



Weekly Alert August 1st, 2024

Survey: Addressing cost of living would have the greatest benefit for Texas

Racism ranks second

Texas adults (n=59) were asked, “Many things affect the lives of people living in Texas. If you could address one of the challenges below, which do you think would have the greatest benefit for Texas?” They chose from 9 options, each of which is known to be a [social determinants of health](#).

Main findings

More than 1 in 3 respondents (36%) said addressing cost of living would have the greatest benefit for Texas; addressing racism/discrimination (15%), childcare (12%), and housing (12%) were the next most common responses, followed by crime and schools (both 7%). Other challenges selected included a sense of community/isolation/loneliness (5%), jobs (3%), and transportation (2%).

How do Texas responses compare to national findings?

The survey was administered to 558 adults in five states. Nationally, respondents said that addressing cost of living (29%), crime (21%), and housing (13%) would have the greatest benefit for their communities, followed by jobs (8%), racism/discrimination (7%) and sense of community/isolation/loneliness (7%).

The proportion of Texas respondents (15%) who said addressing racism/discrimination would have the greatest benefit was higher than in any other state (3%- 11%). Similarly, compared to all other states, more Texas respondents (12%) said that addressing childcare would have the greatest benefit. In contrast, only 3% of Texas respondents said that addressing jobs would have the greatest benefit. This was the lowest percentage of the 5 states surveyed.

Share the findings, see what others think

If you could address one of these challenges, which do you think would have the greatest benefit for Texas? Share the resources below and ask your friends and family what they think. Talking about local challenges can help focus community response efforts.

This week's report is based on responses from a panel of 558 adult residents of Texas (n = 59), St. Louis, MO (n = 141), Omaha, NE (n = 84), Baltimore, MD (n = 168) and Colorado (n = 106) surveyed July 20-22, 2024. Explore these data and more at [iHeard Texas](#).

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Survey Poll Results

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We asked: What challenge would you address to have the greatest benefit for Texas?

**You said:
Cost of living.**

Swipe to see the top 5

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In the poll, 59 Texans chose from 9 challenges:

Childcare	Cost of living	Crime
Housing	Racism/discrimination	Jobs
Transportation	Sense of community	Schools

Source: *iHeard Social Determinants of Health Survey July 20–22, 2024*

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Top 5 responses

1. Cost of living	36%
2. Racism	15%
3. Housing	12%
4. Childcare	12%
5. Schools	7%
6. Crime	7%

Source: *iHeard Social Determinants of Health Survey July 20–22, 2024*

Suggested Caption:

Texans said addressing cost of living would have the greatest benefit for Texas. What do you think?

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Need help buying a home?

The Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation offers down payment assistance and mortgage tax credits.

Take their eligibility quiz: www.tsahc.org/homebuyers-renters/take-the-eligibility-quiz

Or visit www.tsahc.org/



Need help with housing?

The Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers aims to increase affordable housing options for Texans.

Call (512) 476-9901

Or visit <https://taahp.org/>



Are you experiencing racism or discrimination?

Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation addresses race and racism through narrative change, relationship building and equitable policies and practices in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Want to join the Dallas or Fort Worth Racial Justice Community of Practice? Visit dallastrht.org/



Are you experiencing racism or discrimination?

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas (ACLU) is a leading civil rights organization.

Visit www.aclutx.org/ for civil rights resources and to get in touch.

For general inquiries, call (713) 942-8146



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Visit <https://texasrisingstar.org/> to learn more about what they do and find certified care providers near you.



Need help with childcare, groceries, diapers, or an electric bill?

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Visit <https://childcare.gov/state-resources/texas/financial-assistance-resources-for-families> to view local resources.



Suggested Caption:

Texans say that addressing the cost of living, racism & discrimination, housing and childcare would benefit Texas the most. Swipe to see local resources about those topics.

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