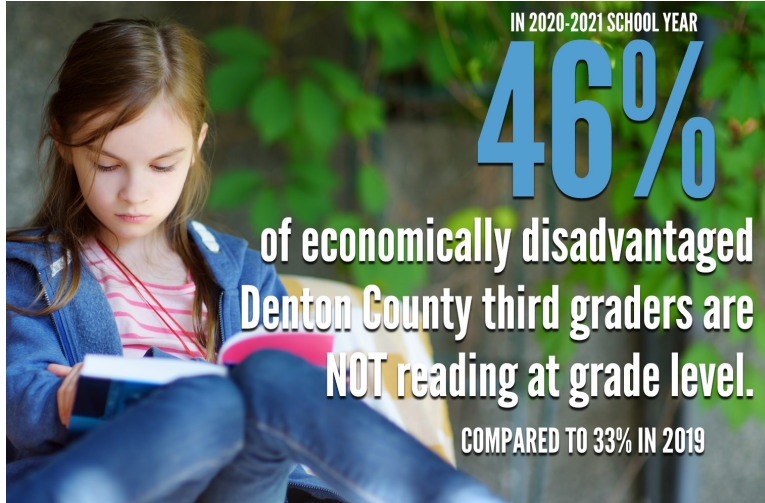


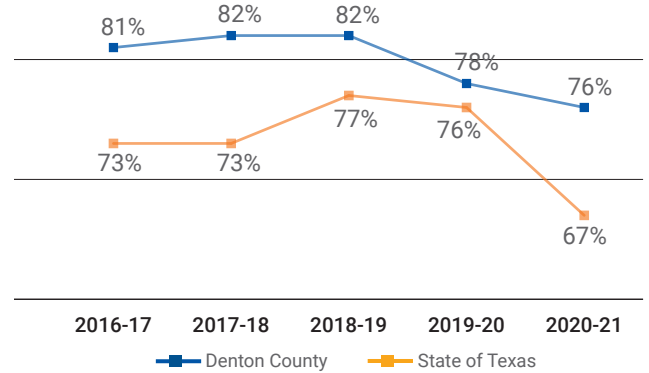


COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AT A GLANCE

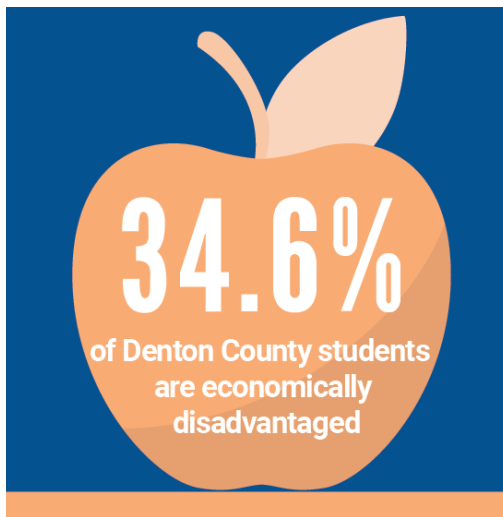
CHILDREN



PERCENTAGE OF ALL THIRD GRADERS READING AT GRADE LEVEL: DENTON COUNTY VS. STATE




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.



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CONSECUTIVE YEARS THE NUMBER OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN DENTON COUNTY HAS INCREASED.

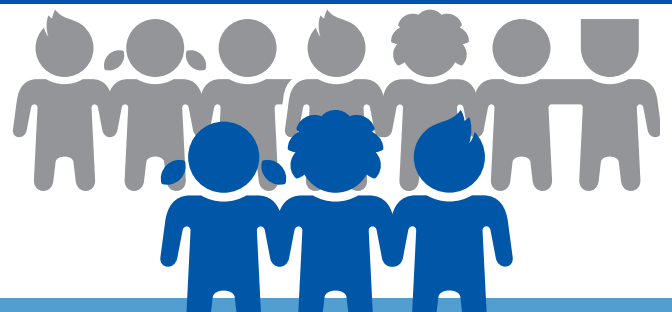


MORE THAN **1 in 3** DENTON COUNTY STUDENTS ARE AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL

From March 2020 to September 2021

**DENTON COUNTY-BASED
CHILDCARE CAPACITY**

DROPPED **24.5%**



Nearly 7 of 10 foster care children are placed OUTSIDE of Denton County due to a lack of placement options.

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FAMILIES

YOU KNOW ALICE



ASSET
LIMITED



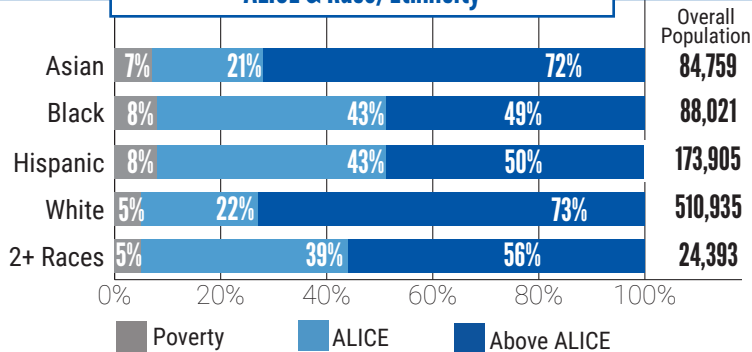
INCOME
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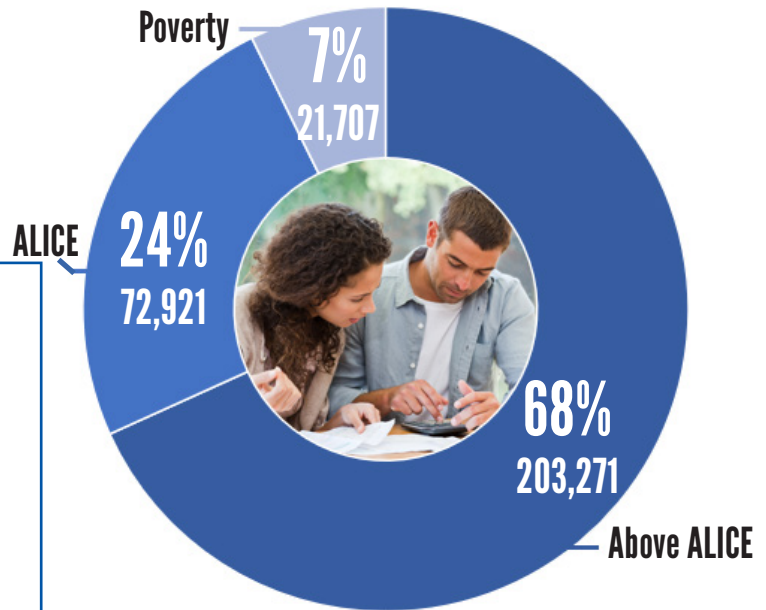
EMPLOYED

They are friends, family, and neighbors who go to work daily, but struggle with basic costs of living: housing, childcare, transportation, healthcare, etc.

ALICE & Race/Ethnicity



DENTON COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS

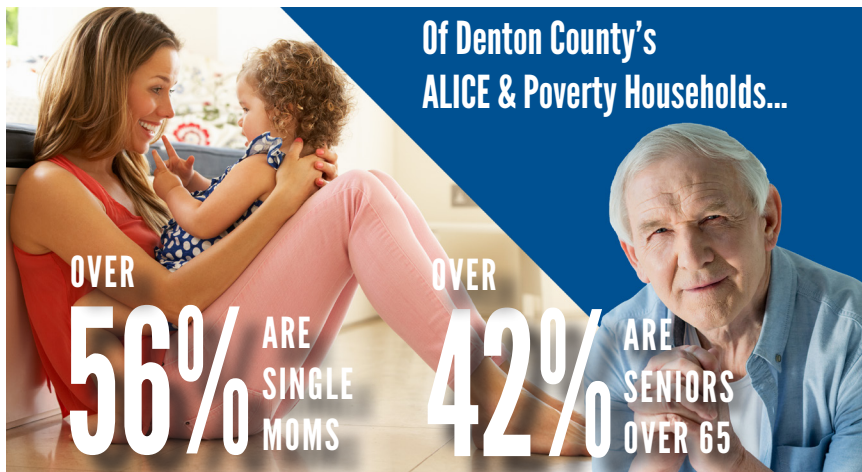


With Poverty & ALICE Households Combined

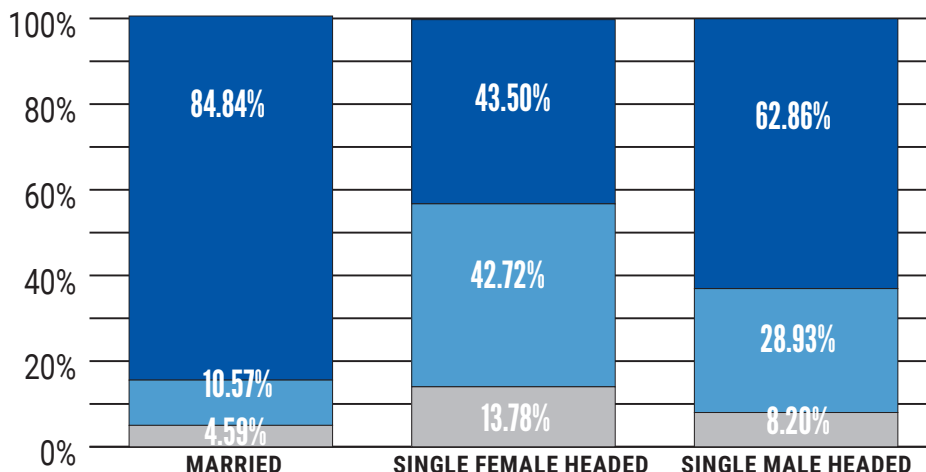
OVER **94,000**

Denton County Households
Earn Less Than Their Household Expenses
MONTH AFTER MONTH

That's **1 in 3**
DENTON COUNTY
HOUSEHOLDS



ALICE Data by Family Type Denton County, 2018



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HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

BETWEEN JULY 2021-JULY 2022

HOMELESSNESS
ACROSS DENTON COUNTY
INCREASED  **43%**

AS REPORTED IN DENTON COUNTY HOMELESSNESS DATA DASHBOARD

**HUD* DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING =
< 30% OF A FAMILY'S GROSS INCOME.**

In most Denton County communities, many households exceed the affordability threshold living in houses & apartments they cannot afford.

*US Department of Housing & Urban Development

TOP FIVE SELF-REPORTED CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS:



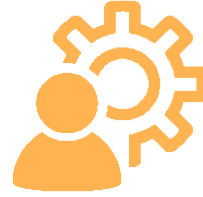
Family/Personal
Issues



Inability to Pay
Rent & Utilities



Unemployment



Lack of Assistance
& Resources



Physical &/or
Mental Disabilities

HOMELESS STUDENTS IN DENTON COUNTY

CITY	SEPT 2020	JUNE 2021
Argyle ISD	no data	no data
Aubrey ISD	25	55
Denton ISD	516	899
Krum ISD	17	no data
Lake Dallas ISD	31	no data
Lewisville ISD	395	795
Little Elm ISD	34	no data
Northwest ISD	49	137
Pilot Point ISD	no data	49
Ponder ISD	5	14
Sanger ISD	56	83
TOTALS	1,128	2,032



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MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER TO PERSON RATIO

Top 10% of Counties



Denton County

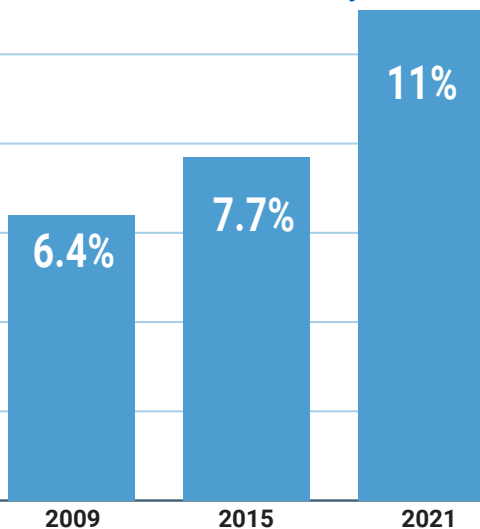


According to the 2021 Mental Health in America Report,
**TEXAS RANKS 50 OUT OF 51 FOR ACCESS
TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE.**



52.6% of people experiencing homelessness report a diagnosable mental illness

Diagnosed Mental Illness in Children in Denton County



1 in 5 People in Denton County experience a
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS in a year.

VETERANS

More than
41,000
Veterans call
Denton County home.

Many encounter unique hardships
after transitioning back to civilian life.



VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH:
54% INCREASE

in occurrences of PTSD since the start of pandemic

More than **1 in 10** Veterans have
a substance
use disorder



Veterans assessed through the Department of Veterans Affairs in
2020 determined:

1 in 3 females

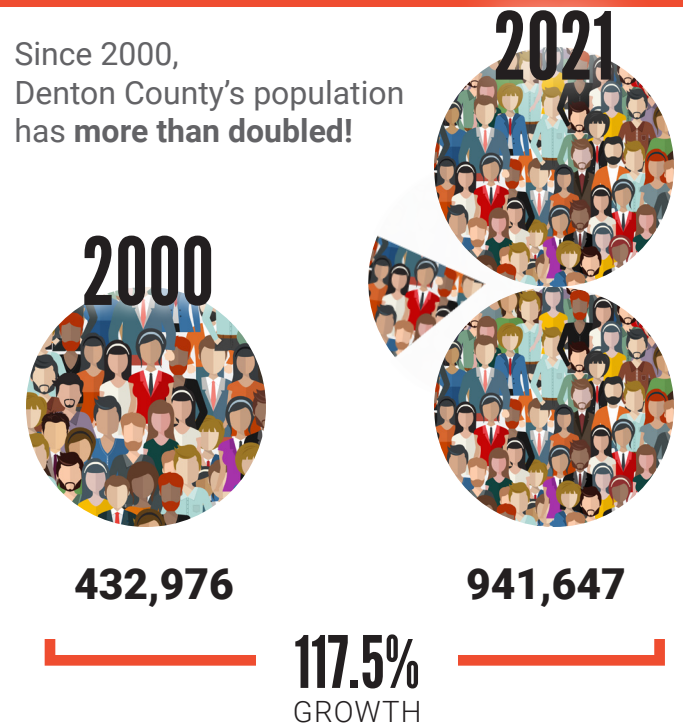
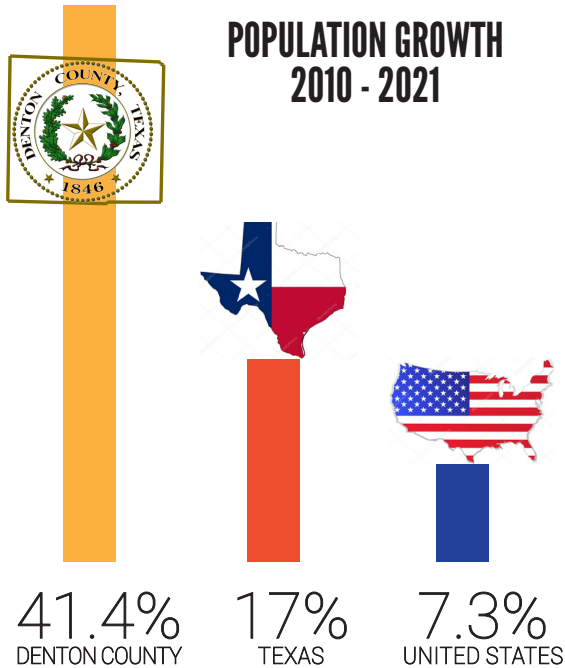
1 in 50 males



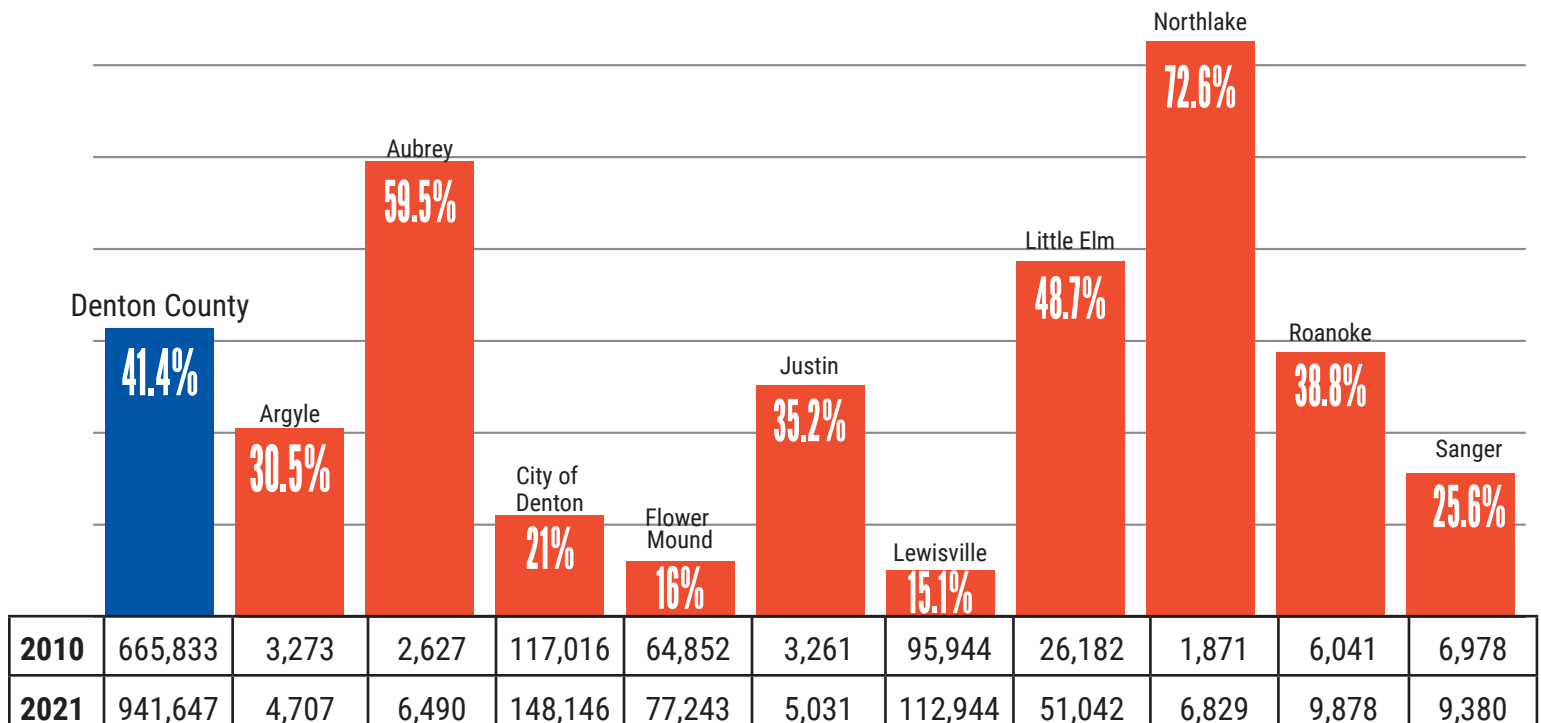
experience Military Sexual Trauma

DEMOGRAPHICS

Denton County continues to be one of the fastest-growing communities in the nation with population growth averaging 22.3% per year. With such exciting growth comes not only great opportunity, but great challenge as the needs of our community continue to grow as well.



PERCENTAGE POPULATION GROWTH - 2010-2021



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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 strengthen education, financial stability, and health and mental health across our community. Working together, we identify the community's most critical needs and implement collaborative, innovative solutions to provide greater opportunity for every person in Denton County.

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EDUCATION



FINANCIAL STABILITY



HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH

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