

UNITED WAY CAPITAL AREA OUR COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE



LIVE UNITED

POVERTY AND FAMILIES



The median income for Austin families is under \$51K annually. The **average cost to live in Austin is \$53K** (without health insurance from an employer).



1 out of 5 Austin families are low-income, making **\$44K or less**.



1 in 5 families live in poverty. These families of four make **\$22K or less**. In Travis County, 84 percent or

19,000

of these families **do not receive government cash assistance**.

Poverty affects **21%** of children under 18 & **24%** of children under 5.

EDUCATION

Every dollar invested in early childhood education



saves up to **\$13** in remedial education, welfare costs, court expenses and prison.

Only **52%**

of Central Texas students entered school "kindergarten-ready" in 2010.

1/9

of students in 9th grade are held back—the **highest retention rate for any grade level**.

1 out of 4 Central Texas high school students **do not graduate on time**.



High school dropouts lose an average of

\$260,000

in potential earnings over their lifetime by not getting their diploma.



Of those who do graduate, **only**

47%

are ready for college.

Middle school students with at least one supportive adult in their lives are almost

2x as likely to graduate as those who do not.

INCOME

Only
1/4

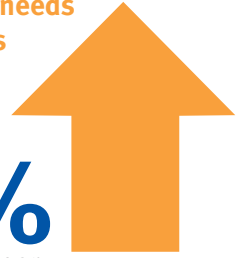
of Americans feel well informed about managing household finances.

An average of 1 in every 7 households has **filed for bankruptcy** during the past decade.



This year **basic needs assistance calls** to the UWCA Helpline increased

22%
from last year.



At least

47,000

households in the area **lack a checking or savings account** and must rely on check cashers. In Austin. These services **cost the family**

\$230 to \$980 each year.

Each month,

54%

of Texans **spend more than they earn** or break even financially.

HEALTH



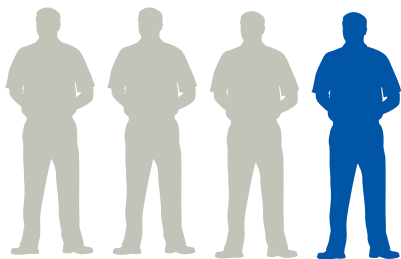
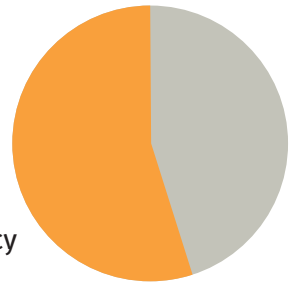
1 out of 6 youth in Travis County are uninsured

&

so are 1 out of 4 older adults.

55%

of Central Texas **emergency room visits could have been prevented** by non-emergency primary care.



In total, about

250,000

Travis County residents **don't have health insurance.**

More than

3/4

of **uninsured Texans are employed.**

Calls to the UWCA Helpline requesting **community healthcare clinic access and dental care** increased by more than

67%

