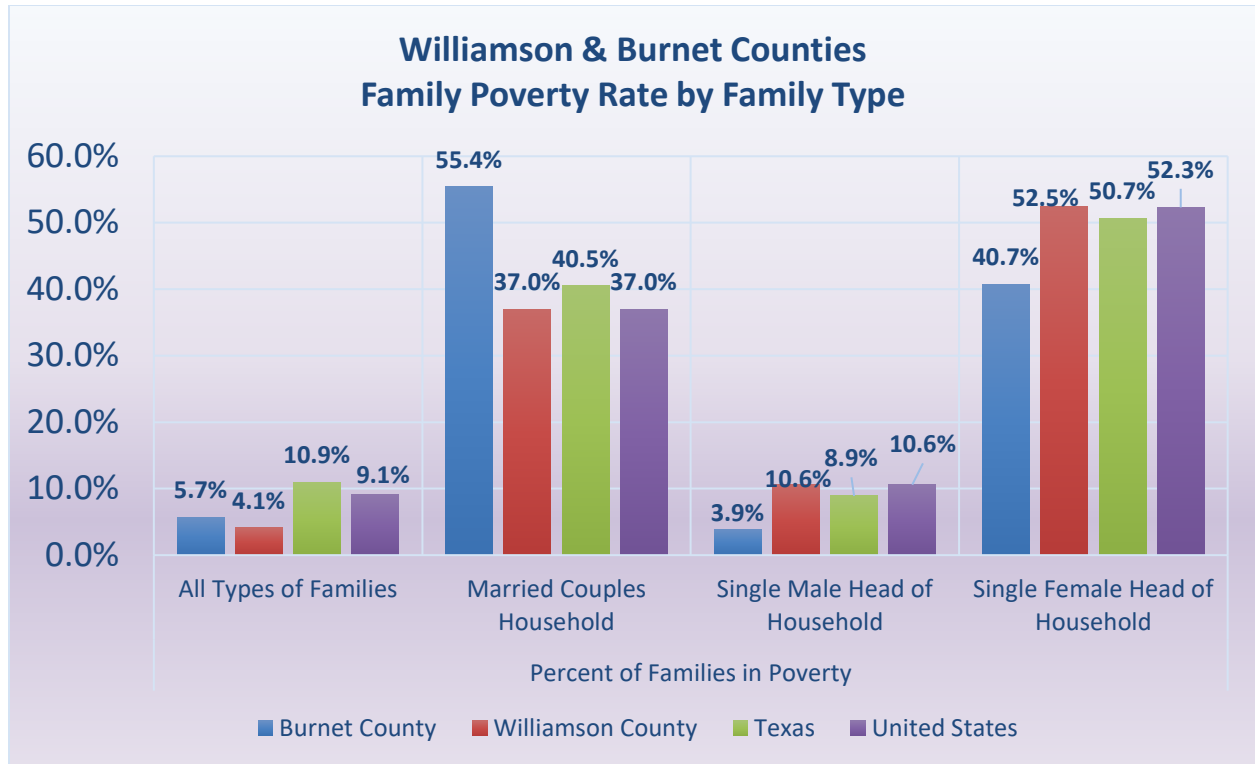
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20.

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

In Burnet County, individuals who reported as multiple races had the highest level of poverty (18.4%) with rates above both national and Texas levels. This high rate may be due to a small sample size. The Hispanic population had the second highest poverty level (9.1%).

In Williamson County, the Black population has the highest poverty rate (11.6%), and the Hispanic population has the second-highest rates (8.6%). Both populations had poverty level rates much lower than both national 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. 2016-20.

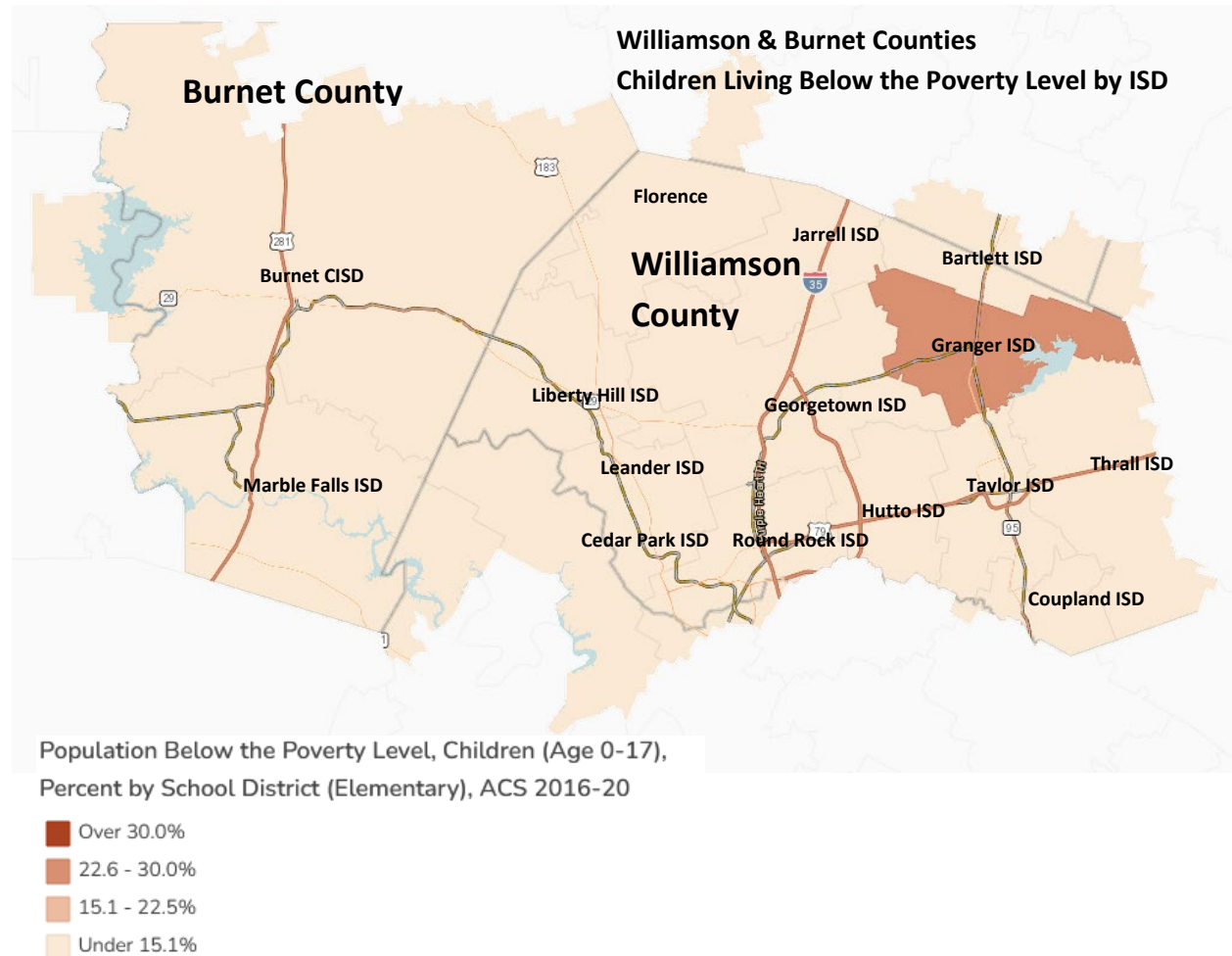
In the graph above, the first group of columns shows the percentage of all families who live below the poverty level. The other groups of columns show the percentage of families in poverty that fall in those categories.

In Burnet County, 5.7% of families live below the poverty level, and of that number, 55.4% are families of married couples, 3.9% are single male heads of households, and 40.7% are single female heads of households.

In Williamson County, 4.1% of families live below the poverty level, and of that number, 37.0% are families of married couples, 10.6% are single male heads of households, and 52.5% are single female heads of households.

Poverty Levels of Children by School District

The maps and chart below show the percentage of children living below the poverty level by school district, as well as the number of children under age five who are living below the poverty level by school district.

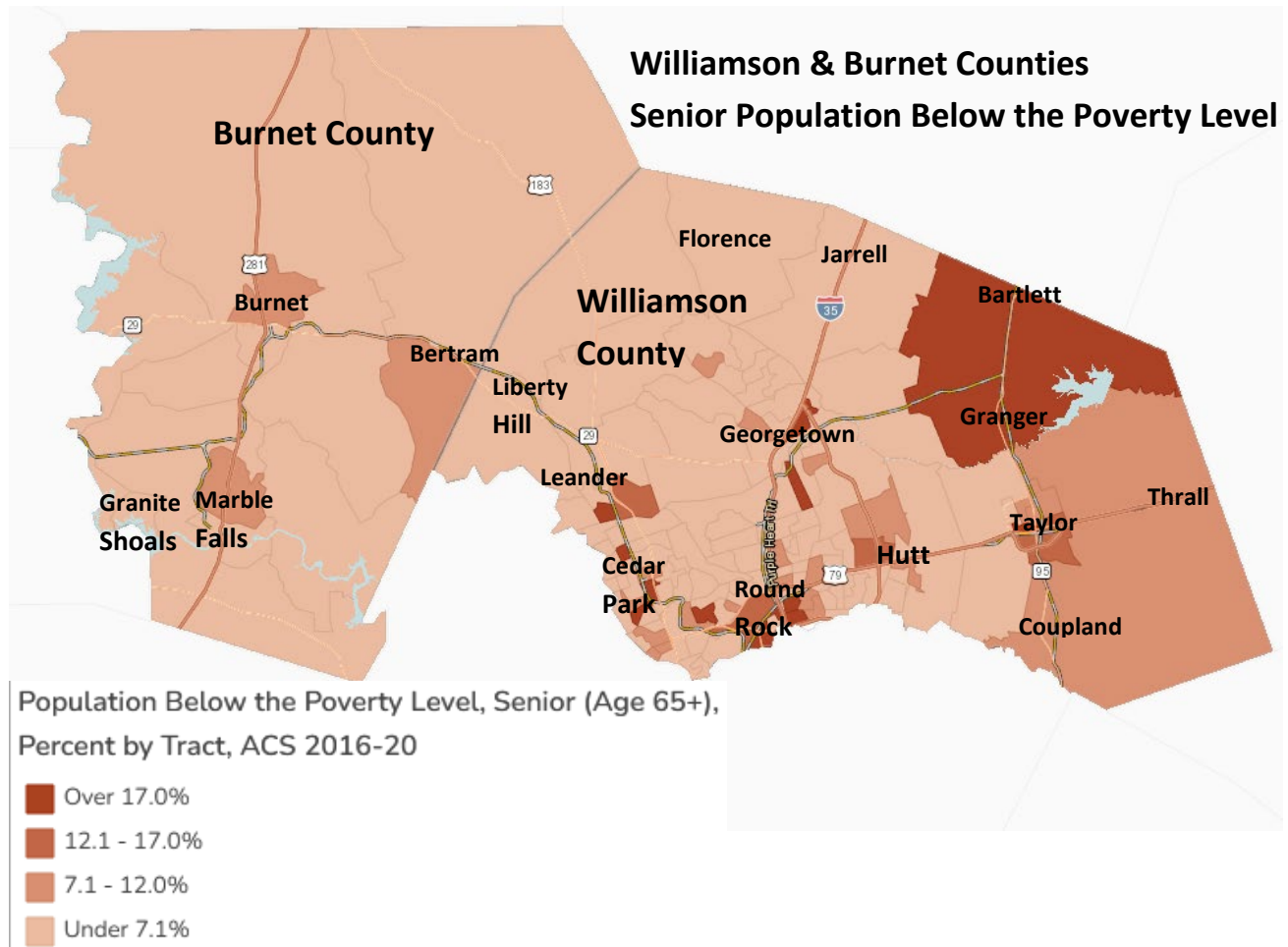


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Number of Children 0-4, Living Below the Poverty Level by School District		
School District	Percent of Children Younger Than 5 in Poverty	Number of Children Younger Than 5 in Poverty
Burnet Consolidated ISD	6.74%	87
Marble Falls ISD	10.23%	115
Florence ISD	26.44%	92
Liberty Hill ISD	3.77%	57
Leander ISD	4.22%	608
Jarrell ISD	11.84%	76
Georgetown ISD	6.37	290
Round Rock ISD	7.08%	1,267
Hutto ISD	1.63%	40
Bartlett ISD	4.05%	7
Granger ISD	51.32%	39
Taylor ISD	10.75%	142
Coupland ISD	15.38%	10
Thrall ISD	4.29%	6
Data Source: American Community Survey, 2016 - 2020		

Locations of Seniors Living Below the Poverty Level

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



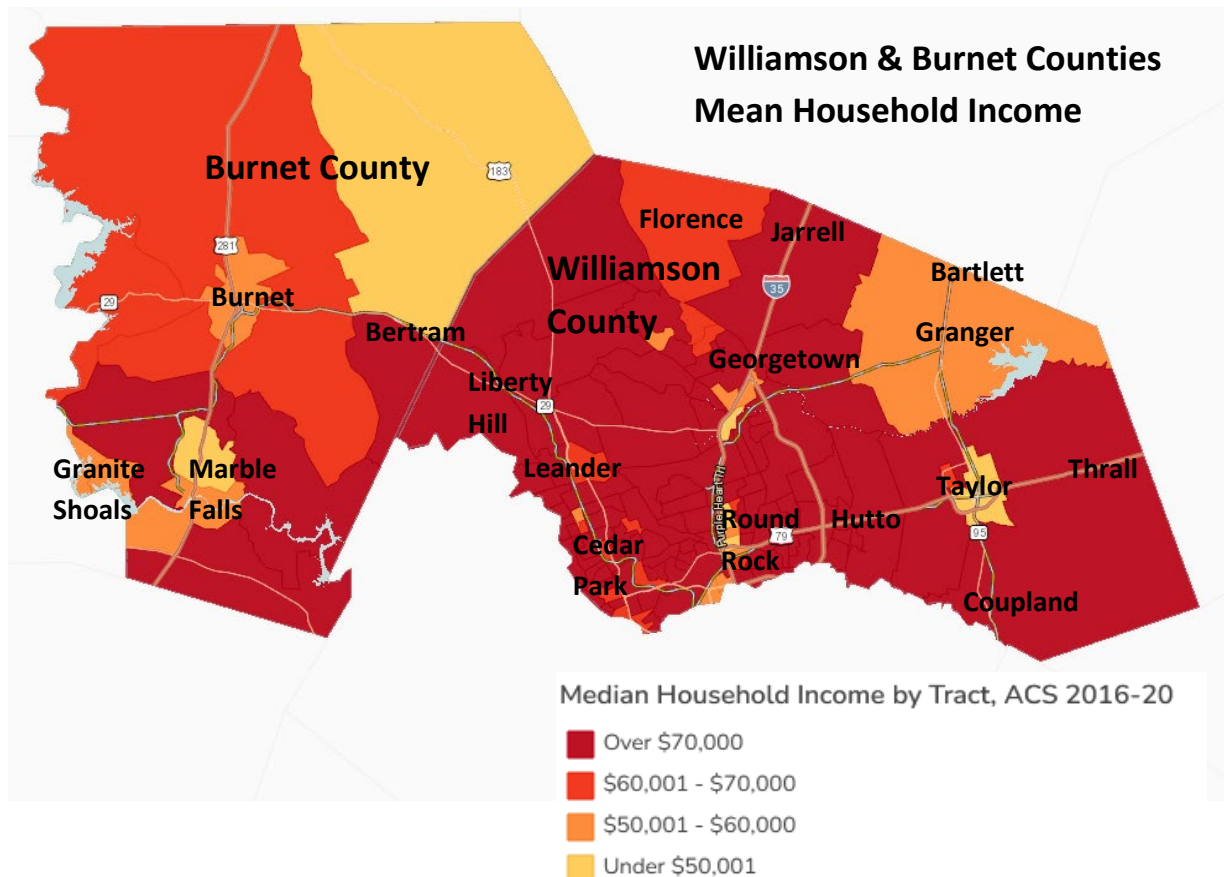
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Median Income

The charts below show the mean and median household income for households in Williamson and Burnet Counties compared to Texas and the United States. The second chart shows the median income by ethnicity.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Median & Mean Household Incomes		
Area	Mean Household Income	Median Household Income
Burnet County	\$82,742	\$59,919
Williamson County	\$109,558	\$90,834
Texas	\$89,506	\$63,826
United States	\$91,547	\$64,994
Data Source: Community Action Partnership report from American Community Survey, 2016-2020.		

Williamson & Burnet Counties Median Income by Ethnicity							
Area	White	Black	Asian	Native American	Other Race	Multiple Race	Hispanic
Burnet	\$62,810	\$50,492	No Data	\$53,365	\$57,932	\$46,510	\$47,979
Williamson	\$94,018	\$73,186	\$125,472	\$77,813	\$78,194	\$81,430	\$76,148
Texas	\$77,821	\$48,293	\$91,879	\$57,973	\$48,208	\$58,688	\$51,401
United States	\$70,843	\$43,674	\$91,775	\$45,877	\$51,900	\$61,870	\$54,632
Data Source: Community Action Partnership report from American Community Survey, 2016-2020.							



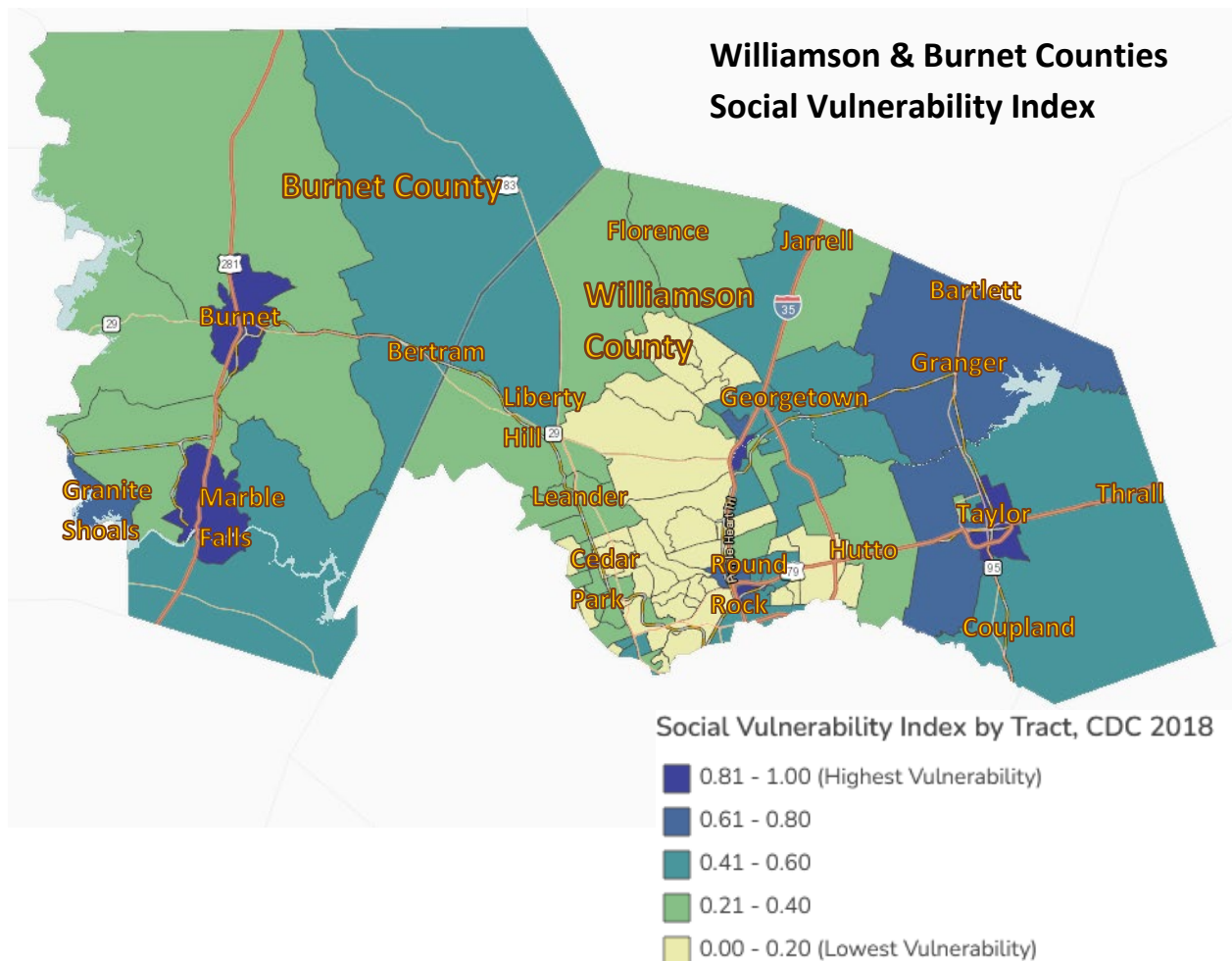
The chart above shows the median household income in different parts of Williamson and Burnet Counties.

Social Vulnerability Index

The degree to which a community exhibits certain social conditions, including high poverty, low percentage of vehicle access, or crowded households, may affect that community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in the event of disaster. These factors describe a community's social vulnerability.

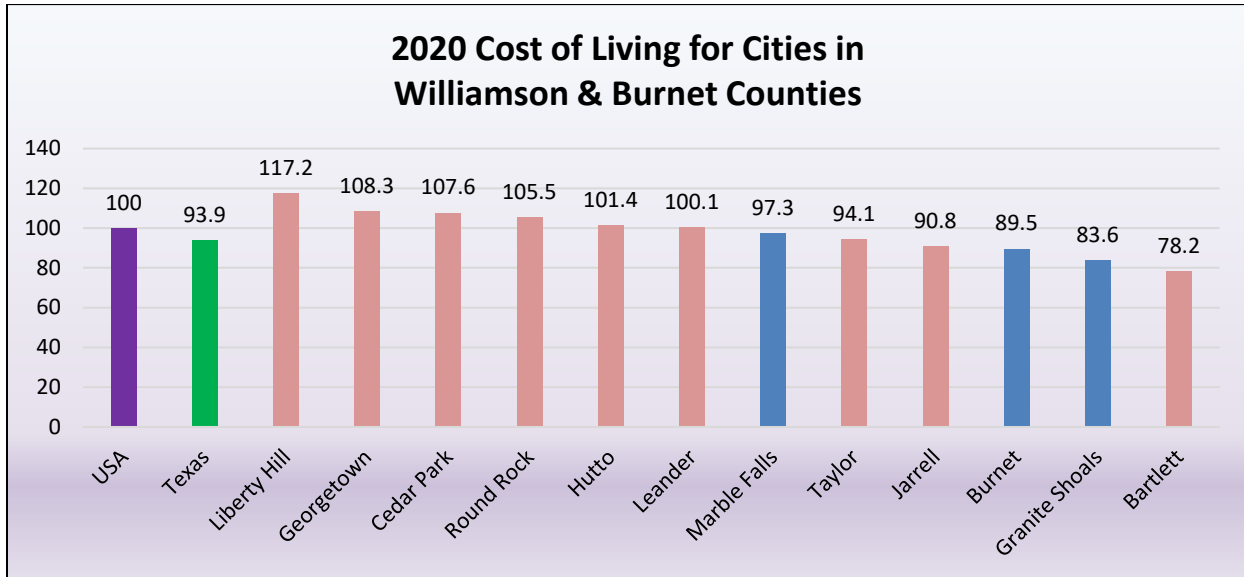
The social vulnerability index is a measure of the degree of social vulnerability in counties and neighborhoods across the United States. Scores range from 0 to 1, with a higher score indicates higher vulnerability.

Social Vulnerability Index Scores	
Area	Index Score
Burnet County	0.53
Williamson County	0.20
Texas	0.65
Unite States	0.40



Cost of Living

The graph below shows the cost of living in various communities in Williamson and Burnet Counties. 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, ranging 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 in the chart below is the hourly rate that an individual in a household must earn to support him or herself and their family. The assumption is that the sole provider is working full-time (2,080 hours per year). The tool provides information for individuals, households with one working adult, or households with two working adults, each with 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 is 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 1 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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Living Wage												
# of Children	1 Adult				2 Adults (1 working)				2 Adults (both working)			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Burnet County												
Living Wage	\$15.49	\$30.22	\$38.01	\$50.11	\$23.91	\$28.79	\$33.90	\$37.00	\$11.96	\$16.73	\$21.62	\$25.51
Poverty Wage	\$6.19	\$8.38	\$10.56	\$12.74	\$8.38	\$10.56	\$12.74	\$14.92	\$4.19	\$5.28	\$6.37	\$7.46
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
Williamson County												
Living Wage	\$18.04	\$34.35	\$42.14	\$55.04	\$27.20	\$32.92	\$38.02	\$41.92	\$13.60	\$18.80	\$23.80	\$27.97
Poverty Wage	\$6.19	\$8.38	\$10.56	\$12.74	\$8.38	\$10.56	\$12.74	\$14.92	\$4.19	\$5.28	\$6.37	\$7.46
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: Living Wage Calculator, Massachusetts Institute of Technology												

Income - Inequality (Gini Index)

The chart above 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. Both counties have less income inequality than both Texas and the nation, with Williamson County showing the least inequality.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Inequality Index	
Area	Gini Index Value
Burnet County	0.45
Williamson County	0.39
Texas	0.48
United States	0.48
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20.	

Household & Family Composition

Family Data

There are 148,844 families living in the Opportunities service area: 12,752 in Burnet County and 136,113 in Williamson County (ACS 2016-2020).

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

Opportunities Head Start, Family Type		
	Early Head Start	Head Start
Total Families	162	253
2 Parent Families	59	108
Single Parent Families	103	145
Child Being Raised By		
Parent (biological, step, or adoptive)	153	240
Mother only	89	142
Father only	2	2
Grandparent	4	6
Other Relative	1	1
Foster Parent	4	5
Opportunities, Head Start PIR, 2019 - 2020		

Single-Parent Households

The chart below shows the number and percentage of single parent households in Williamson and Burnet Counties. Texas data is shown for comparison purposes. Both counties have a smaller percentage of single-parent families than Texas

Williamson and Burnet Counties, Single Parent Households						
Location	Data Type	2012-2016	2013-2017	2014-2018	2015-2019	2016-2020
Texas	Number	1,897,521	1,898,630	1,902,094	1,904,278	1,902,939
	Percentage	30.7%	30.3%	30.1%	29.9%	29.7%
Burnet	Number	3,342	2,973	2,633	2,102	1,570
	Percentage	39.9%	34.5%	30.9%	24.9%	18.8%
Williamson	Number	24,551	25,506	25,784	26,421	26,713
	Percentage	20.1%	20.4%	20.1%	20.2%	19.9%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities Definitions: The number and percentage of all children (ages 0-17) living in families headed by a parent without a spouse present in the home. This indicator includes only children of the head of household. Data Source: Census Bureau, American Community Survey Table (5-year estimates)						

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 seventeen years old. The chart also breaks down the information by whether a child lives with one or both parents and which parents in the family work.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Work Status of Parents		
	Burnet County	Williamson County
Total Children	9,513	140,840
Children Under 6	2,706	43,173
Living with 2 Parents	1,795	35,212
Both Working	934	20,922
Father Only Working	832	12,869
Mother Only Working	29	1,346
Neither Parent Working	0	75
Living with One Parent	911	7,961
Living with Father	266	1,772
Father Working	266	1,703
Father Not Working	0	69
Living with Mother	645	6,189
Mother Working	473	4,411
Mother Not Working	172	1,778
Children 6 – 17 Years	6,807	97,667
Living with 2 Parents	5,264	73,809
Both Working	3,405	50,567
Father Only Working	1,470	20,308
Mother Only Working	161	2,092
Neither Parent Working	228	842
Living with One Parent	1,543	23,858
Living with Father	516	5,730
Father Working	494	5,435
Father Not Working	22	295
Living with Mother	1,027	18,128
Mother Working	937	15,957
Mother Not Working	90	2,171
Data Source: Data.census.gov; 2020: ACS 5-Year Estimate		

Grandparents

Frequently grandparents are living with grandchildren and are often the primary caregiver. Grandparents frequently become a child's official or unofficial primary caregiver when the parent of the child is young or when the child is 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 Counties Grandparents Living with or Responsible for Grandchildren		
County	Parent Present	No Parent Present
Burnet County	1,453	676
Williamson County	10,168	3,092
Data Source: 2021 ACS, 5-year estimate		

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 (ACS) 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 certificate 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, Percentage	Non-Family Households	Non-Family Households, Percentage
Burnet County	17,941	12,756	71.10%	5,185	28.90%
Williamson County	217,780	156,053	71.66%	61,727	28.34%
Texas	10,239,341	7,055,810	68.91%	3,183,531	31.09%
United States	124,010,992	80,755,759	65.12%	43,255,233	34.88%
Data Source: 2021, ACS 2021.					

Households by Composition and Relationship to Householder					
Report Area	Average Family Size	Married Family Households	Single Male Family Households	Single Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Burnet County	3.18	10,540	713	1,503	5,185
Williamson County	3.19	125,540	9,413	21,100	61,727
Texas	2.76	5,120,567	533,034	1,402,209	3,183,531
United States	3.20	59,331,185	6,151,295	15,273,279	43,255,233
Data Source: 2021, ACS 2021.					

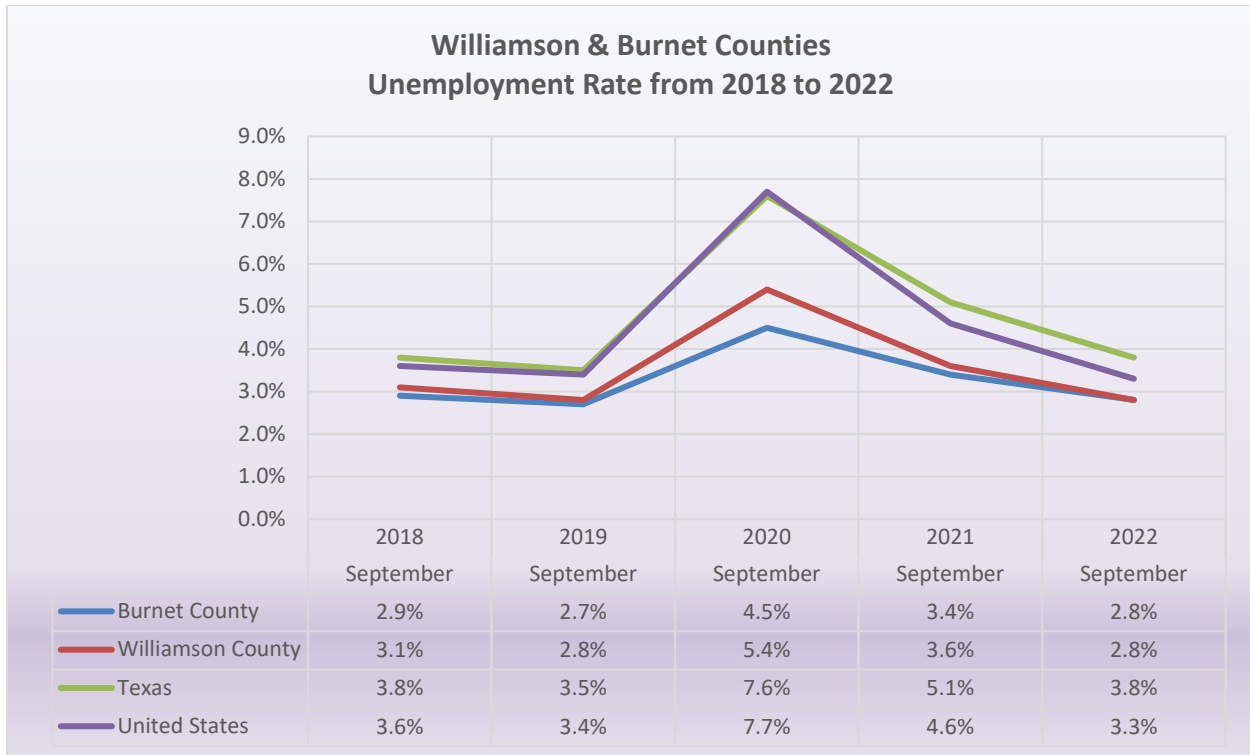
Households with Children by Composition and Relationship to Householder, Percentage of Total Households					
Report Area	All Family Types	Married Family Households	Single-Male Family Households	Single-Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Burnet County	71.10%	58.75%	3.97%	8.38%	28.90%
Williamson County	73.66%	57.65%	4.32%	9.69%	28.34%
Texas	68.91%	50.01%	5.21%	13.69%	31.09%
United States	65.12%	47.84%	4.96%	12.32%	34.88%
Data Source: 2021, ACS 2021.					

Employment & Income

The chart below shows the labor force, number employed, and number unemployed in Williamson and Burnet Counties in September 2022, 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	24,751	24,062	689	2.8%
Williamson County	353,702	343,708	9,994	2.8%
Texas	14,538,929	13,982,071	555,858	3.8%
United States	164,462,664	159,003,147	5,459,518	3.3%
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2022 – September.				

The graph below shows the unemployment rates for Williamson and Burnet Counties compared to national and Texas levels from 2018 to 2022. The rates, while lower than national and Texas levels, follow the same trends.



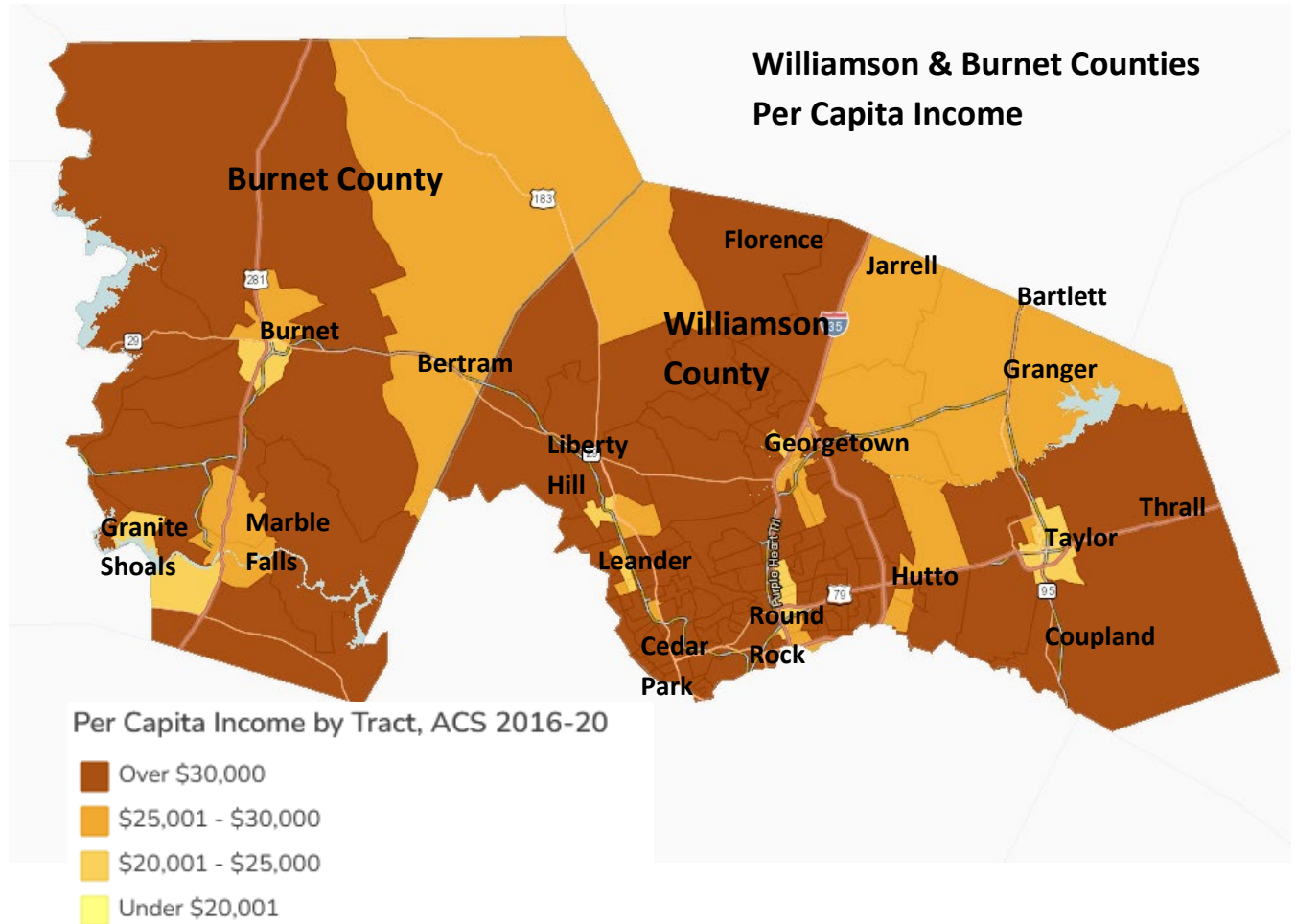
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2019 - October.

The spread of COVID-19 and the subsequent shutdown of non-essential businesses resulted in many people being unable to work. The number of people unemployed in 2020 rose dramatically but the effects were less severe in Williamson and Burnet Counties than they were at the state and national level. They are now back to pre-pandemic levels. From 2019 to 2022 the national labor force dropped by 1.18 million resulting in a national labor shortage and making it difficult for Opportunities and other organizations to find qualified job applicants.

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

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
Burnet County	\$59,919	\$31,664
Williamson County	\$90,834	\$38,494
Texas	\$63,826	\$32,177
United States	\$64,994	\$35,384
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020.		

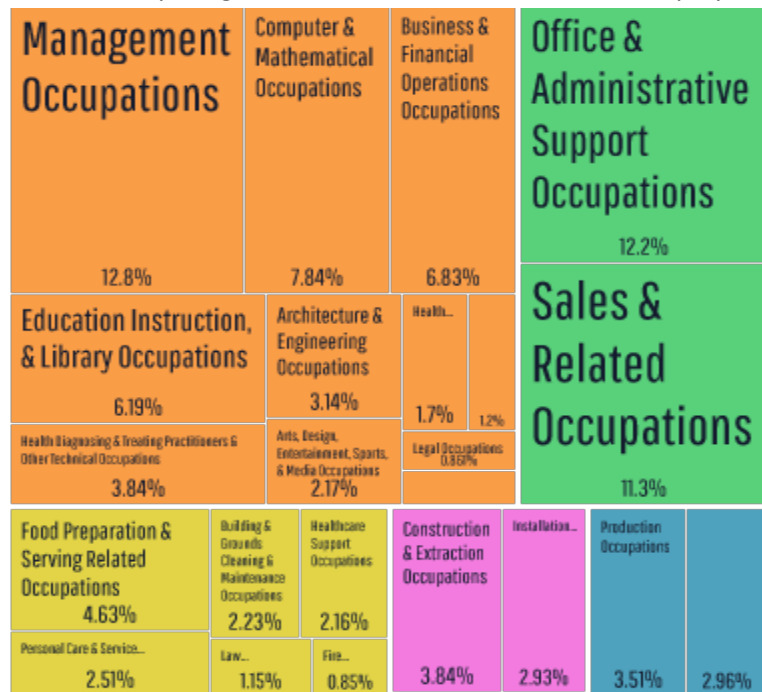
The map below shows the per capita income of different parts of Williamson and Burnet Counties.



Williamson County - Employment by Occupations & Industries

From 2019 to 2020, employment in Williamson County, TX grew at a rate of 4.06%, from 279k employees to 291k employees.

Occupations: The most common job groups, by number of people living in Williamson County, TX, are Management Occupations (37,063 people), Office & Administrative Support Occupations (35,354 people), and Sales & Related Occupations (32,758 people). This chart illustrates the share breakdown of the primary jobs held by residents of Williamson County, TX.



<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/williamson-county-tx>

Industries: The most common employment sectors for those who live in Williamson County are Retail Trade (34,900 people), Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services (34,527 people), and Health Care & Social Assistance (33,495 people). This chart shows the share breakdown of the primary industries for residents of Williamson County, though some of these residents may live in Williamson County, TX and work somewhere else. Census data is tagged to a residential address, not a work address.



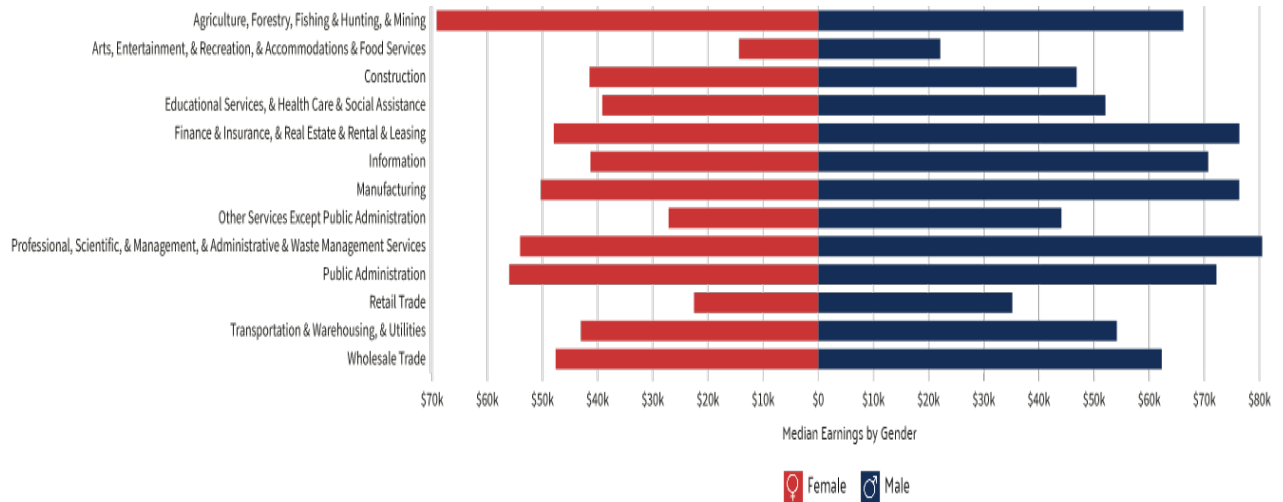
Median Earnings by Industry

Median earning men: \$55,099: ± \$1,415

Median earning women: \$37,958: ± \$1,180

The industries with the best median earnings for men in 2020 are Professional, Scientific, & Management, & Administrative & Waste Management Services (\$80,475), Finance & Insurance, & Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (\$76,340), and Manufacturing (\$76,314).

The industries with the best median earnings for women in 2020 are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, & Mining (\$69,188), Public Administration (\$56,042), and Professional, Scientific, & Management, & Administrative & Waste Management Services (\$54,060).



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

Burnet County - Employment by Occupations & Industry

From 2019 to 2020, employment in Burnet County, TX grew at a rate of 3.12%, from 21k employees to 21.7k employees.

Occupations

The most common job groups, by number of people living in Burnet County, are Sales & Related Occupations (2,741 people), Construction & Extraction Occupations (2,731 people), and Office & Administrative Support Occupations (2,345 people). This chart illustrates the share breakdown of the primary jobs held by residents of Burnet County.

Industry: The most common employment sectors for those who live in Burnet County are Construction (3,515 people), Retail Trade (3,086 people), and Health Care & Social Assistance (2,219 people). This chart shows the share breakdown of the primary industries for residents of Burnet County though some of these residents may live in Burnet County, TX and work somewhere else. Census data is tagged to a residential address, not a work address.



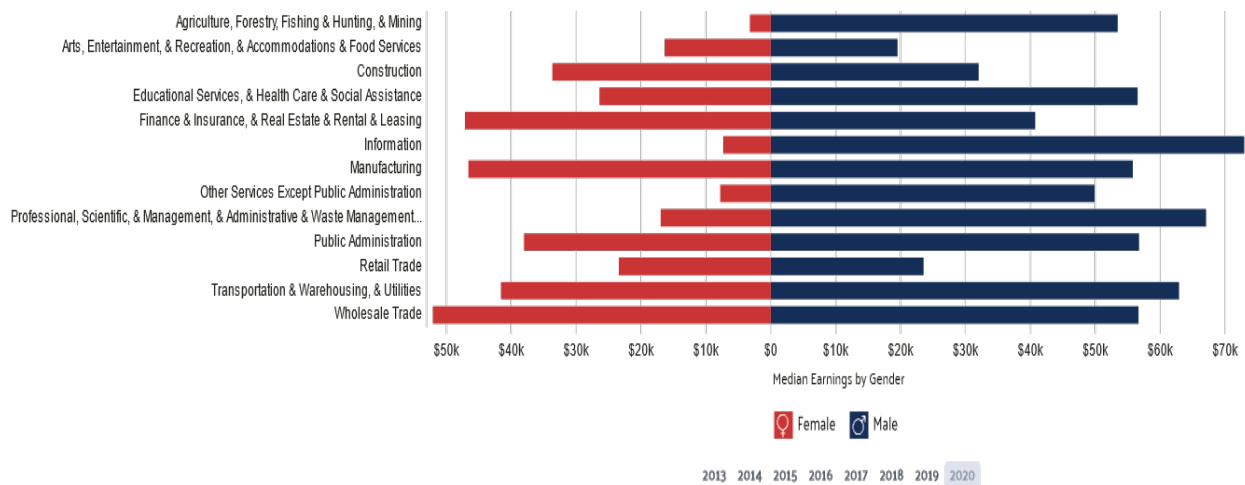
Median Earnings by Industry

Median earning men: \$40,425 ± \$3,899

Median earning women: \$25,831 ± \$1,688

The industries with the best median earnings for men in 2020 are Information (\$72,969), Professional, Scientific, & Management, & Administrative & Waste Management Services (\$67,083), and Transportation & Warehousing, & Utilities (\$62,917).

The industries with the best median earnings for women in 2020 are Wholesale Trade (\$52,083), Finance & Insurance, & Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (\$47,137), and Manufacturing (\$46,602).



Data Source: Data USA, Census Bureau ACS 5-year Estimate

Travel

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

Williamson & Burnet Counties Travel Time to Work						
Area	Workers that Commute	Percentage of Workers Who				Average Commute Time
		Travel Less than 10 Minutes	Travel Between 10 to 30 Minutes	Travel 30 to 60 Minutes	Travel More than 60 Minutes	
Burnet County	19,349	21.1%	39.2%	27.2%	12.5%	No data
Williamson County	253,210	9.8%	46.7%	35.0%	8.5%	28.0 min
Texas	12,371,575	11.7%	49.4%	30.6%	8.4%	26.6 min
United States	142,512,559	12.3%	49.3%	29.2%	9.3%	26.9 min
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20.						

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 their children to childcare. Other forms of transportation are not available in many parts of both counties. In addition, individuals living in poverty that *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, Vehicle Availability for Workers						
County	No Vehicle Available	One Vehicle Available	Male		Female	
			No Vehicle Available	One Vehicle Available	No Vehicle Available	One 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

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

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Violent Crimes per 100,000			
Location	Violent Crime Rate	Homicide Rate	Firearm Fatalities
Texas	420	6	13
Burnet County	248	4	14
Williamson County	165	2	10
Data Source: County Health Rankings, Uniform Crime Reporting, FBI, 2015 - 2017; National Center for Health Statistics, 2016-2020			

Public Assistance

The following charts show information on families receiving public assistance.

Opportunities Head Start Eligibility						
Program	Income Eligible	Public Assistance	Foster Child	Homeless	Other Type of Need	100% to 130% of Poverty
EHS	112	6	12	9	12	28
HS	134	17	10	3	28	74
Opportunities Head Start, PIR, 2019 - 2020						

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Households Receiving Public Assistance Income				
County	Households Receiving Public Assistance Income	Percentage Households with Public Assistance Income	Aggregate Public Assistance Dollars Received	Average Public Assistance Received
Burnet	238	1.4%	\$549,200	\$2,297
Williamson	2,222	1.34%	\$6,990,500	\$3,146

Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)				
Area	Total Households Receiving SNAP	Percentage Households Receiving SNAP	Total Households Receiving SNAP Below Poverty	Total Households Receiving SNAP Above Poverty
Burnet County	1,039	6.0%%	560	479
Williamson County	9,456	5.0%	2,555	6,901
Texas	1,137,919	11.5%	521,387	616,532
United States	13,892,407	11.4%	6,370,420	7,521,987
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20.				

Williamson & Burnet Counties Households & Individuals Receiving SNAP Benefits November 2022						
County	Number of Eligible Individuals	Age of Recipients				Total Payments
		< 5 years	5 – 17 years	Adults 18-64	Seniors	
Burnet	3,484	461	1,167	1,454	402	\$558,619
Williamson	27,948	3,934	10,235	11,277	2,502	\$4,836,923
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	Percentage of Insured Population Receiving Medicaid
Burnet	45,757	5,203	8.79%
Williamson	492,790	36,445	13.52%
Source: https://datausa.io/profile/geo/williamson-county-tx			

TANF recipients (0-17) in Texas						
Location	Data Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Texas	Number	59,734	53,313	53,701	48,803	42,090
	Percentage	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
Burnet County	Number	42	35	39	29	26
	Percentage	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%
Williamson County	Number	302	233	221	229	193
	Percentage	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%

DEFINITIONS & SOURCES Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities
Definitions: Number and percentage 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 Oct 2022				
Type of Program	Burnet		Williamson	
	Cases	Payments	Cases	Payments
Basic	2	\$410	43	\$8,740
State	0	\$0	2	\$758
Source: Texas Health and Human Services				

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SSI recipients (0-17)						
Location	Data Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Texas	Number	137,546	134,429	131,121	127,990	123,974
	Rate per 1,000 children	18.9	18.4	17.8	17.4	17.0
Burnet County	Number	122	111	84	76	70
	Rate per 1,000 children	12.2	11.0	8.2	7.3	6.9
Williamson County	Number	898	910	880	843	860
	Rate per 1,000 children	6.6	6.4	6.1	5.7	6.6
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	2019
Texas	1-4	478,416	451,241	452,509	315,802
	Under 1	226,938	222,232	228,036	178,886
	Women	249,718	242,988	247,598	No data
Burnet County	1-4	686	617	580	418
	Under 1	297	299	280	221
	Women	348	340	328	No data
Williamson County	1-4	3,630	3,406	3,252	2,629
	Under 1	1,881	1,828	1,818	1,534
	Women	1,978	1,852	1,801	No data
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 (WIC). Data Source: Texas Department of State Health Services Footnotes: Monthly average of federal fiscal year. Counties totals may not equal state totals because a small number of cases are from unknown counties. Participation in WIC represents continued use. Due to a transition in management information systems there is no data from 2016-2018, the indicator resumes 2019 on with a new series.					

Food Insecurities & Access to Healthy Food

The chart below shows the number and percentage of people and children who experience food insecurity. Food insecurity is not knowing when your next meal will be. From 2016 to 2020 the percentage of individuals and children experiencing food insecurity has decreased significantly.

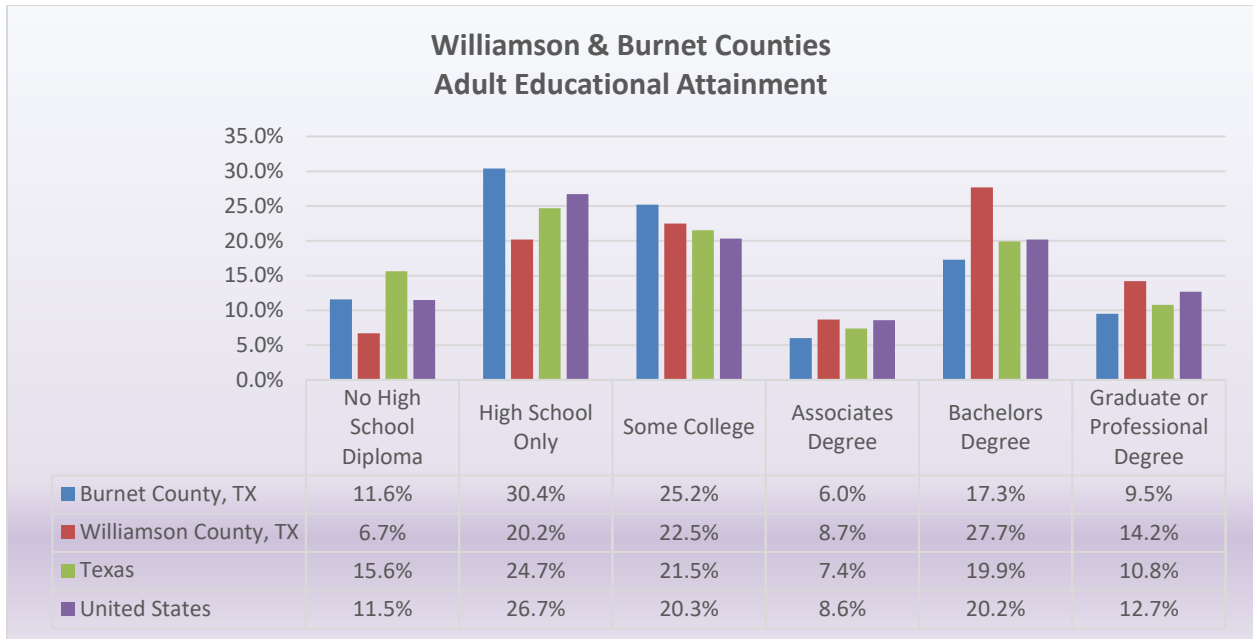
Food Insecurity							
			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Texas	All Ages	Number	4,277,540	4,217,470	4,295,240	4,092,850	3,720,710
		Percentage	15.4%	14.9%	15.0%	14.1%	13.0%
	Children	Number	1,676,740	1,658,680	1,598,940	1,448,490	1,395,890
		Percentage	23.0%	22.5%	21.6%	19.6%	18.9%
Burnet County	All Ages	Number	6,500	6,100	6,400	6,430	5,760
		Percentage	14.6%	13.5%	14.0%	13.8%	12.1%
	Children	Number	2,250	2,090	2,070	1,850	1,600
		Percentage	23.2%	21.4%	21.1%	18.5%	16.0%
Williamson County	All Ages	Number	63,690	63,750	58,830	60,430	61,070
		Percentage	13.0%	12.5%	11.2%	11.0%	10.7%
	Children	Number	24,170	24,810	22,180	19,550	18,410
		Percentage	18.2%	18.3%	16.0%	13.7%	12.6%
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 percentage of the population who have limited access to healthy foods.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Limited Access to Healthy Foods		
Area	Number	Percentage
Texas	2,099,608	8%
Burnet County	6,430	7%
Williamson County	36,732	9%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; USDA, Food Environment Atlas, 2019		

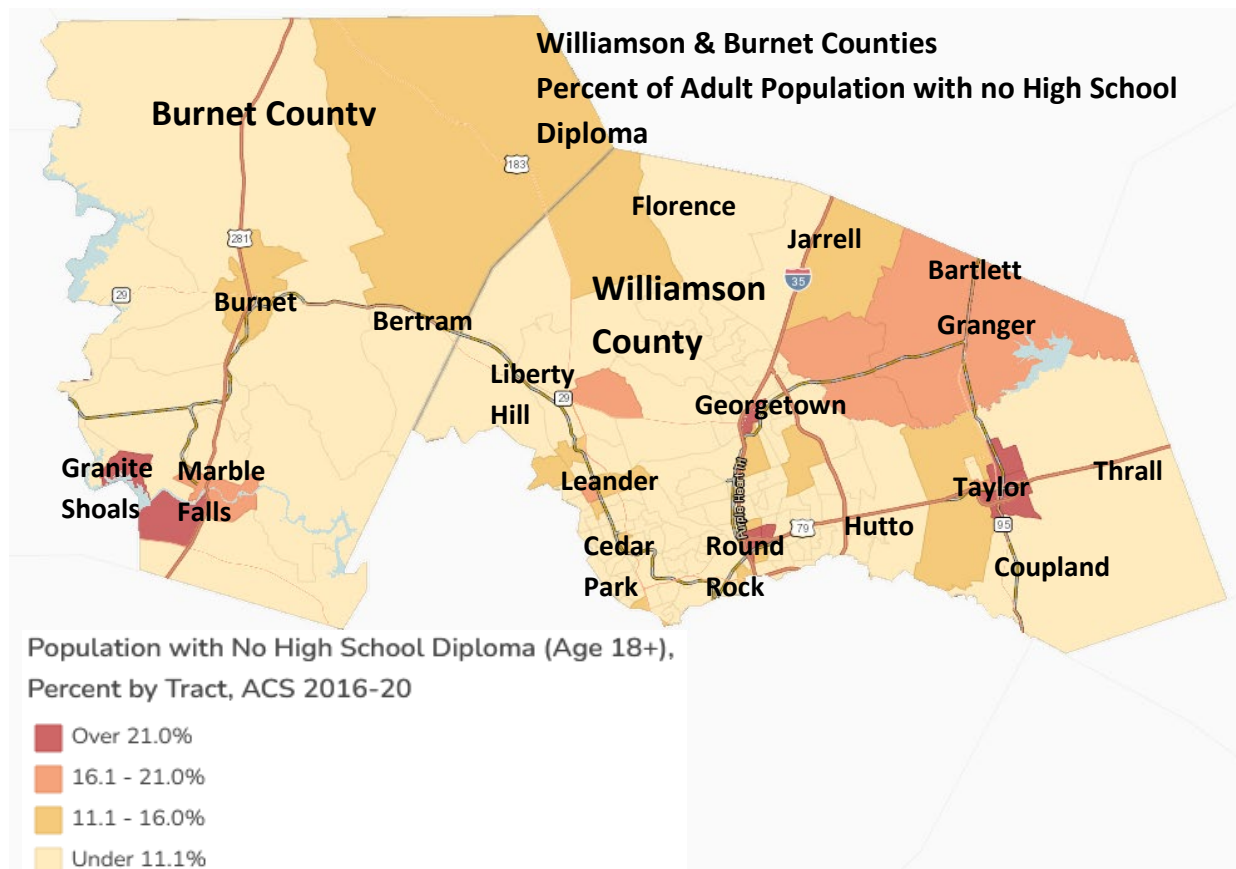
Education

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



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20.

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



The chart below shows the number and percentage of the population in each county at or below level 1 literacy. Individuals at level 1 literacy struggle with understanding and drawing inferences from written text.

Adult Literacy		
Area	Estimated Population over 15	Percentage Lacking Literacy Skills
Burnet County	6,571	20.2%
Williamson County	52,011	14.2%
Texas	5,554,327	28.2%
United States	235,567,157	21.8%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership Report from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies.		

The chart below shows data from local school districts on the percentage of its student body that are economically disadvantaged. Economically disadvantaged students, whose families make less than or equal to 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. It also shows the percentage of students who are English language learners (ELLs) and the annual dropout rate for grades 9-12.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, School Districts			
School District	Economically Disadvantaged	English Language Learners (ELLs)	Annual Dropout Rate Grades 9-12
Burnet County ISDs			
Burnet CISD	57.0%	8.3%	1.0%
Marble Falls ISD	67.4%	18.9%	0.5%
Williamson County ISDs			
Bartlett ISD	88.0%	18.4%	0.0%
Granger ISD	63.2%	10.5%	0.7%
Thrall ISD	36.5%	2.4%	0.0%
Taylor ISD	63.8%	14.4%	1.3%
Coupland ISD	12.3%	12.3%	N/A
Hutto ISD	38.1%	12.2%	0.7%
Round Rock ISD	26.6%	10.8%	0.3%
Georgetown ISD	41.3%	14.0%	0.5%
Jarrell ISD	52.8%	17.7%	0.0%
Florence ISD	52.8%	17.7%	0.0%
Liberty Hill ISD	21.6%	4.1%	0.5%
Leander ISD	19.4%	7.1%	0.1%
Data Source: TEA, Snapshot 2020			

The chart below shows the attrition rate, or the number of 9th graders not enrolled in the 12th grade four school years later, of students in Williamson and Burnet Counties' public high schools and compared against those of the rest of Texas. It is probably a more accurate measure of how many students fail to graduate from high school than the dropout rate. The attrition rate in Texas and Williamson County have shown a gradual drop from 2016 to 2020. The attrition rate in Williamson County is significantly lower than the state rate. The attrition rate in Burnet County showed a 5% increase from 2019 to 2020.

Attrition in Public High Schools						
Location	Data Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Texas	Number	102,610	99,960	94,767	88,070	86,789
	Percentage	25%	24%	22%	21%	20%
Burnet County	Number	110	123	131	114	151
	Percentage	18%	20%	22%	19%	24%
Williamson County	Number	1,671	1,581	1,612	1,421	1,459
	Percentage	18%	17%	16%	14%	14%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT Definitions: Number and percentage 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 2018)
Burnet County	1991	27
Williamson County	2000	18
Texas	1986	32
United States	1977	41
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018		

Owner- & Renter-Occupied Housing

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

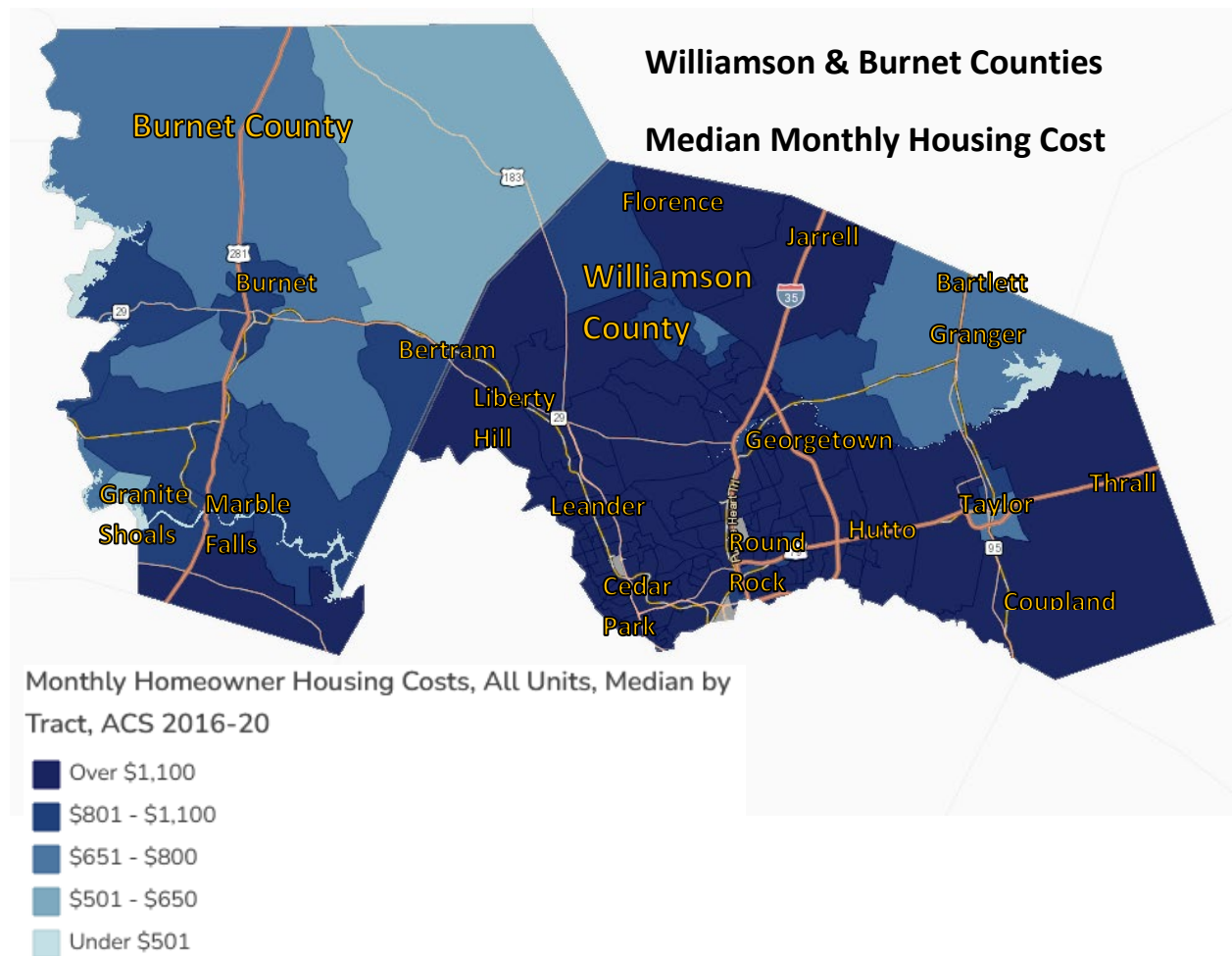
Williamson & Burnet Counties Homeowners				
Area	Owner		Renter	
	Total Owner-Occupied Homes	Percentage of Owner-Occupied Homes	Total Renter-Occupied Homes	Percentage Renter-Occupied Homes
Burnet County	12,690	75.32%	4,159	24.68%
Williamson County	120,222	68.79%	54,532	31.21%
Texas	5,917,771	61.95%	3,635,275	38.05%
United States	76,444,810	63.85%	43,285,318	36.15
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018 5-year estimate. 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, American Community Survey. 2018, 5-year estimate		

The map below shows the median monthly housing cost per month in different areas of Williamson and Burnet Counties.



Housing Cost Burden

A housing cost burden is when someone spends more than 30% of their income on housing. The chart below shows what percent of families in Williamson and Burnet Counties, both owners and renters, have a housing cost burden.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Homeowners with Excessive Housing Cost, over 30% of income spent on housing			
Area	Rental Householders	Homeowners with Mortgage	Homeowners without Mortgage
Burnet County	44.3%	35.2%	10.2%
Williamson County	43.3%	23.8%	10.8%
Texas	44.7%	26.2%	12.4%
United States	45.7%	27.3%	13.1%
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2016-20.			

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 do 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 \$59,919 for Burnet County, \$90,834 for Williamson County, \$63,826 for Texas and \$64,994 for the U.S.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Availability of Affordable Housing at % of Median Income (MI)							
Area	Units Affordable at 15% of MI	Units Affordable at 30% of MI	Units Affordable at 40% of MI	Units Affordable at 50% of MI	Units Affordable at 60% of MI	Units Affordable at 80% of MI	Units Affordable at MI
Burnet County	3.86%	9.2%	15.1%	23.7%	31.2%	46.2%	58.8%
Williamson County	1.6%	3.5%	8.4%	18.0%	28.3%	51.9%	68.1%
Texas	3.1%	8.6%	14.6%	23.6%	34.3%	54.4%	68.9%
United States	3.2%	7.8%	13.0%	20.6%	29.5%	46.9%	60.7%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership form US Census Bureau, ACS 2016-20.							

Unsafe/Unsanitary Homes

A lack of plumbing is an indicator of unsafe and unsanitary homes. The chart below shows how many homes were without plumbing in each county in 2000 and 2020. Though the number of homes without plumbing is low for both counties, the percentage of homes without plumbing has risen in Burnet County and is higher than either the state or national levels.

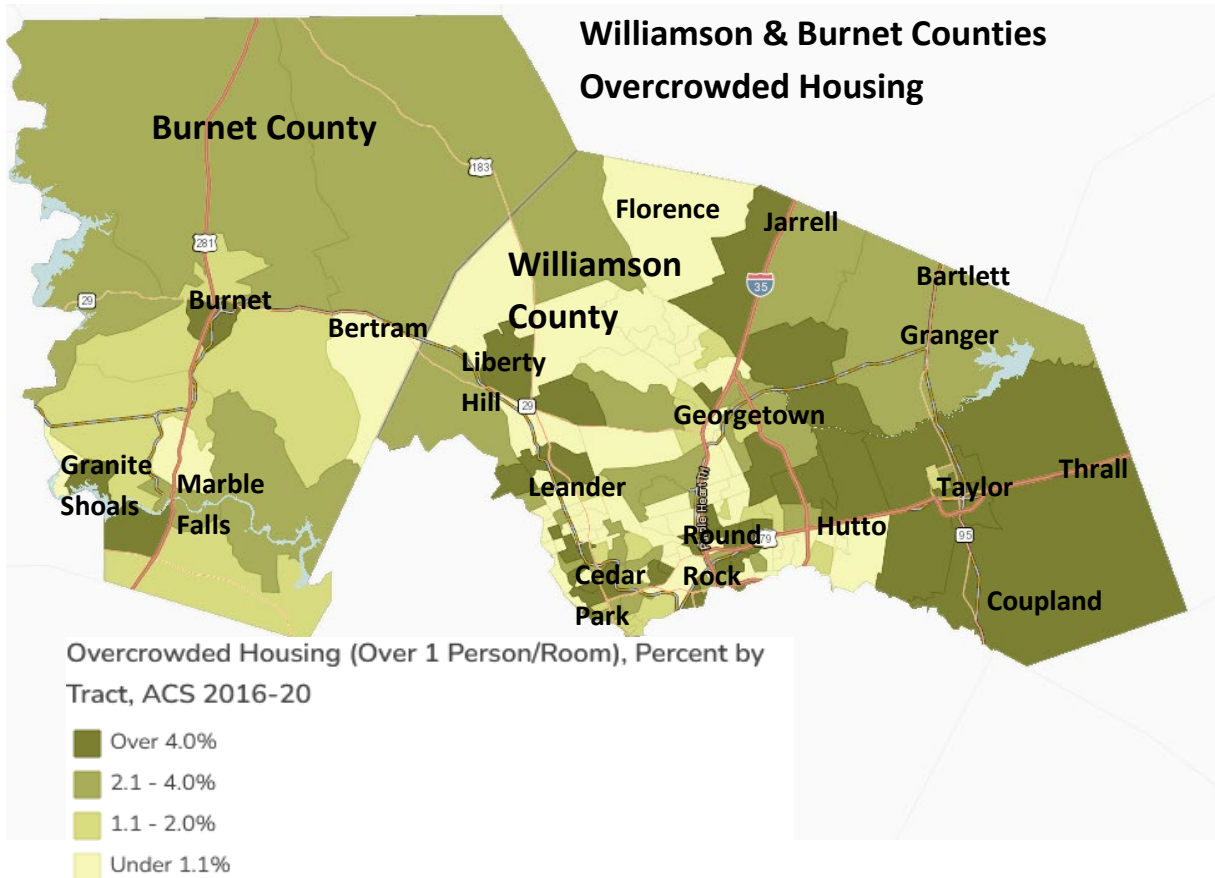
Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes						
Number and Percentage of Occupied Housing Units Without Plumbing						
Area	2000			2020		
	Occupied Housing Units	Housing Units without Plumbing	Percentage without Plumbing	Occupied Housing Units	Housing Units without Plumbing	Percentage without Plumbing
Burnet County	13,133	46	0.29%	17,384	76	0.44%
Williamson County	86,766	258	0.29%	188,113	443	0.24%
Texas	7,393,354	54,853	0.67%	9,906,070	40,258	0.41%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	123,559,968	478,063	0.39%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership Assessment Tool, US Census Bureau, ACS.						

Overcrowded Housing (more than 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 percentage of overcrowded homes 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 and 2018				
Area	Overcrowded Housing Units 2015	Percentage Overcrowded 2015	Overcrowded Housing Units 2020	Percentage Overcrowded 2020
Burnet County	359	2.3%	557	3.5%
Williamson County	4,015	2.9%	4,781	3.2%
Texas	445,510	6.4%	469,756	6.6%
United States	3,889,851	4.3%	4,060,649	4.4%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership from US Census Bureau, ACS. 2016-20				

The map above shows the areas in each county with the most overcrowded homes.



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	402	231.3
Williamson County	1,519	80.8
Texas	280,083	282.7
United States	5,024,504	406.6
Data Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development. 2021. Source geography: County		

Childcare

Subsidized Childcare

Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area benefits families, providers, and local communities by providing tuition assistance for parents who are striving to become self-sufficient. It also provides childcare technical assistance and training to childcare providers through Workforce Solutions' Childcare Services (CCS) program in a nine-county area.

The goals of the Childcare 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
- To provide a community resource for childcare needs

The chart below shows the number of children who received subsidized childcare from 2015 to 2019.

Children (0-12 years) Receiving Subsidized Childcare in Texas						
Location	Data Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Texas	Number	183,415	202,469	184,223	196,641	223,120
	Percentage	3.5%	3.9%	3.5%	3.7%	4.2%
Burnet County	Number	198	257	249	317	294
	Percentage	2.9%	3.8%	3.5%	4.3%	4.0%
Williamson County	Number	2,144	2,322	2,097	2,180	2,476
	Percentage	2.3%	2.5%	2.1%	2.1%	2.4%
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 the number of three and four-year-old children enrolled in public school pre-K programs from 2015 to 2020.

Public Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment of 3- & 4-Year-Olds						
Location	Data Type	2015 -2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019 – 2020
Texas	Number	220,847	224,291	231,653	239,083	248,622
	Percentage	28.2%	28.4%	28.3%	28.6%	29.8%
Burnet County	Number	244	332	338	371	419
	Percentage	25.1%	34.2%	31.0%	31.4%	35.4%
Williamson County	Number	1,988	1,970	2,062	2,396	2,434
	Percentage	16.0%	15.8%	13.6%	15.4%	15.7%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities Definitions: Number and percentage 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 those families with 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 Childcare in Rural Capital Area 2022			
Type of Childcare	Age	Median Dailey Rate	Extrapolated Monthly Rate
Licensed Childcare Centers	Infant	\$40.30	\$873.17
	Toddler	\$38.20	\$827.67
	Preschool	\$35.93	\$778.48
	School age	\$34.60	\$749.67
Licensed Childcare Homes	Infant	\$36.00	\$780.00
	Toddler	\$34.40	\$745.33
	Preschool	\$33.33	\$722.15
	School age	\$32.00	\$693.33
Registered Childcare Homes	Infant	\$34.00	\$736.67
	Toddler	\$32.70	\$708.50
	Preschool	\$29.40	\$637.00
	School age	\$26.20	\$567.67
Data Source: 2022 Texas Childcare Market Rate Survey			

Number of Licensed Childcare Facilities in Williamson & Burnet Counties							
County	Number of Full-Day Licensed Childcares	Overall Capacity	Providing Service to Children of the Following Age Groups				Accepts CSS subsidies
			Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	School	
Williamson	216	30,836	165	210	289	282	162
Burnet	17	1,472	13	15	20	19	15
Source: Texas Health and Human Services							

Qualifications of Opportunity Head Start Teachers

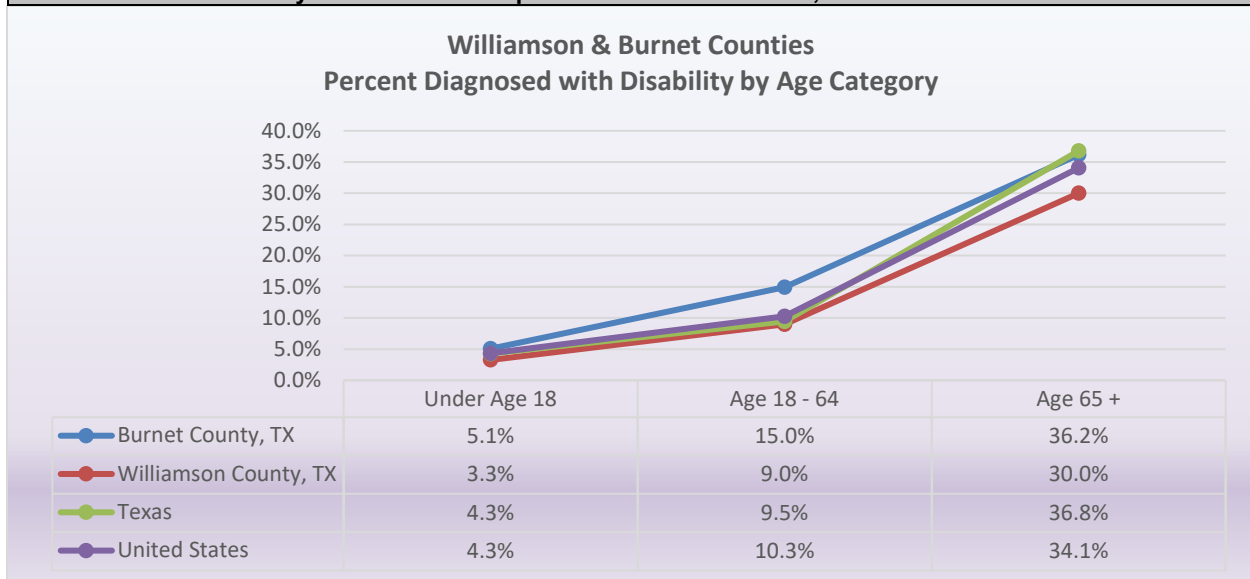
The chart below shows the number of Head Start/Early Head Start teachers during the 2021-2022 school year.

Head Start/Early Head Start Teacher Qualifications		
Education	Head Start Teacher	Head Start Teaching Assistant
Bachelor's degree	96.8%	3.6%
Associates degree	3.2%	10.7%
CDA	0%	46.4%
Enrolled in training to get qualification	0%	39.3%
Early Head Start Teacher		
Advanced degree		1.5%
Bachelor's degree		9.0%
Associates degree		10.4%
CDA		41.8%
Enrolled in training to get qualification		22.4%
Opportunities Head Start, PIR, 2021 - 2022		

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 significantly higher than that of Williamson County in the state and the nation. This may be due in part to the fact that Burnet Counties population is older, and the number of people diagnosed with disabilities increases with age. See the graph below,

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Population with a Disability		
Area	Total Population with a Disability	Percentage of Population with a Disability
Burnet County	8,298	17.7%
Williamson County	57,109	10.1%
Texas	3,241,910	11.5%
United States	40,786,461	12.7%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership from US Census Bureau, ACS 2016-20.		



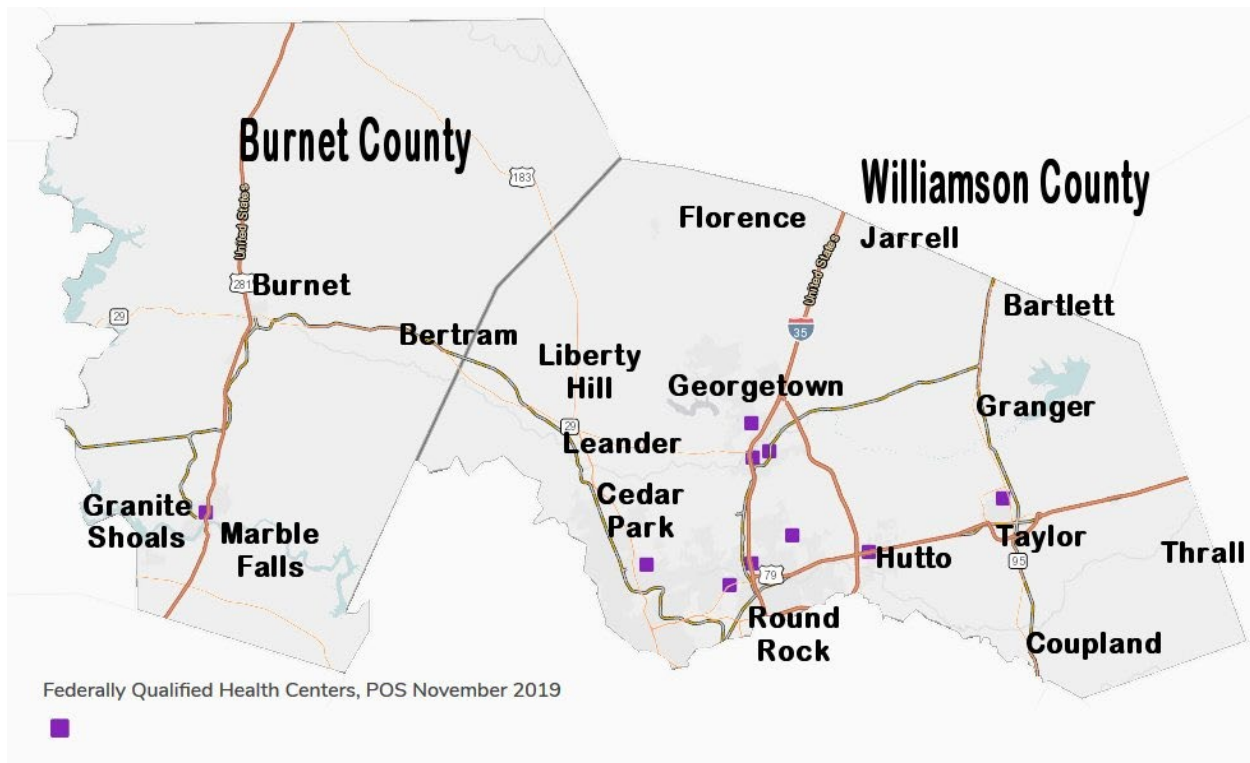
The charts below show the number of children enrolled in Opportunities Head Start during the 2019-2020 school year that had a diagnosed disability. The second chart shows the percentage of children in public school districts that were enrolled in special education.

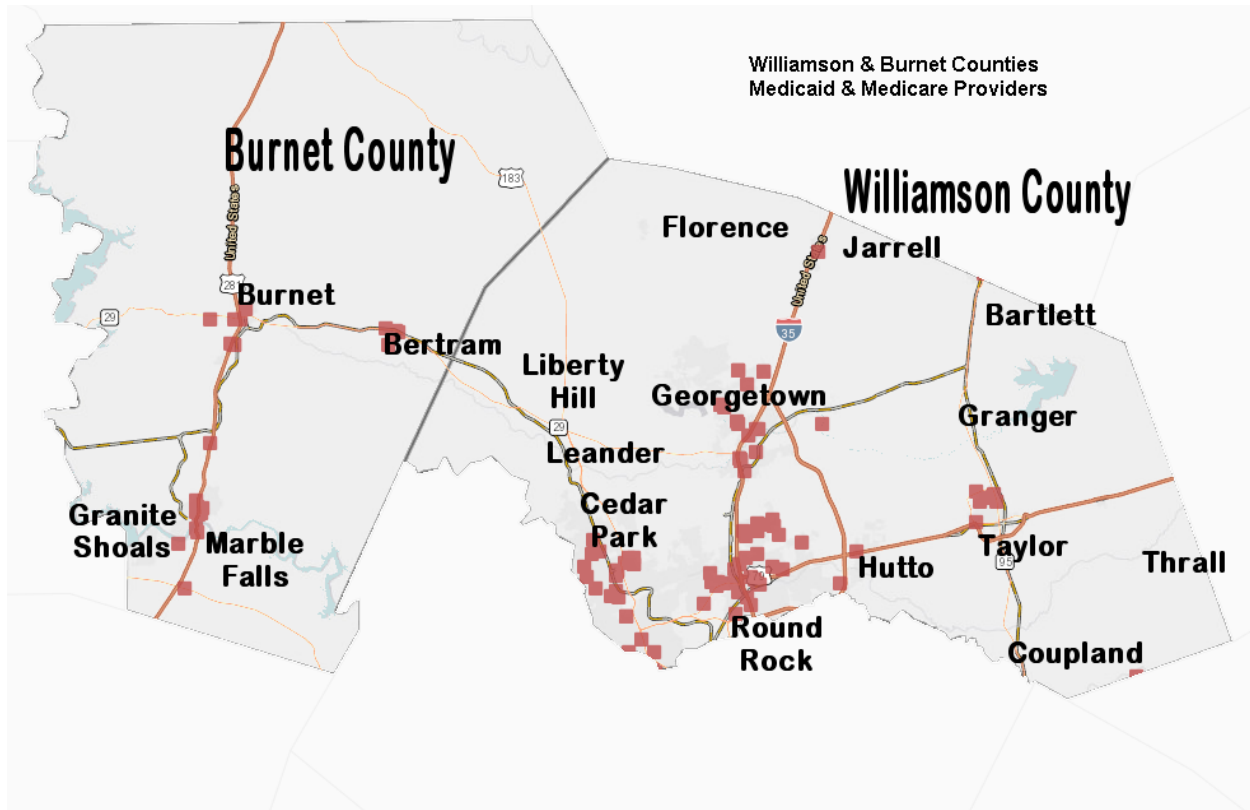
Williamson & Burnet Counties, Percentage of School District Enrolled in Special Education	
Burnet County ISDs	
Burnet CISD	14.8%
Marble Falls ISD	13.8%
Williamson County ISDs	
Bartlett ISD	10.1%
Granger ISD	10.5%
Thrall ISD	8.7%
Taylor ISD	14.4%
Coupland ISD	9.2%
Hutto ISD	13.7%
Round Rock ISD	10.2%
Georgetown ISD	11.8%
Jarrell ISD	12.4%
Florence ISD	12.6%
Liberty Hill ISD	11.2%
Leander ISD	12.7%
Data Source: TEA, Snapshot 2020	

Opportunities Head Start/Early Head Start, 2021-2022, Identified Disabilities	
Early Head Start	18.4%
Head Start	14.1%
Disabilities by Type	
Speech Impairment	8.1%
Autism	1.3%
Developmental Delay	0.7%
Other Health Impairments	0.3%
Hearing Impairment	0.2%
Orthopedic Impairment	0.2%
Intellectual Disability	0.3%
Emotional Disturbance	0.2%
Traumatic Brain Injury	0.2%
Data Source: Opportunities Head Start, 2021-2023 PIR.	

Health Services

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





Health

2022 Health Rankings Report

The 2022 County Health Rankings rank each county in the state of Texas from 1 (the best) to 255 (the worst). The results of the 2022 County Health Rankings Report are shown in the charts below.

2022 County Health Rankings Report (Ranking out of 244 Texas Counties)		
County	Health Outcomes	Health Factors
Burnet	28 th	38 th
Williamson	3 rd	2 nd
Data Source: 2022 County Health Rankings		
Health Outcomes – measures of the length and quality of life		
Health Factors – measures of healthy 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 Counties, Life Expectancy					
Location	Overall	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
Texas	78.4	87.6	74.7	80.0	77.9
Burnet County	78.5	NA	NA	82.3	77.7
Williamson County	81.6	89.3	79	84.2	80.2
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistic – Mortality File, 2018-2020					
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 was ranked high on length of life, quality of life, healthy behavior, clinical care, and social and economic factors.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Health Rankings out of 255 Texas Counties						
County	Length of Life	Quality of Life	Healthy Behavior	Clinical Care	Social & Economic Factors	Physical Environment
Burnet County	39 th	33 RD	52 ND	41 ST	34 TH	133 RD
Williamson County	3 RD	4 TH	4 TH	3 RD	6 TH	87 TH
Data Source: County Health Rankings						

Reports of Poor Health

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

Williamson & Burnet County Reports of Poor Health		
Location	Reported Fair to Poor Health	Average Number of Physically Unhealthy Days
Texas	21%	3.6
Burnet County	20%	3.9
Williamson County	16%	3.2
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2019		

Unhealthy Lifestyle Choices

The chart below shows the prevalence of unhealthy lifestyle choices.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Unhealthy Lifestyles			
Location	Adult Smoking	Adult Obesity	Physically Inactive
Texas	15%	34%	27%
Burnet County	17%	37%	29%
Williamson County	12%	32%	24%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2019; United States Diabetes Surveillance System			

Access to Exercise & Healthy Foods

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

Williamson & Burnet Counties Access to Exercise & Healthy Food Index		
Location	Access to Exercise Opportunities	Healthy Food Index Score
Texas	80%	6.1
Burnet County	51%	7.5
Williamson County	89%	7.8
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Business Analysis 2010 & 2021, USDA Food Environment Atlas 2019		

Ratio of Primary Care Physicians and Dentist

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

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Primary Care Physicians & Dentists per 100,000		
Location	Primary Care Physicians	Dentists
Texas	61	60
Burnet County	39	46
Williamson County	69	57
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Area Health Resource File/American Medical Association, 2019 & 2020		

Air & Drinking Water Quality

This chart shows the air quality in the area using particulate matter in micrograms per cubic meter. Air particulates in both counties exceed the Texas average. Burnet County has had drinking water violations.

Williamson & Burnet Counties Air and Drinking Water Quality		
Location	Average Air Quality, Particulate Matter	Drinking Water Violations
Texas	9.0	N/A
Burnet County	9.2	Yes
Williamson County	10.1	No
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Environmental Public Health Tracking Network, 2018; Safe Drinking Water Information Systems, 2020		

Flu Vaccinations

The chart below shows the percentage of the population that received flu vaccinations. With slightly more than half overall, the percentage of Williamson County residents getting flu vaccinations exceeds the Texas average. However, flu vaccinations for members of the Black and Hispanic populations were significantly lower than for the Asian and white populations.

Williamson & Burnet County, Flu Vaccinations						
Location	Overall	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
Texas	46%	45%	50%	33%	36%	49%
Burnet County	45%	NA	26%	32%	34%	45%
Williamson County	52%	47%	52%	36%	41%	54%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool, 2019						

School-Age Vaccinations

The chart below shows the percentage of children in kindergarten and 7th grade who received vaccinations.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, School-Age Vaccinations							
Kindergartners, 2020-2021							
County	DTP/DTa P/DT/Td	Hep A	Hep B	MMR	Polio	Varicella	Meningococcal
Burnet	83.6%	83.8%	84.2%	83.6%	83.9%	87.8%	
Williamson	90.0%	91.5%	91.9%	90.0%	89.5%	89.5%	
Texas	94.6%	95.1%	95.6%	94.6%	94.7%	94.3%	
Seventh Graders, 2020-2021							
Burnet	83.0%	83.6%	85.0%	84.9%	85.0%	84.9%	84.3%
Williamson	89.5%	91.6%	92.0%	92.1%	91.4%	91.2%	89.9%
Texas	96.8%	92.4%	96.9%	96.9%	93.2%	96.8%	97.1%
Data Source: TDSHS, 2020-2021 – Results of Annual Report of Immunization Status							

Uninsured Population

The charts below show the number and percentage of insured and uninsured adults and children individuals in Williamson and Burnet Counties compared to Texas. Texas has a significantly higher uninsured rate than the rest of nation, and the uninsured rate in Burnet County is higher than both the Texas and national rates. Like Burnet County, Williamson County's uninsured rate is higher than the nation's rate, but it is lower than Texas' rate. The second chart shows the percentage of uninsured adults and children.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Uninsured Rates for Adults and Children				
Area	# Uninsured Adults	% Uninsured Adults	# Uninsured Children	% Uninsured Children
Texas	4,230,735	24%	969,572	13%
Burnet County	6,204	24%	1,480	14%
Williamson County	52,194	14%	13,097	8%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2019				

Mental Health

The chart below shows the number of mental health providers per 100,000 individuals, the average number of poor mental health days reported, the percentage of people experiencing frequent mental distress, and the suicide rate per 100,000. Of note is that in Burnet County, compared to Texas and Williamson County, is the low number of mental health providers and the high number of poor mental health day, high percentage experiencing frequent mental distress and the high suicide rate.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Mental Health				
Location	Mental Health Providers per 100,000	Average Number of Poor Mental Health Days	Percentage Experiencing Frequent Mental Distress	Suicide Rate per 100,000
Texas	132	3.9	12%	13
Burnet County	70	4.4	14%	16
Williamson County	136	3.9	12%	14
Data Source: CMS National Provider Identification 2021; Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2019; National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files, 2016-2020.				

Substance Abuse

The chart below shows the percentage of people who reportedly engaged in excessive drinking; however, this number is most likely an underestimate. The chart also shows the percentage of driving fatalities that were alcohol related. The percentage of driving deaths with alcohol involvement in Burnet County was 7% higher than the state percentage.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Reports of Poor Health		
Location	Self-Report of Engaging in Excessive Drinking	Percentage of Driving Deaths with Alcohol Involvement
Texas	20%	25%
Burnet County	21%	32%
Williamson County	19%	26%
Data Source: County Health Rankings; Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2019; Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 2016 – 2020.		

According to TDSHS, Texas Health Data, in 2021, Burnet County had 12 reported emergency room visits related to opioid abuse, and Williamson County had 157.

The chart below shows the number of reported drug overdose deaths in each area. The rate of overdose deaths in Burnet County was higher than the in the state overall.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Drug Overdose Deaths		
Location	Number of Overdose Deaths	Overdose Deaths per 100,000
Texas	10,313	12
Burnet County	15	10
Williamson County	121	7
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files, 2018 – 2020.		

Pregnancy and Birth Information

According to Texas Health Data in 2019, there were 466 expectant mothers who gave birth in Burnet County and 6,698 in Williamson County.

The chart below shows the number of births to women who receive late or no prenatal care from 2015 to 2019. The trend shows a decrease in the number of women receiving late or no prenatal care.

Births to Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care in Williamson & Burnet Counties					
Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Texas	36%	37%	35%	29%	31%
Burnet	LNE	39%	29%	24%	25%
Williamson	19%	19%	16%	12%	14%
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 Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project's Fast Stats – Map of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, in 2020 the rate of children born to addicted mothers in Texas was 2.2 per 1,000 newborns born in hospitals. If that rate holds true for Williamson and Burnet Counties, 1 newborn would be born to addicted mothers yearly in Burnet County, and Williamson County would see 14.7 such births.

Births to Teen Moms & Low Birth Weights

The chart below shows the number of teen births in Williamson and Burnet Counties. In the state of Texas 29 out of every 1,000 teen girls gave birth. In Williamson County on 12 out of 1,000 teen girls gave birth.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Females Ages 15 - 19					
Location	Teen Birth Rate Overall	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
Texas	29	4	29	39	17
Burnet County	29	LNE	LNE	44	17
Williamson County	12	2	15	21	7
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistics - Natality files. 2014 - 2020					
Footnotes: LNE (Low Number Event) indicates that the number of teen births in the specified racial/ethnic group is not publicly available in order to prevent the potential identification of individuals.					

The chart below shows the number and percentage of children with low birth weights from 2016 to 2020.

Low Birth Weight Births						
Location	Data Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Texas	Number	33,408	32,229	32,262	31,910	30,456
	Percentage	8.4%	8.4%	8.6%	8.4%	8.3%
Burnet County	Number	40	28	39	34	44
	Percentage	7.5%	6.3%	8.2%	7.3%	8.8%
Williamson County	Number	494	517	447	479	521
	Percentage	7.6%	8.0%	6.7%	7.2%	7.6%
Data Provided by Texas KIDS COUNT at the Center for Public Policy Priorities Definitions: Number and percentage of infants born weighing under 5.5 pounds. Data Source: Texas Department of State Health Services.						

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

Low Birth Weight Births (by Race/Ethnicity)							
Location	Race/Ethnicity	Data Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Texas	Black	Number	6,161	6,288	6,367	6,449	6,610
		Percentage	13.4%	13.2%	13.5%	13.9%	14.3%
	White	Number	9,809	9,673	9,537	8,864	8,604
		Percentage	7.2%	7.1%	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%
	Hispanic	Number	14,256	14,668	14,833	14,263	14,256
		Percentage	7.5%	7.5%	7.9%	7.9%	8.0%
	Other Race	Number	2,435	2,549	2,671	2,653	2,794
		Percentage	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	8.9%	9.1%
Burnet	Black	Number	LNE	0	LNE	LNE	LNE
		Percentage	LNE	0.0%	LNE	LNE	LNE
	White	Number	13	19	24	19	22
		Percentage	4.7%	6.7%	7.1%	6.8%	7.7%
	Hispanic	Number	11	LNE	10	LNE	13
		Percentage	6.9%	6.9%	5.7%	LNE	7.4%
	Other Race	Number	LNE	LNE	LNE	LNE	LNE
		Percentage	LNE	LNE	LNE	LNE	LNE
Williamson	Black	Number	50	38	51	60	57
		Percentage	12.8%	9.7%	13.4%	14.4%	13.6%
	White	Number	242	217	240	255	180
		Percentage	6.7%	6.1%	6.8%	7.5%	5.5%
	Hispanic	Number	133	114	130	139	113
		Percentage	7.5%	7.5%	7.2%	7.7%	6.0%
	Other Race	Number	37	66	73	63	97
		Percentage	5.5%	9.0%	9.3%	7.6%	9.0%
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 birth weight within each racial/ethnic category. For example, what percentage of births to white mothers was low birth weight? What percentage of births to Hispanic mothers was low birth weight?							
Data Source: Texas Department of State Health Services.							

Child & Infant Mortality

The chart below shows the child and infant mortality rates per 100,000.

Williamson and Burnet Counties, Child & Infant Mortality		
Area	Child Mortality Rate Per 100,000	Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000
Texas	49	6
Burnet County	27	NA
Williamson County	30	4
Data Source: County Health Rankings; National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files, 2018 – 2020 & 2014 – 2020.		
Footnote – NA: Not reported in order to protect the identity of individuals and families.		

Family Violence and Abuse

Intimate Partner Violence

According to the United Health Foundation's *America's Health Ranking*, 40.1% of women 18 and older in Texas experience sexual violence, physical violence, stalking, and/or psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Nationally, 37.3% of women experience intimate partner violence. The CDC reports that intimate partner violence affects one in four women and one in 10 men nationally. The CDC suggests 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 couples
2. Engage influential adults and peers
 - a. Men and boys as allies in prevention
 - b. Bystander empowerment and education
 - c. Family-based programs
3. Disrupt the developmental pathways towards partner violence
 - a. Early childhood home visitation
 - b. Preschool enrichment with family engagement
 - c. Parenting skills and family relationship programs
 - d. Treatment for at-risk children, youths, 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 environments 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 harm
 - 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

The chart above shows the number of confirmed cases of child abuse and the ratio per 1,000 children in 2022 .

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Confirmed Cases of Child Abuse		
County	Confirmed Cases	Ratio per 1,000 Children
Burnet	104	9.8
Williamson	810	5.3
Data Source: Texas Dept. FPS, CPI Investigations		

Troubled Youth Stats

The following chart shows the rate of juvenile arrests per 1,000 juveniles.

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Juvenile Arrests per 1,000 Juveniles	
Area	Rate of Juvenile Arrest
Texas	17
Burnet County	20
Williamson County	12
Data Source: County Health Rankings, Easy Access to State and County Juvenile Court Case Counts, 2019	

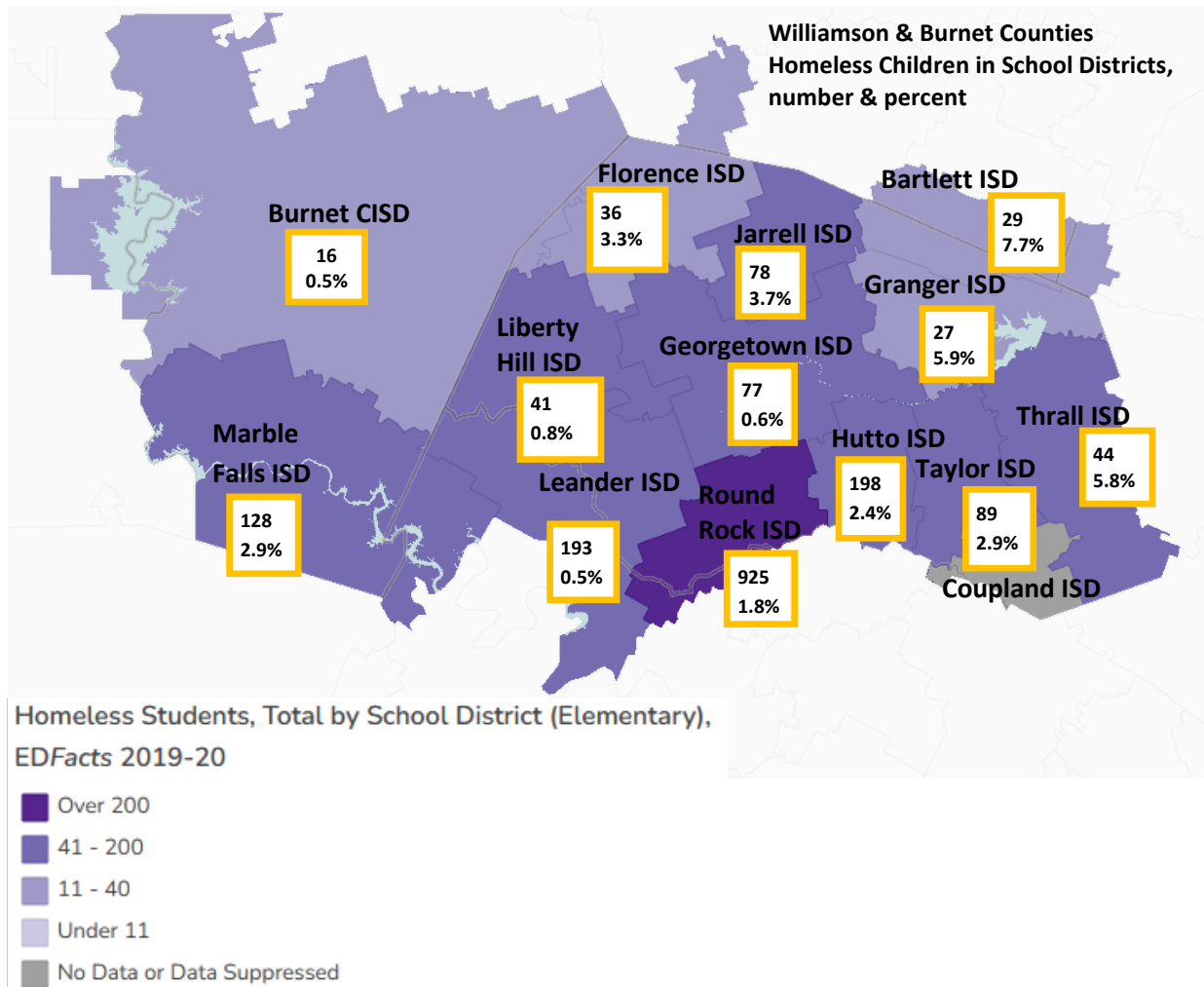
Homeless

The chart below shows the number of homeless individuals in Texas as of January 2020.

Homelessness Statistics for State of Texas	
Total Homeless Population	27,229
Homelessness rate per 10,000	9.4
Chronically Homeless Individuals	3,862
Homeless People in Families	6,114
Unaccompanied Young Adults (Aged 18-24) Experiencing Homelessness	1,408
Unsheltered Homeless	13,212
Homeless Veterans	1,948
Data Source: State of Homelessness: 2022 edition	

Homeless Children Enrolled in School Districts

The map below shows what percentage of the students in each school district were homeless and the total number of homeless students enrolled in these school districts.



During the 2019 – 2020 school year, Opportunities Head Start provided services to 20 children who were homeless.

Point in Time:

In 2022 a Point-in-Time (PIT) count 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.

2022 Williamson County Point In Time	
Total Persons Interviewed	24
Adults (over 18)	14
Young Adults (18 to 24)	2
Children (under 18)	10
Age 35-44 years old	1
Gender	
Male	4
Female	11
Unreported Gender	4
Race/Ethnicity	
Hispanic	0
White	5
Black	3
Other Race	0
Ethnicity/Race Unreported	11
Characteristic of Interviewed Homeless Individuals	
Chronically Homeless	0
Been Homeless for 1 to 2 years	1
Serious Mental Illness	0
Substance Use Disorder	0
HIV/AIDS	0
Survivors of Domestic Abuse	9
Report they are sleeping in a vehicle	2
Reported staying in a shelter for 1 to 2 years	1

Transportation

During the Opportunities Community Needs 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 – leaving people 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 community, but many people felt that the services offered were inadequate.

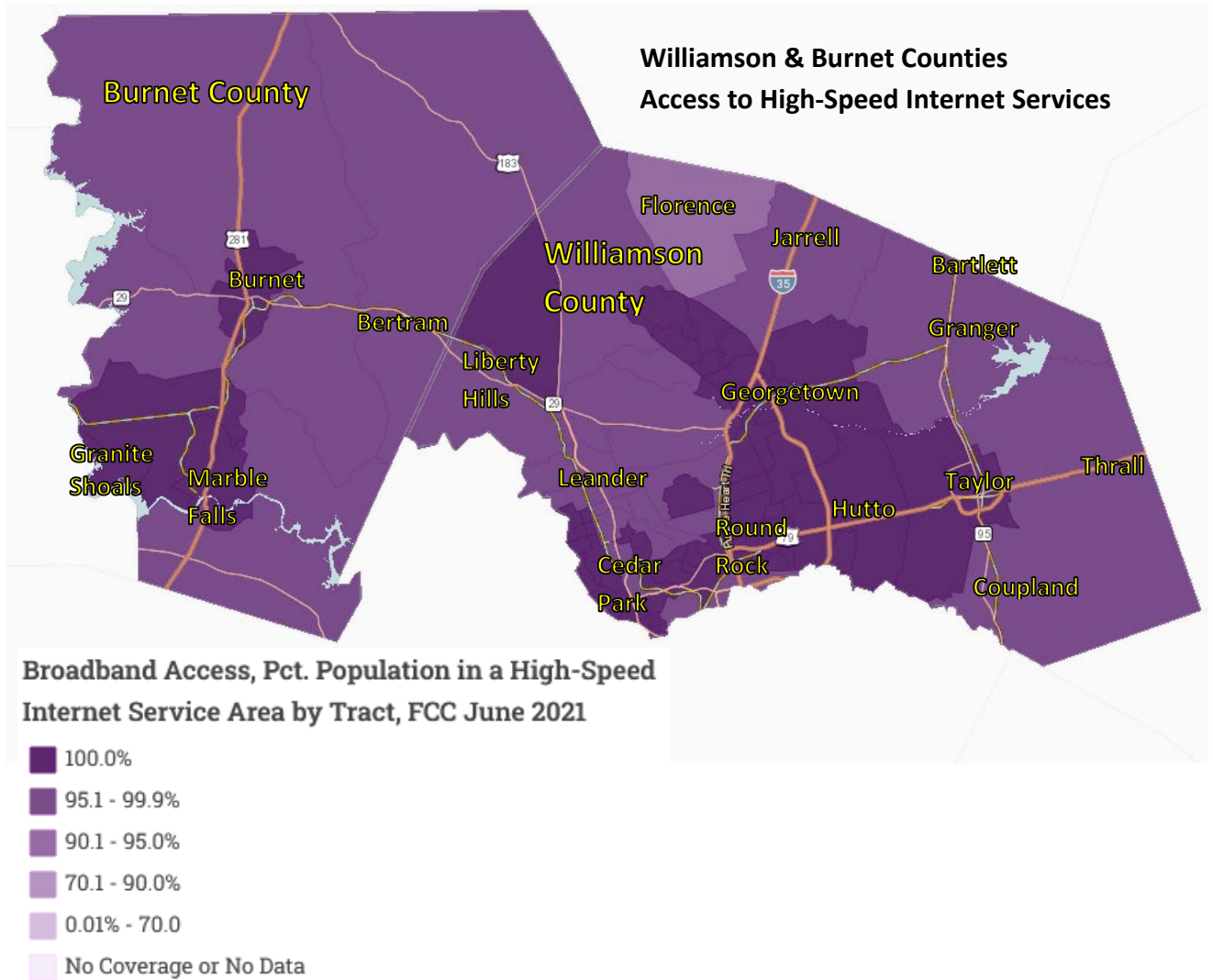
The chart below shows the number of individuals who utilize public transportation in the area, the state, and the country.

Williamson & Burnet Counties’ Population Transportation to Work						
Area	Percentage Drive Alone	Percentage Carpool	Percentage Public Transportation	Percentage Bicycle or Walk	Percentage Taxi or Other	Percentage Work at Home
Burnet County	72.6%	14.8%	0.3%	0.9%	0.8%	10.5%
Williamson County	58.2%	6.8%	0.0%	1.3%	1.5%	32.1%
Texas	70.7%	9.1%	0.8%	1.5%	1.6%	16.3%
United States	67.8%	7.8%	2.5%	2.6%	1.5%	17.9%
Data Source: Census, ACS, 2021						

Broadband Access

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

Williamson & Burnet Counties, Broadband Access		
Area	Access to Download Speeds 25MBPS Upload Speeds 3 MBPS	Access to Download Speeds 100MBPS Upload Speeds 20MBPS
Burnet County	66.8%	63.7%
Williamson County	94.8%	92.9%
Texas	92.3%	87.9%
United States.	92.9%	87.6%
Data Source: Community Action Partnership; National Broadband Map, 2022		



ANALYSIS OF DATA

Description of Causes and Conditions of Poverty

Williamson County

The 6.1% poverty rate in Williamson County is significantly lower than the national rate of 12.8% and the Texas rate of 14.2%, but that still amounts to 34,242 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. The median income for the county is \$90,834.

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 the supply, resulting in escalating cost. In Williamson County, 43.3% of renters pay more than 30% of their income on housing. Growth in Williamson County is along Interstate 35 and toll road corridors in central and western Williamson County, and State Highway 29 west of Georgetown. Due to the building of high-tech industry near Taylor, the area is expected to experience rapid growth within the next five years.

The growth in Williamson County has resulted in some families being forced out of the areas of growth and moving more to the northeast. 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 78.2% 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 2.8%, many people living below the poverty level are working 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 would need to make \$42.14 an hour, working 40 hours per week. 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 facility run more than \$800 a month for toddlers and infants and over \$750 a month for preschoolers. With several children in the family, the cost of childcare can easily exceed housing costs.

Gender plays a small role, as 5.4% of the male population lives in poverty and 6.7% of the female population lives in poverty. Race, however, appears to play a larger role: only 4.1% of Asian individuals live below the poverty level, and 5.7% of White individuals live below the poverty level. On the other hand, 11.6% of Black individuals and 8.6% of Hispanic individuals live below the poverty level.

4.1% of Williamson County families live below the poverty level. The gender of parents in single parent families plays a huge role in the family's poverty status. In families living in poverty, 52.3% are families with female heads of households, 37% are married couples, and only 10.6% are families with male heads of households.

Burnet County

The poverty rate in Burnet County, 7.5%, is lower than the national rate of 12.8% and the Texas rate of 14.2%. In Burnet County there are 3,524 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 for the county is \$59,919.

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. The median monthly home-ownership cost is \$863.00 for homeowners and \$816.00 for renters. More than 35.2% of homeowners and 44.3% of renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs.

The unemployment rate in Burnet County is 2.8%, many people living below the poverty level are working 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 would need to make \$38.01 an hour working 40 hours per week. 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.

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Countywide, 7.2% of the male population lives in poverty and 7.8% of the female population lives in poverty, so overall gender plays only a small role. The racial composition of Burnet County is 71% white and 25% Hispanic with an increasing Hispanic population. All told, 37.7% of the child population is Hispanic. Race plays a small role in poverty levels as 7% of the white population lives below the poverty line, 7.5% of the black population lives below the poverty line, and 9.1% of the Hispanic population lives below the poverty line.

5.7% of Williamson County families live below the poverty level. The gender of parents in single parent families plays a huge role in the family's poverty status. In families living in poverty, 40.7% are families with female heads of households, 55.4% are married couples, and only 3.9% are families with male heads of households.

Community Strengths & Assets

In addition to Opportunities Community Services, Meals on Wheels, and Head Start programs and government programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, WIC, members of the community focus groups reported identified the following supportive programs in the Opportunities service area.

Immunization programs, nutrition education, FindHelp.org, COVID vaccines available to families, Blue, Orange, and Brown Santa, Round Rock Area Serving Center, Bluebonnet Trails Mental Health services, Texas Workforce Services, 211, Helping Hands of Georgetown, Starry, The Caring Place, Hill Country Ministries, Texas Baptist Children's Services, Hutto Resource Center, Lone Star Circle of Care, Helping Hands of Georgetown, YMCA, Georgetown Project, The Locker, Madeline's Sand Box, Language Line, Hippo Hangers, CHIP, free school lunch, Neighbor's Helping Neighbors, Billing Assistance, Fresh Produce for Families, local churches, Goodwill, Trinity Low Income Senior Housing, Re-cancer, Salvation Army, Wonders and Worries, The Volunteer Center, Drive a Senior, Transportation, Para-Transit, Cap metro (provides door to door transportation for disabled individuals), Capital Areas Agency on Aging, Respite Care, The Food Bank, Samaritan Counseling Center, Rockride.org, Habitat for Humanity, Nest, Boys and Girls Club, Impact Counseling, Phoenix Center(children mental health services), LifeSteps, Backpack Buddies, Meditation Room, Faith in Action, local ISD's, Highland Lakes Crisis Network, Community Resource Center with a food pantry, gas cards, and one time rental assistance, Helping Center, Pregnancy Center, Life Center, Self Sufficiency, Women's Job Corp, Housing Voucher Program, Marble Falls Clothes Closet, Affordable Housing Project, SVDP Thrift Store, CARTS, Sacred Heart Community Clinic, the Diaper Bank.

Williamson County

The 2022 Williamson County Health District's Community Health Assessment identified the following community strengths in Williamson County:

1. Communication and collaboration between agencies that provide community resources
2. Availability of quality healthcare services
3. Availability of community programs and services
4. Availability of fresh food
5. Availability of parks, green spaces, and opportunities for exercise
6. Low crime/safe neighborhoods
7. Good schools
8. Mental health awareness
9. Local assets and wealth

Out of 255 Texas counties, the County Health Rankings & Roadmap, ranked Williamson County as 4th in quality of life and 6th in social economic factors.

Burnet County

Burnet County is in the Texas Hill Country with almost 1,000 square miles of beautiful lakes and rolling hills. One of its primary businesses is tourism. While the cities in Burnet County have a strong sense of community, they also have a low cost of living. The county's cost of living is 97.3% of the national average, with the cities of Burnet and Granite Shoals each touting a cost of living that is 89.5% and 83.6% of the national average, respectively. The County Health Rankings and Roadmaps ranked Burnet County's quality of life at 33rd out of 255 counties.

Gaps in Services & Barriers

Community focus groups, and responses from community leaders revealed the following barriers and gaps in services:

1. **Lack of Service Awareness** - Residents do not know what services are available, what they are qualified to receive, or who to go to for help. They need help in determining their needs and in navigating and accessing services. Information about programs needs to be widely disseminated in a user-friendly format. "There is a lack of information, we need to advertise."
2. **Technological Barriers** - Some community members, including many seniors, either don't have the technology, broadband services, or the technology know how to utilize online services, access tele-health, or fill out online applications, etc.
3. **Complicate Application Process** - The application process for obtaining services is often difficult and confusing. Seniors and individuals with disabilities need easier access to resources and services. "Services provided under one roof." Residents need assistance applying for SNAP, Medicaid, TANF programs.
4. **Stringent Qualifying Criteria** - The qualifying criteria for many programs are often overly stringent and individuals who need services have difficulty qualifying. "There are lots of people that make over the threshold, rent, utilities, and groceries take a big bite. Normal preschool is too expensive. I'd like to see Head Start take paying clients but at a reasonable rate." "Financial qualifications for services need to rise as quickly as the inflation rate does."
5. **Language Barriers** - Language barriers prevent many community members from learning of or accessing community services. Service providers need more bilingual staff.
6. **Transportation** - Some community members, including the elderly, do not have transportation needed to get to services. CARTS services are not available in all locations and reportedly, "won't wait on the curb and will not help the disabled on or off. There is a need for transportation to medical and other appointments." "Many clients have difficulty accessing healthcare, pharmacy trips, or trips to the grocery store. Transportation services are unable to accommodate individuals in wheelchairs."
7. **Service Organizations Underfunded** - Community organizations are underfunded and frequently have long waiting lists for the services they provide.
8. **Underpaid Service Staff** - Service organizations are unable to pay enough to attract and retain qualified staff.
9. **Service Hours too Short** - Work time conflicts where the services provided are only available during work time." Non-profit hours of operation are too limited."

10. **Lack of Affordable Childcare** – There is a lack of affordable childcare. “Childcare is nearly non-existent and not affordable.”
11. **Lack of Homeless Services** - A lack of services for helping the homeless. There are no homeless shelters.
12. **Lack of Affordable Housing** – There is a lack of reasonably priced housing. Housing that is less than 30% of a household’s income.
13. **Inflation** - Inflation, high prices and low wages create working poor. Making too much to qualify for assistance but unable to afford needed services.
14. **Shortage of Mental Health Services** – There is a shortage of mental health services providers particularly in smaller rural communities.
15. **Lack of Specialized Therapy Services in Smaller Communities** - Need more access to private special therapy in smaller communities.
16. **Home Modifications** – Need funding for programs making home modifications for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
17. **Medication Cost** – Many individuals need help paying for prescription medications.
18. **Drug Treatment & Recovery** – Individual need assistance with drug treatment and recovery programs.
19. **Personal Apathy** – Some individuals in need don’t want help.
20. **Limited Medicaid Services** – Medicaid needs to be easier to obtain and cover more services.

Desired Changes

When Forum participants were asked to identify what changes they’d like to see occur in the next three years, they responded that they’d like to see the following changes:

1. **Increased Funding** – Increase funding for social and community service programs, childcare, rental and utility assistance programs, and education services. Pay increases for workers in these services. “I’m about to have a masters in social work and am struggling to find jobs that pay enough to move out of my parent’s house. Jobs in delivery driving often pay more.”
2. **Better, Easier to Access Services** – Community health care workers and case coordinators. More access to telehealth. More homebound services. More outreach to communities, particularly rural communities. Publication of available services, informing all members of communities about the types of services available. “People don’t know what services are available.” More service providers, such as YMCA, in communities that don’t have these services. Expansion of Medicaid services.
3. **More Collaboration Between Services** - More connectivity and collaboration between services. More wrap-around services and referrals between agencies. More awareness of other service providers and other services available. Linking coalitions between agencies.
4. **Bilingual Education and Service** – We need more bilingual education and educators, information available in multiple languages, and bilingual service workers or translators.
5. **Easier Access to Affordable Quality Childcare** – Cooperative approaches to childcare. More summer programming for school-aged children. Better wages for childcare workers/teachers. More Head Start centers/classrooms.

6. **Greatly Improved Access to Transportation Services** – Current transportation services are “very limiting. – whatever you think is happening is NOT. It’s not consistent. The people who need it (elderly, disabled, and homeless) can’t use it easily. People can’t get to resources.” We need improved, integrated transportation services that provide assistance to the elderly, disabled, and people in wheelchairs and between all communities, particularly rural communities.
7. **Computer Education & Assistance** – Offer classes/tutorials and assistance using technology (computers, phone apps, etc.).
8. **Equal Access to Service** – Equal access to services across all areas of the county. “It’s hard to find services for folks due to,” bureaucratic, “barriers.” Zip codes, city county lines, stringent income restrictions, etc.
9. **More Recycling** – Community members being more conscientious about recycling.
10. **Socially Responsible Schools** – More training in school on how to appropriately express emotions and solve problems. More life skills, emotional wellness, mindfulness programming, and career exploration and planning.
11. **Affordable Housing Cost** – Housing cost is below 30% of a family’s income. More housing for households that have below median income. “Finding affordable housing has become incredibly hard for me and my loved ones. Rent is 2 – 4-times the rates from the area I came from.”
12. **Shelters and Assistance Programs for the Homeless** – Shelters and assistance for the homeless. Homeless and youth shelters that have programming and support for transitioning towards being self-sufficient. Partnerships with property owners that allow options for families unexpectedly displaced by crisis and evictions.
13. **Less Poverty** – Fair wages and salaries.
14. **Low Cost or Free Mental Health Services** – Mental health needs to be more of a priority. We need easily accessible programs that provide low-cost, quality mental health services.
15. **Job training programs** – More on the job training, internship programming, life skills training, career planning and coaching.
16. **Senior Nutrition and Support** – Larger or more numerous senior nutrition centers.
17. **Child Learning Centers** – Centers with hands on play/learning activities for children and their families.

Top Needs

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

Williamson County

1. Housing that is affordable
2. Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family, including job skills training and coaching
3. Access to affordable quality childcare
4. Access to affordable quality health, dental care, mental health care, and medication
5. Assistance navigating the different service providers in order to find needed services

Burnet County

1. Housing that is affordable
2. Access to affordable quality health, dental care, mental health, and medication
3. Access to affordable quality childcare
4. Assistance finding work that pay enough to support a family including job skills training and coaching.
5. Assistance navigating the different service providers in order to find needed services

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1. Affordable Housing
2. Access to Affordable, Quality Childcare
3. Access to Affordable, Quality Healthcare
4. Access to Living Wage Employment
5. Navigating Services

Appendix A: Community Needs Survey



2022 2023 – 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

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

1. 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)					

2. 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					

3. 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					

4. Employment Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
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. Family Support Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
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. Counseling Services	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
Counseling services for children					
Counseling services for adults					
Drug/Alcohol treatment					
Couples counseling					
Family counseling					

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

8. Support for Individuals with Disabilities	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
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. Housing Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
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. Medical Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Don't Know
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 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 are you affiliated with? _____

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

- 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

2. 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.

1. People Needing Assistance	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not 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)					

2. Case Management Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
Assistance finding resources in the community					
Assistance in moving away from public assistance					
Assistance defining and reaching life and work goals					

3. Educational Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not 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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4. Employment Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
Assistance finding work					
Assistance finding full time employment					
Assistance gaining job skills					
Assistance finding work that pays enough to support a family					

5. Family Support Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
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. Counseling Services	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
Counseling services for children					
Counseling services for adults					
Drug/alcohol treatment					
Couples counseling					
Family counseling					

7. Support for Seniors	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
Programs and activities for seniors					
Meal delivery for homebound seniors					
Assisted living					

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8. Support for Individuals with Disabilities	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
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					

9. Housing Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
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. Medical Needs	Very Needed	Needed	Rarely Needed	Not Needed	Do not Know
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 (or lack of resources), the strengths or gaps, and any other related comments.

Appendix C, ELECTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS:

Attachment C: Interview Elected Officials and Board Members	
Date of Interview:	
Name of Elected Official:	
Title of Elected Position:	
City or County Represented:	
Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties 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.	
1. What do you know about our Community Action Agency and the services we provide that help address the needs of low-income persons? (Note: persons that serve on the agency board do not need to answer question #1.)	
2. What do you think are the top five key needs of low-income persons in your community? 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, coordination of services and connecting persons to services, community revitalization, or other needs.	
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
3. What suggestions can you provide on how the needs could be addressed?	

4. What do you think are some key community revitalization needs?

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

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?

7. Do you have any other feedback?
