

Projected Percent Change in Texas Counties between 2010 and 2020

The Texas Demographic Center (TDC) produces projections for 40 years beyond the last decennial census to help planners and policymakers anticipate future demands for services and pressures on infrastructure. TDC population projections begin with a baseline population from the 2010 decennial census and incorporate migration trends observed between 2010 and 2015. The TDC population projections are produced with age, sex, and race/ethnicity detail for the populations of the state of Texas and its counties for each year between 2010 and 2050.

The Texas Demographic Center's projections indicate Texas will grow from 25.4 million in 2010 to a population of 29.7 million by 2020, a projected increase in population of over 4.5 million and a rate of growth of 18%. A projected population of over 29.7 million in 2020 would yield Senate districts with approximately 957,000 in population.

Percent change is an indicator of the speed of population change void of information about the volume of population change. Notably, it is not the urban core counties of the state that are growing the fastest. Rather, percent change in the population over the past few years has been greatest in the suburban population triangle counties, particularly among counties surrounding San Antonio and Austin. Other areas of rapid growth can be found in the Permian Basin, surrounding Midland and Odessa.

The full methodology for the TDC population projections can be found at demographics.texas.gov.

