



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AT A GLANCE

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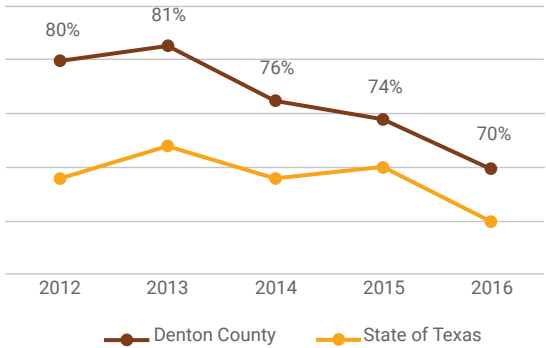
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CHILDREN



% OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED 3RD GRADERS READING AT GRADE LEVEL



Third grade reading scores are predictive of both graduation and incarceration rates. Both locally and statewide, the proportion of third-graders reading at grade-level is falling.

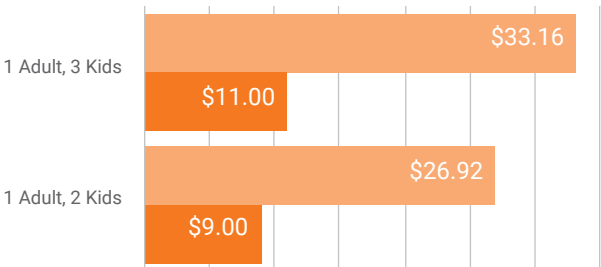
FAMILIES



ACROSS DENTON COUNTY
47,340 ADULTS LIVE IN POVERTY

Female head of household families with children under the age of 18 had the highest poverty rates, at least twice that of all other family types.

LIVING WAGE FOR SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS IN DENTON COUNTY

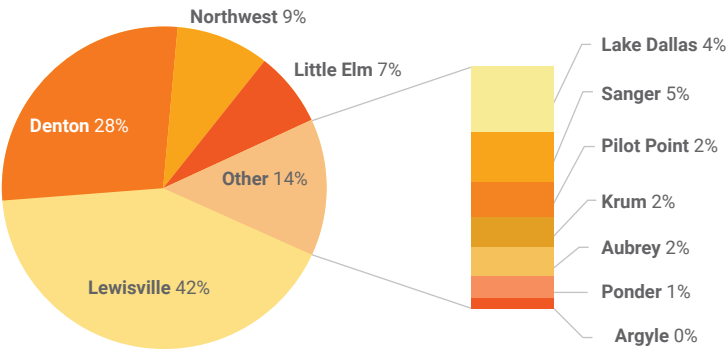


Living Wage Poverty Wage

A lack of financial means affects local families in many ways that often cross into homelessness, mental health, and other factors which contribute to an acute crisis.

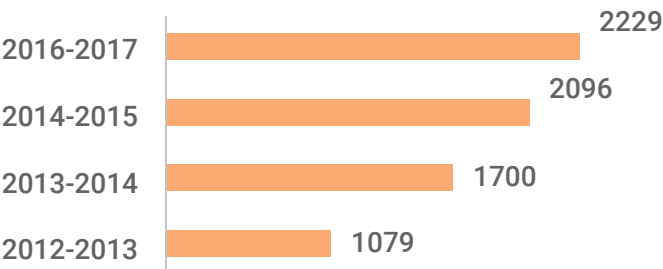
1 in 3 DENTON COUNTY STUDENTS ARE AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL

% OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS* IN COUNTY BY ISD



*Eligible for free or reduced-priced meals. Countywide, **41,544** students meet this criteria with the majority in the Lewisville and Denton school districts.

STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN DENTON COUNTY



"It's hard to talk to kids about homework when they are hungry or don't have a home."

Dr. Kevin Rogers
Superintendent, Lewisville ISD

More than **80%** of women and children experiencing homelessness have been victims of domestic abuse.

Household Survival Budget - Denton County

	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$667	\$986
Child Care	\$0	\$1,426
Food	\$158	\$525
Transportation	\$364	\$728
Health Care	\$216	\$806
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$170	\$507
Taxes	\$241	\$526
Monthly Total	\$1,871	\$5,579
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$22,452	\$66,948
Hourly Wage	\$11.23	\$33.47

The Household Survival Budget gives the cost of housing, food, transportation, and health care at a bare-minimum "survival" level. It does not include any savings, leaving households without a cushion for unexpected expenses and unable to invest in the future.



"Open your eyes! We live in a prosperous county, but we still have people hurting."

Bobbie Mitchell
Denton County Commissioner

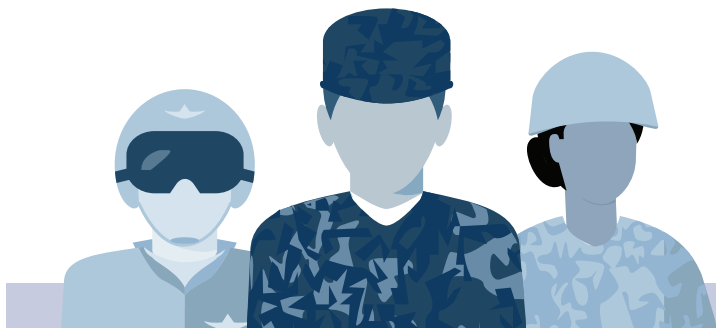
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VETERANS

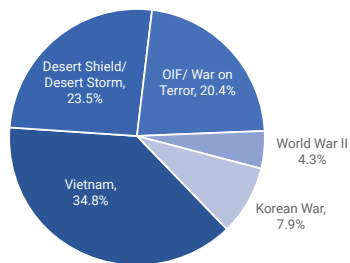
OVER 15%

OF VETERANS IN DENTON COUNTY MEET CRITERIA FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY & SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS.



In Denton County
2,073
Veterans live in poverty

VETERAN STATUS BY MAJOR CONFLICT

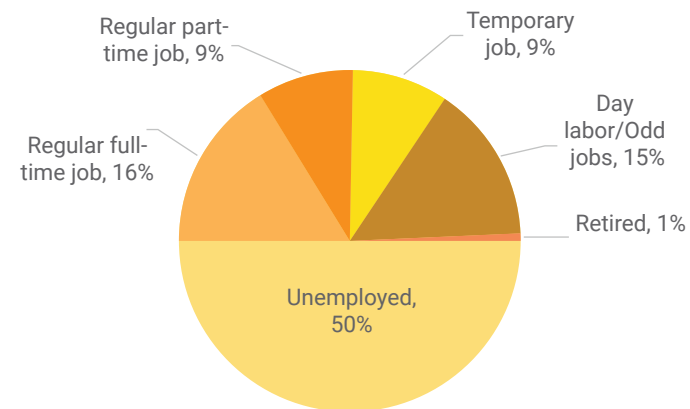


41K VETERANS IN DENTON COUNTY

After adjusting for differences in age and gender,
RISK FOR SUICIDE WAS 21% HIGHER
AMONG VETERANS
when compared to U.S. civilian adults.

HOMELESSNESS

JOB STATUS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

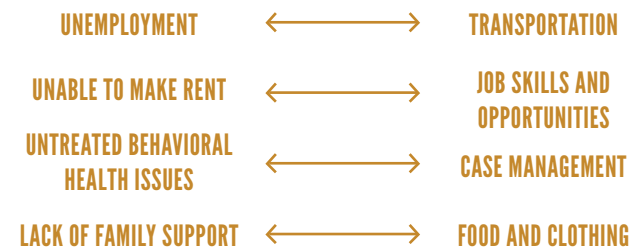


Homelessness is hounded by myths, including the assumption that all who experience homelessness are unemployed. In fact, half the people experiencing homelessness in Denton County work in some capacity.

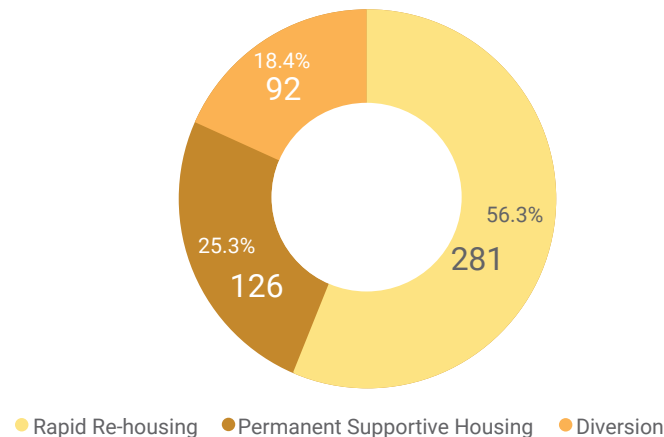
CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS

NEEDS OF HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness often manifests a cycle reflected in the strong correlation between the most common causes of homelessness and most common needs of people experiencing homelessness.



DENTON COUNTY HOUSING INTERVENTION NEED as of February 2019



IN A YEAR APPROXIMATELY
1,200 PEOPLE
EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS
IN DENTON COUNTY

Our community's latest Point-in-Time count found that on any given day an estimated 200-plus people experience homelessness in Denton County. The data isn't perfect, which is why United Way of Denton County is spearheading efforts to improve our data collection.



OVER
1,000 STUDENTS
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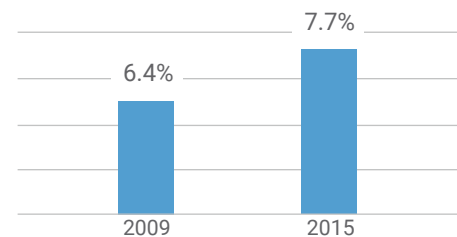
MENTAL HEALTH



"County jail has become the #1 provider of Mental Health Services in Denton County."

TJ Gilmore
Lewisville City Councilman

Diagnosed mental illness in children in Denton County



SIXTY PERCENT

of Texans with a mental illness did not receive treatment.

57.1% people experiencing homelessness report diagnosable mental illness

An estimated **131,767** Denton County residents will experience mental illness in a single year.

Mental illness and behavioral health issues are both a cause and a symptom of experiencing homelessness.

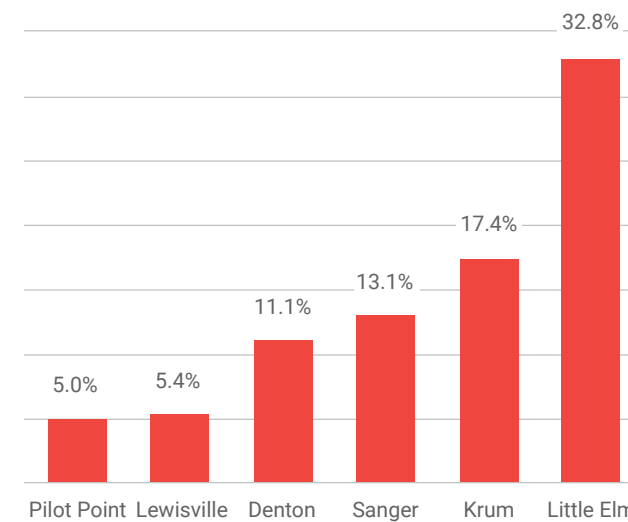


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DEMOGRAPHICS

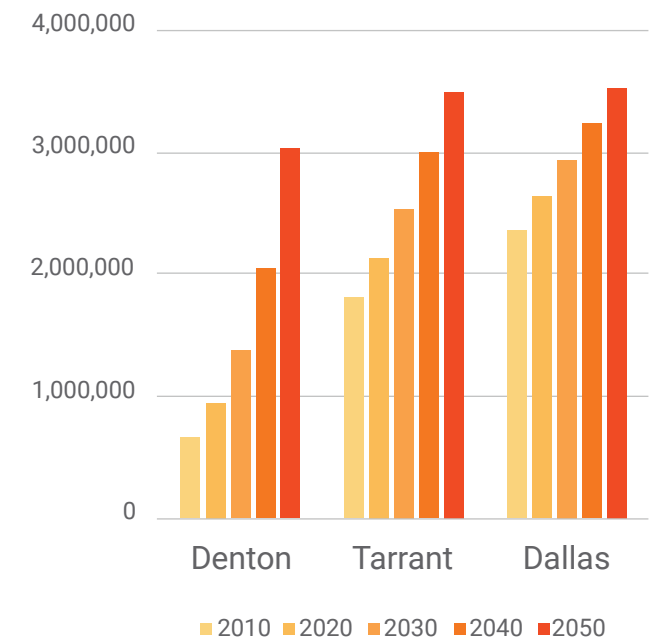
Denton County is one of the fastest growing communities in the nation. An Oxford Economics study ranked Denton County as the top growing county in the nation for 2017-2021. By 2050, the US Census Bureau projects that **Denton County will more than triple in size with more than 3 million people living within our county**, far surpassing both present-day Dallas and Fort Worth. With such exciting growth comes not only great opportunity, but great challenge as the needs of our community grow as well.

% POPULATION GROWTH 2010-2016

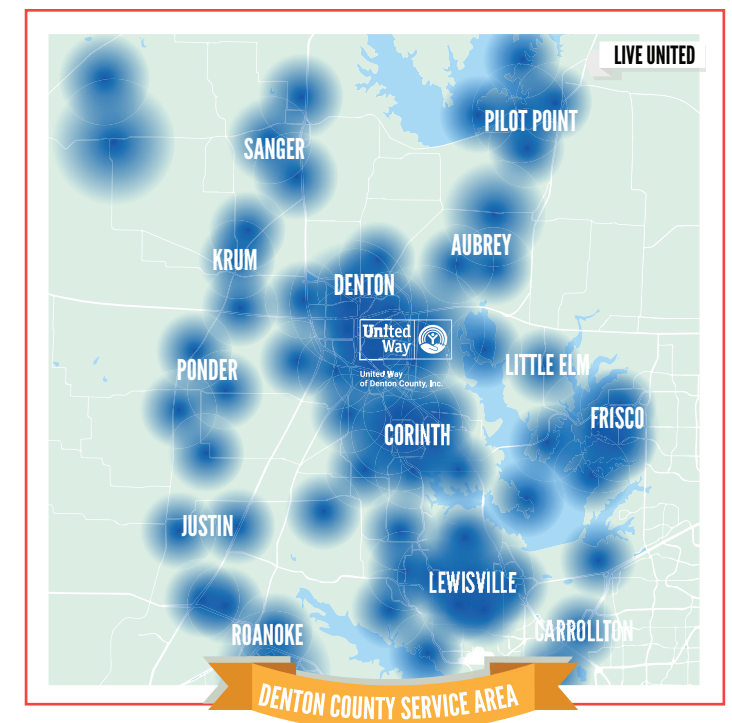
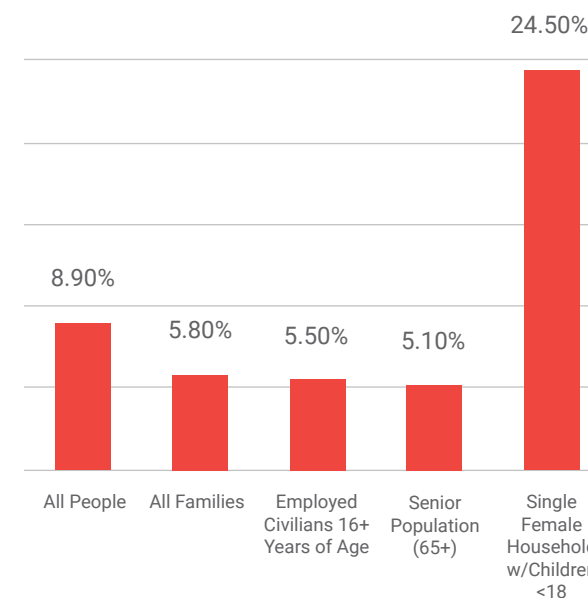


Across Denton County, cities and towns are seeing enormous growth as housing developments spring up on cheap land close to major highways leading into Dallas and Fort Worth.

PROJECTED POP. GROWTH BY COUNTY



DENTON COUNTY POVERTY RATE BY CHARACTERISTIC



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WE EMPOWER DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS, NONPROFITS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO INVEST IN NEIGHBORS FOR A BETTER DENTON COUNTY COMMUNITY.

We LIVE UNITED to help children and families succeed, to guide & serve Veterans and their families, to advocate for overall mental health, and to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. Working together, we identify the community's most critical needs and implement collaborative, innovative solutions to improve lives in Denton County.

We LIVE UNITED 4 Denton County



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