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## FOOD STAMP DECLINE MEANS LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS

County Estimates of Actual vs. Potential Food Stamp Benefit Revenue in 1999

In 2002, Texas is projected to provide Food Stamps to only one-third of those eligible to receive these benefits. The attached chart estimates the number of Texans potentially eligible for Food Stamps and the additional revenue to the state if even half of the eligible population received Food Stamps.

### BACKGROUND

Since 1996, Food Stamp enrollment in Texas has dropped dramatically—from over 2.4 million recipients in 1996 to less than 1.4 million in 2000—despite little change in the number of Texans living in poverty. According to the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS), only one-third of the eligible population received Food Stamps in 1999, down from over half in 1996. The percentage of eligible Texans receiving these benefits is projected to decline even more over the next two years. The failure to reach more eligible families means that many low-income Texans are not getting the nutrition assistance they need to feed their families. The decline of over one million recipients has also cost the state \$911 million in federal Food Stamp benefits—funds that are directly returned to the state's economy in the form of food purchases in communities across Texas.

Unlike Medicaid, Food Stamp benefits are 100% federally funded and do not require any state matching funds. Any increase in Food Stamp enrollment—rather than costing the state money—will actually bring Texas' "homesick" federal tax dollars back home.

### METHODOLOGY

It is difficult to estimate exactly how many Texans are eligible for Food Stamps, given that several factors beyond income affect a family's eligibility for benefits. DHS uses data from the Census Bureau and the Texas State Data Center to estimate how many Texans statewide are income-eligible for Food Stamps (e.g., have incomes below 130% of the federal poverty level). Although these numbers are not adjusted for other variables that affect eligibility such as a family's resources, they offer a good starting point for determining how many Texans in each county might be eligible for Food Stamps. To derive the

county estimates of Food Stamp-eligible Texans, the Center took the ratio of persons statewide at 130% of poverty (based on DHS' estimate) to persons at 100% of poverty<sup>1</sup> (1.27) and applied it to the number of persons living at 100% of poverty in each county. We then used this estimate of the income-eligible population in each county to determine the "participation rate" by county in fiscal 1999 (Column G). By multiplying the potentially eligible population by the average per person annual benefit in that county in 1999, we projected how much additional federal revenue each county might get if at least 50 percent of its Food Stamp-eligible population received benefits (Column I).

### FOOD STAMP ACCESS BILLS IN THE 77<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE

Although multiple factors are behind the drop in Food Stamp participation, research has shown that a significant percentage of the caseload decline is a result of more complex eligibility requirements and a more time-consuming enrollment process. To address these barriers, lawmakers this session will consider several bills intended to revise outdated eligibility rules and simplify the Food Stamp enrollment process, particularly for working families. See the Center's web site at [www.cppp.org](http://www.cppp.org) for information about this legislation.

Food Stamps play a critical role in preventing hunger among vulnerable populations, lifting low-wage workers out of poverty, and supporting former welfare recipients in their efforts to become self-sufficient. They also support the economies of low-income communities, whose limited resources are already stretched thin. Given the importance of these benefits, making Food Stamps more accessible should be a priority for all Texans.

<sup>1</sup> State and county poverty data are from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission 1999 estimates.

## Actual vs. Potential Food Stamp Benefit Revenues by County in Fiscal 1999

(in millions)<sup>2</sup>

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
County	Food Stamp recipients FY1996*	Value of Food Stamp benefits FY1996*	Food Stamp recipients FY1999*	Value of Food Stamp benefits FY1999*	Decrease in Food Stamp revenue FY1996-99	Number of Texans potentially eligible for Food Stamps 1999 <sup>3</sup>	Percent of potentially eligible receiving Food Stamps in FY1999	Additional benefits if 50% of potentially eligible received Food Stamps <sup>4</sup>
Anderson	5,203	\$4.3	3,335	\$2.7	\$1.6	12,016	28%	\$2.2
Andrews	2,082	1.6	1,179	0.9	0.7	3,574	33%	0.5
Angelina	8,810	7.2	6,675	5.5	1.7	17,078	39%	1.5
Aransas	3,507	3.1	2,716	2.5	0.7	5,867	46%	0.2
Archer	451	0.4	285	0.2	0.1	1,412	20%	0.3
Armstrong	73	0.1	52	0.0	0.0	349	15%	0.1
Atascosa	6,930	5.5	4,760	3.8	1.7	12,071	39%	1.0
Austin	1,637	1.3	845	0.7	0.6	4,262	20%	1.0
Bailey	1,415	1.1	746	0.6	0.5	2,128	35%	0.2
Bandera	1,054	0.9	899	0.8	0.1	2,810	32%	0.4
Bastrop	4,255	3.6	3,045	2.6	1.0	11,324	27%	2.2
Baylor	516	0.4	396	0.3	0.1	1,138	35%	0.1
Bee	5,654	4.6	3,876	3.2	1.5	9,683	40%	0.8
Bell	22,046	18.8	13,885	11.7	7.1	42,787	32%	6.3
Bexar	201,446	174.5	125,826	108.0	66.5	354,630	35%	44.2
Blanco	322	0.2	105	0.1	0.2	1,354	8%	0.4
Borden	3	0.0	5	0.0	(0.0)	175	3%	0.1
Bosque	1,623	1.3	849	0.7	0.6	3,585	24%	0.7
Bowie	10,754	9.1	8,030	6.8	2.3	18,779	43%	1.1
Brazoria	18,085	16.3	7,848	6.7	9.6	37,829	21%	9.5
Brazos	11,783	10.4	7,296	6.3	4.1	27,543	26%	5.6
Brewster	1,036	0.9	772	0.7	0.2	2,990	26%	0.7
Briscoe	229	0.2	132	0.1	0.1	493	27%	0.1
Brooks	3,405	2.8	2,661	2.3	0.5	4,618	58%	N/A**
Brown	4,521	3.6	3,577	3.0	0.6	8,893	40%	0.7
Burleson	1,962	1.6	1,169	1.0	0.7	3,979	29%	0.7
Burnet	2,628	2.1	1,538	1.2	0.9	6,271	25%	1.3
Caldwell	4,184	3.4	2,747	2.2	1.2	9,363	29%	1.6
Calhoun	2,854	2.4	1,699	1.4	1.0	5,369	32%	0.8
Callahan	1,239	1.0	1,056	0.9	0.1	2,750	38%	0.3
Cameron	104,048	87.6	76,088	64.1	23.6	149,713	51%	N/A**
Camp	1,533	1.2	1,017	0.8	0.4	2,582	39%	0.2
Carson	217	0.2	157	0.1	0.1	958	16%	0.3
Cass	4,460	3.7	2,936	2.3	1.4	7,554	39%	0.7
Castro	1,804	1.4	1,218	0.9	0.5	2,855	43%	0.2
Chambers	1,745	1.6	948	0.9	0.7	3,737	25%	0.8
Cherokee	5,571	4.5	3,784	3.0	1.5	10,811	35%	1.3
Childress	967	0.8	805	0.7	0.1	2,050	39%	0.2
Clay	563	0.4	449	0.4	0.1	1,855	24%	0.4

<sup>2</sup> Dollar amounts are rounded; where no figure is shown, the amount is less than \$50,000.

<sup>3</sup> See "Methodology" section.

<sup>4</sup> This estimate is based on the average per person annual benefit by county received in fiscal 1999.

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Cochran	871	\$0.7	443	\$0.4	\$0.4	1,307	34%	\$0.2
Coke	289	0.2	154	0.1	0.1	846	18%	0.2
Coleman	1,557	1.2	1,140	0.9	0.3	2,675	43%	0.2
Collin	9,013	7.9	3,403	2.8	5.1	27,354	12%	8.6
Collingsworth	561	0.5	433	0.3	0.1	1,035	42%	0.1
Colorado	2,095	1.7	1,296	1.0	0.7	4,720	27%	0.8
Comal	3,875	3.1	2,184	1.8	1.4	12,597	17%	3.3
Comanche	1,587	1.2	1,227	1.0	0.2	3,523	35%	0.4
Concho	329	0.2	158	0.1	0.1	920	17%	0.2
Cooke	3,316	2.8	1,737	1.5	1.3	6,396	27%	1.2
Coryell	3,731	3.0	2,601	2.1	0.9	13,932	19%	3.5
Cottle	351	0.3	275	0.2	0.0	651	42%	0.0
Crane	522	0.4	264	0.2	0.2	1,076	25%	0.2
Crockett	528	0.4	362	0.3	0.1	1,217	30%	0.2
Crosby	2,094	1.6	1,383	1.1	0.5	2,824	49%	0.0
Culberson	886	0.7	543	0.4	0.3	1,496	36%	0.2
Dallam	877	0.7	518	0.4	0.3	1,100	47%	0.0
Dallas	198,142	184.8	83,525	76.5	108.3	317,748	26%	69.1
Dawson	2,939	2.3	1,898	1.5	0.8	4,701	40%	0.3
Deaf Smith	3,785	3.1	2,715	2.2	0.9	6,100	45%	0.3
Delta	771	0.6	457	0.3	0.3	1,245	37%	0.1
Denton	10,585	9.5	3,745	3.3	6.2	40,574	9%	14.4
DeWitt	3,205	2.5	1,814	1.4	1.0	5,908	31%	0.9
Dickens	309	0.2	224	0.2	0.0	774	29%	0.1
Dimmit	4,190	3.5	3,077	2.5	0.9	5,956	52%	N/A**
Donley	477	0.4	320	0.2	0.1	999	32%	0.1
Duval	4,273	3.3	3,218	2.5	0.8	6,580	49%	0.1
Eastland	2,051	1.6	1,673	1.4	0.2	4,524	37%	0.5
Ector	22,150	19.4	13,387	11.9	7.5	32,178	42%	2.4
Edwards	641	0.5	465	0.4	0.1	1,020	46%	0.0
El Paso	170,629	147.2	118,678	101.7	45.6	272,698	44%	15.1
Ellis	7,268	6.2	3,864	3.2	2.9	18,808	21%	4.6
Erath	2,472	2.0	1,478	1.1	0.8	6,466	23%	1.3
Falls	3,278	2.7	2,066	1.6	1.1	5,712	36%	0.6
Fannin	2,691	2.1	1,542	1.2	1.0	5,809	27%	1.0
Fayette	1,564	1.2	1,102	0.8	0.4	4,504	24%	0.8
Fisher	445	0.3	298	0.2	0.1	1,112	27%	0.2
Floyd	1,960	1.5	1,174	0.9	0.6	2,560	46%	0.1
Foard	280	0.2	182	0.1	0.1	474	38%	0.0
Fort Bend	15,545	13.8	5,035	4.1	9.7	43,734	12%	13.8
Franklin	669	0.5	333	0.2	0.3	1,662	20%	0.3
Freestone	2,082	1.7	1,310	1.1	0.7	4,371	30%	0.7
Frio	4,257	3.3	2,941	2.3	1.0	6,790	43%	0.4
Gaines	1,640	1.3	929	0.7	0.5	3,484	27%	0.6
Galveston	27,305	26.3	14,235	13.0	13.3	46,824	30%	8.4

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Garza	874	\$0.7	541	\$0.4	\$0.2	1,474	37%	\$0.2
Gillespie	737	0.5	547	0.4	0.1	4,006	14%	1.1
Glasscock	61	0.0	23	0.0	0.0	254	9%	0.1
Goliad	1,117	0.9	739	0.6	0.3	2,046	36%	0.2
Gonzales	3,564	2.8	2,237	1.8	1.0	5,864	38%	0.6
Gray	2,243	1.8	1,845	1.5	0.3	4,490	41%	0.3
Grayson	9,614	8.3	5,630	4.6	3.7	18,890	30%	3.1
Gregg	12,554	10.8	8,514	7.1	3.7	21,755	39%	2.0
Grimes	2,657	2.3	1,587	1.3	1.0	5,934	27%	1.1
Guadalupe	8,255	6.7	5,058	4.1	2.6	19,244	26%	3.7
Hale	6,409	5.2	4,171	3.3	1.9	10,187	41%	0.7
Hall	724	0.6	493	0.4	0.2	1,189	41%	0.1
Hamilton	776	0.6	543	0.4	0.2	1,758	31%	0.3
Hansford	256	0.2	173	0.1	0.0	777	22%	0.2
Hardeman	548	0.4	378	0.3	0.1	1,178	32%	0.2
Hardin	4,711	4.1	2,401	2.0	2.1	8,208	29%	1.4
Harris	359,310	339.4	147,276	134.4	205.0	531,610	28%	108.2
Harrison	7,465	6.2	4,495	3.6	2.6	14,508	31%	2.2
Hartley	26	0.0	15	0.0	0.0	780	2%	0.3
Haskell	929	0.7	722	0.6	0.2	1,796	40%	0.1
Hays	5,158	4.3	3,328	2.8	1.5	18,147	18%	4.8
Hemphill	80	0.1	73	0.1	(0.0)	463	16%	0.1
Henderson	6,909	5.8	3,833	3.0	2.8	16,121	24%	3.4
Hidalgo	185,853	159.4	137,862	118.9	40.5	257,793	53%	N/A**
Hill	4,008	3.3	2,094	1.6	1.7	7,353	28%	1.2
Hockley	3,585	2.9	2,476	2.0	0.9	6,404	39%	0.6
Hood	2,064	1.7	1,113	0.9	0.8	5,875	19%	1.5
Hopkins	2,264	1.6	1,277	0.9	0.7	6,029	21%	1.2
Houston	3,506	2.8	2,433	2.0	0.8	6,217	39%	0.5
Howard	4,319	3.6	2,892	2.4	1.1	7,919	37%	0.9
Hudspeth	597	0.5	545	0.4	0.0	1,315	41%	0.1
Hunt	7,562	6.6	4,418	3.7	2.9	14,497	30%	2.4
Hutchinson	1,980	1.7	1,395	1.2	0.4	4,860	29%	0.9
Irion	152	0.1	51	0.0	0.1	337	15%	0.1
Jack	765	0.6	532	0.4	0.2	1,553	34%	0.2
Jackson	1,534	1.2	887	0.7	0.5	3,294	27%	0.6
Jasper	4,923	4.0	3,695	3.1	1.0	8,340	44%	0.4
Jeff Davis	142	0.1	79	0.1	0.0	585	14%	0.2
Jefferson	37,520	34.5	24,899	22.3	12.2	58,147	43%	3.7
Jim Hogg	1,672	1.2	1,181	0.9	0.4	2,558	46%	0.1
Jim Wells	10,661	8.9	7,673	6.3	2.6	15,409	50%	0.0
Johnson	8,946	7.7	4,341	3.6	4.0	21,558	20%	5.4
Jones	2,099	1.6	1,586	1.2	0.4	4,855	33%	0.6
Karnes	2,623	2.0	1,700	1.3	0.7	5,118	33%	0.7

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Kaufman	6,615	\$5.7	3,404	\$2.7	\$3.0	12,815	27%	\$2.4
Kendall	1,032	0.8	571	0.5	0.3	2,954	19%	0.8
Kenedy	8	0.0	5	0.0	0.0	118	4%	0.0
Kent	31	0.0	6	0.0	0.0	233	3%	0.1
Kerr	4,269	3.6	2,555	2.2	1.4	9,063	28%	1.7
Kimble	455	0.3	325	0.2	0.1	1,004	32%	0.1
King	10	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	63	0%	0.0
Kinney	758	0.6	623	0.5	0.1	1,360	46%	0.0
Kleberg	7,607	6.7	5,528	4.9	1.9	11,377	49%	0.1
Knox	664	0.5	561	0.4	0.1	1,395	40%	0.1
La Salle	1,696	1.3	1,197	1.0	0.3	2,669	45%	0.1
Lamar	6,735	5.3	4,889	3.9	1.4	10,694	46%	0.4
Lamb	2,812	2.2	1,642	1.2	1.0	4,490	37%	0.5
Lampasas	1,717	1.4	1,210	1.0	0.4	3,568	34%	0.5
Lavaca	1,519	1.1	947	0.7	0.4	3,993	24%	0.8
Lee	826	0.6	560	0.4	0.2	3,127	18%	0.7
Leon	1,570	1.4	1,010	0.8	0.6	3,632	28%	0.7
Liberty	8,205	7.4	4,693	4.1	3.2	13,805	34%	1.9
Limestone	3,385	2.8	2,250	1.8	1.0	5,942	38%	0.6
Lipscomb	104	0.1	121	0.1	(0.0)	506	24%	0.1
Live Oak	1,413	1.1	915	0.7	0.4	2,779	33%	0.4
Llano	917	0.7	398	0.3	0.4	2,941	14%	0.8
Loving	4	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	8	0%	0.0
Lubbock	32,150	27.8	20,735	17.2	10.6	52,422	40%	4.5
Lynn	1,249	0.9	734	0.6	0.4	2,036	36%	0.2
Madison	1,821	1.5	1,198	1.0	0.6	3,431	35%	0.4
Marion	2,131	1.8	1,534	1.2	0.5	3,456	44%	0.2
Martin	690	0.5	357	0.3	0.2	1,314	27%	0.2
Mason	376	0.3	190	0.1	0.1	947	20%	0.2
Matagorda	5,301	4.8	2,406	2.0	2.7	9,821	24%	2.1
Maverick	19,378	16.1	11,662	9.4	6.8	24,029	49%	0.3
McCulloch	1,410	1.1	838	0.7	0.4	2,665	31%	0.4
McLennan	26,668	23.6	15,903	13.5	10.1	46,314	34%	6.2
McMullen	55	0.0	30	0.0	0.0	185	16%	0.1
Medina	4,682	3.8	3,153	2.5	1.3	9,873	32%	1.4
Menard	404	0.3	278	0.2	0.1	774	36%	0.1
Midland	13,012	11.2	8,097	6.9	4.2	20,476	40%	1.8
Milam	3,687	3.0	2,287	1.8	1.2	6,541	35%	0.8
Mills	453	0.3	259	0.2	0.1	1,131	23%	0.2
Mitchell	1,058	0.8	829	0.6	0.2	2,613	32%	0.4
Montague	1,833	1.4	1,185	0.9	0.4	3,707	32%	0.5
Montgomery	18,577	17.0	8,991	8.0	9.0	35,424	25%	7.8
Moore	1,270	1.0	1,094	0.9	0.1	3,698	30%	0.6
Morris	1,748	1.4	1,276	1.0	0.4	3,338	38%	0.3

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Motley	118	\$0.1	82	\$0.1	\$0.0	366	22%	\$0.1
Nacogdoches	7,006	5.9	5,427	4.7	1.2	14,320	38%	1.5
Navarro	5,740	4.9	3,594	3.0	1.9	10,604	34%	1.4
Newton	2,383	2.0	1,871	1.6	0.4	4,285	44%	0.2
Nolan	2,717	2.2	2,099	1.7	0.6	4,755	44%	0.2
Nueces	57,408	50.5	35,818	31.0	19.4	90,983	39%	8.4
Ochiltree	688	0.6	490	0.4	0.1	1,598	31%	0.3
Oldham	97	0.1	93	0.1	0.0	405	23%	0.1
Orange	10,435	9.5	7,050	6.3	3.2	17,218	41%	1.4
Palo Pinto	3,706	3.0	1,547	1.2	1.9	6,127	25%	1.1
Panola	2,593	2.1	1,902	1.6	0.5	5,651	34%	0.8
Parker	3,638	3.0	1,708	1.3	1.7	12,007	14%	3.3
Parmer	837	0.6	518	0.4	0.2	2,407	22%	0.5
Pecos	2,627	2.1	1,633	1.3	0.8	5,506	30%	0.9
Polk	5,777	5.1	3,843	3.4	1.7	10,499	37%	1.2
Potter	19,121	17.2	11,898	10.0	7.2	27,499	43%	1.5
Presidio	2,638	2.2	1,709	1.4	0.8	3,998	43%	0.2
Rains	609	0.5	462	0.3	0.1	1,738	27%	0.3
Randall	3,636	3.1	2,153	1.7	1.4	14,875	14%	4.2
Reagan	370	0.2	218	0.2	0.1	1,091	20%	0.2
Real	746	0.6	529	0.4	0.2	993	53%	N/A**
Red River	2,082	1.5	1,456	1.1	0.4	3,999	36%	0.4
Reeves	3,108	2.3	2,008	1.5	0.8	5,835	34%	0.7
Refugio	1,449	1.2	988	0.8	0.4	2,287	43%	0.1
Roberts	17	0.0	13	0.0	(0.0)	166	8%	0.1
Robertson	3,267	2.7	2,076	1.6	1.1	5,299	39%	0.5
Rockwall	1,485	1.3	727	0.6	0.7	3,669	20%	0.9
Runnels	1,393	1.0	992	0.7	0.3	2,954	34%	0.4
Rusk	4,600	3.7	2,791	2.2	1.5	10,138	28%	1.8
Sabine	1,284	1.1	930	0.8	0.3	2,692	35%	0.3
San Augustine	1,309	1.1	1,061	0.8	0.2	2,554	42%	0.2
San Jacinto	3,133	2.9	1,991	1.8	1.1	5,690	35%	0.8
San Patricio	13,946	11.4	8,690	7.0	4.4	21,585	40%	1.7
San Saba	759	0.5	443	0.3	0.2	1,526	29%	0.2
Schleicher	382	0.3	260	0.2	0.1	822	32%	0.1
Scurry	2,011	1.6	1,589	1.3	0.3	4,371	36%	0.5
Shackelford	288	0.2	254	0.2	0.0	670	38%	0.1
Shelby	3,608	2.9	2,628	2.1	0.8	6,105	43%	0.3
Sherman	119	0.1	83	0.1	0.0	434	19%	0.1
Smith	16,287	13.5	8,885	7.1	6.5	32,351	27%	5.8
Somervell	659	0.6	209	0.2	0.4	1,098	19%	0.3
Starr	25,858	22.3	19,365	16.7	5.7	35,956	54%	N/A**
Stephens	1,045	0.8	700	0.6	0.2	2,158	32%	0.3
Sterling	67	0.1	41	0.0	0.0	291	14%	0.1

County	Food Stamp recipients FY1996*	Value of Food Stamp benefits FY1996*	Food Stamp recipients FY1999*	Value of Food Stamp benefits FY1999*	Decrease in Food Stamp revenue FY1996-99	Number of Texans potentially eligible for Food Stamps 1999	Percent of potentially eligible receiving Food Stamps in FY1999	Additional benefits if 50% of potentially eligible received Food Stamps
Stonewall	179	\$0.1	144	\$0.1	\$0.0	470	31%	\$0.1
Sutton	410	0.3	390	0.3	0.0	1,126	35%	0.1
Swisher	1,302	1.0	789	0.6	0.4	2,251	35%	0.3
Tarrant	98,309	88.7	47,170	41.8	46.9	215,284	22%	53.6
Taylor	14,277	11.9	10,211	8.5	3.4	25,750	40%	2.2
Terrell	146	0.1	74	0.1	0.1	423	17%	0.1
Terry	2,593	2.1	1,914	1.5	0.5	4,100	47%	0.1
Throckmorton	141	0.1	116	0.1	0.0	352	33%	0.0
Titus	2,602	2.0	1,736	1.4	0.7	5,524	31%	0.8
Tom Green	12,361	10.1	8,804	7.3	2.7	24,761	36%	3.0
Travis	53,735	49.2	31,543	28.9	20.3	109,655	29%	21.3
Trinity	1,997	1.7	1,383	1.1	0.6	3,664	38%	0.4
Tyler	2,540	2.2	1,701	1.5	0.7	4,860	35%	0.6
Upshur	3,782	3.1	2,352	1.9	1.2	7,234	33%	1.0
Upton	596	0.5	222	0.2	0.3	1,082	21%	0.3
Uvalde	6,783	5.4	4,792	3.7	1.7	9,882	48%	0.1
Val Verde	11,477	9.3	7,137	5.7	3.5	17,648	40%	1.4
Van Zandt	3,814	3.1	2,067	1.6	1.5	8,990	23%	1.9
Victoria	10,871	9.1	6,035	5.0	4.1	18,329	33%	2.6
Walker	4,606	4.1	2,604	2.3	1.9	12,348	21%	3.1
Waller	3,830	3.4	1,607	1.3	2.1	6,367	25%	1.3
Ward	1,968	1.6	1,320	1.0	0.5	3,597	37%	0.4
Washington	2,792	2.3	1,937	1.6	0.8	6,220	31%	1.0
Webb	56,424	46.9	40,742	34.0	13.0	82,925	49%	0.6
Wharton	5,027	4.2	2,394	1.9	2.2	9,806	24%	2.0
Wheeler	483	0.4	364	0.3	0.1	1,103	33%	0.1
Wichita	13,342	11.5	9,997	8.5	3.0	26,132	38%	2.6
Wilbarger	1,834	1.4	1,280	1.0	0.4	3,735	34%	0.4
Willacy	8,058	6.5	6,069	5.0	1.5	10,569	57%	N/A**
Williamson	7,549	6.1	4,036	3.2	2.9	27,025	15%	7.6
Wilson	3,300	2.6	1,992	1.6	1.0	7,423	27%	1.4
Winkler	1,133	0.9	765	0.6	0.3	2,291	33%	0.3
Wise	2,367	1.9	1,027	0.8	1.1	7,041	15%	2.0
Wood	3,119	2.4	1,925	1.4	1.0	7,424	26%	1.3
Yoakum	776	0.6	596	0.5	0.1	1,982	30%	0.3
Young	1,913	1.5	1,452	1.2	0.4	3,664	40%	0.3
Zapata	4,028	3.2	2,668	2.2	1.0	5,564	48%	0.1
Zavala	5,283	4.3	3,759	3.1	1.2	7,441	51%	N/A**
Texas	2,467,550	\$2,158.1	1,457,347	\$1,246.8	\$911.3	4,281,264	34%	\$584.6

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