

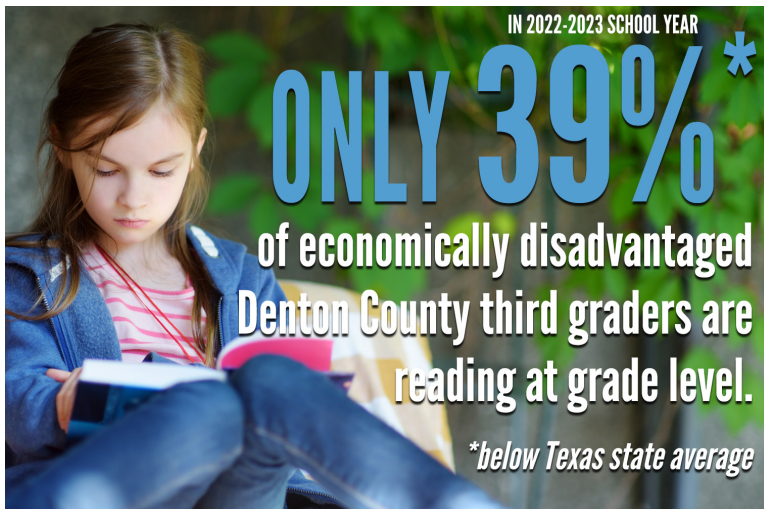


COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AT A GLANCE

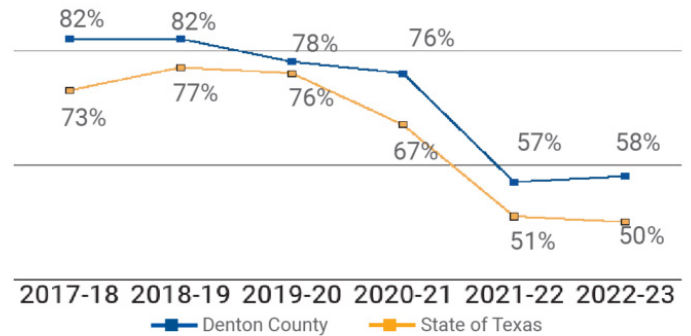


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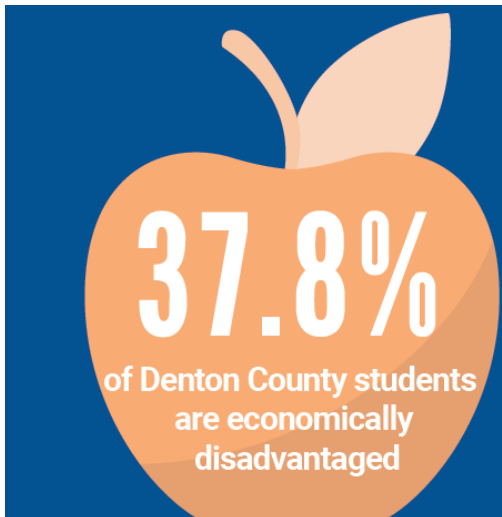
CHILDREN



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

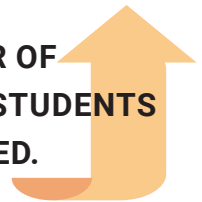


Third grade reading scores are predictive of both graduation and incarceration rates. Both locally and statewide, the proportion of third-graders reading at grade-level is falling.



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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.

FAMILIES

YOU KNOW ALICE



ASSET
LIMITED



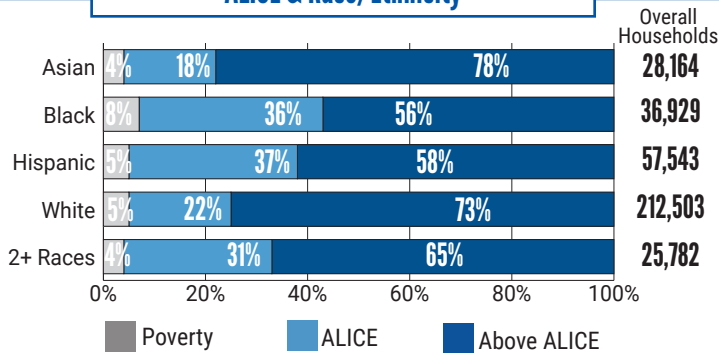
INCOME
CONSTRAINED



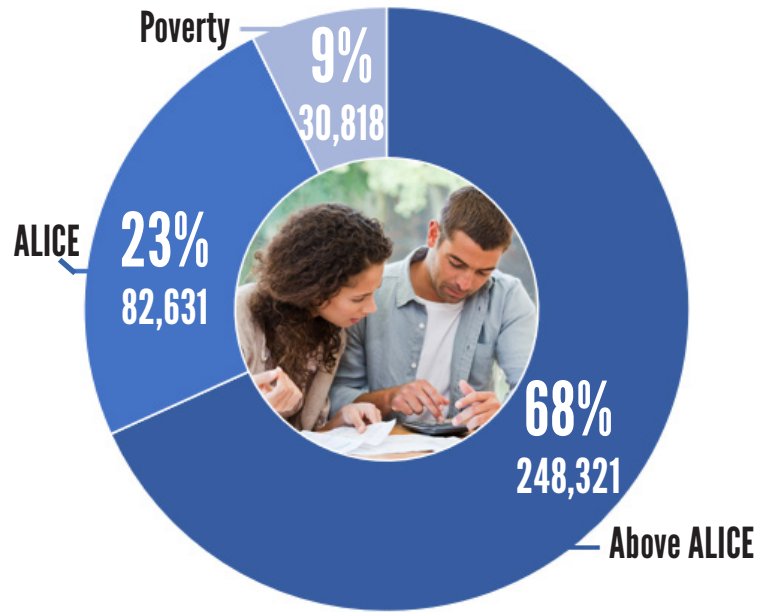
EMPLOYED

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



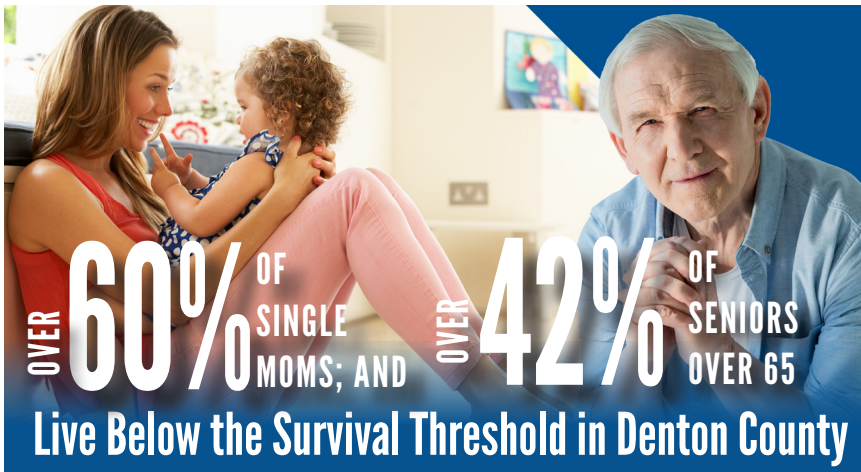
DENTON COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS



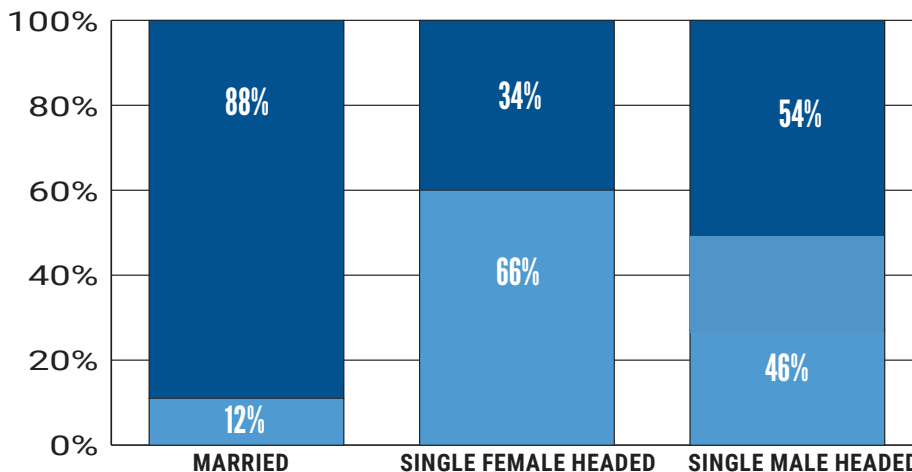
With Poverty & ALICE Households Combined

OVER **113,449**

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



ALICE Data by Family Type Denton County, 2022



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

Above ALICE

Below ALICE Threshold

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:



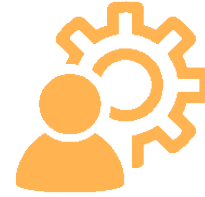
Family/Personal
Issues



Inability to Pay
Rent & Utilities



Unemployment



Lack of Assistance
& Resources



Physical &/or
Mental Disabilities

HOMELESS STUDENTS IN DENTON COUNTY

CITY	OCT 2022	FEB 2023
Argyle ISD	0	0
Aubrey ISD	no data	no data
Denton ISD	347	587
Krum ISD	no data	no data
Lake Dallas ISD	12	no data
Lewisville ISD	820	1,024
Little Elm ISD	62	99
Northwest ISD	no data	199
Pilot Point ISD	no data	no data
Ponder ISD	20	19
Sanger ISD	58	79
TOTALS	1,319	2,007



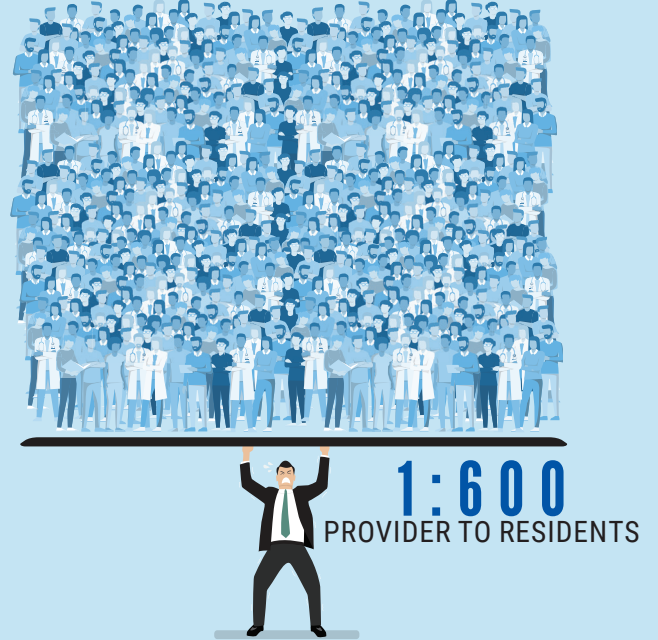
MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER TO PERSON RATIO

Top 10% of Counties



Denton County

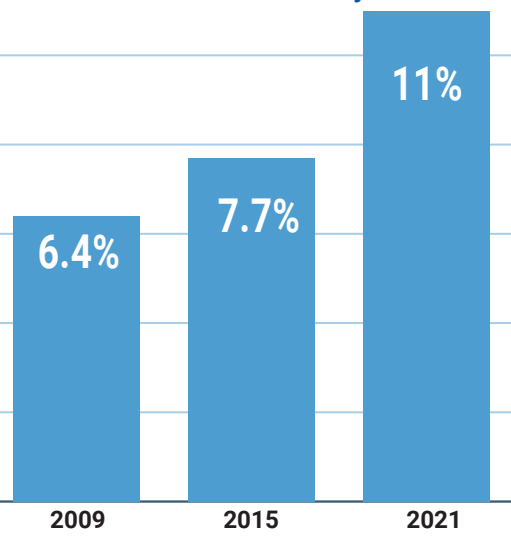


According to the 2022 Mental Health in America Report,
**TEXAS RANKS 51 OUT OF 51 FOR ACCESS
TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE.**



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:

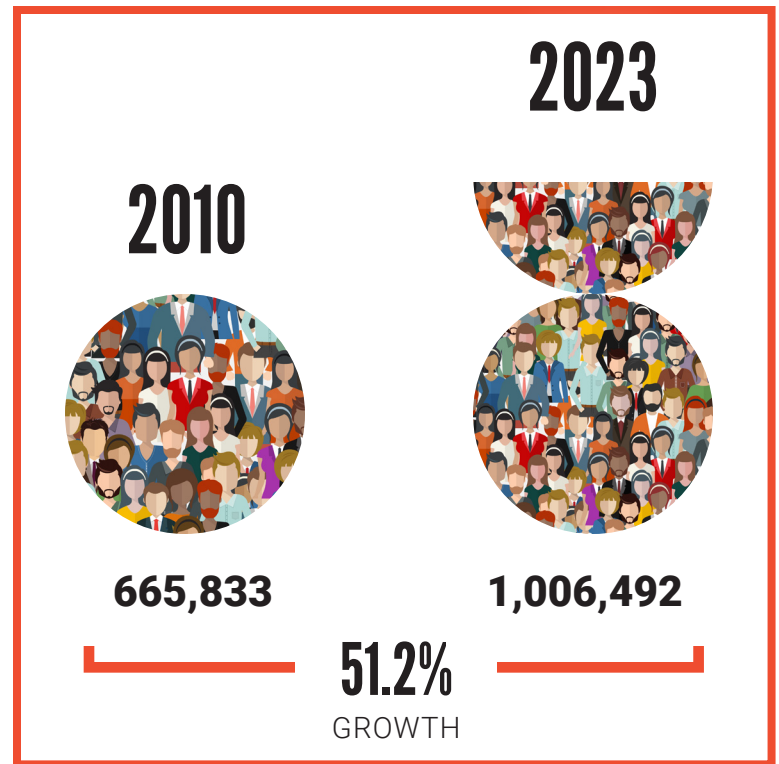
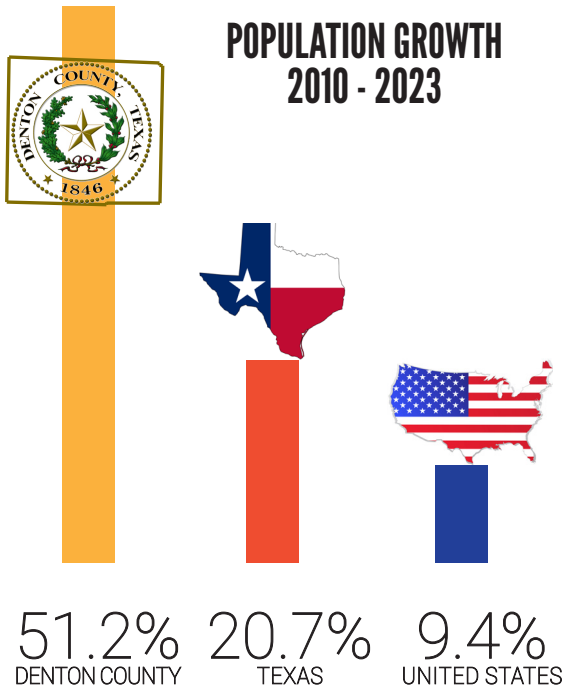
1 in 3 females

1 in 50 males

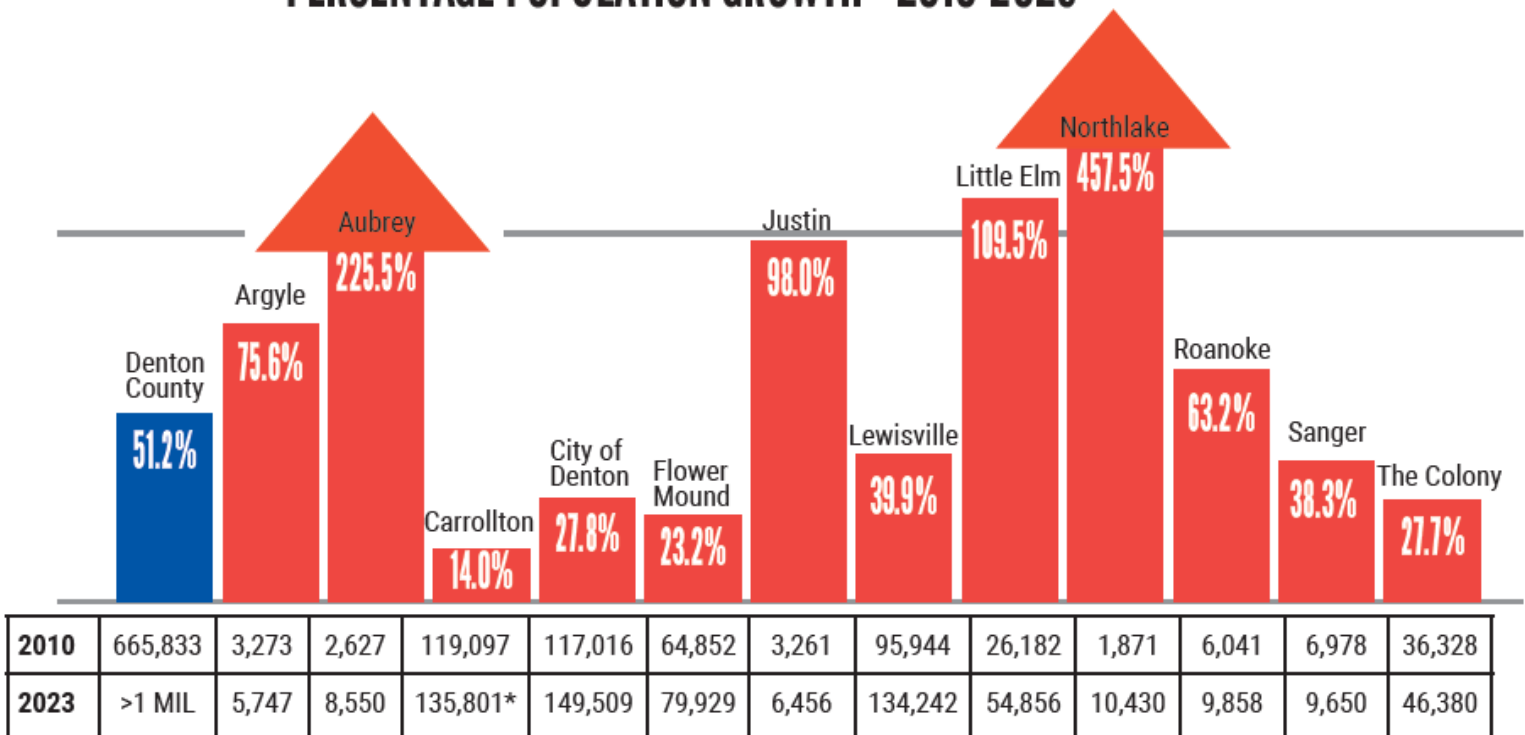
} experience Military Sexual Trauma

DEMOGRAPHICS

Denton County continues to be one of the fastest-growing communities in the nation. With 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 - 2010-2023



*60% of population in Denton County

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

We mobilize Denton County communities to action so all can thrive. From advancing health and education to strengthening livelihoods, we connect people to possibility and create pathways to opportunity for all.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD



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