

# Webb County Commissioners Head Start/Early Head Start

## Community Assessment Update

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with **Head Start Program Performance Standards 1305.3; Determining community strengths and needs**, a comprehensive review of the Agency's Community Assessment was conducted according to program planning procedures. The Performance Standards state that a Head Start/Early Head Start agency must conduct a community assessment within its service area once every three years and, further, conduct a yearly update and review to determine whether there have been significant changes in the information/data that must be reconsidered. The purpose of the Community Assessment is to determine the needs of the Birth to Five Community, evaluate the relevance of services provided by the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and to make recommendations for service improvements.

This Community Assessment update presents an overview of the current community conditions for Webb County Commissioner's Head Start and Early Head Start service area which includes Laredo. This assessment is to be used to aid in identifying the needs of low-income children and families in the Webb County Commissioner's service area and the surrounding communities. It will also be used in developing goals and objectives for program and strategic planning. This Community Assessment update includes information derived from standard local program data as well as local area community, state, and national sources on, but not limited to:

- Population Profile/Demographics
- Poverty
- Employment
- Education
- Housing
- Workforce Development and Income
- Nutrition
- Health Care
- Head Start and Early Head Start-eligible and available children
- Childcare and School District Pre-K programs
- Special needs children
- Transportation
- Profile of Head Start Families
- Education, Health, and Social Service Needs
- Community Resources and Survey results

Webb County Commissioner's Head Start and Early Head Start will further utilize the Community Assessment update information for the Head Start and Early Head Start program to address the following issues:

- ❖ Determine the philosophy, and long-range and short-range program objectives;

- ❖ Determine the type of content area services that are most needed and the program option or options (full day/full year) that will be implemented;
- ❖ Determine possible collaborations (and partnership design options) with child care centers and family child care homes;
- ❖ Determine strategies to successfully recruit and partner with local community organizations;
- ❖ Determine appropriate locations for centers and the areas to be served; and
- ❖ Set criteria that define the types of children and families who will be given priority for recruitment and selection.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Our nation's children represents our future as tomorrow's leaders, citizens, workers, and the next generation of parents. It is imperative that we attend to the well-being of our children right now. In a recent study of 29 economically advanced countries, the United States ranked 26<sup>th</sup> in overall child well-being (2013 Kids Count Data Book). Research shows that smart investment in the early years of childhood can increase the odds of success for all children especially our Nation's most disadvantaged. Reviewing national changes in child well-being over the past five or six years, we observe modest gains in the Education and Health sectors. We continue to see high unemployment in the economic sectors, and the gaps among children by income and family structure continue to grow.

The nation's child poverty rate has increased to 23 percent in 2011 and the poverty rate for our youngest and most vulnerable population (children under three) was 26 percent nationally. Children who are persistently poor are more likely to live in poverty between ages 25 and 30, become teen or unmarried parents and have poor employment history (2013 Kids Count Data Book). The experience of poverty and other related risk factors such as poor parenting skills, inadequate nutrition, frequent moves and changes in non-parental caregivers, insufficient cognitive stimulation and unsafe environments can suppress a child's brain development and have lasting negative effects. Early intervention can prevent or at least reduce some of the negative effects associated with living in poverty. Comprehensive early childhood programs and high-quality preschool can assist children with overcoming the developmental deficits that are associated with chronic economic hardships among low-income and minority children.

Last spring, the federal government released the details of a new Early Education Initiative. Under this initiative, all four-year-olds in low- and moderate-income families will have access to high-quality pre-kindergarten programs. For infants and toddlers, the initiative proposes to expand the availability of Early Head Start through Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships, which will be implemented as new grants to entities like community-based child care providers and others who would become potential Early Head Start grantees. The initiative also calls for expanded home visiting programs. Through these combined efforts, the government

intends to create a cohesive and well aligned system of high quality early learning for children from birth to age five. High-quality preschool can significantly contribute to the healthy development of young children, especially those who are in low-income families. However, on a national level, 63% of low-income 3- and 4-year-olds are not attending preschool.

The University of Texas at San Antonio, the State's Data Center designee, in conjunction with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, has released the Texas 2013 KIDS COUNT Data Book. The data book ranks the state of Texas at number 42<sup>nd</sup> overall in the nation for the well-being of its children. The State of Texas is ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in Family and Community, 30<sup>th</sup> in Economic well-being, 36<sup>th</sup> in Health and 31<sup>st</sup> in Education, as compared to other states in the United States. Smarter spending and planning on programs and services that we know increase children's long-term chances for success is essential. We must continue to identify all of the key developmental factors and risk indicators to ensure that Head Start early intervention pays off in the long term.

### **METHODOLOGY**

Primary and secondary data was obtained from a variety of sources. The sources included the following: The Annie E. Casey 2013 Kids Count Data Book, 2012-2013 Head Start Program Information Report (PIR), [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org), 2014, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Kids Count Data Center, US Census Bureau Quick Facts 2012, American Community Survey 2008-2012, Texas Department State Health Services 2013, [www.city-data.com/county/Webb\\_County](http://www.city-data.com/county/Webb_County), Region I Education Service Center, County Health Rankings 2013, Texas Department of State Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, State Health Improvement Plan, Webb County Agri-Life Extension, Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Texas Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, Texas Department of Family and Protective services, Texas Department of Public Safety, 2012 Crime Report, [www.city-data.com/city/Laredo-Texas](http://www.city-data.com/city/Laredo-Texas), 2012, city-data.com, 2013, Texas Early Childhood Needs Assessment, Webb County Community Plan 2011, United Way, <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/obesity/facts.htm>, and surveys of staff, Head Start parents, Policy Council, Board of Directors, and local community organizations.

Relevant data and facts were researched and collected about the State of Texas, Webb County and the city of Laredo. This was accomplished by accessing websites of various local agencies and organizations, by e-mail inquiries, and by telephone interviews. The data gathered pertains to general demographics and economics, education attainment, disabilities, health, nutrition, social service issues, transportation, housing and child care. Most of the data comes from published sources available online or in a draft form from the originating public agencies.

The information was also used to frame a report that defines the number of Head Start and potential Early Head Start eligible children living in the service area, analyze the greatest needs for the families and community, and determine what our program can do to meet those needs.

Two surveys were created and administered to parents, staff, Policy Council, Board of Directors, and community partners. Questions in the surveys were tailored to gather data not found from other data assessments. Results of the surveys were compiled and analyzed to determine future needs and directions of the Head Start and Early Head Start program.

## **SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTION AND LOCATIONS**

### **Webb County**

Webb County, Texas is located on the US/Mexico border separated only by the Rio Grande River and several international bridges from a more populous city, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Laredo is the south entry point to the United States on US Highway 35 which serves as the route to Canada for thousands of trucks bearing cargo shipped thorough Mexico from around the globe. The major city in Webb County, Laredo is the largest inland port in the United States and, as such, is a dynamic center of commerce. The majority of Webb County residents live in the city of Laredo, but a substantial number dwells in rural areas. Webb County is the site of several “Colonias,” clusters of residents whose homes were built during a period of time when the county governments in Texas did not have adequate authority to exercise control over real estate sales by unscrupulous landowners and developers who sold property that was lacking in in access to basic utilities and sewage disposal facilities. Since 1989, a series of state laws have been passed to control the growth of these economically deprived areas, and efforts by Texas A&M University. The Colonias Program and elected state and local officials have vastly improved the conditions of those areas. However, challenges remain for the Colonias’ residents even in 2012.

The Webb County region has undergone rapid change since 1990 as a result of multiple factors including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which provided a boost to the economy and drew hundreds of people from other regions into the area. Other change agents included the founding, in 1995, of Texas A&M International University, a four-year and graduate institution that has enlarged opportunities for advanced education to this border community, augmenting the long-standing contribution of Laredo Community College to the higher education access provided for Webb County residents. In 2004, the University of Texas Health Science Center-Laredo opened and is poised to increase the opportunities of local residents to gain expertise in health related fields.

The dynamic growth of the County in the last decade that has brought economic prosperity to some that contrasts with the continuing challenges of poverty and low education levels among many other Webb County residents. Federal and State programs designed to overcome the effects of poverty on children have undoubtedly transformed the lives of many. Among the most successful programs in the United States, the Head Start Program has a long history of alleviating some of the major barriers to the success of at-risk children regardless of socioeconomic and disability status.

**WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START CENTERS**

El Cenizo	3549 Cecilia Ln.	78046	725-3410
Finley	125 Atlanta	78045	724-1105
Floyd Mod. I & II	4704 Naranjo	78041	722-2457 729-8349
Jesus Garcia I, II & III	2518 Cedar	78040	725-8649
Jorge De La Garza	2404 Galveston	78043	727-5216
Larga Vista	5411 Cisneros	78046	728-1562
Little Folks	1233 Paseo De Danubio	78046	791-9807
Little Palominos	West End Washington	78040	722-9946
Magic Corner I & II	2801 Ireland	78046	727-0503 712-1612
Prada	4906 Hwy. 83	78046	718-8006
Roosevelt	3301 Sierra Vista Dr.	78046	772-0660
Sierra Vista	102 Sierra Vista	78046	725-5696
Springfield Acres	6500 Springfield	78041	727-1753
Tatangelo I & II	2200 Zacatecas	78046	722-5610
Villa Alegre I, II, III & IV	3501 Eagle Pass	78041	791-0437 791-1590 791-0650



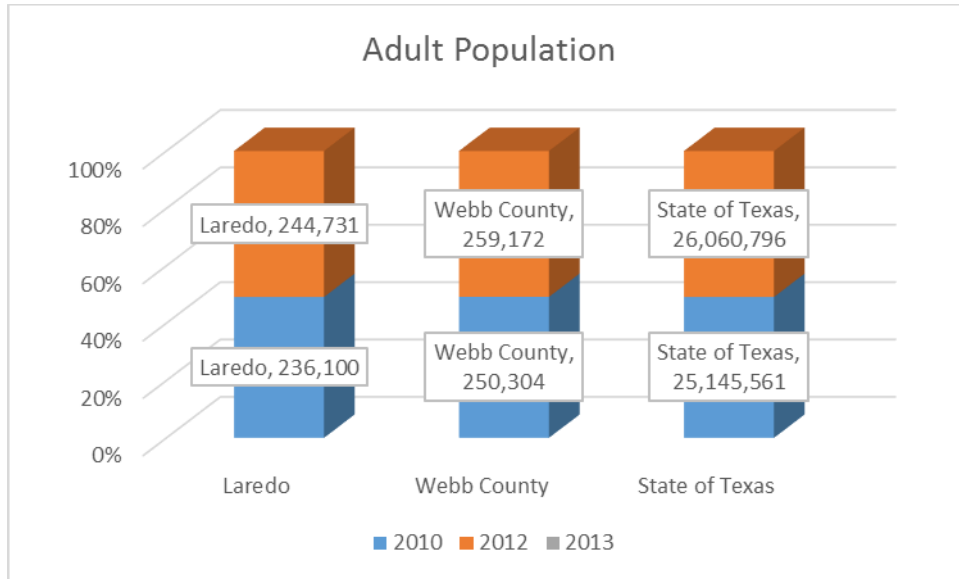
JC Martin LISD	1600 Monterrey Ave.	78040	273-4122
Heights LISD	1208 Market	78040	273-3612
Anita T. Dovalina LISD	1700 W. Anna Ave.	78040	273-3329
Main Office	5904 West Dr.	78041	795-1515
HS Annex	2802 McDonell	78040	723-5574
Bus Drivers	605 N. Sandman	78041	724-2809
Jesus Martinez Kitchen	4704 Naranjo	78041	722-6871
Sierra Vista Early Head Start	102 Sierra Vista	78046	725-5695
Little Palominos Early Head Start	West End Washington	78040	772-9946

Webb County Commissioners' Head Start and Early Head Start program operates a funded enrollment of 1,218 children with a total of sixty-nine (69) Head Start classrooms and a funded enrollment of seventy-two (72) children in the Early Head Start Program. Teaching and Mentoring Communities (TMC) serves as a delegate agency with 16 slots. Forty (40) children are enrolled in a full day program with five (5) Early Head Start classrooms. The majority of centers are located in the city of Laredo. The Early Head Start program also has eight (8) children enrolled in the home based program option and eight (8) pregnant women. Comprehensive and quality services provided to our children will enhance each child's educational future and promote increased participation in the parent's role as their child's first teacher.

Due to the 2013 Sequester, Head Start enrollment was reduced to 1,154 with 64 classrooms. With the restoration of the Sequester funds, Webb County Commissioners' Head Start program will increase enrollment for 2014-2015 to 1,218 with 68 classrooms. The current waiting list for the Head Start center-based program is 765 and the current waiting list for Early Head Start and the home-based program is 153 with 16 pregnant women according to the Director's Monthly Report of January, 2014.

## GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMICS

### Adult Population



City/County	2010	2012	% change
Laredo	236,100	244,731	3.7
Webb County	250,304	259,172	3.5
State of Texas	25,145,561	26,060,796	3.6

*Source: US Census Bureau Quick Facts 2012*

**Key Finding:** From 2010 to 2012, the population for Webb County increased by 3.5%. Laredo City had an increase in 2012 of 3.7%, with the State of Texas increase in population being 3.6%.

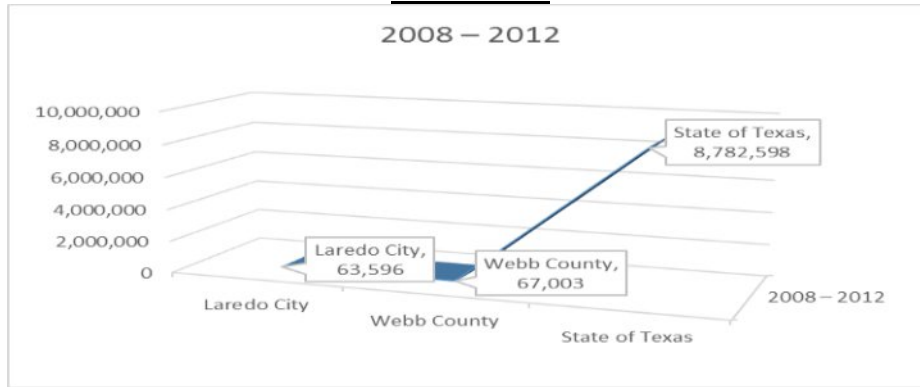
### Median Age

Median resident age:	27.0 years
Texas median age:	33.0 years

*Source: [www.city-data.com/county/Webb\\_County](http://www.city-data.com/county/Webb_County)*

**Key Finding:** The median age for Webb County is twenty-seven (27) compared to the median age for Texas at thirty-three (33) years old.

## Households

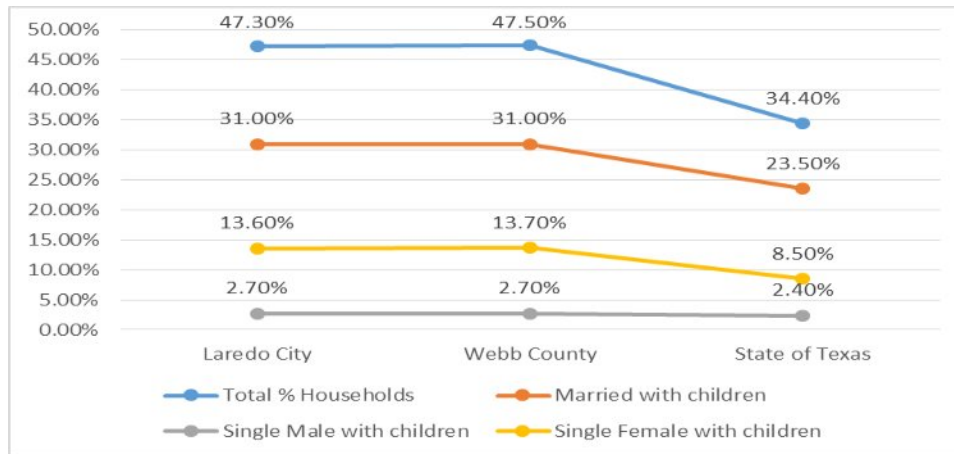


City/County	Households	2008 - 2012
		<b>Number</b>
Laredo City		<b>63,596</b>
Webb County		<b>67,003</b>
State of Texas		<b>8,782,598</b>

*Source: US Census Bureau Quick Facts 2012*

**Key Finding:** The total household (67,003) for Webb County represents .07% of the total household in Texas.

## Total Households & Males/Female Married and Single Households with Children under Age 18 (2012) Households with children under 18

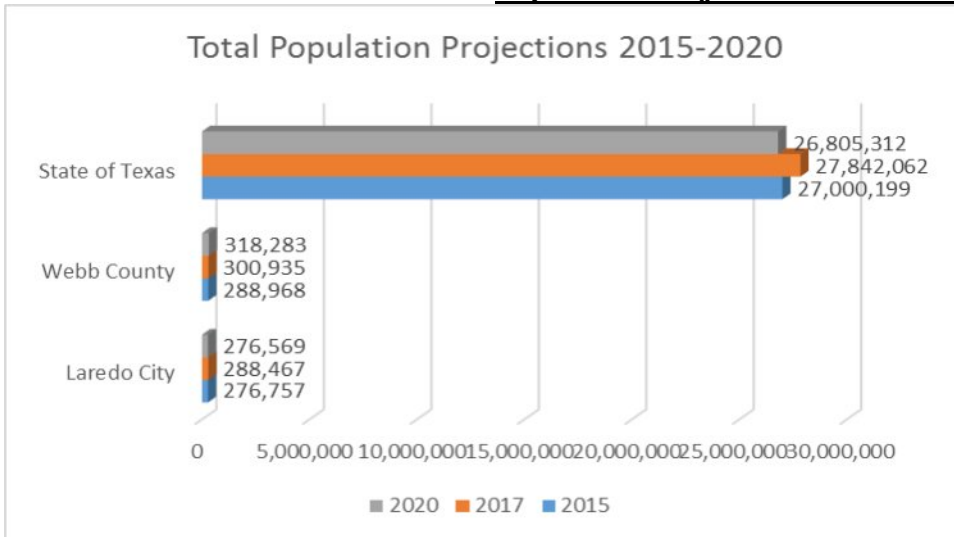


County/Cities	Total % Households	Married with children	Single Male with children	Single Female with children
Laredo City	47.3%	31.0%	2.7%	13.6%
Webb County	47.5%	31.0%	2.7%	13.7%
State of Texas	34.4%	23.5%	2.4%	8.5%

*Source: U.S. Census American Community survey 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** Married households with children under age 18 for Laredo City (31%) is greater than the State rate (23.5%). Single female-only households in Laredo City (13.6%) are 5.2% greater than the State rate of 8.5%.

## Population Projections 2015-2020

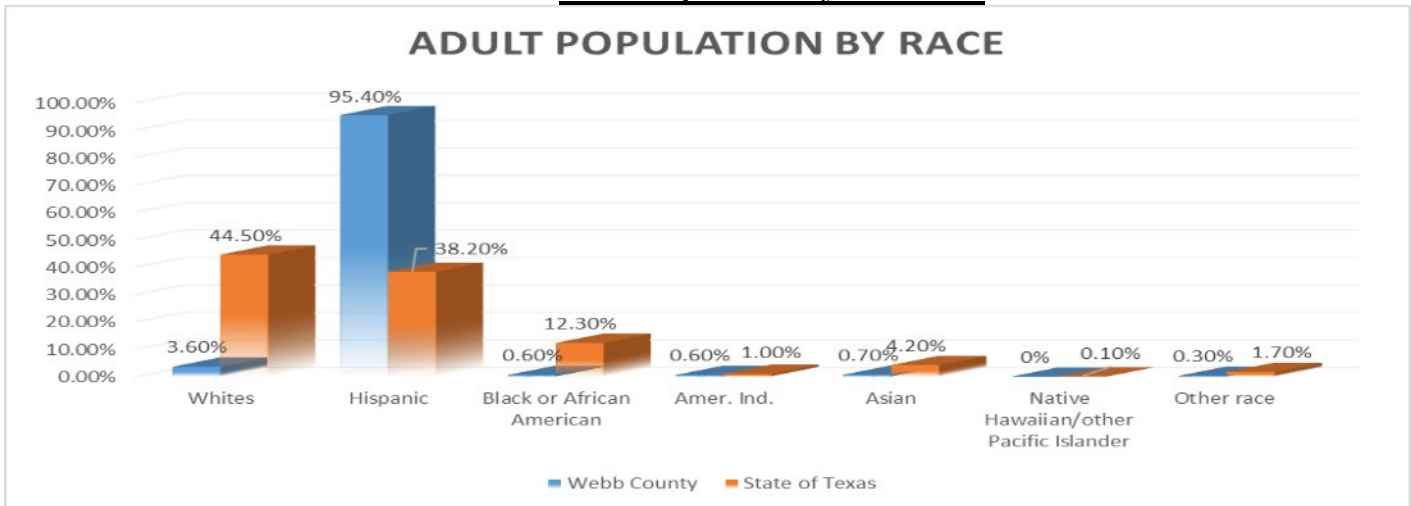


County/City	2015	2017	2020
Laredo City	276,757	288,467	276,569
Webb County	288,968	300,935	318,283
State of Texas	27,000,199	27,842,062	26,805,312

Source: Texas Department State Health Services 2013

**Key Findings:** The total population is projected to increase in Webb County within the next six (6) years by 2.8% while the City of Laredo is projected to increase by 7.1%. The State of Texas is projected to decrease by approximately 2.8%.

## Adult Population by Race 2012

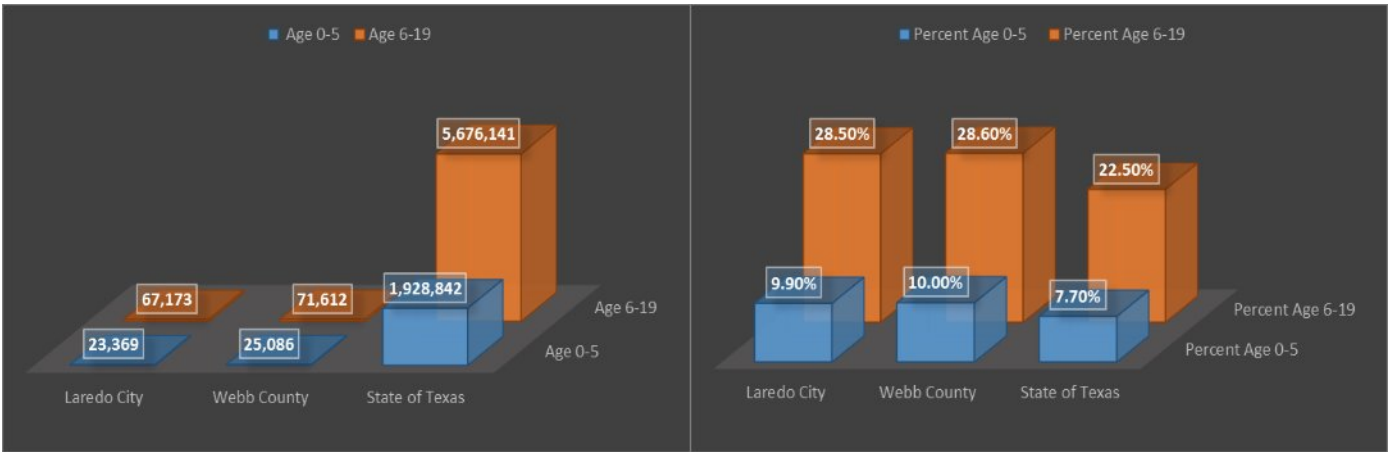


2012	Whites	Hispanic	Black or African American	Amer. Ind.	Asian	Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	Other race
Webb County	3.6%	95.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0%	0.3%
State of Texas	44.5%	38.2%	12.3%	1.0%	4.2%	0.1%	1.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts (2012)

**Key Findings:** Population by race has remained relatively stable. The Hispanic population in Webb County (95.4%) is well above the State average of 38.2%.

**Child population age 0-5 and 6-19 (2012)**



City/County	Age 0-5		Age 6-19	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Laredo City	23,369	9.9%	67,173	28.5%
Webb County	25,086	10.0%	71,612	28.6%
State of Texas	1,928,842	7.7%	5,676,141	22.5%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2012*

**Key Findings:** The population for children ages 0 - 5 in Webb County is estimated at 25,086 in 2012. This represents 10% child population, 0-5, which is above the State rate of 7.7%.

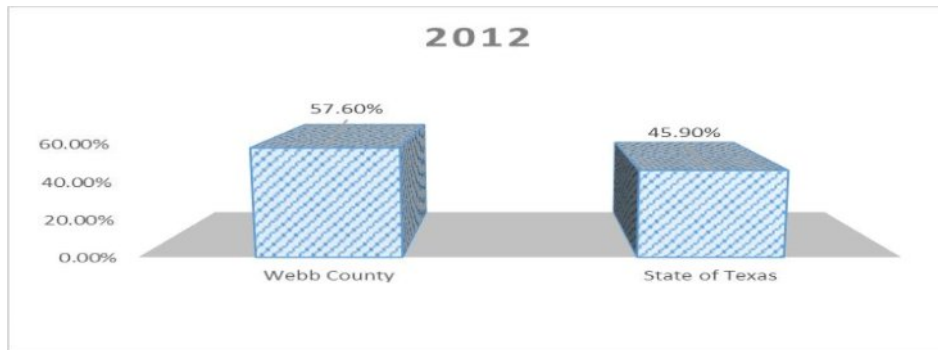
**Children below Poverty Level 0-17**

County %	2011	2012
Webb County	43.9	42.9
State of Texas	26.6	25.8

*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

**Key Finding:** Children below poverty level ages 0 – 17, for the year 2012 in Webb County, stands at 42.9% which is above the State rate of 25.8%.

**Child poverty rate 0-5, 2012**

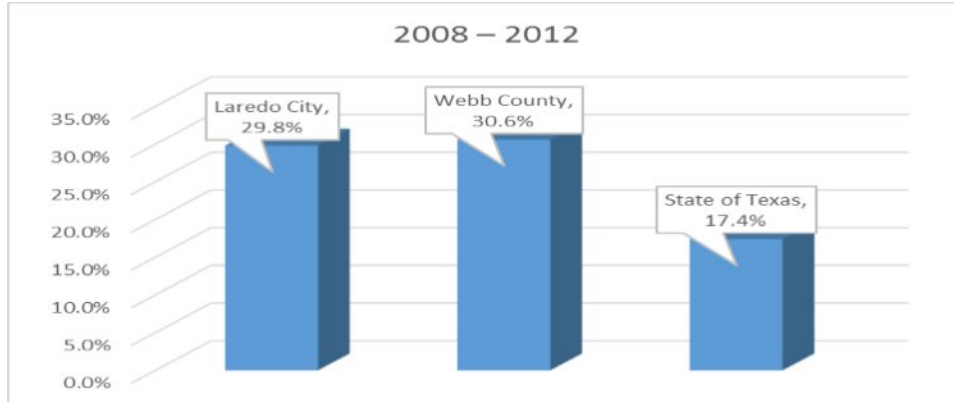


County %	2012
Webb County	57.6%
State of Texas	45.9%

*Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** The child poverty rate continues to increase for Webb County at 57.6% in 2012. Webb County’s child poverty rate is considerably higher than the State rate of 45.9%.

**Adult Poverty Rate (percentage below 100% of Federal Poverty Level), 2012**



City/County	Adult Poverty Rate	2008 – 2012
		Percentage %
Laredo City		29.8
Webb County		30.6
State of Texas		17.4

*Source: US Census Bureau Quick Facts 2012*

**Key Findings:** The adult poverty rate for Laredo is 29.8%, slightly below the rate for Webb County. Both the city of Laredo and Webb County’s adult poverty rate is significantly higher than the State rate of 17.4%.

**Median Household Income 2011- 2012**

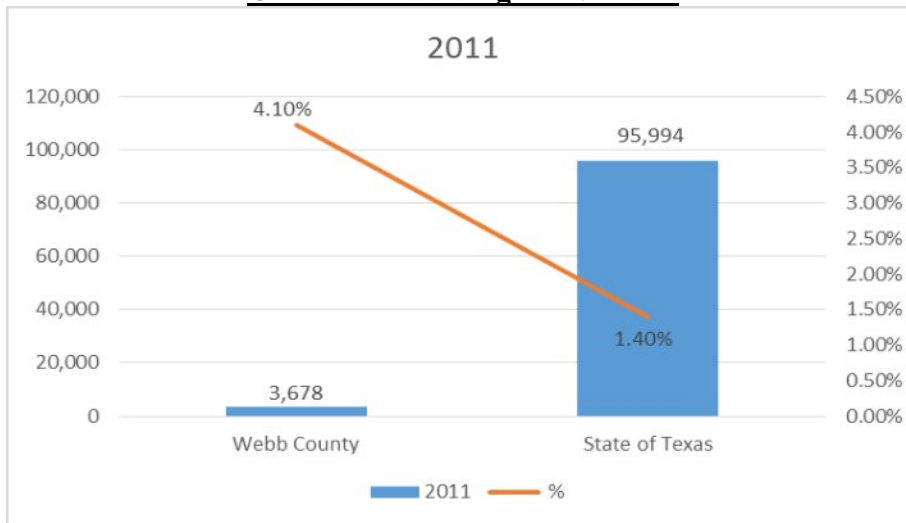


County/Cities	2011	2012
Laredo City	\$36,665	\$39,011
Webb County	\$35,295	\$38,421
State of Texas	\$49,390	\$51,563

*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

**Key Findings:** The median household income for the city of Laredo for the year 2012 (\$39,011) is slightly above the median income for Webb County in 2012 (\$38,421). The median household income did increase from the year 2011. Both Laredo City and Webb County have a median household income that is significantly below the State household median income of \$51,563.

**Children Receiving TANF 2011**

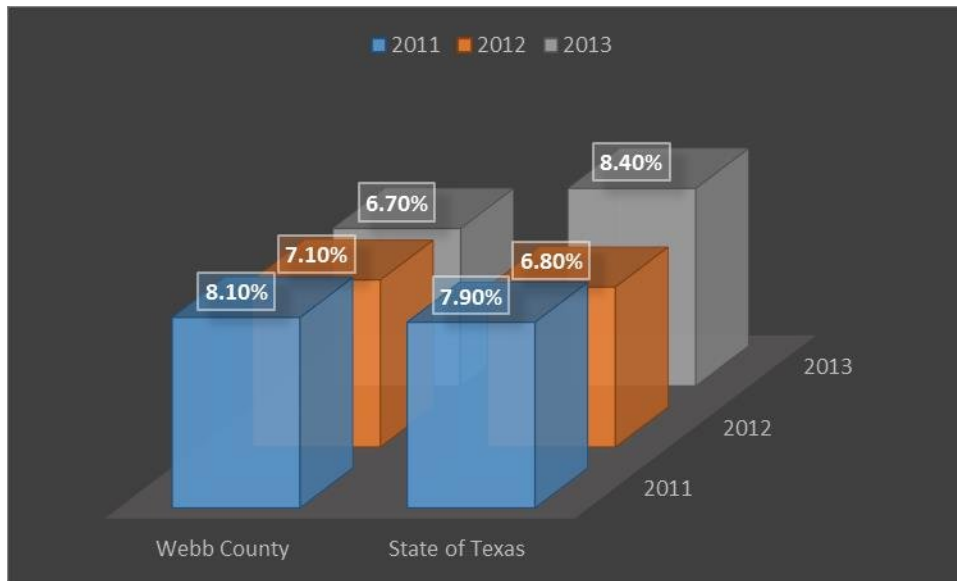


County/City	2011	%
Webb County	3,678	4.1%
State of Texas	95,994	1.4%

*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

**Key Findings:** Children receiving TANF benefits (4.1%) are higher than the State rate of 1.4%.

## Unemployment Rate



Percentage	2011	2012	2013
Webb County	8.1%	7.1%	6.7%
State of Texas	7.9%	6.8%	8.4%

*Source: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)*

**Key Findings:** The average unemployment rate for Webb County has decreased to 6.7% in 2013 from 8.1% in 2011. The Webb County unemployment rate is below the State rate of 8.4% for 2013.



## Major Employers in Laredo City (2014)

### Laredo Top Employers 2014

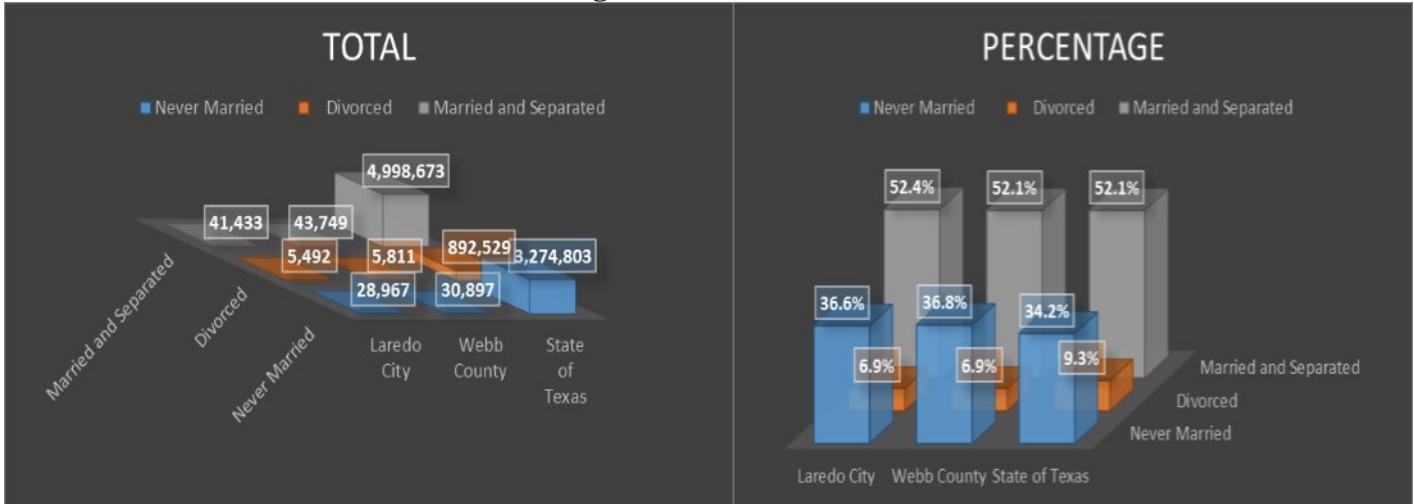
<b>Employer</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Employees</b>
United Independent School District	Education	6,179
Laredo Independent School District	Education	4,500
City of Laredo	Government	2,371
Laredo Sector Border Patrol	Immigration	2,000
H-E-B	Grocery	1,626
Webb County	Government	1,500
Laredo Medical Center	Health care	1,300
Texas A&M International University	Education	1,215
McDonald's	Food	1,200
Walmart	Retail	937
Convergys	Call Center	860
Doctors Hospital	Health Care	811
International Bank of Commerce	Financial Services	661
Stripes Convenience Stores	Retail/Convenience	337
Laredo Entertainment Center	Entertainment	293
Falcon International Bank	Financial Services	292

*Source: www.wikipedia.org, 2014*

**Key Finding:** The top occupations are from the education, government, immigration and grocery categories.

## Married and Single Family Households 2012

### Male Ages 15 and older Marital Status

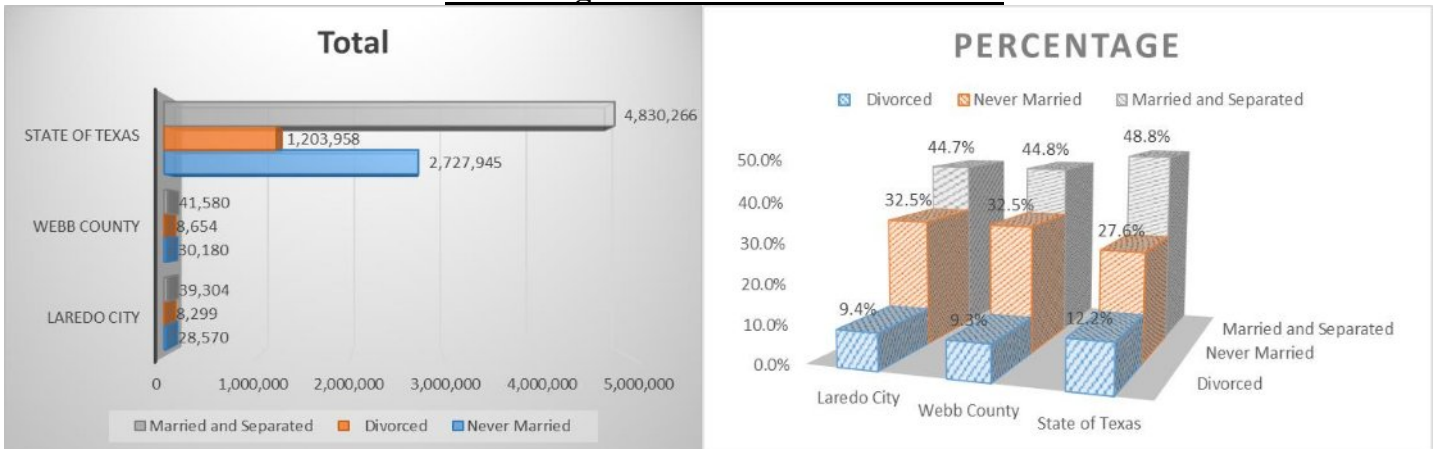


City/County	Never Married		Divorced		Married and Separated	
Laredo City	28,967	36.6%	5,492	6.9%	41,433	52.4%
Webb County	30,897	36.8%	5,811	6.9%	43,749	52.1%
State of Texas	3,274,803	34.2%	892,529	9.3%	4,998,673	52.1%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau Community Survey 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** The divorce rate for males 15 years and older in Webb County is 6.9% which is below the State rate of 9.3%. Single males 15 years and older in Webb County (36.8%) is slightly above the State rate of 34.2%.

### Female Ages 15 and older Marital Status

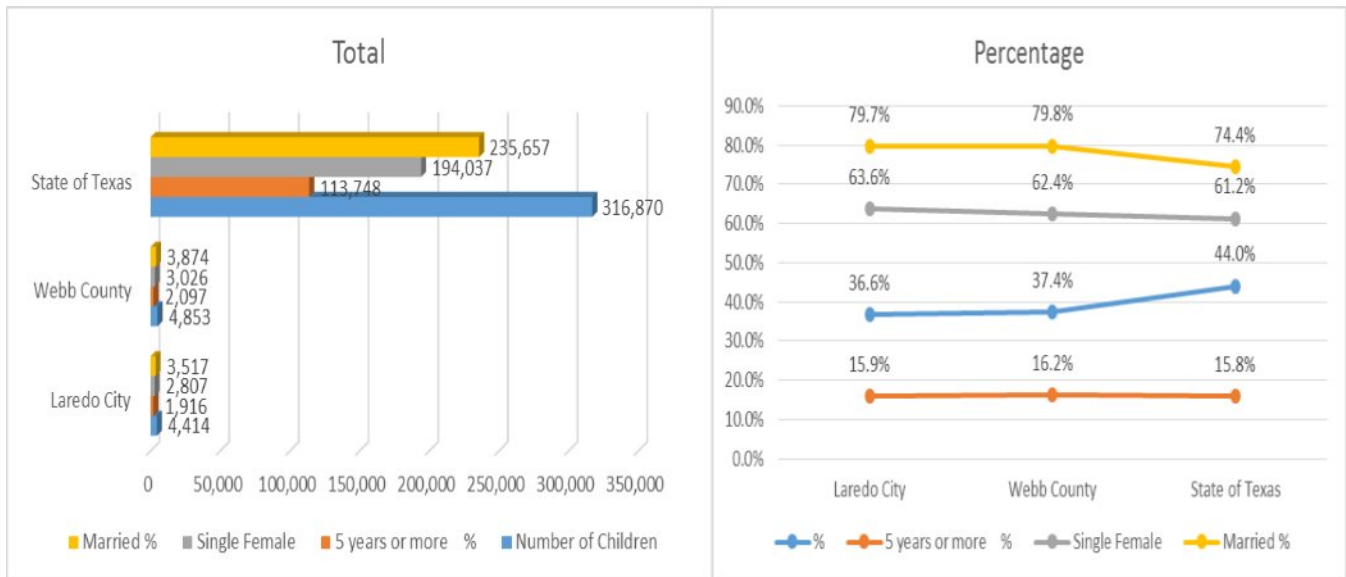


City/County	Never Married		Divorced		Married and Separated	
Laredo City	28,570	32.5%	8,299	9.4%	39,304	44.7%
Webb County	30,180	32.5%	8,654	9.3%	41,580	44.8%
State of Texas	2,727,945	27.6%	1,203,958	12.2%	4,830,266	48.8%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau Community Survey 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** The divorce rate, for females 15 years and older, in Laredo City is 9.4%, which is below the State rate of 12.2%. The rate of single females (32.5%), age 15 and older in Webb County, is higher than the State rate of 27.6%.

**Grandparents Responsible for Raising their Grandchildren 2012**



County/Cities	Number of Children	%	5 years or more %	Single Female	Married %
Laredo City	4,414	36.6%	1,916 15.9%	2,807 63.6%	3,517 79.7%
Webb County	4,853	37.4%	2,097 16.2%	3,026 62.4%	3,874 79.8%
State of Texas	316,870	44.0%	113,748 15.8%	194,037 61.2%	235,657 74.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Community Survey 2008-2012

**Key Findings:** The total number of children being raised by their grandparents stands at 4,414 in Laredo City and 4,853 in Webb County. Single female grandparents, who are raising their grandchildren, stands at 63.6% in Laredo City, and is higher than the State rate of 61.2%.

## **HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS - DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMICS**

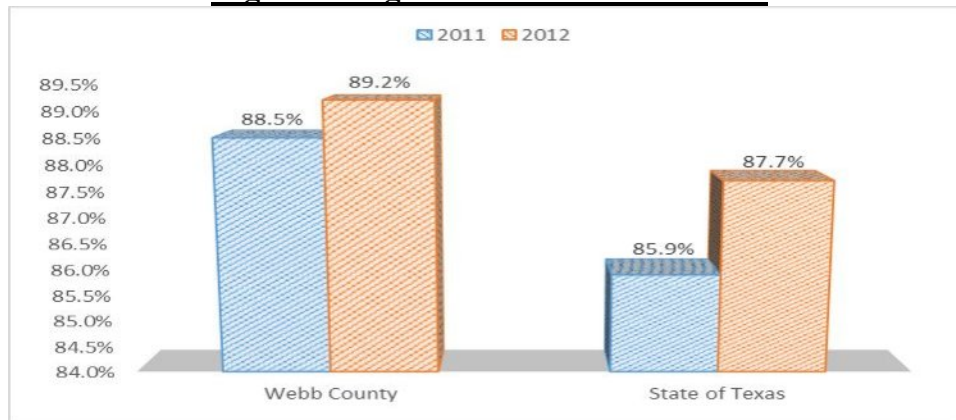
- ❖ From 2010 to 2012, the population for Webb County increased by 3.5%. Laredo City had an increase in 2012 of 3.7%, while the State of Texas increased in population by 3.6%.
- ❖ The median age for Webb County is twenty-seven (27) compared to the median age for Texas is thirty-three (33) years old.
- ❖ The total household (67,003) for Webb County represents .07% of the total household in Texas.
- ❖ Married households with children under age 18 for Laredo City (31%) is greater than the State rate (23.5%). Single female-only households in Laredo City (13.6%) is 5.2% greater than the State rate of 8.5%.
- ❖ The total population is projected to increase in Webb County within the next six (6) years by 2.8% while the City of Laredo is projected to increase by 7.1%. The State of Texas is projected to decrease by approximately 2.8%.
- ❖ Population by race has remained relatively stable. The Hispanic population in Webb County (95.4%) is well above the State average of 38.2%.
- ❖ The population for children ages 0-5 in Webb County is estimated at 25,086 in 2012. This represents approximately 10% of the child population, ages 0-5, which is above the State rate of 7.7%.
- ❖ The child poverty rate continues to increase for Webb County at 57.6% in 2012. Webb County's child poverty rate is considerably higher than the State rate of 45.9%.
- ❖ The adult poverty rate for Laredo is 29.8%, slightly below the rate for Webb County. Both the city of Laredo and Webb County's adult poverty rate is significantly higher than the State rate of 17.4%.
- ❖ The median household income for the city of Laredo for 2012 (\$39,011) is slightly above the median income for Webb County in 2012 (\$38,421). Median household income did increase from the year 2011. Both Laredo City and Webb County have a median household income that is significantly below the State household median income of \$51,563.
- ❖ Children receiving TANF benefits (4.1%) is higher than the State rate of 1.4%.
- ❖ The average unemployment rate for Webb County has decreased to 6.7% in 2013 from 8.1% in 2011. Webb County unemployment rate is below the State rate of 8.4% for 2013.
- ❖ The divorce rate for males 15 years and older in Webb County is 6.9%, which is below the State rate of 9.3%. Single males 15 years and older in Webb County (36.8%) is slightly above the State rate of 34.2%.
- ❖ The divorce rate for females 15 years and older in Laredo City is 9.4%, which is below the State rate of 12.2%. Single females (32.5%), age 15 and older in Webb County, is higher than the State rate of 27.6%.

- ❖ **The total number children being raised by their grandparents stands at 4,414 in Laredo City and 4,853 in Webb County. Single female grandparents, who are raising their grandchildren stand at 63.6% in Laredo City, and is higher than the State rate of 61.2%.**

**\*\*There were no other notable changes to Demographic and Economics for Webb County.**

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

### High School graduation rate 2011 – 2012



County/Percentage	2011	2012
Webb County	88.5%	89.2%
State of Texas	85.9%	87.7%

Source: Kids Count Data Center

**Key Findings:** The graduation rate for Webb County is 89.2% for 2012, which shows a slight increase of 0.7% from 2011. The graduation rate is slightly above the State of Texas rate of 87.7%.

### High School Drop-Out Rate

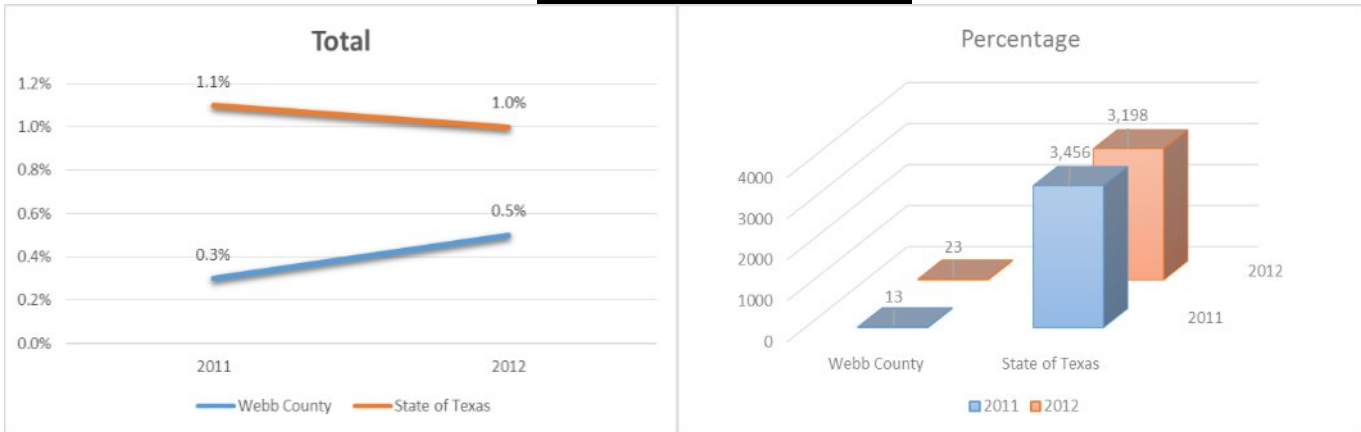


County/Percentage/ Number	2011	2012
Webb County	4.9%	5.6%
	192	238
State of Texas	6.8%	6.3%
	21,813	20,032

Source: Kids Count Data Center

**Key Findings:** The high school drop-out rate for Webb County is 5.6% in 2012, which shows a slight increase in drop-outs from 2011 of 0.7%. Even though the State of Texas had a slight decrease in drop-out rate, Webb County (5.6%) is still slightly lower than the overall State rate of 6.3%.

**High School Received GED**

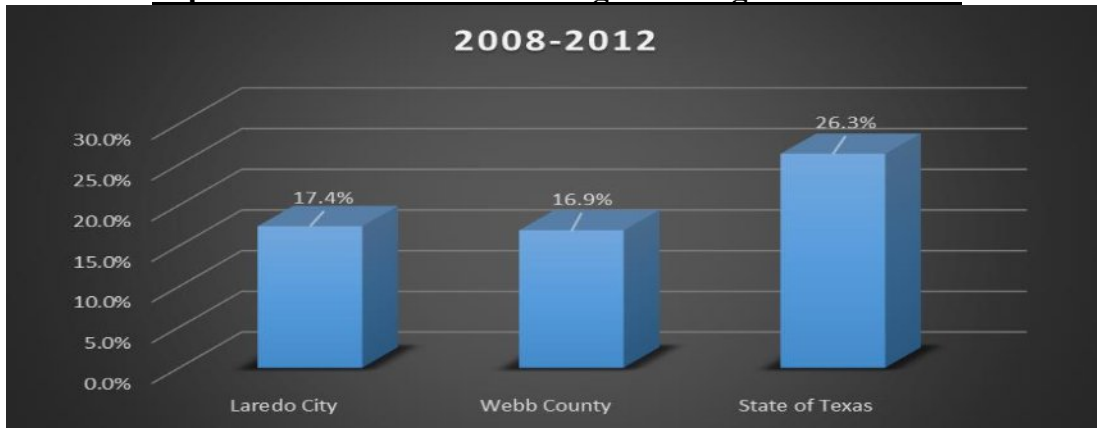


County/Percentage/ Number	2011		2012	
Webb County	0.3%	13	0.5%	23
State of Texas	1.1%	3,456	1.0%	3,198

Source: Kids Count Data Center

**Key Finding:** Individuals receiving a G.E.D. experienced a marginal increase from 2011 (0.3%) to (0.5%) in 2012.

**Population with a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher 2008 – 2012**



County/Percentage	2008-2012
Laredo City	17.4%
Webb County	16.9%
State of Texas	26.3%

Source: United State Census Bureau Quick Facts, 2012

**Key Findings:** The population with a Bachelor’s degree or higher in Laredo City is 17.4% in 2012. Webb County stands at 16.9%. Both Laredo City and Webb County’s population with a Bachelor degree is significantly lower than the State rate of 26.3%.

## **HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS - EDUCATION**

- ❖ **The graduation rate for Webb County is 89.2% for 2012, which shows a slight increase of 0.7% from 2011. The graduation rate is slightly above the State of Texas rate of 87.7%.**
- ❖ **The high school drop-out rate for Webb County is 5.6% in 2012, which shows a slight increase in drop-outs from 2011 of 0.7%. Even though the State of Texas had a slight decrease in drop-out rate, Webb County (5.6%) is still slightly lower than the overall State rate of 6.3%.**
- ❖ **Individuals receiving a G.E.D. experienced a marginal increase from 2011 (0.3%) to (0.5%) in 2012.**
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**\*\*There were no other notable changes to Demographic and Economics for Webb County.**



**DISABILITIES**

**Type and number of Children with Special Needs (ages 3-5) October 25, 2013**

<b>Primary Disability</b>	<b>Webb County</b>
Autism	43
Emotional Disturbance	*
Other Health Impairment	89
Speech/Language Impairment	210
Auditory Impairment	6
Orthopedic Impairment	*
Traumatic Brain Injury	*
Visual Impairment	5
Intellectual Disability	7
Non-categorical Early Childhood	75
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>440</b>

*Source: Region I Education Service Center, 2013; \* represents a total less than 5 but not 0, for confidentiality purposes*

**Key Finding:** The majority of children with disabilities that are being served by Laredo ISD, Webb Consolidated and United ISD have a Speech/Language Impairment.

**FY2012 Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services (Birth – 3 years)**

<b>Statewide</b>	<b>1,643,987</b>	<b>49,198</b>	<b>4,568</b>	<b>53,766</b>	<b>3.27%</b>
<b>County</b>	<b>Birth-to-3 Population</b>	<b>Children Served: Comprehensive Services</b>	<b>Children Served: Follow Along</b>	<b>Total Served</b>	<b>Percent of Population Served: Total</b>
<b>Webb</b>	26,738	674	9	682	2.55

*Source: Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Division for ECI Services*

**Key Findings:** The number of children receiving services from Early Childhood Intervention services totaled 53,766 for the State of Texas. Approximately 682 birth to three year old children received services in Webb County. This represents only 1.3% of the total number of children being served in the State of Texas.

ECI is a statewide program for families with children, birth to three, with disabilities and developmental delays. ECI supports families to help their children reach their potential through developmental services.

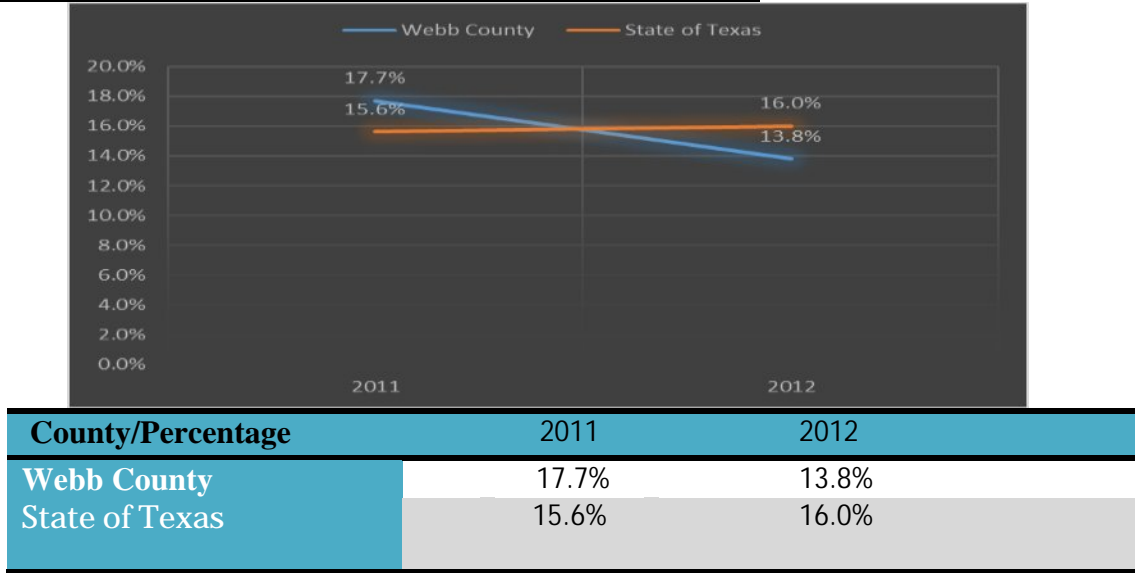
**HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS - DISABILITIES**

- ❖ **Speech and Language, Other Health Impairment and Non-Categorical Early Childhood are the largest categories of children with disabilities, 0 to 5 years old, in Webb County.**
- ❖ **The number of children receiving services from Early Childhood Intervention totaled 53,766 for the State of Texas. Approximately 682 birth to three year old children received disabilities services in Webb County. This represents 1.3% of the total number of children being served in the State of Texas.**

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## HEALTH CARE

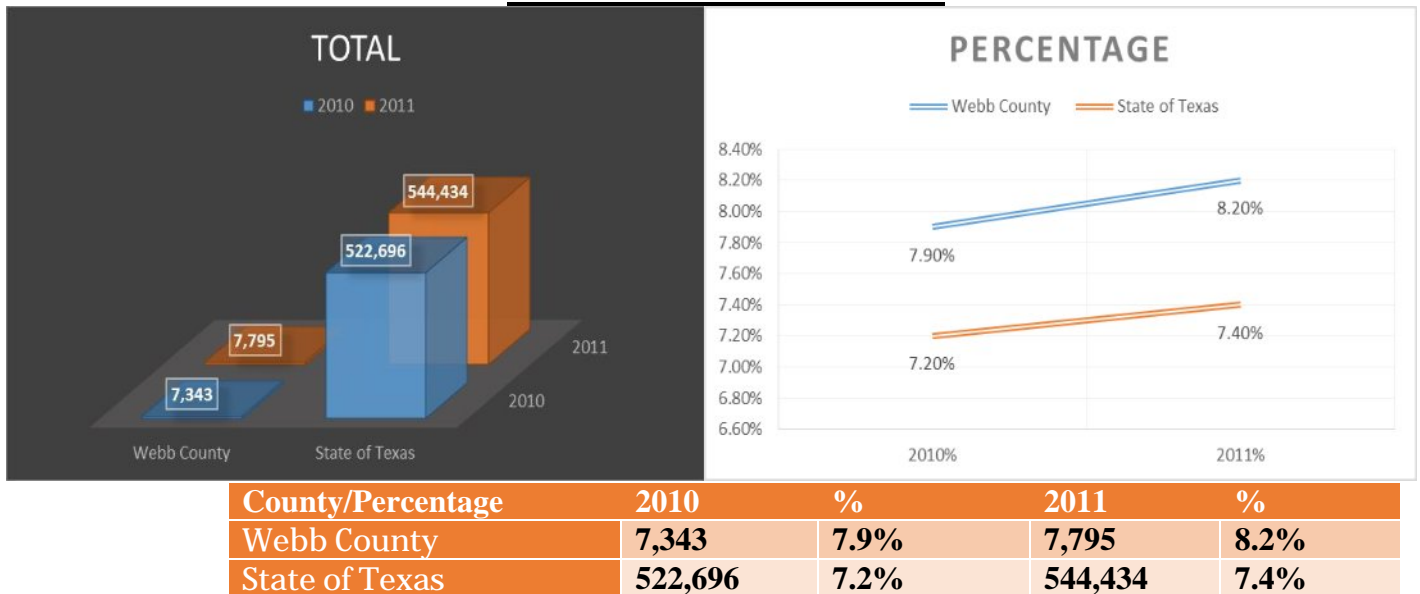
### Uninsured children at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level 2012



*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

**Key Finding:** Uninsured children rate in Webb County is 13.8% in 2012. This indicates a decrease of approximately 3.9%. The uninsured rate is slightly lower than the State rate of 16.0%. In March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act. The law expands health coverage and puts in place comprehensive health insurance reforms that will roll out over four years and beyond, with most changes taking place April 1, 2014.

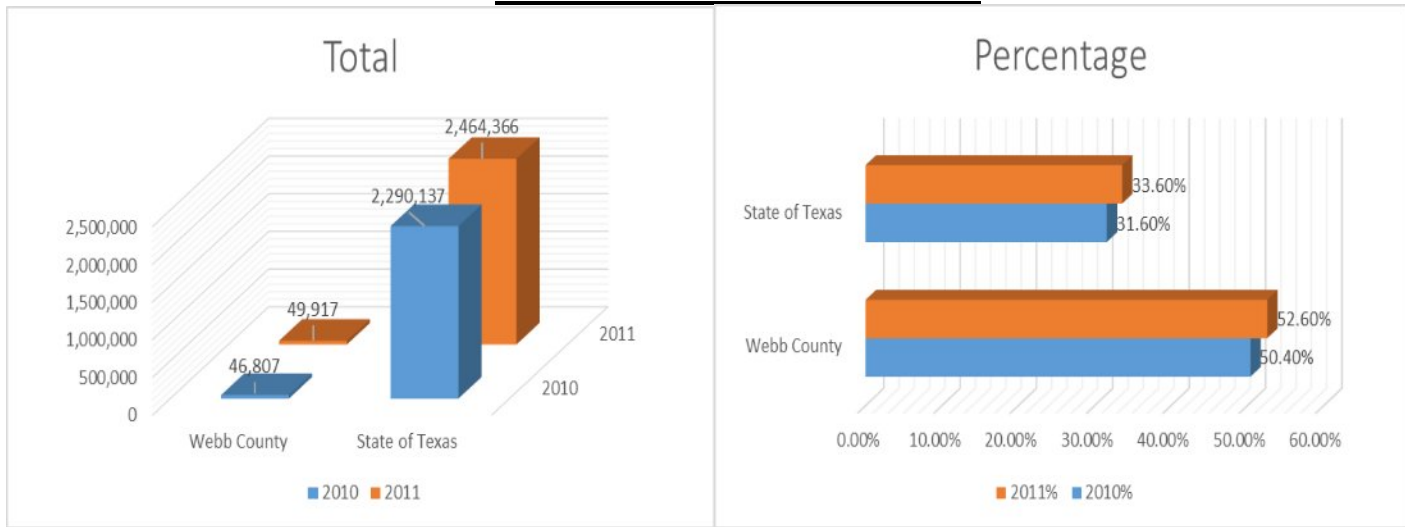
### Children enrolled in CHIP 2011



**Source:** Kids Count Data Center

**Key Findings:** Children enrolled in CHIP have experienced a marginal increase from 7.9% to 8.2% in 2012. CHIP enrollment is slightly above the enrollment rate of Texas which is 7.4%

### Children enrolled in Medicaid 2011

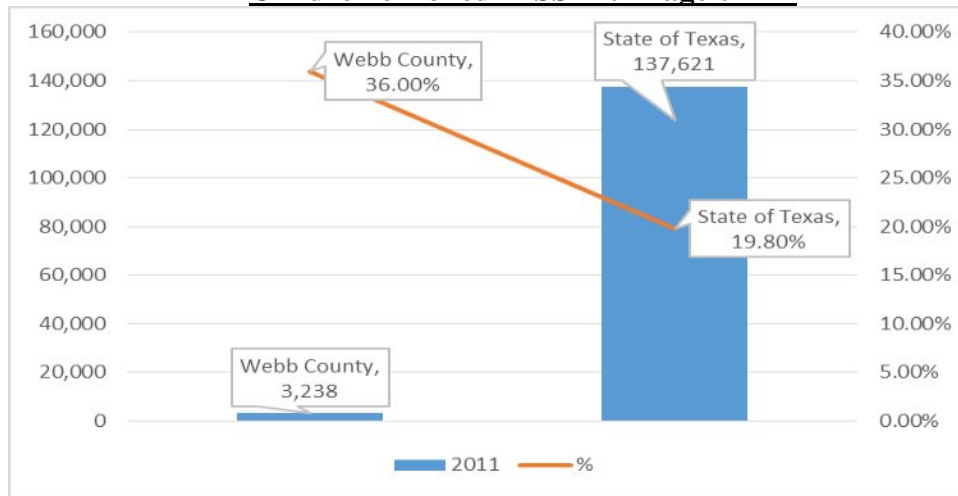


County/Percentage	2010	%	2011	%
Webb County	46,807	50.4%	49,917	52.6%
State of Texas	2,290,137	31.6%	2,464,366	33.6%

Source: Kids Count Data Center

**Key Findings:** Children enrolled in Medicaid have experienced an increase from 50.4% to 52.6%. Medicaid enrollment is significantly above the State rate of 33.6%.

### Children enrolled in SSI 2011 age 0 – 17

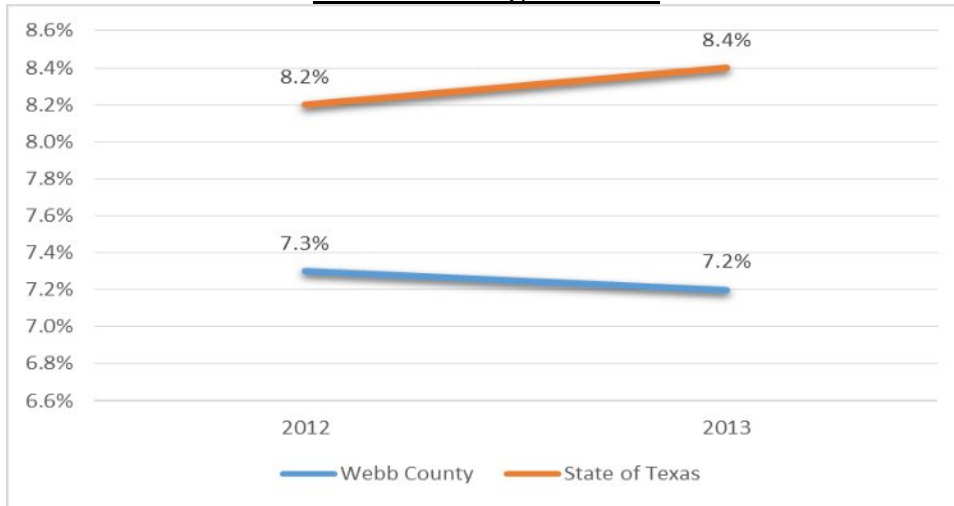


County	2011	%
Webb County	3,238	36.0%
State of Texas	137,621	19.8%

Source: Kids Count Data Center

**Key Findings:** Children enrolled in SSI stands at 36% for Webb County which is significantly above the State rate of 19.8%.

### Low Birth weight Infants



County/Percentage	2012	2013
Webb County	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
State of Texas	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>

*Source: County Health Rankings, 2013*

**Key Findings:** Low birth weight infants has experienced a slight decrease from 2012 (7.3) to 7.2% in 2013. The State ranks slightly higher (8.4%) than Webb County in 2013.

Residential Female Population		
	2011	2012
	Number	Number
State of Texas		
Total	12,936,597	13,123,147
Ages 15-19	948,619	955,474
Ages 20-50	5,325,321	5,375,000
Webb County		
Total	133,491	134,583
Ages 15-19	12,054	12,009
Ages 20-50	54,361	55,056

*Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Center for Health Statistics*

<b>Birth Rate per 1,000 Women for Occurrences in Texas and Webb County for Years 2011-2012</b>				
	2011		2012	
	Number	Crude Rate	Number	Crude Rate
Texas				
total Births*	384,094	29.69	389,885	29.71
Births to women 15-19 Years of age*	43,370	45.72	41,116	43.03
Births to women 20-50 Years of age*	340,105	63.87	348,178	64.78
Infant Deaths **	2,186	5.69	2,264	5.81
Webb County				
total Births*	6,040	45.25	6,063	45.05
Births to women 15-19 Years of age*	949	78.73	953	79.36
Births to women 20-50 Years of age*	5,065	93.17	5,101	92.65
Infant Deaths **	21	3.48	25	4.12
*note: Crude Birth Rates are per 1,000 female population				
**note: Crude Infant Death Rates are per 1,000 live births.				

*Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Center for Health Statistics*

**Key Findings:** Births to teens ages 15 – 19 in Webb County is at 78.7% which is above the State rate of 45.7% in 2011. Births to teens had a marginal increase in 2012 to 79.3%. Infant deaths were at 3.4% for Webb County in 2011 and increased to 4.1% in 2012.

**Health Concerns for Adults**

Coronary Heart Disease	Cancer	Chronic Lung Disease	Stroke
Diabetes	Kidney Disease	Obesity	High Blood Pressure
Tobacco Use	Arthritis	Lack of physical Activity	Flu/ Pneumonia

*Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention*

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and arthritis are among the most common, costly and preventable of all health

problems in the United States. Chronic diseases are the leading cause of death and disability in the United States.

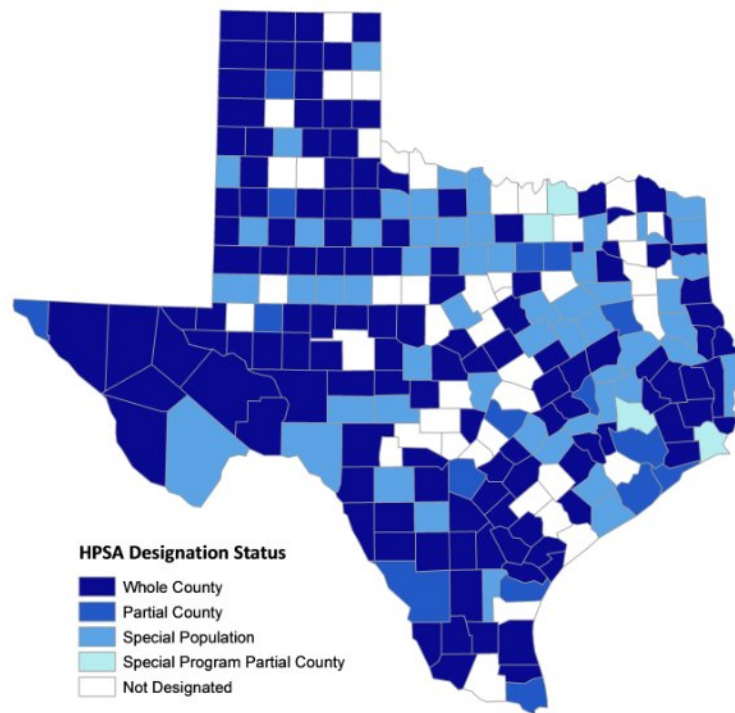
- Seven out of 10 deaths among Americans each year are from chronic diseases. Heart disease, cancer and stroke account for more than 50% of all deaths each year.
- Obesity has become a major health concern. One in every three adults is obese, and almost one in five youth between the ages of 6 and 19 is obese.
- About one-fourth of people with chronic conditions have one or more daily activity limitations.
- Arthritis is the most common cause of disability, with nearly 19 million Americans reporting activity limitations.
- Diabetes continues to be the leading cause of kidney failure, non-traumatic lower extremity amputations and blindness among adults.

*Source: State Health Improvement Plan*

Texas Hispanic/Latinos over the age of 18 are disproportionately affected by diabetes prevalence (12.3 percent) than their White, non-Hispanic counterparts (8.5 percent). Among persons with diabetes, a higher proportion of Hispanic/Latinos (32.5 percent) could not see a doctor in the last 12 month due to cost compared to Whites (16.5 percent). The number of Americans with diabetes is projected to increase 43% by 2020. In Texas alone, 14.7 % were at risk for diabetes in 2010. In the last three decades, obesity and diabetes have become the fastest growing epidemics in the United States and if present trends continue, nearly 1 in 3 Americans will develop Type 2 diabetes in the next decade. Texas has one of the highest rates of obesity and diabetes in the nation, with the state's border regions facing the worst health outcomes. Webb County is 16 % having diabetes versus 10% of Texans, and 35 % are obese, compared to 29% of Texans. It is also stated that 20% of the population were unable to see a doctor due to costs, in Texas that is 15%. Additionally, it is a known that diabetes will adversely affect this particular community at an alarming rate of 30% by 2020. *Source: (Webb County Agri-Life Extension)*

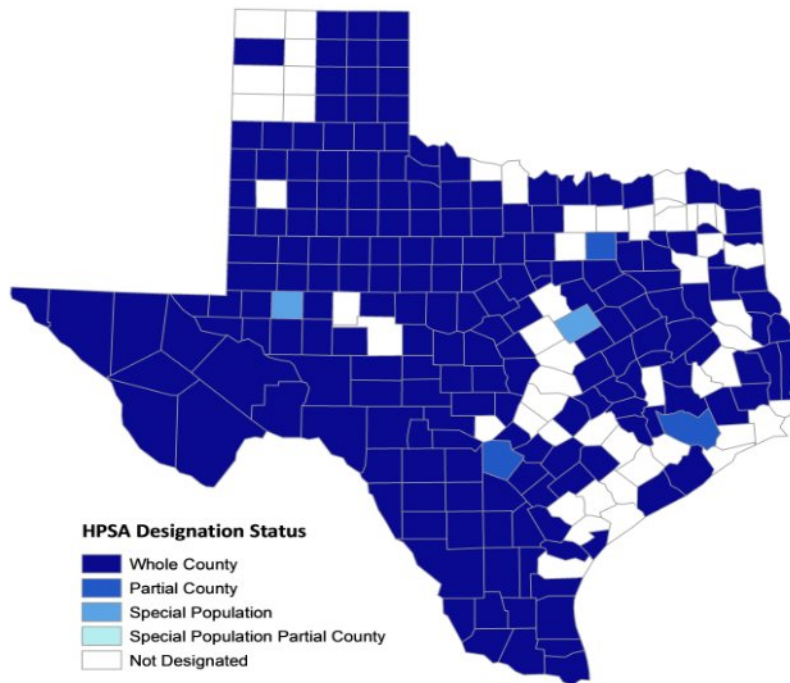
Physical activity was recently named as one of the 10 leading health indicators. Regular physical activity and controlling weight can significantly reduce the incidence and impact of chronic diseases like heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure, and depression, and is associated with fewer hospitalizations, physician visits, and medications. The estimated direct costs of obesity and inactivity together account for approximately 9.4 percent of U.S. health expenditures. Texas ranks 8th in the nation as the most inactive state, 12th with the highest adult obesity rates, as well as, 6th with the highest childhood overweight rates. 29% of Texas adults and 19% of Texas children are estimated to be obese, including 17% of children in Webb County, while 27 to 29% of Webb County adults are estimated to be obese. Additionally, research on the national level, indicates that only 25% of adults and 27% of high school students get regular, moderate exercise. 29% of American Adults are not physically active at all. Sixty-one and a half percent of children aged 9-13 years do not participate in any organized physical activity during their non-school hours and that 22.6% do not engage in any free-time physical activity. Additionally, research indicates that only 25% of adults and 27% of high school students get regular, moderate exercise. 29% of American adults are not physically active at all.

*Source: (Webb County Agri-Life Extension)*



**Primary Care Health Professional shortage**

*Source: Texas Department of State Health Services June 2013*



**Mental Health Professional Shortage**

*Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, June 2013*

**Key Findings:** Webb County has a primary care health care shortage (partial) and a mental health professional shortage for the entire county.

## **HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS – HEALTH CARE**

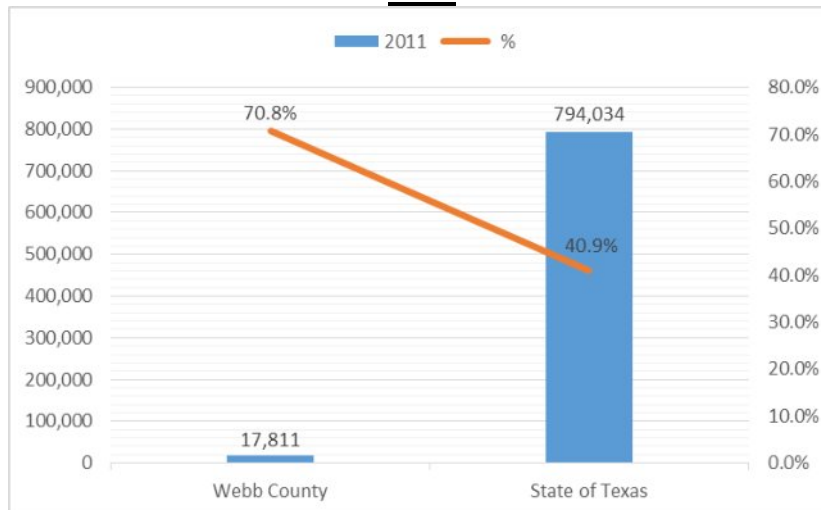
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- ❖ **Infant mortality is defined as the number of babies who die out of every 1,000 babies who are born alive in a year. Infant mortality can be divided into neonatal mortality and post neonatal mortality. When newborn babies die less than 28 days after they are born, it is called neonatal mortality. When babies die, who are older than 27 days but younger than one year, it is called post neonatal mortality. The leading causes of neonatal death are birth defects, prematurity, problems with the mother’s pregnancy, difficulty breathing and bleeding.**
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**NUTRITION**

**WIC**

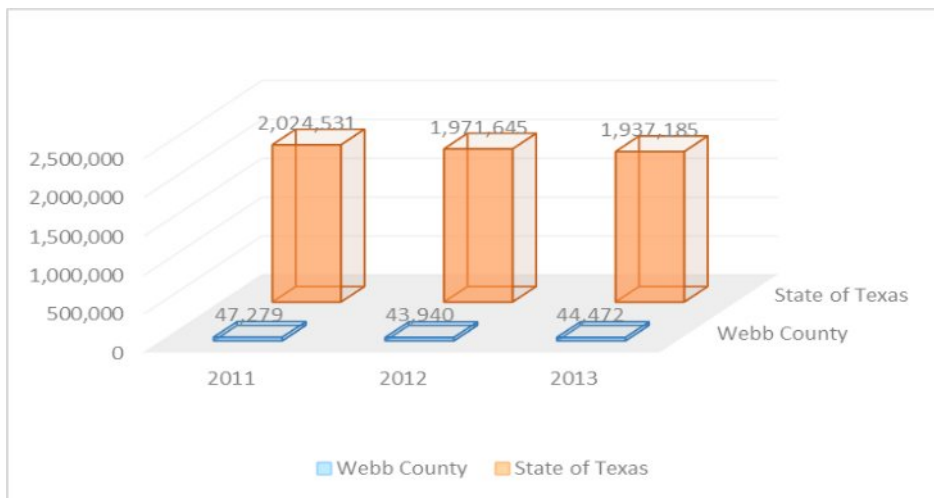


County	2011	%
Webb County	17,811	70.8
State of Texas	794,034	40.9

*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

**Key Findings:** Webb County participants receiving WIC service is at 70.8%, which is significantly above the State rate of 40.9%.

**Children participating in SNAP 0-17 (formerly Food Stamps Program) 2011 – 2013**

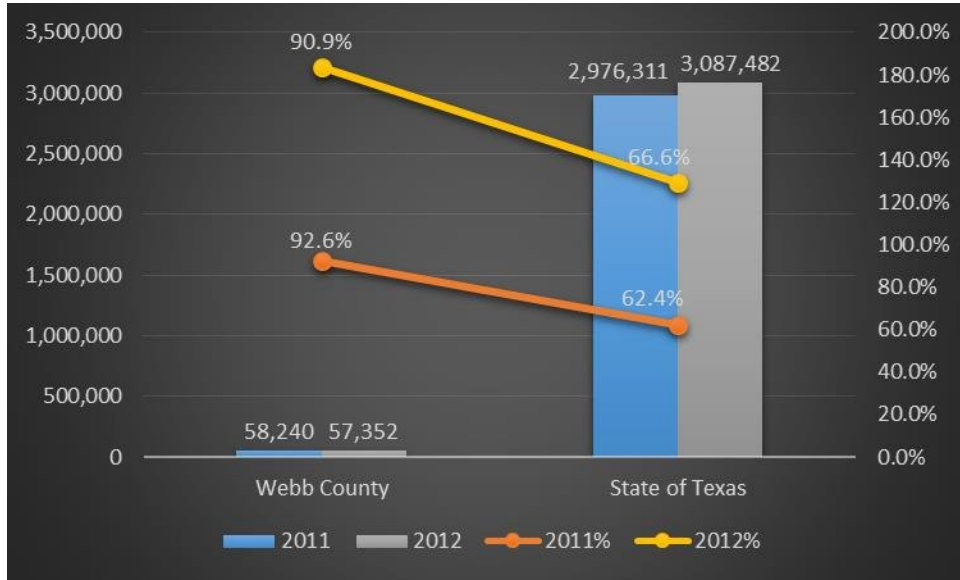


County/Number	2011	2012	2013
Webb County	47,279	43,940	44,472
State of Texas	2,024,531	1,971,645	1,937,185

*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

**Key Finding:** Children participating in the SNAP (Food Supplement Program) decreased from 2011 to 2013 by 2,807 children in Webb County.

**Students Receiving Free and Reduced School Meals 2012**



County	2011	%	2012	%
Webb County	58,240	92.6%	57,352	90.9%
State of Texas	2,976,311	62.4%	3,087,482	66.6%

*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

**Key Finding:** Children participating in the free and reduced lunch program have decreased slightly from 2011 to 2012 by approximately 1.7%.

**% Obesity Rate (BMI 30 or greater) 18 years and older, Public Health Region 11  
(Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Age, Education, Income)**

<b>Texas</b>	31.8%
<b>Nationwide</b>	28.9%
<b>Public Health Administrative Region 11</b>	35.1%
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	36.8%
Female	33.3%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
White	26.3%
Black	
Hispanic	38.0%
<b>Age Group</b>	
18-29 Years	16.9%
30-44 Years	41.5%
45-64 Years	39.6%
65+ Years	36.3%
<b>Education</b>	
No High School Diploma	39.5%
H. S. Graduate	38.2%
Some College	38.1%
College +	25.0%
<b>Income</b>	
Less Than \$25,000	40.7%
\$25,000 thru \$49,999	35.4%
\$50,000 or more	29.7%

*Source: Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2012*

**Key Findings:** Adults who have income less than \$25,000 had an obesity rate of 40.7%. Adults with no high school diploma have an obesity rate of 39.5% which is higher than adults who have a high school diploma and higher.

**Webb County - Percentage of students who were overweight sex, race/ethnicity and age**

Total - All Students	15.6%
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	19%
Female	11.9%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
White	10.2%
Black	16.4%
Hispanic	19.2%
Other	14.1%
<b>Age Group</b>	
15 Years or Younger	14.4%
16 or 17 Years	16.5%
18 Years or Older	15.2%

*Source: Texas Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2012*

**Key Findings:** The percentage of students who are overweight, age 15 or younger is 14.4% in Webb County. Hispanic females have the highest rate of being overweight by race and gender of 19.2% and 11.9%.

## **NUTRITION TRENDS**

The effects of hunger on children can be detrimental to their health, well-being, and lifelong success. Children struggling with hunger experience more behavioral problems, have greater school absences and tardiness, have lower math scores and are more likely to repeat a grade, are more likely to be hyperactive, and have more visits to the school nurse. Children living in food insecure homes are prone to being overweight or obese and suffer from chronic diseases, like diabetes and high cholesterol. Research is clear that poor nutrition and physical inactivity has broad reaching consequences. America's childhood obesity rates have tripled in the last 30 years, exposing 9 million kids to a variety of potential long-term health consequences.

Good nutrition can make a lasting emotional, physical and mental difference throughout a child's life. The child nutrition programs (including the School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Meal Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program) are vitally important.

## **HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS - NUTRITION TRENDS**

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- ❖ Children participating in the SNAP (Food Supplement Program) decreased from 2010 to 2013 by 2,807 children.
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- ❖ The percentage of students who are overweight, age 15 or younger is 14.4% in Webb County. Hispanic females have the highest rate of being overweight by race and gender of 19.2% and 11.9%.
- ❖ Adults who have income less than \$25,000 had an obesity rate of 40.7%. Adults with no high school diploma have an obesity rate of 39.5% which is higher than adults who have a high school diploma and higher.
- ❖ Childhood obesity has both immediate and long-term effects on health and well-being. Children and adolescents who are obese are likely to be obese as adults and are therefore more at risk for adult health problems such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, several types of cancer, and osteoarthritis. One study showed that children who became obese as early as age 2 were more likely to be obese as adults.
- ❖ Immediate health effects of obesity:
  - Obese youth are more likely to have risk factors for cardiovascular disease, such as high cholesterol or high blood pressure. In a population-based sample of 5- to 17-year-olds, 70% of obese youth had at least one risk factor for cardiovascular disease.
  - Obese adolescents are more likely to have pre-diabetes, a condition in which blood glucose levels indicate a high risk for development of diabetes.
  - Children and adolescents who are obese are at greater risk for bone and joint problems, sleep apnea, and social and psychological problems such as stigmatization and poor self-esteem.
- ❖ Long-term health effects:
  - Overweight and obesity are associated with increased risk for many types of cancer, including cancer of the breast, colon, endometrium, esophagus, kidney, pancreas, gall bladder, thyroid, ovary, cervix, and prostate, as well as multiple myeloma and Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/obesity/facts.htm>

**\*\*There were no other notable changes to Nutrition for Webb County.**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Child Abuse**

Webb County	2011	2012	2013
Child Population	91,533	90,260	91,337
Intakes	2,862	2,625	2,323
Alleged Victims	3,561	2,845	2,944
Investigations	1,974	1,993	1,677
Confirmed Investigations	423	458	516
Confirmed Victims	781	903	996
Per 1000K victims	8.5	10.0	10.9
Removals	224	357	289
Child A/N Fatalities	2	4	0
<b>Statewide</b>			
Most Validated Allegations	2011	2012	2013
Neglectful Supervision	65%	66%	66.50%
TX Per 1000K victims	9.9	9.1	9.3
Child A/N Fatalities	231	212	156

*Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective services*

**Key Findings:** The number of confirmed victims of child abuse for 2013 per 1000K is 10.9% which is above the State rate of 9.3%.

**Family Violence Incidences reported 2012**

Locations	Incidences
Webb County Sheriff Office	125
Laredo Police Department	1,404
State of Texas	198,504

*Source: Texas Department of Public Safety, 2012 Crime Report*

**Key Findings:** The Laredo Police Department experienced approximately 1,404 incidences of family violence, which is well above the number of incidences reported by the Webb County Sheriff Office.

**Children in Foster Care 2012**

County/Number/% of Children	2011		2012	
Webb County	5.1%	466	6.2%	560
State of Texas	4.6%	30,347	4.3 %	30,571

*Source: Kids Count Data Center*

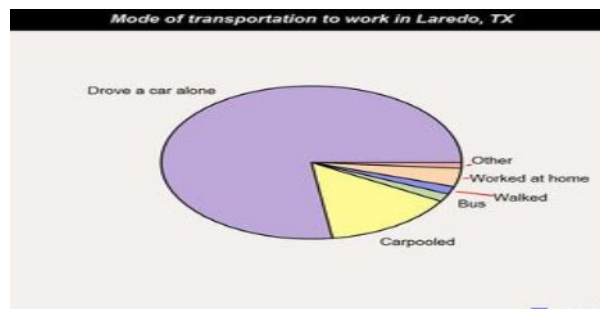
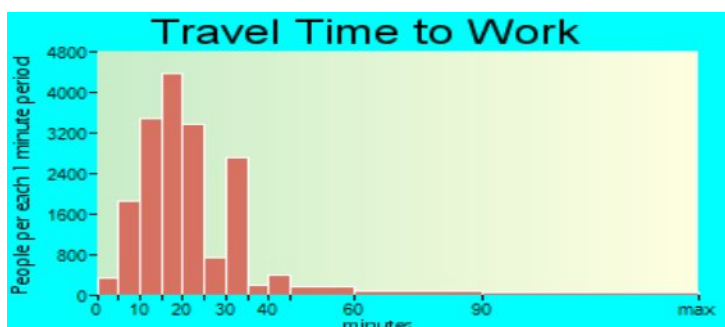
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## **HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS – SOCIAL SERVICES**

- ❖ **The number of confirmed victims of child abuse for 2013 per 1000K is 10.9% which is above the State rate of 9.3%.**
  
- ❖ **Domestic violence survivors who are limited English proficient represent one of the most critical underserved populations due to Texas' unique make-up as a state where the average percentage of residents who speak a language other than English in the home ranks much higher than the national average.**
  
- ❖ **The number of children in foster care has increased from 5.1% in 2011 to 6.2% in 2012.**

**\*\*There were no other notable changes to Social Services for Webb County.**

## TRANSPORTATION



Source: [www.city-data.com/city/Laredo-Texas](http://www.city-data.com/city/Laredo-Texas), 2012

**Key Findings:** Webb County and Laredo are largely auto-oriented. Approximately 80% of all residents in Laredo City used cars to drive to work. The next most popular mode of transportation was carpooling. Mean travel time to work in Laredo is approximately 20 minutes.

### Transit

Laredo is served by the Laredo International Airport. Daily flights are available to Houston (George Bush Intercontinental Airport) and to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Tri-weekly flights to Las Vegas, Nevada are available. After Laredo Air Force Base closed in the mid-1970s, the federal government handed over the old air force base and property to the City of Laredo for a new municipal airport. From the mid-1970s until mid-1990s, the airport utilized a small terminal for passenger airline service and several old hangars for air cargo and private aircraft. A new state-of-the-art passenger terminal was built along the then newly constructed Loop 20 to accommodate larger jets and to increase passenger air travel through Laredo. Expansion of air cargo facilities, taxiways and aprons, air cargo carriers such as DHL, FedEx, UPS, BAX, and others have responded by adding commercial air cargo jet services. Laredo also has two medical helipads, at Laredo Medical Center and Doctor's Hospital.

### Mass transit

El Metro is the public transit system that operates in the city with 21 fixed routes and Paratransit services, with approximately 4.6 million passengers per year. El Metro works with a fleet of over 47 fixed route buses, 2 trolleys and 18 Paratransit/El Lift vans. The El Metro hub is located in downtown Laredo at El Metro Transit Center. The Center also houses Greyhound Bus Lines and provides fee-based daily parking for downtown shoppers and workers.

### Rural transit

Rural transportation is provided by the Webb County operated "El Aguila Rural Transportation" (the Eagle) bus services. El Aguila serves fixed daily routes from rural communities (Bruni, El Cenizo, Mirando City, Oilton, and Rio Bravo) to the downtown El Metro Transit Center.

### International bridges

- Gateway to the Americas International Bridge
- Juárez-Lincoln International Bridge
- World Trade International Bridge (commercial traffic only)
- Colombia-Solidarity International Bridge
- Texas-Mexican Railway International Bridge



## **HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS - TRANSPORTATION**

- ❖ **Webb County and Laredo City are largely auto-oriented. Approximately 80% of all residents in Laredo City used cars to drive to work and carpool.**
- ❖ **Surveys indicated that Head Start transportation is necessary for families and children in the Webb County Head Start service area.**

**\*\*There were no other notable changes to Transportation for Webb County.**

**HOUSING**

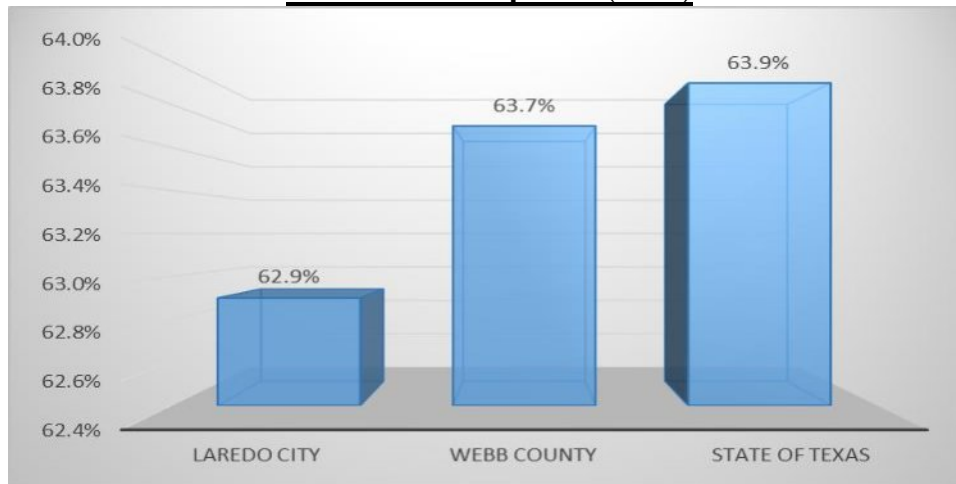
**Home sales in Laredo, 2008 - 2013**



Source: City-data.com, 2013

**Key Findings:** Home sales in Laredo have decreased from 2011 to 2013.

**Home Ownership Rate (2012)**

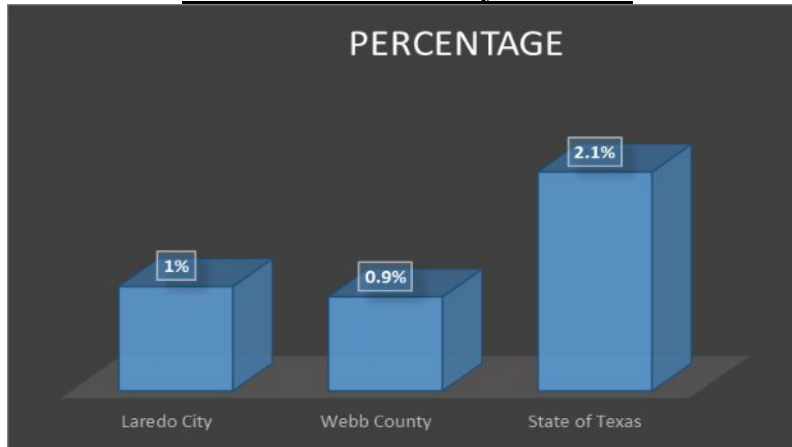


City/County	Percentage
Laredo City	62.9%
Webb County	63.7%
State of Texas	63.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts, 2012

**Key Findings:** Home ownership rate in Webb County is 63.7% which is only a slight increase from the State rate of 63.9%.

**Homeowner's Vacancy rate 2012**

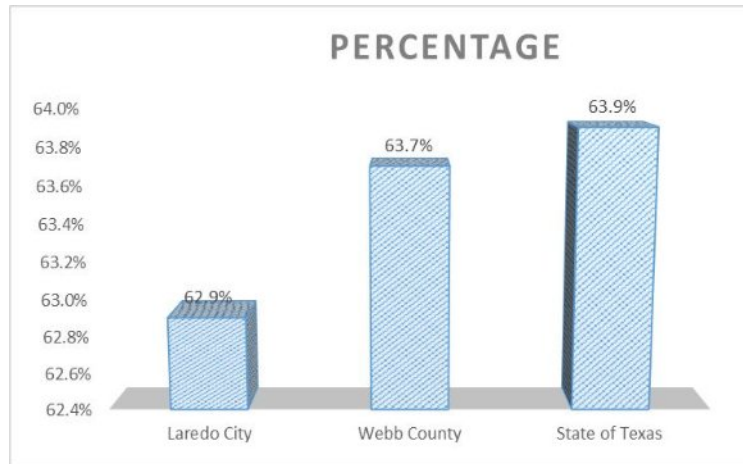


City/County	Percentage
Laredo City	1.0%
Webb County	0.9%
State of Texas	2.1%

*Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** The homeowner's vacancy rate is very low in Laredo (1.0%) and Webb County (0.9%). The State of Texas currently has a homeowner's vacancy rate of 2.1% for 2012.

**Homeowner Occupied 2012**

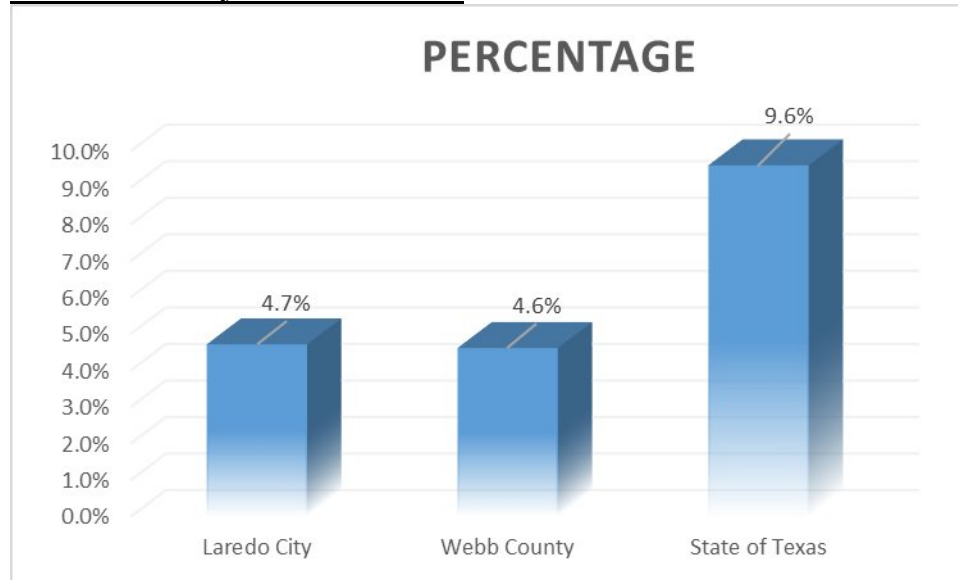


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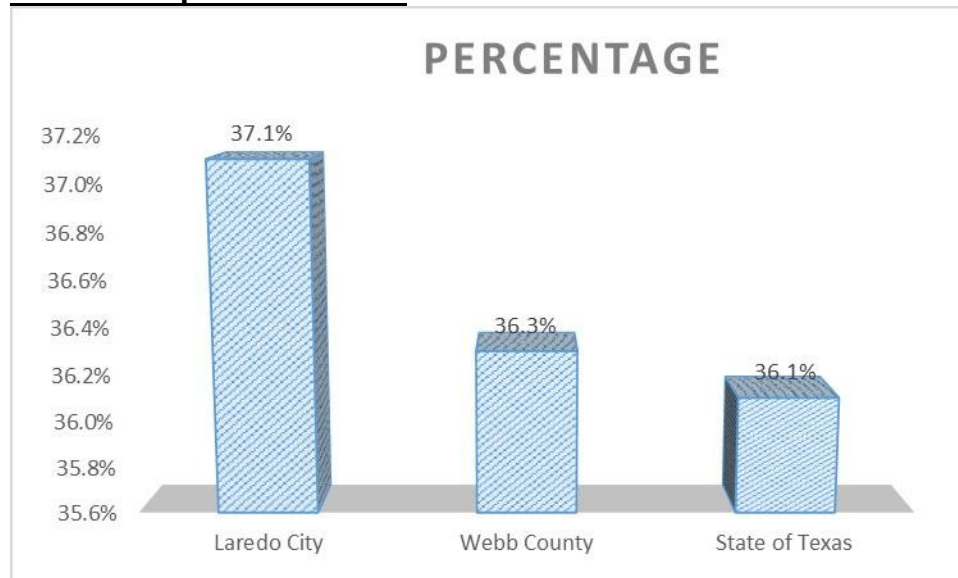


City/County	Percentage
Laredo City	4.7%
Webb County	4.6%
State of Texas	9.6%

*Source: American Community Survey, 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** The rental vacancy rate is 4.6% for Webb County, which is significantly lower than the State rate of 9.6%.

**Rental Occupied 2008 – 2012**

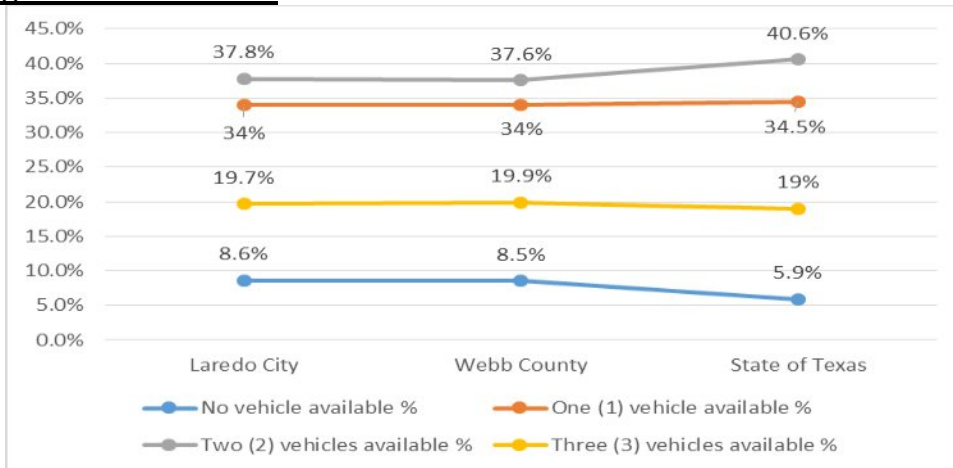


City/County	Percentage
Laredo City	37.1%
Webb County	36.3%
State of Texas	36.1%

*Source: American Community Survey, 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** Laredo City has a rental occupied rates of 37.1%, which is only slightly above the State rate of 36.1%.

**Occupied Housing Vehicles Available**



City/County	No vehicle available %	One (1) vehicle available %	Two (2) vehicles available %	Three (3) vehicles available %
Laredo City	8.6%	34.0%	37.8%	19.7%
Webb County	8.5%	34.0%	37.6%	19.9%
State of Texas	5.9%	34.5%	40.6%	19.0%

*Source: American Community Survey, 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** Occupied households with no vehicles stand at 8.6% in Laredo City, which is above the State rate of 5.9%.

**HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS – HOUSING**

- ❖ Home ownership rate in Webb County is 63.7% which is only a slight increase from the State rate of 63.9
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**\*\*There were no other notable changes to Housing for Webb County.**

## **CHILDCARE AND ELIGIBLE CHILDREN**

### **AVAILABLE AND ELIGIBLE HEAD START/ POTENTIAL EARLY HEAD START CHILDREN**

<b>Total Available Children</b>	<b>25,086</b>
<b>Total Eligible Children</b>	<b>10,786</b>
<b>Potential Eligible Early Head Start 0-3</b>	<b>6,472</b>
<b>Eligible Head Start 3-5</b>	<b>4,314</b>

**Key Findings:** Webb County has a total of 10,786 potentially eligible children. Approximately 6,472 are eligible for Early Head Start and 4,314 children are eligible for Head Start.

### **Child Care Quality Improvement and Texas Rising Star Provider Program**

The Texas Rising Star Provider program offers providers the opportunity to participate in a voluntary plan to improve the quality of child care by meeting program criteria that exceed the Minimum Standards for Child Care Licensing. Texas Rising Star Provider certification is a process for improving the quality of child care services provided in Texas. A Texas Rising Star Provider is a child care provider that has an agreement with a Board's Child Care Contractor to serve Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) subsidized children and that voluntarily meets requirements that exceed the State's Minimum Licensing Standards for child care facilities. The Texas Rising Star Provider certification system provides graduated levels of certification as providers meet progressively higher certification requirements.

Certification as a Texas Rising Star Provider is available to Licensed Center, Licensed Child Care Home, and Registered Child Care Home providers who meet the certification criteria. The process improves the quality of child care provided, not only to TWC subsidized children, but to all children enrolled in certified facilities.

#### **Program Benefits**

Texas Rising Star providers are eligible to receive:

- Enhanced reimbursement rates
- Materials and equipment
- Child Development college course scholarships
- Child Development conference scholarships
- CDA assessment fees paid
- Free child development consultant
- Free staff training

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#### **Webb County**

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##### **Licensed Child Care facilities**

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##### **Licensed Child Care Homes**

**21**

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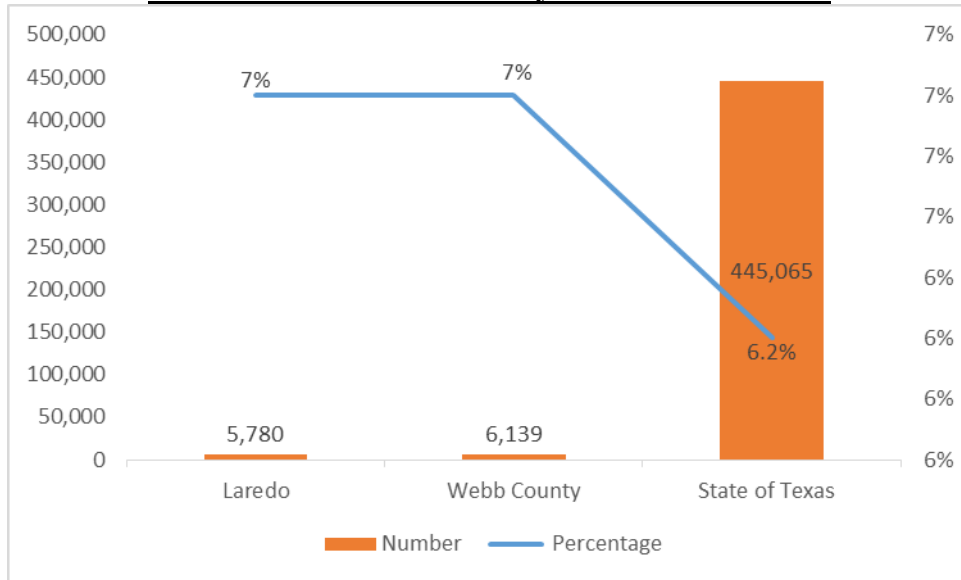
##### **Registered Child Care Homes**

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*Source: Texas Early Childhood Needs Assessment, 2012*

### Children Enrolled in Nursery School or Preschool



Counties	Percentage 2012	Number
Laredo	7.0%	5,780
Webb County	7.0%	6,139
State of Texas	6.2%	445,065

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau Community Survey Estimate 2008-2012*

**Key Findings:** The percentage of children, ages 3 to 5 that are enrolled in a nursery school or preschool is consistent in the City of Laredo and Webb County at 7%. Enrollment percentage is higher than the State rate of 6.2%.

### Child Care Subsidy

The Child Management Services program subsidizes child care for low-income families, promoting long-term self-sufficiency by enabling parents to work or attend workforce training or education activities. It also educates parents about the availability of quality child care, which enhances children’s early learning. Eligible families of children under the age of 13 may receive child care financial assistance so that parents can work, attend school, or participate in training. Eligible families may choose from eligible child care providers that meet local and state requirements. This program provides financial assistance for quality child care and is made possible by the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF). Families must meet the following criteria:

1. Family must meet the established income guidelines.
2. Each adult residing in the household must be employed at least 30 hour per week, or be enrolled and attending high school, college, GED classes, vocational school or a training program as a full time student. A combination of school and work is acceptable if the individual is involved at a minimum of 30 hours.
3. Have an eligible child. The Child Care assistance program serves children from birth through 12 years of age.

**List of Family Child Care Homes, Laredo City**[Error! Not a valid link.](#)



## **List of Child Care Centers, Laredo Texas**

<b>School Of Wonder Inc.</b>	<b>403 Linden wood</b>	<b>Laredo, TX 78045</b>	<b>(956) 717-3935</b>
<b>A Child's Imagination</b>	4414 Maria Luisa Dr	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 722-7337
<b>A Plus Child Care Learning</b>	2218 Tilden Ave	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 753-2500
<b>ABC Discovery Learning Ctr.</b>	8610 McPherson Rd	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 753-6762
<b>Adriana's Day Care</b>	8902 Orange Blossom Loop	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 724-8717
<b>All Star Kids</b>	1218 Laredo St	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 723-3319
<b>Anakalia's Child Care Ctr.</b>	1920 Corpus Christi St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 725-7529
<b>Best Little Schoolhouse In Tx.</b>	4120 E Saunders St	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 725-2378
<b>Bright Beginnings Child Ctr.</b>	6120 Mcpherson Rd	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 727-8744
<b>Bright Beginnings Child Dev</b>	4209 Mcpherson Ave	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 791-5170
<b>Bright Beginnings Child Development</b>	2619 Rosario St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 724-3597
<b>Cabbage Patch Day Care</b>	808 E San Pedro St	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 722-0718
<b>Carousel Learning Academy</b>	2110 Lomas Del Sur	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 717-6001
<b>CDI Head Start</b>	405 Laredo St	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 765-1053
<b>Children's Fountain-Knowledge</b>	9109 McPherson Rd #9	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 753-7272
<b>D J'S Playhouse</b>	9624 Atlanta Dr	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 728-7893
<b>Daily Health Svc Inc.</b>	709 Alta Vista Dr #107	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 725-0559
<b>Discovery Daycare Ctr.</b>	1515 Hendricks Ave	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 718-1001
<b>Education Center</b>	412 Concord Hills Blvd	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 753-3979
<b>First Class Learning</b>	9652 McPherson Rd #600	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 725-1680
<b>First Steps Day Care</b>	8914 Jennifer Loop	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 753-8818
<b>Gloria's Day Care</b>	3417 W Fiesta Loop	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 725-1316
<b>Happiness Child Care Learn</b>	1504 E Gustavus St	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 726-8067
<b>Happy Day Daycare</b>	717 Corpus Christi St	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 523-8856
<b>Heights Academy LLC</b>	702 Laredo St	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 727-0606
<b>Homari's Child Care Learning</b>	401 N Malinche Ave	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 717-1019
<b>Homari's Day Care Learning</b>	1915 S Meadow St	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 717-1010
<b>Jasmine's Day Care Ctr.</b>	712 Galveston St	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 718-2952
<b>Jewel's Day Care</b>	105 E Devon Pl	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 753-9357
<b>Johnson's Day Care Learning</b>	2118 S Jarvis Ave	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 753-5011
<b>Kidz.com</b>	1605 Commerce Dr	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 753-8911
<b>Johnson's Day Care Learning</b>	2820 Clark Blvd	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 795-8824
<b>Kinderclub Learning Ctr.</b>	601 Concord Hills Blvd	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 726-9696
<b>Kirsti-Lin's Acad Learning Exp</b>	1703 Commerce Dr	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 717-8771
<b>Kristi-Lin's Academy Inc.</b>	1703 Commerce Dr	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 727-9888
<b>Lighthouse Child Care</b>	2720 Clark Blvd	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 725-8360
<b>Little Buddies Child Care Ctr.</b>	315 W Saunders St	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 726-3987

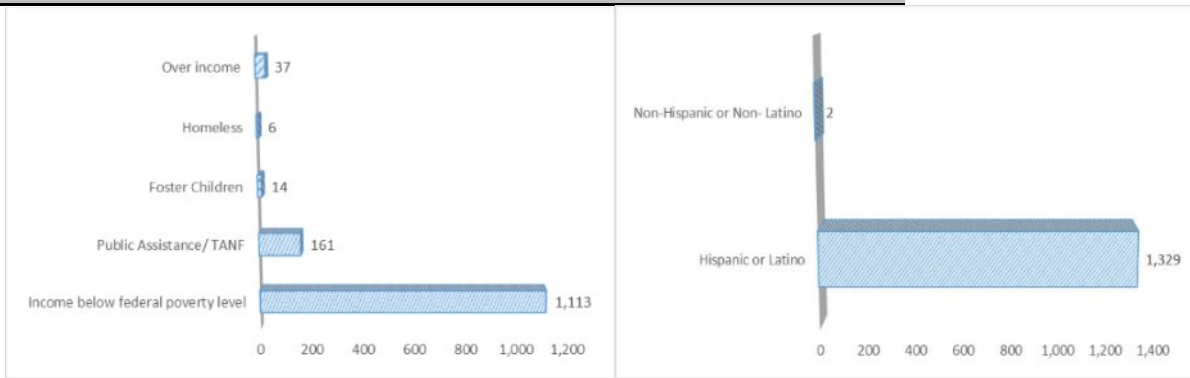
<b>Little Characters Day Care</b>	3917 Jaime Zapata Memorial Hwy	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 723-5439
<b>Little Feet Day Care Ctr.</b>	1001 Bristol Rd #3	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 729-8099
<b>Little Genius Daycare Inc.</b>	1817 Graywood Ct	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 728-9331
<b>Little Hearts Child Devmnt</b>	6553 Metro Ct #b	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 267-8354
<b>Little People</b>	603 Shiloh Dr	Laredo, TX 78045-	(956) 712-3363
<b>Little People Day Care</b>	4209 Mcpherson Ave	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 791-5142
<b>Little People Day Care Ctr.</b>	2619 Rosario St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 722-0330
<b>Little People Day Care Ctr.</b>	1702 Washington St	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 722-9892
<b>Los Pepitos Schoolhouse</b>	1816 E Frost St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 723-8919
<b>Madrigal's Montessori Cdc</b>	220 E Calton Rd	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 718-3006
<b>Mi Casita Childcare</b>	2919 S Louisiana Ave	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 712-1092
<b>Mi Lil Big School</b>	7215 Mcpherson Rd	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 796-9730
<b>Moncivais Day Care</b>	803 Paloma Ct	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 724-3947
<b>My Little College</b>	406 W Aurora Dr	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 723-2555
<b>My Little School Of Minds</b>	2905 San Salvador St	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 791-9697
<b>My School Day Care Learning</b>	5202 San Francisco Ave	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 724-5746
<b>Naty's Learning Ctr. Day Care</b>	1301 E San Pedro St	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 723-9306
<b>Pat's Daycare</b>	116 Saint Pierre Ln	Laredo, TX 78045-	(956) 717-0981
<b>Precious Treasures Learning Ctr.</b>	1508 Eisenhower Dr	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 712-0025
<b>Raquelines Bundle Of Joy II</b>	2716 Corpus Christi St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 727-6060
<b>Reyesitos Day Care</b>	804 Eden Ln	Laredo, TX 78045	(956) 726-3220
<b>Right Start</b>	2404 Main Ave	Laredo, TX 78040	(956) 796-0800
<b>Step Care Inc.</b>	1505 Calle Del Norte	Laredo, TX 78041-	(956) 725-1001
<b>Sweet Dreams Day Care</b>	1706 Chihuahua St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 791-4855
<b>Tender Care Day Care</b>	1913 Green St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 726-1254
<b>Tiny Angels Day Care</b>	1013 Paseo De Tiber	Laredo, TX 78046	(956) 722-7944
<b>Tiny Kids World</b>	2811 E Ash St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 727-9353
<b>Tiny Team Day Care</b>	4405 Flores Ave	Laredo, TX 78041	(956) 724-8795
<b>Toy Box Child Development Ctr.</b>	2820 Santa Barbara St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 726-4214
<b>Zion Lil' Kingdom Daycare</b>	2801 Fremont St	Laredo, TX 78043	(956) 568-1700

## **HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS - CHILD CARE**

- ❖ **Attending high-quality preschool can significantly contribute to the healthy development of young children, especially those who are in low-income families, according to *The First Eight Years*. However, nationally, sixty-three (63%) percent of 3-and 4-year olds in low-income families were not attending a preschool program, compared with 45 percent of their more affluent counterparts.**
- ❖ **Subsidized child care is a critical component of the overall child care market in Webb. Consider pursuing child care subsidy dollars to extend Head Start school hours.**
- ❖ **The percentage of children, ages 3 to 5 that are enrolled in a nursery school or preschool is consistent in the City of Laredo and Webb County at 7%. Enrollment percentage is higher than the State rate of 6.2%.**
- ❖ **Head Start currently serves 28% of eligible children in Webb County and a very small percentage of Early Head Start infants and toddlers.**
- ❖ **Webb County has a total of 10,786 potentially eligible children. Approximately 6,472 are eligible for Early Head Start and 4,314 children are eligible for Head Start.**
- ❖ **Total Funded Enrollment - Head Start 1,218 full day program and a funded enrollment of fifty-six (56) in the Early Head Start program.**
- ❖ **There is a current wait list for the Head Start Center based is 765 and the current waiting list for Early Head Start and Home based is 153 with 16 pregnant women according to the Director's Monthly Report – January, 2014.**

**\*\*There were no other notable changes to Childcare and Eligible Children for Webb County.**

## PROFILE OF HEAD START FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SERVED

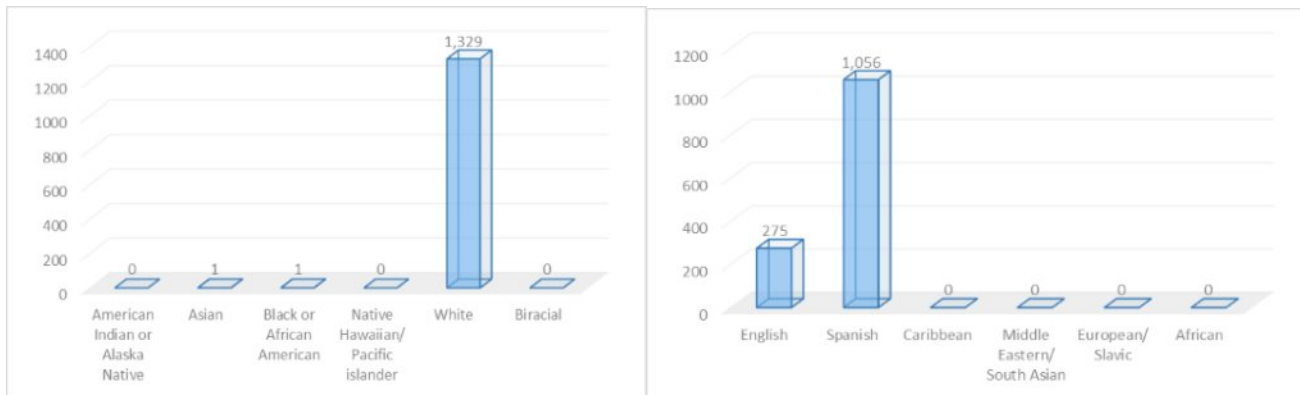


Eligibility	
Income below federal poverty level	1,113
Public Assistance/ TANF	161
Foster Children	14
Homeless	6
Over income	37

Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	1,329
Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	2

Source: Program Information Report 2012 - 2013

**Key Findings:** Approximately 84% of the families served were below the federal poverty level. Approximately 2.7% of the families served were over income. 99.8% of the children being served were of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity and 0.1% of children served were Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino ethnicity.

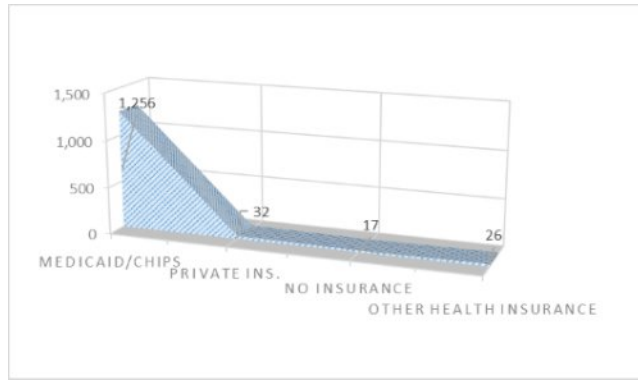
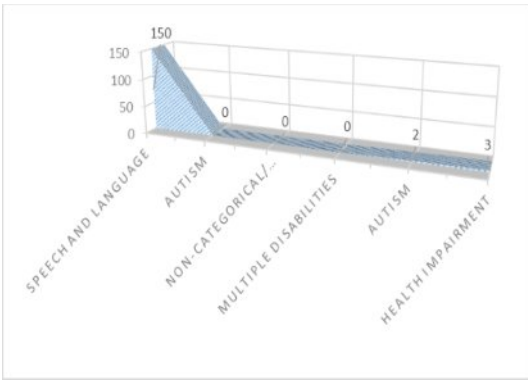


Race	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	1
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific islander	0
White	1,329
Biracial	0

Languages	
English	275
Spanish	1,056
Caribbean	0
Middle Eastern/ South Asian	0
European/ Slavic	0
African	0

Source: Program Information Report 2012-2013

**Key Finding:** The majority of Head Start children served were classified as White and the primary language spoken was Spanish.



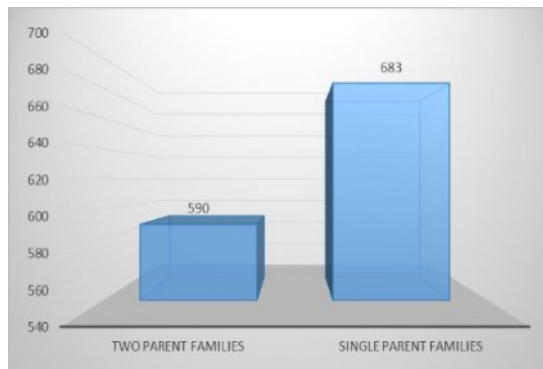
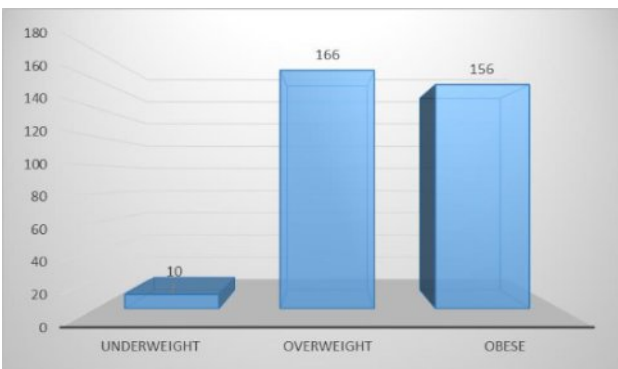
DISABILITIES	
Speech and language	150
Autism	0
Non-Categorical/ Developmental delay	0
Multiple Disabilities	0
Autism	2
Health Impairment	3

INSURANCE	
Medicaid/CHIP	1,256
Private Ins.	32
No insurance	17
Other Health Insurance	26

*Source: 2012 -2013 Program Information Report*

**Key Findings:** Based on current Program Information Report (PIR) data, the Head Start program accommodate a total of 155 children with identified disabilities, or just over 12.7 percent of the program’s 1,218 funded enrollment slots. Most of those children with diagnosed disabilities have Speech/Language impairment.

**Key Finding:** Only 1.3% of the children did not have insurance.



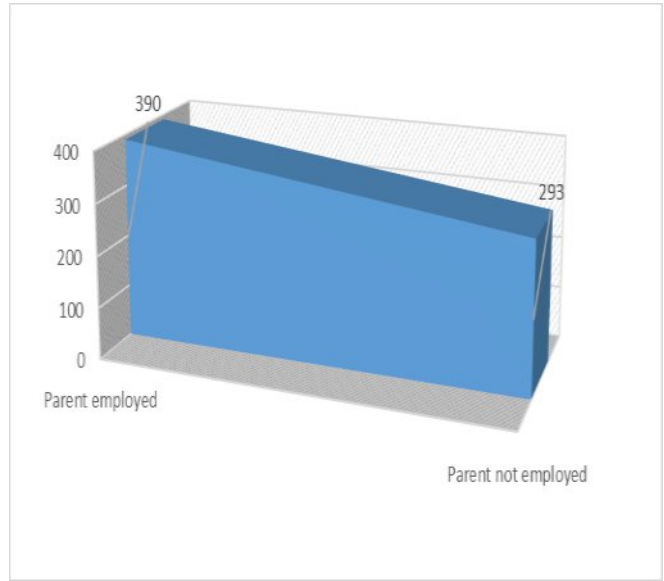
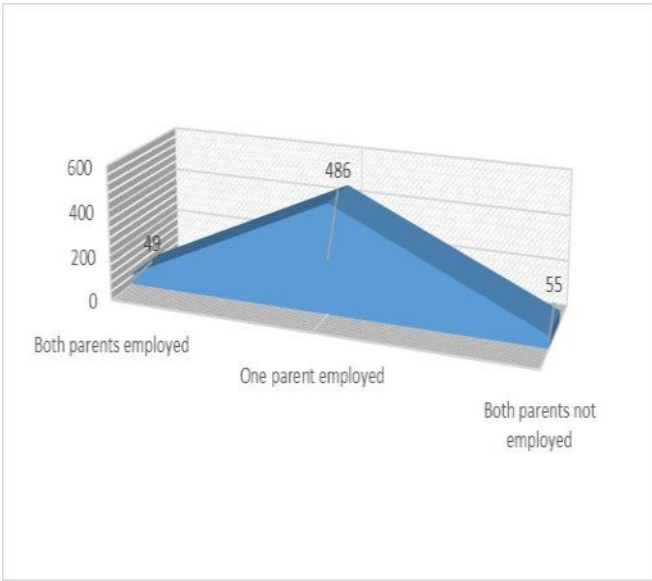
Overweight/underweight	
Underweight	10
Overweight	166
Obese	156

Types of Families	
Two parent families	590
Single Parent Families	683

*Source: Program Information Report 2012-2013*

**Key Findings:** Approximately 12.5% of the Head Start children were overweight. 11.7% of the children were obese. 0.7% of the children were underweight.

**Key Finding:** 51% of the children were from single parent families, while two parents families represented 44%.

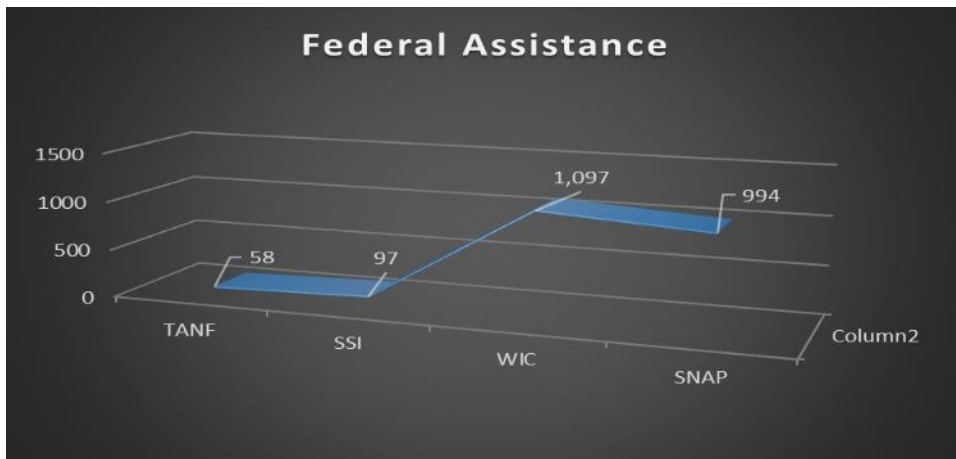


Source: Program Information Report 2012-2013

Employment of two parent families	
Both parents employed	49
One parent employed	486
Both parents not employed	55

Employment of single parent families	
Parent employed	390
Parent not employed	293

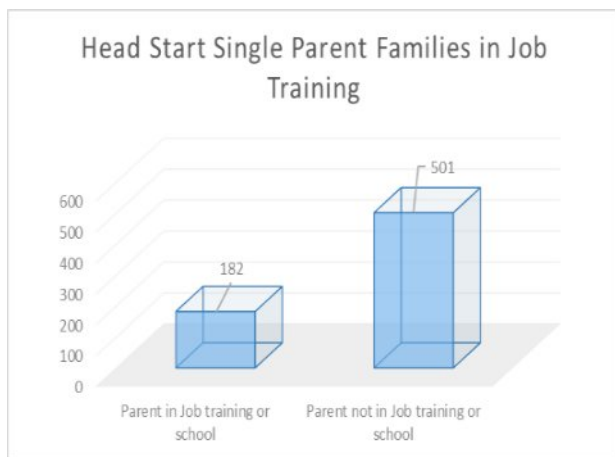
**Key Findings:** In Head Start two parent families, 82% had one parent that was employed. Out of the single parent families, approximately 43% were not employed, while 57% of the single parents were employed. Approximately 9.3% of two parents families have households where neither parent was employed.



Source: Program Information Report 2012-2013

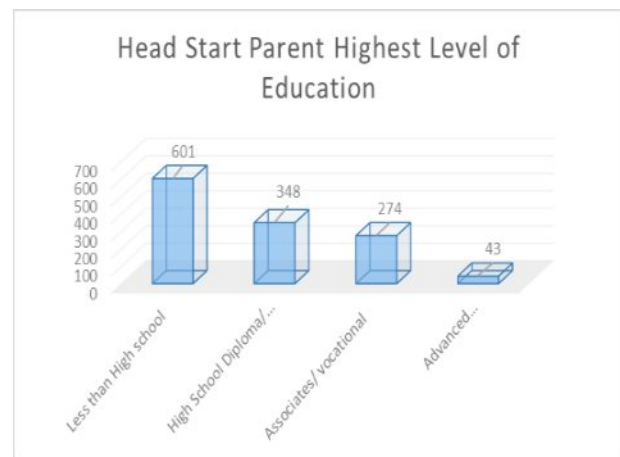
TANF	58
SSI	97
WIC	1,097
SNAP	994

**Key Finding:** Head Start families are utilizing WIC and SNAP Federal Assistance Programs.



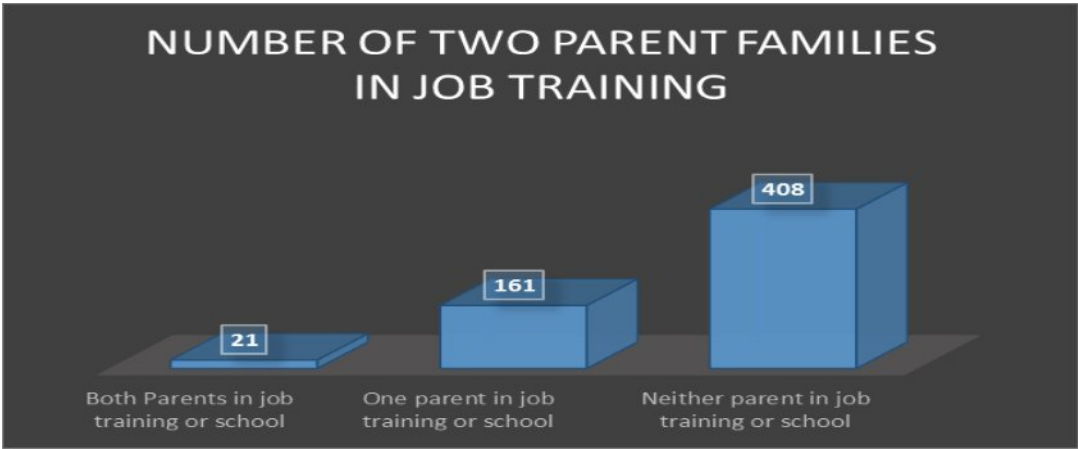
Source: Program Information Report 2012-2013

Job Training	
Parent in Job training or school	182
Parent not in Job training or school	501



Education	
Less than High school	601
High School Diploma/ GED	348
Associates/ vocational	274
Advanced degrees/Bachelors	43

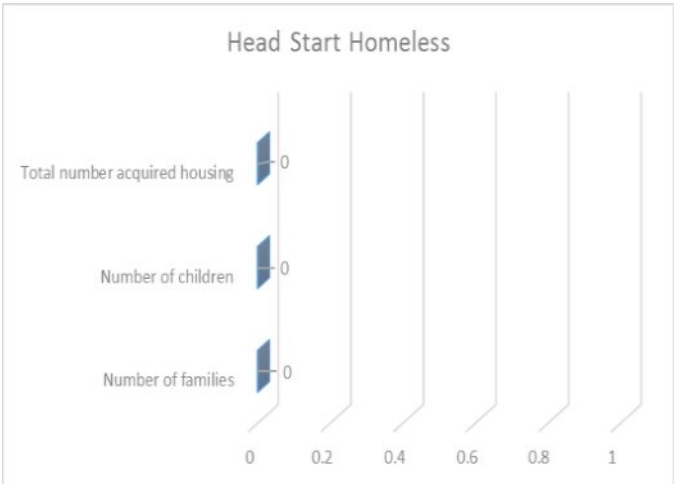
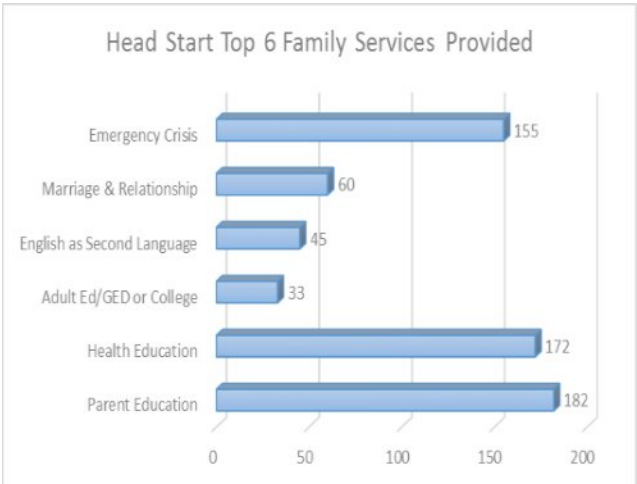
**Key Finding:** 73.3% of single parent families were not in job training or school; 26% of families had a high school diploma or GED and 45% of families had less than a high school education. 24% of families had an Associate or advanced degree.



<b>Both Parents in job training or school</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>One parent in job training or school</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Neither parent in job training or school</b>	<b>408</b>

*Source: Program Information Report 2012-2013*

**Key Finding:** 69% of two parent Head Start families were neither in job training or school, while only 27% of the two parent families, one parent was either in job training or school.



*Source: Program Information Report 2012-2013*

Family Services	
<b>Parent Education</b>	182
<b>Health Education</b>	172
<b>Adult Ed/GED or College</b>	33
<b>English as Second Language</b>	45
<b>Marriage &amp; Relationship</b>	60
<b>Emergency Crisis</b>	155

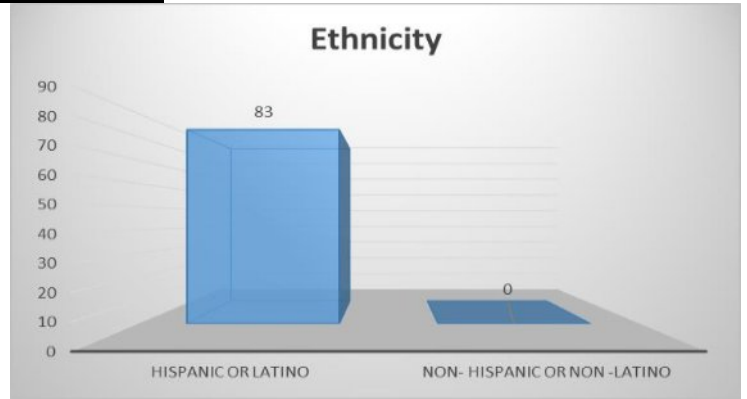
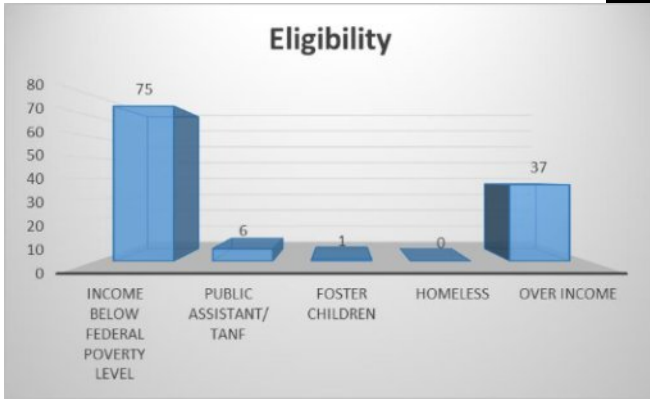
Homeless Families	
<b>Number of families</b>	0
<b>Number of children</b>	0
<b>Total number acquired housing</b>	0

**Key Findings:** Parenting Education and Health Education Services were the two top services requested and provided for families. There were no families determined homeless in 2012-2013.



**PROFILE OF EARLY HEAD START FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SERVED**

**Early Head Start**

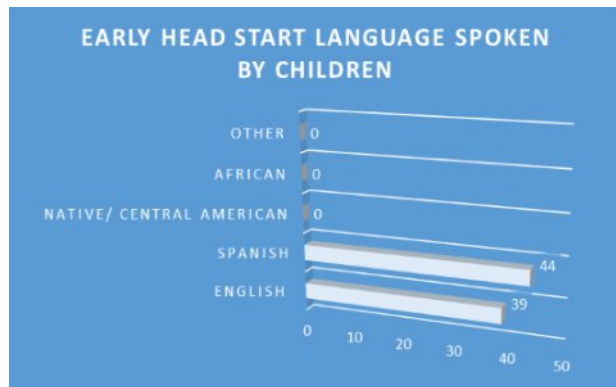
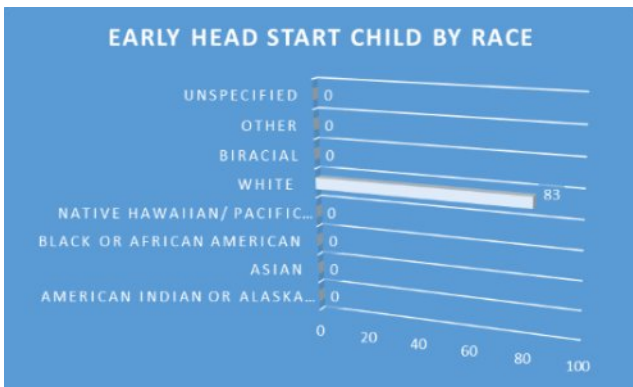


Source: Early Head Start Program Information Report 2012-2013

Eligibility	
income below federal poverty level	75
Public assistant/ TANF	6
Foster Children	1
Homeless	0
Over income	1

Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	83
Non- Hispanic or Non -Latino	0

**Key findings:** The majority (90%) of Early Head Start families and children being served have income below the federal poverty level. 100% of the Early Head Start children served is Hispanic or Latino.

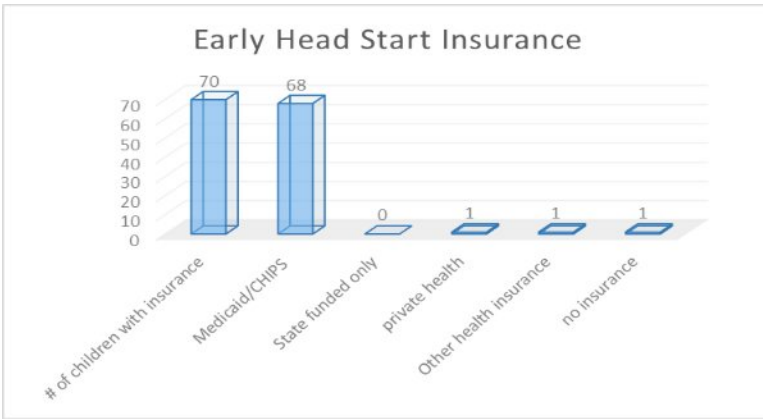


Source: Early Head Start Program Information Report 2012-2013

Race	
American Indian or Alaska native	0
Asian	0
Black or African American	0
Native Hawaiian/ pacific islander	0
white	83
biracial	0
other	0
Unspecified	0

Languages spoken	
English	39
Spanish	44
Native/ Central American	0
African	0
Other	0

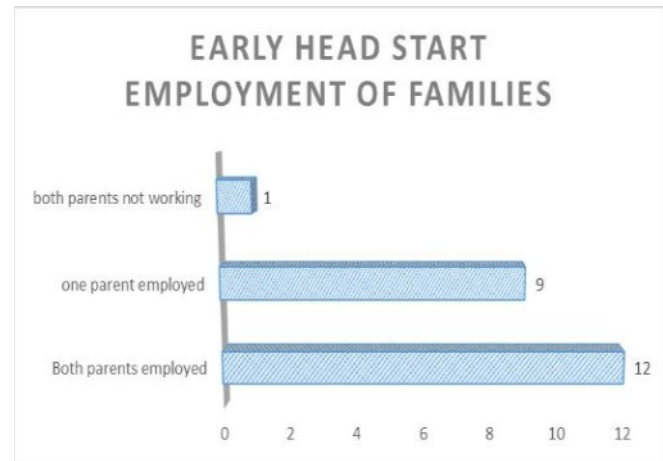
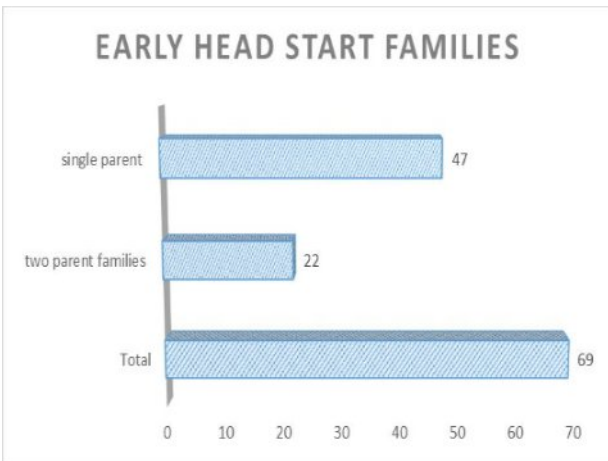
**Key findings:** 100% of Early Head Start children are classified as White and approximately 47% of the children speak both English and Spanish.



Source: Early Head Start Program Information Report 2012-2013

Insurance	
# of children with insurance	70
Medicaid/CHIP	68
State funded only	0
private health	1
Other health insurance	1
no insurance	0

**Key Findings:** 84.3% of Early Head Start children have insurance.

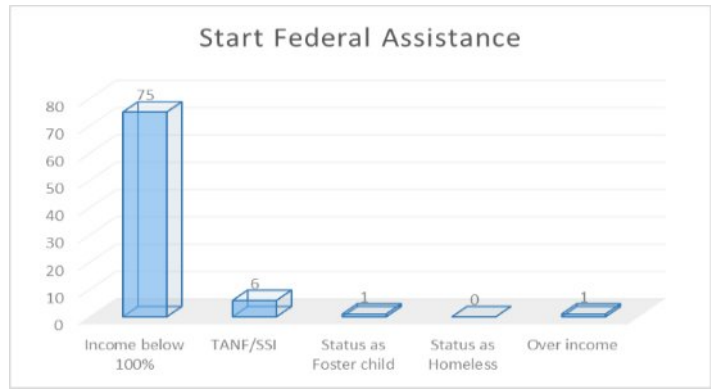
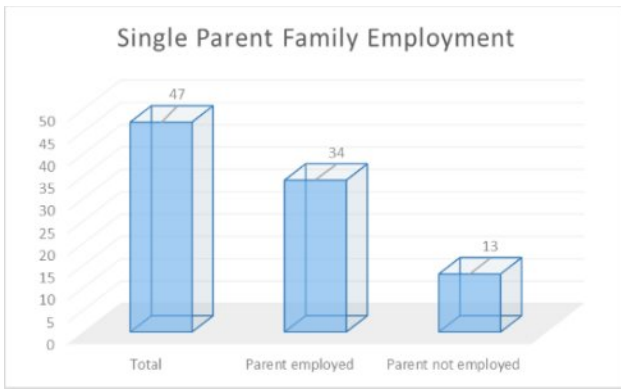


Source: Early Head Start Program Information Report 2012-2013

Number of Families	
Total	69
two parent families	22
single parent	47

Two Parent Employment	
Both parents employed	12
one parent employed	9
both parents not working	1

**Key Findings:** 68% of Early Head Start families are single parents and 31.8% are two parent families.

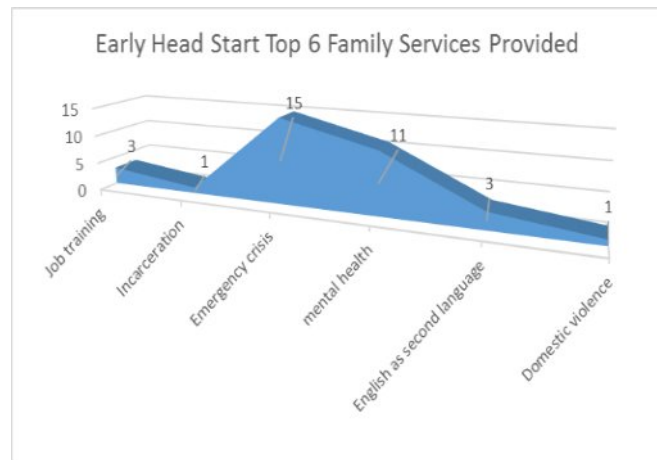
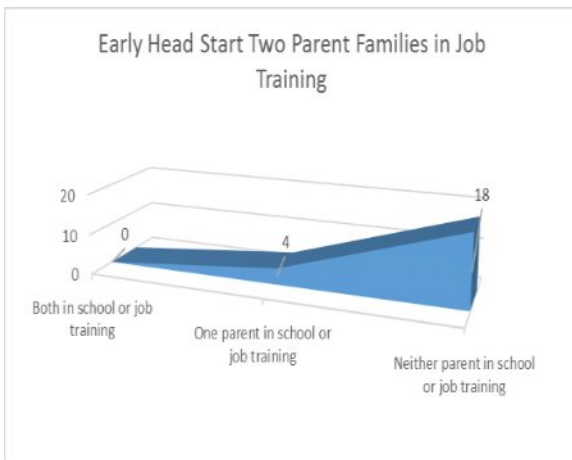


**Source:** *Early Head Start Program Information Report 2012-2013*

Single Family Employment	
Total	47
Parent employed	34
Parent not employed	13

Types of Eligibility	
Income below 100%	75
TANF/SSI	6
Status as Foster child	1
Status as Homeless	0
Over income	1

**Key Findings:** 72% of Early Head Start single families, the parent is employed; 90% of Early Head Start children served have income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.

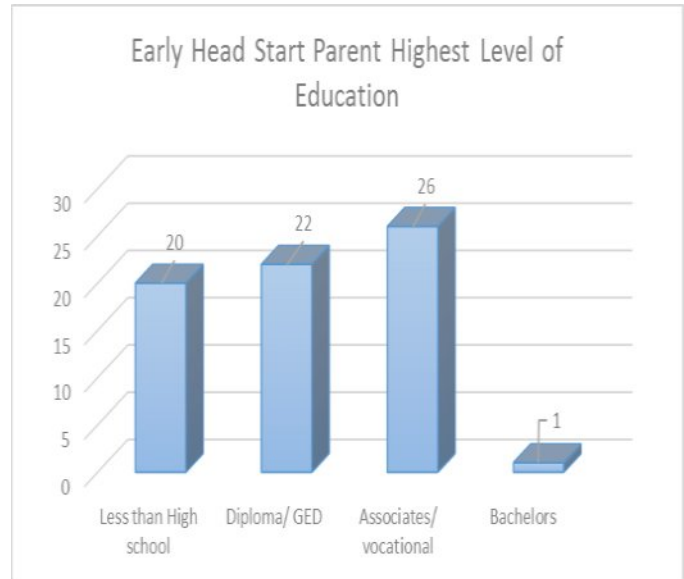
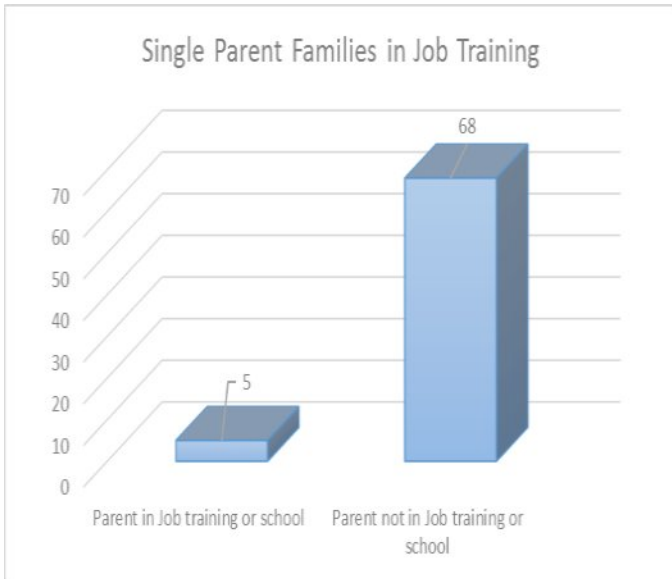


**Source:** *Early Head Start Program Information Report 2012-2013*

**Key Findings:** 82% of two parent Early Head Start families are neither in school or job training. The top two services requested and received by families were emergency crisis and mental health.

Two parent families in job training	
Both in school or job training	0
One parent in school or job training	4
Neither parent in school or job training	18

Top Social Services Request	
Job training	3
Incarceration	1
Emergency crisis	15
mental health	11
English as second language	3
Domestic violence	1



**Source:** *Early Head Start Program Information Report 2012-2013*

Single Parent Families in job training	
Parent in Job training or school	11
Parent not in Job training or school	36

Education	
Less than High school	20
Diploma/ GED	22
Associates/ vocational	26
Bachelors or Advanced Degree	1

**Key Findings:** 76.5% of Early Head Start single parent families are not in job training or school; 38% of Early Head Start families have received an Associates Degree.

**HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS - PROFILE OF HEAD START FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SERVED.**

- ❖ **Approximately 12.5% of the Head Start children were overweight. 11.7% of the children were obese. 0.7% of the children were underweight.**
- ❖ **Approximately 84% of the families served were below the federal poverty level. Approximately 2.7% of the families served were over income.**
- ❖ **In Head Start two parent families, 82% had one parent that was employed. Out of the single parent families, approximately 43% were not employed, while 57% of the single parents were employed. Approximately 9.3% of two parents families have households where neither parent was employed.**
- ❖ **69% of two parent Head Start families were neither in job training or school, while only 27% of the two parent families, one parent was either in job training or school.**
- ❖ **68% of Early Head Start families are single parents and 31.8% are two parent families.**
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- ❖ **Head Start families are utilizing WIC and SNAP programs.**

## **DEMOGRAPHICS AND SURVEY RESULTS**

### **Community Survey Results – United Way of Webb County**

#### **Top Five - Most Important Problem/Concern:**

1. Medical/Health Care costs (111)
2. Fear of Crime, Violence and Gangs (65)
3. Unemployment (48)
4. Not enough money to live on (42)
5. Drug abuse issues (35)

#### **Top Ten PRIORITY/CONCERNS:**

1. Fear of Crime, Violence and Gangs (81)
2. Medical and Health Care (73)
3. Unemployment (64)
4. Drugs and Alcohol Abuse (55)
5. Abuse (child and spouse) (42)
6. Not enough money to live on (39)
7. Lack of Recreation (children, teens and family) (35)
8. Education issues (including drop outs) (25)
9. Lack of food (13)
10. Care of children while parents are working (12)

*Source: Webb County Community Plan 2011, United Way*

**Key Finding: Parents identified the top two barriers to utilizing community resources as “not aware of existing services (35%) and the “waiting lists are too long” (29.1%).**

### **RESULTS/DEMOGRAPHICS OF HEAD START FAMILIES' SURVEYS**

Families responding to the survey, 64% were from two (2) parent households.

#### **Households/Families**

Pregnant	20
Two parent family	252
One parent family	116
Teenage parent	2

**Household Income reported 42% with income under \$5,000**

No income recorded	32
Under \$5,000	151
\$5,000 - \$6,999	19
\$7,000 - \$7,999	12
\$8,000 - \$8,999	12
\$9,000 - \$9,999	11
Over \$10,000	124

**Families “health problems” reported the top following five (5) health problems or concerns:**

1. Heart Problems
2. Cancer
3. Arthritis
4. Leukemia
5. Diabetes

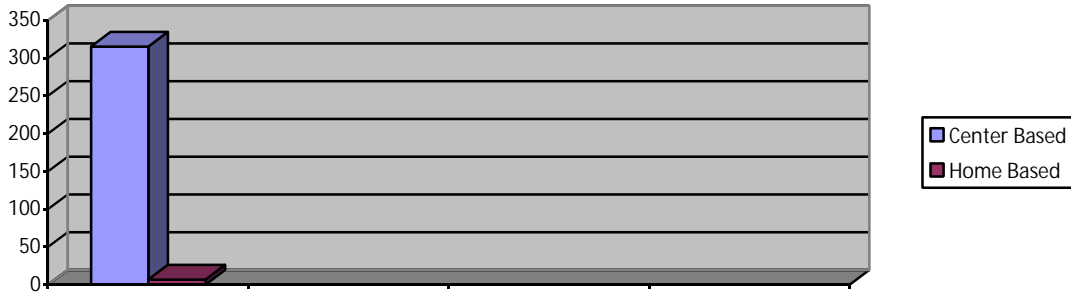
**Families reported receiving food stamps benefits at 71%.**

Food Stamps	280
WIC	254
Medicaid	298
Medicare	12
TANF	7

**Families reported ages of children living at home ages 3 – 4 at approximately 72%**

0 to 1 year	69
1 to 2 years	69
3 to 4 years	280
5 to 7 years	259
8 to 15 years	190

**Children qualifying for Head Start represent 80% needing Center-based services.**



**The top three (3) categories of children with disabilities were:**

- 1. Speech/Language**
- 2. ADD/ADHD**
- 3. Autism**

**Families reported that approximately 93% of family members spoke both English and Spanish.**

<b>English only</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Spanish only</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Both English and Spanish</b>	<b>262</b>

**Families reported the top six (6) needs were:**

- 1. After School Care**
- 2. Employment**
- 3. ESL Classes**
- 4. Day Care for Children**
- 5. Job Training**
- 6. GED Classes**



## Survey Results from Parents, Staff, Policy Council and Board of Directors

Listed below are the top five (5) reported needs or concerns in the Education, Health, Nutrition Employment, Housing, Social and Support Services and Quality of life categories.

<b>Education Issues</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
<b>Infant Care</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>High School Equivalency Programs</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Drop Out Rate</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bilingual Education</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Early Head Start</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Health Issues</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lack of Indigent Care</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cancer</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Heart Disease</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pre-natal Care</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Nutrition Issues</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
<b>Poor Diet</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Emergency Food Assistance</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Prenatal and Infant Nutrition</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Summer Nutrition Programs</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Nutrition Education</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Employment Issues</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
<b>Career/Job Counseling</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Career Path Opportunities</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Job Development</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Diversify Business/Industry</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Skills Training</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Housing Issues</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
<b>Affordable Housing-New Construction</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Special HUD grants</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Home Repair</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Expansion of Public Housing</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Emergency and Homeless Shelter</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Social and Support Services</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
<b>Utility Assistance</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Health Facilities</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Child Support</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Day Care and After School Care</b>	<b>5</b>

Quality of Life Areas	Ranking
Infrastructure Development	1
Domestic Violence	2
Counseling and Mental Health	3
Child Abuse	4
Substance Abuse Prevention	5

**HEALTH, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF HEAD START FAMILIES**

Under-employment	Housing assistance	Emergency rent and utility assistance	Transportation	Budgeting
Drug Abuse	Nutrition related services - obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes	Medical care/health costs	English as a second language	Health-related Services
Infant Care	Domestic Violence	Additional Education/GED	Locating resources in the community	Safety -Fear of crime, violence and gangs

**Key Finding:** Top needs were medical care, safety, under-employment and drug abuse.

**HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS – SURVEY RESULTS AND SOCIAL, HEALTH AND EDUCATION NEEDS OF FAMILIES**

- ❖ Child care continues to be a major issue for low-income families. Children qualifying for Head Start represent 80% needing Center-based services.
- ❖ Top health, social and educational needs of Head Start families was medical care, safety, under-employment and drug abuse.
- ❖ Barriers to accessing and availability of community resources were strict guidelines and not aware of existing services.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

2000 San Jorge Ave.

726-4778 24 Hour Emergency

To provide emergency communication and services to military families. To assist people in disaster situations and/ or emergencies. To conduct lifesaving courses including CPR, First Aid and water safety classes, to operate First Aid stations.

Provee comunicación con familias en casos de emergencia. Asisten a personas en casos de emergencia en situaciones de desastre. Conducen clases de Primeros Auxilios y clases de Seguridad en el agua.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Child Support Enforcement 1401 Calle del Norte #6 724-1602

Services: To provide child support services for the families of non-present parent.

Servicios: Ayudar a obtener servicios de manutención para las familias.

### BETHANY HOUSE, INC.

819 Hidalgo St.

722-4152

To provide hot daily meals, provides shelter for the homeless during cold weather and helps with clothing. Homeless Prevention Program—Provides assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities payment due to loss of job.

Provee asistencia a la comunidad con comida y albergue durante el frío y ayuda con ropa para los necesitados. Provee asistencia con la renta, y utilidades.

### CENTRO DE SERVICIOS AZTLAN

406 Scott

724-6244

Services: Assists in completion of forms for non-English speaking persons, filling out applications for job, and for services at agencies. Assistance in filling out forms for immigration; Notary services

Servicios: Asistencia a personas que no hablen inglés en llenar todo tipo de formas, aplicaciones de trabajo, aplicación de inmigración, etc.

Servicio de notario.

### WEBB COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Energy Crisis Program (C.E.A.P)

Services: Provides assistance in utilities, food pantry and other services for the elderly, handicapped and families that meet the low-income guidelines.

Servicios: Provee asistencia a familias de bajos recursos con comida, pagar utilidades, rentas y otros recursos de emergencia.

### Center / Concilios

Fernando Salinas Center

2600 Cedar Rear

722-1125

Larga Vista Center

5401 Larga Vista Dr.

724-4058

Lilia Perez

4420 Old Santa Maria Rd.

724-7050

Community Action Agency

1110 Washington #211

523-4182

Provides: Assistance for low-income families that need assistance in medical, pharmaceuticals and burial cost.

Provee: Asistencia a familias de bajos recursos en asistencia en gastos medicos, medicinas y asistencia con gastos de funeral.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

2389 Saunders 794-6501

Services: To provide services by education and training with the goal of full-time employment to recipients of T.A.N.F. Support services include: daycare, transportation are provided to help the client retain employment.

Servicios: El programa enfoca en educación y entrenamiento para obtener empleo. El programa provee ayuda con guardería, transportación para retener empleo.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS—Child Care

2389 E. Saunders 794-1500

Services: Provides help for parents to obtain affordable childcare for children ages 0-12 yrs. 11 mo.

Servicios: Provee ayuda a padres en obtener guardería para niños de edades 0-12 años 11 meses. Las familias son elegibles dependiendo del ingreso mensual con tamaño de familia.

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STOP CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, INC. S.C.A.N.

2387 E. Saunders #2

724-3177

Services: To provide parenting education, counseling, substance abuse prevention services for children and their parents and the community. The program assists children who are victims of crime and their families, Individual and family counseling, youth coping skills training, parenting skills training, crisis intervention services and emergency shelter services.

Servicios: Provee servicios en consejos, entrenamiento, educación a padres en la prevención de abuso de niños y refieren reportes de abusos de niños, intervención y servicio de hospedaje de emergencia para niños de 10 a 17 años.

STOP CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, INC. S.C.A.N. EMERGENCY SHELTER—Albergue de Emergencia - 725-7211 or 725-7212

The facility provides basic need of food, shelter, safety and protection, plus counseling services; provide services for children ages 8 to 17 who are child abuse victims and runaways.

Servicios de albergue para niños/ jóvenes de 8-17 años de edad que han sido abusados físicamente o sexualmente. El albergue provee servicios de alimentación, ropa, comida, educación y consejería.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

8511 MCPHERSON

764-5200

Food Stamp Program / Medicaid Program:

Services: Provides food stamp assistance. Provide access health care to low income families that meet TDHS eligibility requirements. These Medicaid services are provided mainly to children and pregnant women.

Required Documents: Children's Birth Certificates, social Security Cards, Proof of residence, and Proof of Income.

Servicios: El programa de asistencia familiar ayuda a familias recibir asistencia en estampillas de comida, T.A.N.F., Medicaid y medicare. Documentos requeridos: Certificados de Nacimiento, tarjeta de Seguro Social, Prueba de residencia y Prueba de Ingreso.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES- Child Protective Services 1500

Arkansas

To Report Child Abuse 1-800-252-5400

Services: provide protection of children as mandated by State Law.

Servicios: En acuerdo con leyes del Estado, el programa consiste en servicios para proteger a los niños de abuso; abandono; explotación y otro tipos de daños hacia el niño/a.

CASA MISERICORDIA 712-9591

Education Center 726-0151

Albergue para familias en violencia domestica

The home Casa Misericordia provides secure, temporary residential services to victims of domestic violence. Casa Misericordia provides a safe place, where victims of domestic violence can be oriented, educated on domestic violence, and where emotional support is provided. Casa Misericordia will also link victims to appropriate agencies based on their needs and goals.

Casa Misericordia provee asistencia para victimas de violencia domestica. Casa Misericordia provee un lugar seguro y provee guianza hacia las agencias apropiadas y orientación y apoyo emocional para las victimas de violencia domestica.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

1919 Cedar 722-2443

Emergency General Assistance / Immigration Service Program

Servicios: Program provides immigration services. Assess in immigration process by immigration attorney at a lower rate. To provide emergency aid to avoid disconnection of utilities, assistance with rent to avoid eviction.

Servicios: Programa de imigración, incluye asesorar el caso por parte de un abogado de imigración a un costo minimo. Provee asistencia de utilidades, asistencia en pago de renta para evitar desalojo.

CITY OF LAREDO HOUSING AUTHORITY

2000 San Francisco 722-4521 Section 8 — 722-0221

Services: To provide housing for low-income families

Servicios: Provee asistencia de casa para familias de bajo recursos.

CITY OF LAREDO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2600 Cedar 795-4900 WIC PROGRAM 795-4943

Services: Provide Medical and Dental Health care for the families. Provides immunization, laboratory services, Maternal and Child Health Clinic. Prenatal and well children health services. "La Familia" health care services for Diabetics and Hypertension. WIC supplemental food program designed for pregnant, breastfeeding women and children up to 5 years of age.

Servicios: Provee servicios medicos y dentales para la familia. Servicios de vacunas y laboratorio. Provee Servicios en cuidado medico para la mujer embarazada y cuidado medico para los niños. El programa de WIC prove alimentación suplemental y educación de nutrición para la mujer embarazada, niños hasta los 5 años.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / DISTRICT ATTY. OFFICE

1110 Victoria Ste. 401 523-4900

Services: Provide legal guidance to persons in need of assistance.

Servicios: Proveer guianza legal a personas en violencia domestica.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Gateway Central Gateway South Clinic  
1515 Papas 1915 So. Zapata Hwy.

795-8100

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Services: Provides a wide range of Medical and Dental Services. Services include Immunizations, Medical, Gynecological clinic, Family Planning Services, Pharmacy and Laboratory services.

Servicios: Provee atención médica para toda la familia. Los servicios incluyen servicios Médicos, Dental, Vacunas, Planificación Familiar, Farmacia y servicios de Laboratorio.

GOOD WILL STORE

5901 San Dario Ave.

(210) 924-8581

Services: Thrift Store, Job Search,

Servicios: Tiendita de artículos, Anuncios de búsqueda de trabajo.

LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE— Adult and Continuing Education

Main Campus

Literacy Volunteers of Laredo (LVL)

West End Washington

West End Washington

721-5436

724-5207

Services: G.E.D. classes, citizenship classes and English as a second language ESL classes offered.

Servicios: Clases de preparación para obtener su G.E.D. clases de ciudadanía, clases de inglés.

LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

1120 E. Calton Rd.

795-2400

Story hour for preschool children. Bookmobile service provided by city of Laredo residents. Computers and internet service and typewriters are provided for patrons use.

La librería provee tiempo de cuentos para los niños. Computadoras con servicio de Internet para el uso del público.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Border Region MHMR, CAPS Program

1500 Papas 794-3000

Family Guidance Services

Professional Counseling Center

5219 Mcpherson #406

709 E. Calton Ste. #109

717-3733

791-0335

Provides therapy and counseling for parents and children. Will assist in providing special help for children with typical behavior or special developmental needs. Provide information to available community resources including referrals to attend to families special needs.

Provee servicios de consejería y terapia para los padres y niños que requieren ayuda. Proveen ayuda cuando existe un cambio de comportamiento en los niños y problemas entre la familia.

SALVATION ARMY

408 Matamoros

723-2349

Services: Provides emergency assistance on a temporary basis to an individual or family. We provide food, emergency shelter, clothing, and utility assistance for the homeless and needy families.

Servicios: Provee servicios en asistencia temporal de utilidades, comida, refugio de emergencia, ropa para personas o familias sin hogar.

### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Social Security Benefits 215 Calle del Norte 1-800-772-1213

Services: Processing application for Social Security benefits: Social Security cards, retirement benefits, disability benefits, and Medicare benefits.

Servicios: Provee asistencia en aplicár para beneficiós de Seguro Social. [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

### SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

2359 2401 Juarez

791-6131

Services: To provide information, presentation, and crisis intervention. To provide individual and group counseling, alcohol and other drug education for females and males ages 18 and older.

Servicios: Provee informacion, intervencion, consejos en grupos y individual con problemas en alcohol y adición a droga para personas mayor de 18 años de edad.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS – COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ❖ **Parents are not fully aware of existing services. Ensure that parents are aware of all existing resources, rules and eligibility criteria, hours of operation, etc.**
- ❖ **Agency rules and eligibility criteria are very strict.**
- ❖ **Transportation is difficult to find in order to get to resource agencies.**
- ❖ **Expand partnership opportunities to new and non-traditional partners.**
- ❖ **Serve on other community organization’s advisory boards and committees.**