

The State of Dove Springs



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Overview

Like the City of Austin, the neighborhoods that constitute the Dove Springs area in Southeast Austin are in transition. Dove Springs is becoming increasingly more Hispanic, more immigrant and is growing at a rapid rate. The challenges associated with an urban core of undereducated working poor, concentrations of minority youth growing up in poverty, and crime and safety issues are also rising. The social, economic and civic conditions within the Dove Springs neighborhoods points to these changes and to the challenges accompanying them.

This report points to the human and social capital that currently exists in Dove Springs. Community based organizations, government agencies, social service programs, churches, neighborhood associations, grass roots leaders, committed educators have a history of acting together to make a change. They represent the “seed corn” of positive change for the residents of Dove Springs and the neighborhoods they live in.

This report, the State of Dove Springs, represents a modest beginning. Much of the demographic data drawn from the 2000 Census is almost a decade old. Other indicators are not available or do not translate well at a neighborhood level. These limitations notwithstanding, this report represent a comprehensive and detailed window into Dove Springs to date. Subsequent reports of the conditions of Dove Springs are forthcoming.

The Dove Springs Neighborhoods

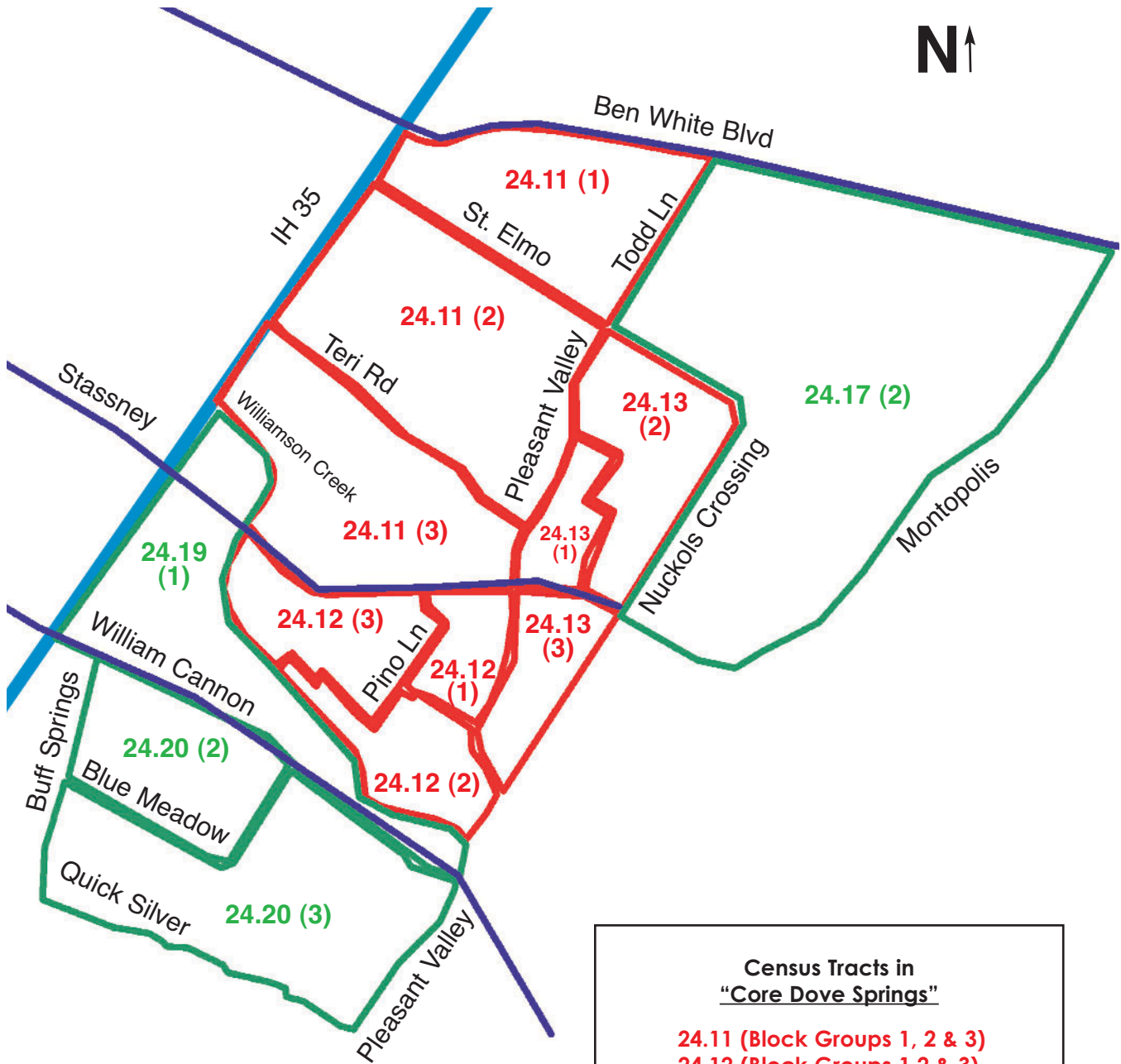
A neighborhood is generally defined employing the following criteria:

- (1) geographically contiguous;
- (2) share a community of interest; and
- (3) have an established identity

Applying this criteria to Southeast Austin lead to the Dove Springs area being identified as Core and Greater Dove Springs. The Dove Springs Core consists of three census tracts 24.11, 24.12, and 24.13. Roughly the boundaries are St. Elmo on the North, Nuckols Crossing Road on the East, Williamson Creek on the South and IH-35 on the West.

Greater Dove Springs includes select block groups of census tracts 24.17, 24.19, and 24.20. The boundaries for 24.19 and 24.20 are Williamson Creek on the North, Pleasant Valley Road on the East, Quicksilver on the South and IH-35/Bluff Springs Road on the West. The boundaries for 24.17 are Ben White Blvd. to the North, Montopolis to the East, Stassney to the South, and Todd Ln./Nuckols Crossing on the West.

The zip code 78744 in Southeast Austin is also closely identified with the Dove Springs area. Although 78744 boundaries well exceed the boundaries of the Dove Springs, 89% of the population in 78744 is drawn up from Dove Springs.



**Census Tracts in
"Core Dove Springs"**

24.11 (Block Groups 1, 2 & 3)
24.12 (Block Groups 1,2 & 3)
24.13 (Block Groups 1,2,& 3)

**Census Tracts in
"Greater Dove Springs"**

24.17 (Block Group 2)
24.19 (Block Group 1)
24.20 (Block Groups 2 & 3)

Population

Total Population by Race & Ethnicity

In 2000, there were nearly 30,000 residents in the Dove Springs area. Latinos made up 66% of the population, African Americans 11% and Non-Hispanic Whites 20%.

Given the fact that this area has had a rapid rate of growth over the last 10 years and that Latinos continue to grow at a faster rate than other ethnicities in Travis County, it can be assumed that there may be over 40,000 Dove Springs residents and that Latinos are over 70% of these residents.

	Total population	Total population: Not Hispanic or Latino	Total population: Not Hispanic or Latino; White alone	Total population: Not Hispanic or Latino; Black or African American alone	Total population: Hispanic or Latino
Total	29,953	10,072	5,948	3,219	19,881
Total Percentage		33.63%	19.86%	10.75%	66.37%

Source: U.S. Census 2000.

Population Projections by 78744 Zip Code

The zip code 78744 comprising much of Southeast Austin and all of the Dove Springs Neighborhood is projected by 2010 to be ranked 2nd in absolute population growth and 7th in growth in households. It ranked 5th in total housing between 2000-2004, 1st in multi-family units and 4th in single-family units.

It also has the largest number of Hispanics than in any other Travis County zip code, and the 2nd largest Latino concentration.

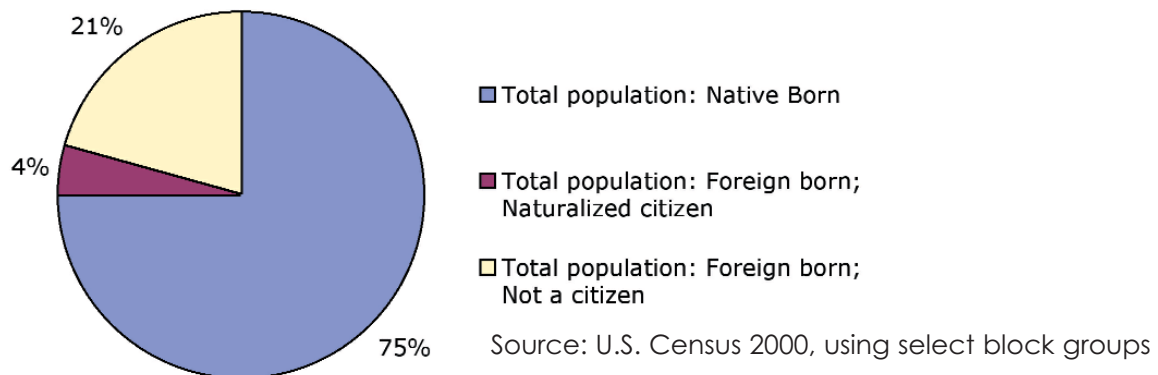
	2000 Population	Projected 2010 Population	Absolute Population Growth	Percent Change	Rank in Absolute Growth in Travis County Zip Codes
Total	32,551	39,100	6,549	20	2
Households	9,590	11,539	1,949	20	7

Source: City of Austin Population and Household Forecast by ZIP Code

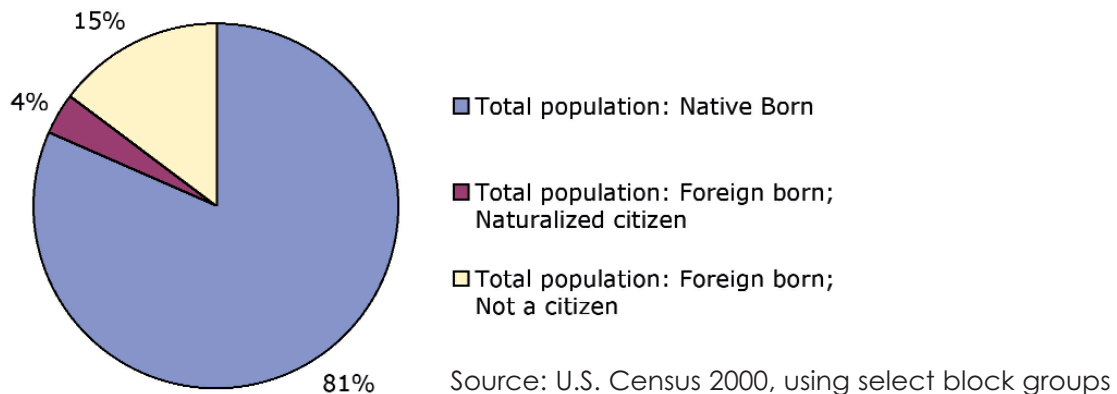
The Dove Springs area is home to a large number of foreign born residents; 25% of all the residents of Dove Springs are foreign born.

There are differences between Greater and Core Dove Springs. In the Dove Springs Core, 32% of all the population is foreign born compared to 19% in Greater Dove Springs.

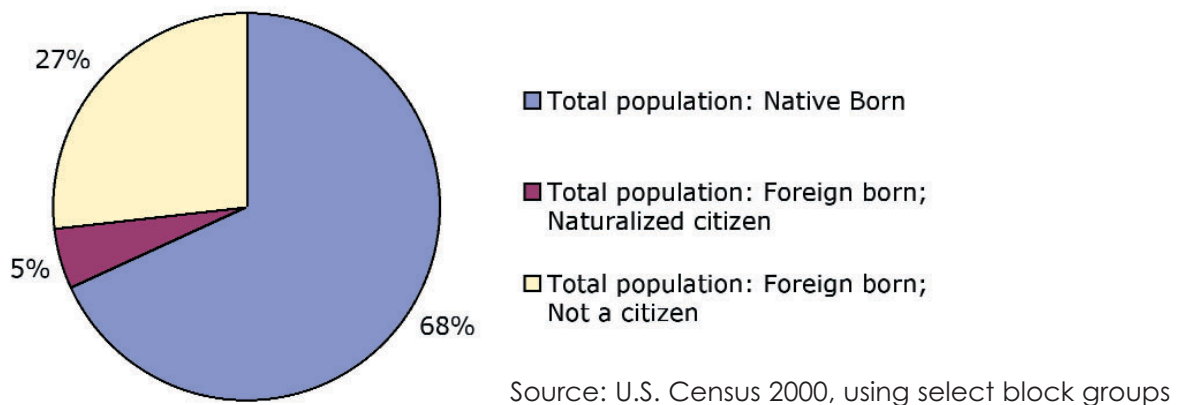
Native Born, Foreign Born & Citizen: Dove Springs



Native Born, Foreign Born & Citizen: Greater Dove Springs



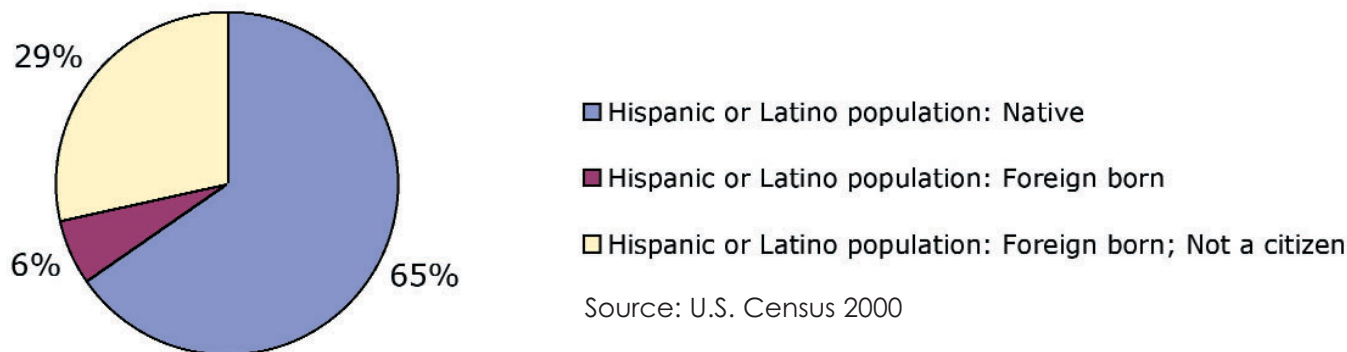
Native Born, Foreign Born & Citizen: Core Dove Springs



Population

Latino Native Born, Foreign Born & Citizen: Dove Springs

Of the Latino population in Dove Springs, 65% are native born and 35% are foreign born. Within the foreign born Latino population, 8 out of 10 are not citizens.



Median Age: Dove Springs

Dove Springs is largely Latino and relatively young. The median age for Latinos in Dove Springs is 22 compared to 40 years of age for non-Hispanic Whites.

	Census Tract	Non-Hispanic White	African American	Latino
Average Median Age Dove Springs		38	25	23
Greater	Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.17, Travis County, Texas	35	28	22
	Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.19, Travis County, Texas	26	28	25
	Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.20, Travis County, Texas	NA	NA	NA
	Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.20, Travis County, Texas	37	25	24
	Block Group 4, Census Tract 24.20, Travis County, Texas	37	27	23
Average Median Age Greater Dove Springs		34	27	24
Core	Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.11, Travis County, Texas	47	NA	NA
	Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.11, Travis County, Texas	39	28	22
	Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.11, Travis County, Texas	42	18	22
	Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.12, Travis County, Texas	43	30	22
	Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.12, Travis County, Texas	39	23	24
	Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.12, Travis County, Texas	41	24	22
	Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.13, Travis County, Texas	37	21	21
	Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.13, Travis County, Texas	36	23	24
	Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.13, Travis County, Texas	38	28	20
Average Median Age Core Dove Springs		40	24	22

Source: U.S. Census 2000

In 2000, there were over 4,000 residents of Dove Springs whose primary language was Spanish. Almost half or 1,573 spoke little or no English.

Spanish as Primary Language: Dove Springs

Geography	Population 5 years and over: 5 to 17 years; Speak Spanish; Speak English not well	Population 5 years and over: 5 to 17 years; Speak Spanish; Speak English not at all	Population 5 years and over: 18 to 64 years; Speak Spanish; Speak English not well	Population 5 years and over: 18 to 64 years; Speak Spanish; Speak English not at all	Population 5 years and over: 65 years and over; Speak Spanish; Speak English not well	Population 5 years and over: 65 years and over; Speak Spanish; Speak English not at all
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.11	49	16	157	119	0	0
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.11	129	90	348	326	8	36
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.12	19	9	149	60	4	0
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.12	18	10	64	70	0	0
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.12	72	30	194	191	10	8
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.13	33	0	31	85	0	0
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.13	21	11	58	70	0	0
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.13	15	12	53	50	0	0
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.17	35	8	192	106	12	0
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.19	0	0	22	0	0	0
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.20	32	8	238	113	8	0
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.20	72	9	245	59	0	13
Block Group 4, Census Tract 24.20	76	0	159	51	0	13
Total	571	203	1910	1300	42	70
Total Spanish Primary Language	4096					

Source: U.S. Census 2000

Number of Families by Race & Ethnicity

Greater Dove Springs			
Census Tract	Families with a householder who is Hispanic or Latino: Total	Families with a householder who is White alone; not Hispanic or Latino: Total	Families with a householder who is Black or African American alone: Total
Census Tract 24.17, Travis County, Texas	967	647	212
Census Tract 24.19, Travis County, Texas	166	249	56
Census Tract 24.20, Travis County, Texas	1262	632	213
Total	2395	1528	481

Core Dove Springs			
Census Tract	Families with a householder who is Hispanic or Latino: Total	Families with a householder who is White alone; not Hispanic or Latino: Total	Families with a householder who is Black or African American alone: Total
Census Tract 24.11, Travis County, Texas	788	172	183
Census Tract 24.12, Travis County, Texas	846	178	146
Census Tract 24.13, Travis County, Texas	476	86	145
Total	2110	436	474

Source: U.S. Census 2000

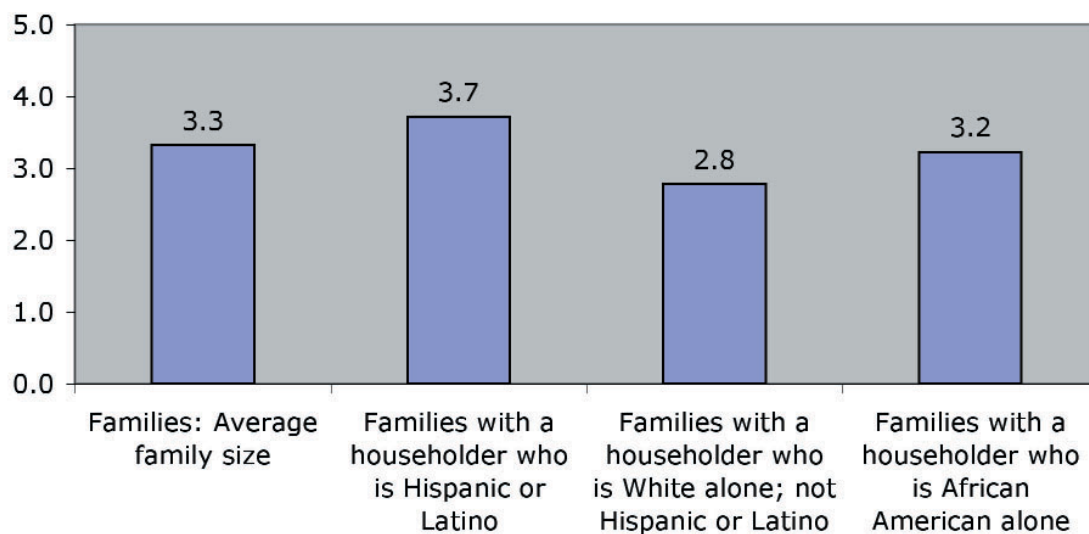
Family

In 2000, there were 7,400 families in the Dove Springs area, of which 61% were Latino, 26% non-Hispanic whites, and 13% African American.

In the Dove Springs Core, 70% of all the families were Latino, 14% non-Hispanic Whites, and 16% African American.

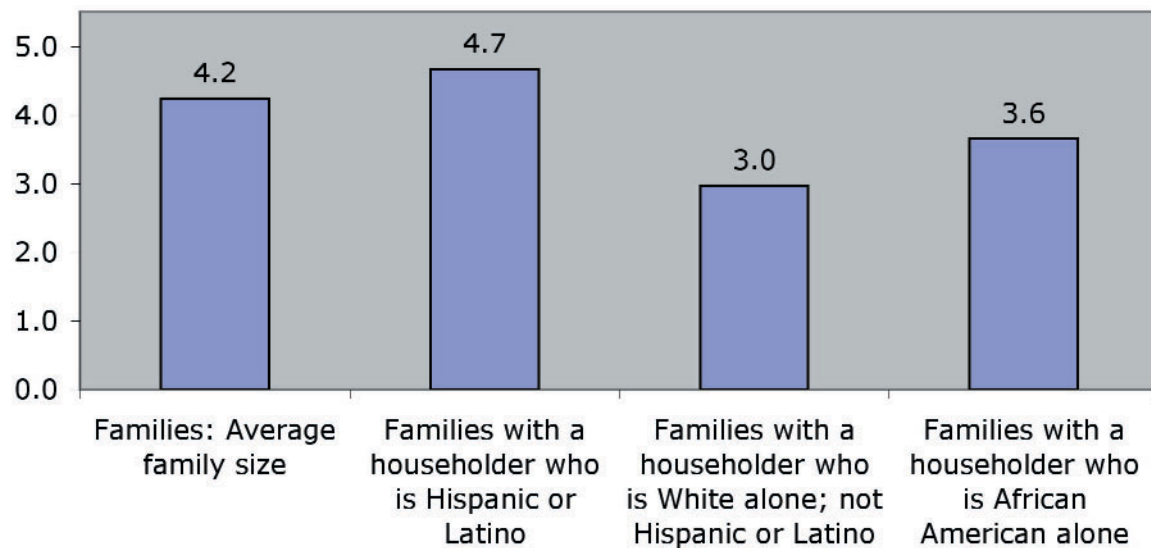
Latinos in Dove Springs tended to have larger families than non-Hispanic Whites and African American.

Average Family Size by Race & Ethnicity: Greater Dove Springs



Source: U.S. Census 2000

Average Family Size by Race & Ethnicity: Core Dove Springs



Source: U.S. Census 2000

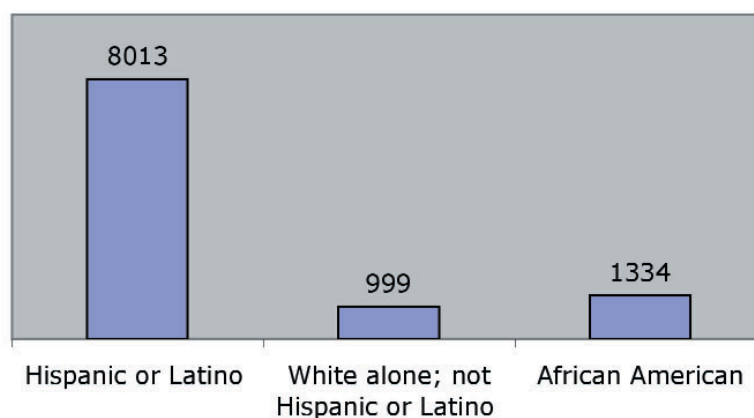
Thirty-five percent of the Dove Springs population is under 17 numbering over 10,000 children and youth. Of these nearly 1 out of 4 live in poverty. Over 76% percent of Latino children and youth are living in poverty.

Total Youth Population of Dove Springs by Gender Ages 0-17

Geography	Total population: Male Under 1 to 17 years	Total population: Female; under 1 to 17 years
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.11	0	0
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.11	248	199
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.11	873	889
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.12	334	243
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.12	293	323
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.12	502	519
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.13	353	245
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.13	123	96
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.13	214	298
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.17	693	539
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.19	143	188
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.20	365	390
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.20	595	681
Block Group 4, Census Tract 24.20	571	611
Total	5,307	5,221
Total	10,528	

Source: U.S. Census 2000

Total Youth Population by Ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census 2000

Youth



Youth Poverty Rates

Geography	Population for whom poverty status is determined: Income in 1999 below poverty level; under 5 to 17 years	Hispanic or Latino population for whom poverty status is determined: Income in 1999 below poverty level; under 5 to 17 years	White alone; not Hispanic or Latino population for whom poverty status is determined: Income in 1999 below poverty level; under 5 to 17 years	Black or African American alone population for whom poverty status is determined: Income in 1999 below poverty level; under 5 to 17 years
Census Tract 24.11	624	551	0	73
Census Tract 24.12	647	570	0	77
Census Tract 24.13	330	198	31	101
Census Tract 24.17	521	333	77	125
Census Tract 24.19	34	15	0	0
Census Tract 24.20	537	394	0	90
Total	2693	2061	108	466

Source: U.S. Census 2000

Teenage Pregnancy

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported that in 2003, 593 young women ages 13-17 had live births in Travis County. In the county, ZIP Code 78744 ranked number 1 in teenage pregnancy.

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services

Most of the crimes committed by juveniles in ZIP Code 78744 are misdemeanors with curfew and probation violations.

Juvenile Crime & Delinquency

Type of Crime	2000 Referrals for Zip Code 78744	2000 Crime Rate Based on Youth Population *
Felony Drug	24	0.21%
Felony Property	28	0.24%
Felony Violent	16	0.14%
Felony Other	16	0.14%
Misdemeanor Drug/Alcohol	59	0.50%
Misdemeanor Property	94	0.80%
Misdemeanor Violent	49	0.42%
Misdemeanor Other	72	0.62%
Probation Violations	177	1.50%
Status Offenses	44	0.38%
Curfew Violation	219	1.90%
Total	798	6.85%

** Crime rate calculated based on the population under the age of eighteen recorded by the United States Census Bureau. The youth population for 78744 for 2000 is 11,690.*

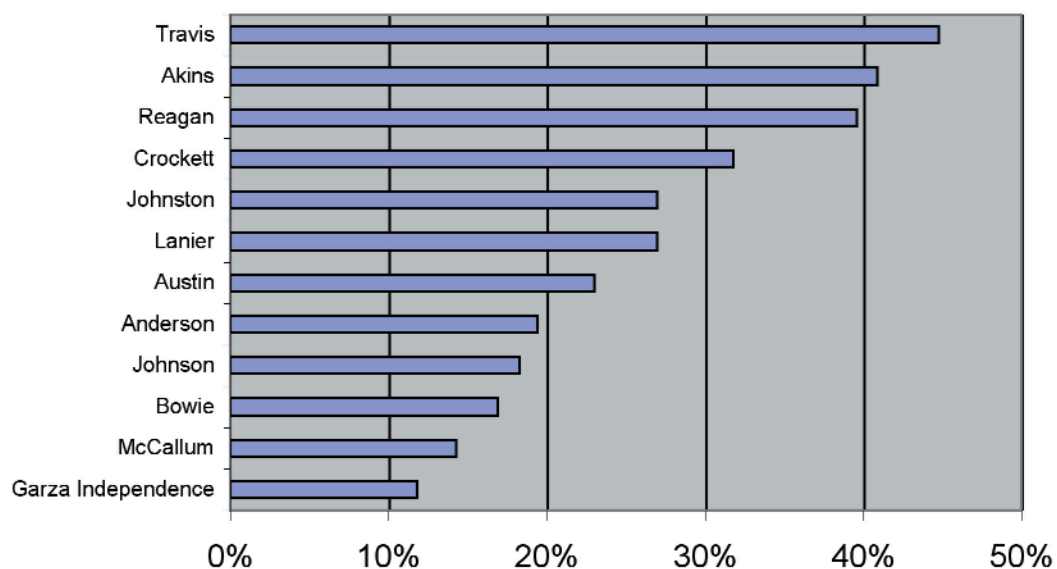
Source: Darrington, Patti (2001). An Evaluation of the Southeast Austin Community Youth Development Program. Applied Research Project Submitted to Texas State University-San Marcos, Political Science Department.

Youth

Juvenile Gangs

Students attending the two high schools that serve the Dove Springs area (Akins HS, and Travis HS) were more likely to have friends who belonged to a gang than other high school students in the Austin Independent School District. Forty-five percent of the students at Travis High School and 41% at Akins High School had friends who were gang members compared to 26% for the school district.

Percentage of High School Students Who Report That They Have Friends Who Belong to a Gang by School



Source: 2004 TCADA Survey and 2005 AISD SSUSS



Adult Crime: Violent & Theft and Burglary

Zip code 78744 has one of the highest reported crime rates in Travis County.

In a five month period from Jan. 1, 2007, to May 29, 2007, there were 733 reported incidents of violent crime and 727 reported incidents of theft and burglary. This averages to 187 violent incidents and 145 incidents of theft and burglary a month.

Violent Crime 78744 January - May 2007	
Family Disturbance	323
Harrassment	118
Assault with Injury to Family/Date	160
Assault by Contact	24
Assault with Injury	54
Terrorist Threat	39
Assault by Threat	15
Total	733

Theft and Burglary 78744 January - May 2007	
Theft	230
Burglary of a vehicle	296
Burglary of a residence	119
Auto theft	51
Burglary of a non residence	31
Total	727

Source: La Voz de Austin June 2007 Austin Police Department

Home Ownership

According to the 2000 Census, homeowners constituted 56% of the households in Dove Springs with 44% being renters. There are considerable differences in certain parts of Dove Springs. In Census tract 24.13 and 24.19, 66% and 98% are renters respectively. In Census tract 24.12, which represents the Dove Springs Core, 70% are homeowners.

Home Ownership vs. Renters

Greater Dove Springs					
Census Tract	Total Occupied Housing Units	Owner	Owner %	Renter	Renter %
24.17	2,390	1,882	76%	588	24%
24.19	1,815	32	2%	1,783	98%
24.20	2,732	1,995	73%	737	27%
Total	6,937	3,849	55%	3,108	45%

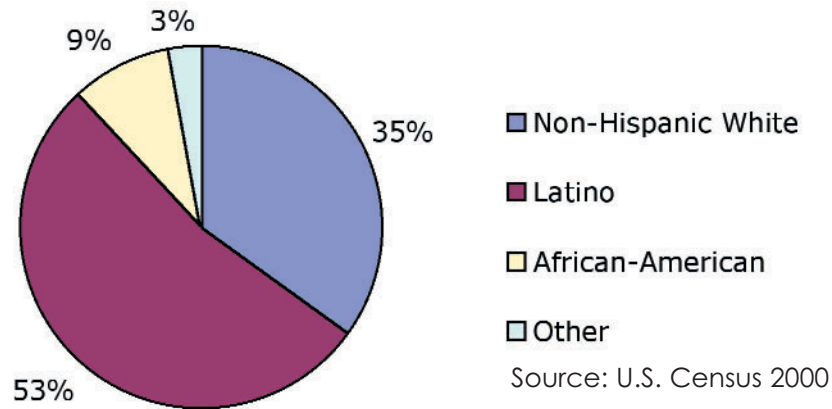
Core Dove Springs					
Census Tract	Total Occupied Housing Units	Owner	Owner %	Renter	Renter %
24.11	1,366	786	58%	580	43%
24.12	1,351	948	70%	403	30%
24.13	872	298	34%	574	66%
Total	3,589	2,032	57%	1,557	43%

Source: U.S. Census 2000

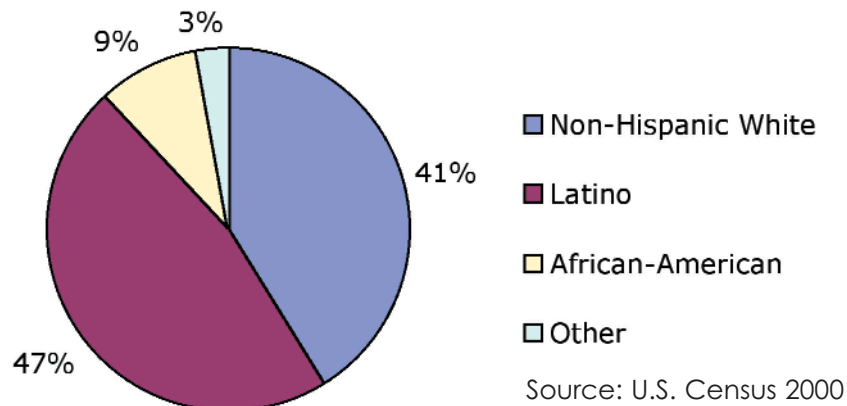


The 2000 Census states that 53% of the homeowners in Dove Springs are Latino, while African Americans are 35%. In Greater Dove Springs Latinos homeowners are 47% and in the Core of Dove Springs 64%.

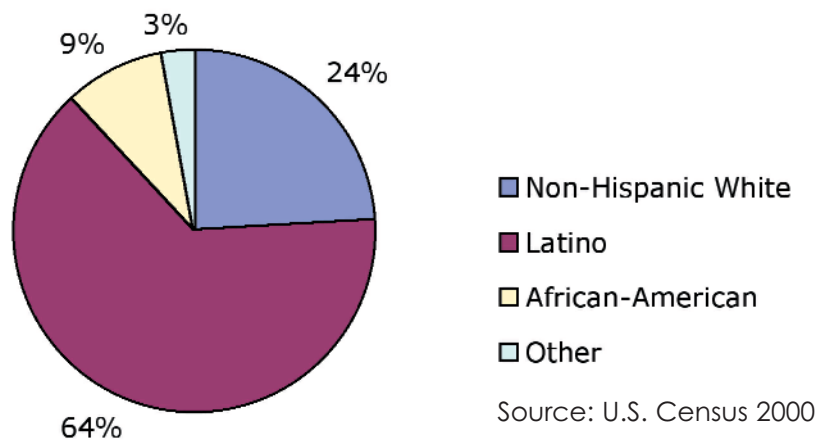
Home Ownership by Ethnicity: Dove Springs



Home Ownership by Ethnicity: Greater Dove Springs



Home Ownership by Ethnicity: Core Dove Springs



The State of Education

The following information is a snapshot of the 2005-06 campus and academic performance of the schools in Dove Springs.

The Dove Springs neighborhood includes seven elementary schools, but only five are highlighted in this report. The two schools not included, Blaizer Elementary and Perez Elementary, did not have data because they are new schools. The elementary schools have an overwhelming economically disadvantaged student population. The Texas Education Agency defines economically disadvantaged as the sum of the students coded as eligible for free or reduced-price lunch or eligible for other public assistance. Palm Elementary reports that 82% of its students are economically disadvantaged, ranking it the lowest, while Rodriguez Elementary reported the highest at 95%.

The schools also indicate that a majority of the students are considered at-risk. The at-risk student population ranges from 56-69%. Several of the at-risk factors include: not performing satisfactorily on a readiness test or assessment tool administered during the current school year; did not maintain an average equivalent to 70 in two or more subjects during the previous or current semester or current school year; is a student of limited English proficiency; has failed a grade.

An average of 83% of Dove Springs students enrolled in school are Hispanic. The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) is designed to measure to what extent a student has learned, understood, and is able to apply the important concepts and skills expected at each tested grade level. The 2006 TAKS scores of the Dove Springs schools performed academically acceptable meeting the minimum requirements, however Rodriguez Elementary was recognized and received a gold performance in mathematics.

Mendez Middle School reports 82% of the students are Hispanic and 92% of students are economically disadvantaged. Of the students who took the 2006 TAKS exam, 36% passed compared to the 48% that passed in other middle schools in Texas. According to TEA, Mendez Middle School received an academically acceptable rating.

Travis High School had 1,555 students enrolled with 78% being economically disadvantaged, and 81% reported being at-risk in 2006. The class of 2005 had 247 graduates (65%) and about 17% dropped out. Of the students who took a college entrance exam like the SAT or ACT, no more than 17% met or exceeded the minimum requirements.

In 2006, Akins High School reported 2,351 students with 54% being economically disadvantaged and 69% being at-risk. The class of 2005 graduated 85% of its students with 4% dropping out. Of the students from Akins who took the SAT or ACT college admissions test, 10% scored at or above the criterion.

Dove Spring Schools

Elementary Schools

Blazier Elementary School:

(No data available as is a new school)

Houston Elementary School:

Student Composition:

Total Students: 895
 African American 11.8%
 Hispanic 84.8%
 White 3.1%
 Economically Disadvantaged 93.5%
 At-Risk 69.4%
 Bilingual/ESL Education 47.2%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP) 52.5%
 Gifted & Talented Education 3.9%
 Number of Students per Teacher 14.0
 Average Years Experience of Teachers 8.8

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 51%
 African American 59%
 Hispanic 50%
 White 60%
 Economically Disadvantaged 49%

Retention rates by grade level:

Kinder 0.0%
 1st grade 3.3%
 2nd grade 1.7%
 3rd grade 2.1%
 4th grade 1.1%
 5th grade 1.1%

Langford Elementary School:

Student Composition:

Total Students 1,007
 African American 12.2%
 Hispanic 81.7%
 White 5.3%
 Economically Disadvantaged 89.2%
 At-Risk 63.9% (643)
 Bilingual/ESL Education 45.6%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP) 48.7%
 Gifted & Talented Education 0.5%
 Number of Students per Teacher 17.0
 Average Years Experience of Teachers 6.7

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 60%
 African American 62%
 Hispanic 58%
 White 81%
 Economically Disadvantaged 58%

Retention rates by grade level:

Kinder .7%
 1st grade 7.9%
 2nd grade 1.9%
 3rd grade 8.0%
 4th grade 0.0%
 5th grade 8.0%

Palm Elementary School:

Student Composition:

Total Students 980
 African American 12.7%
 Hispanic 79.5%
 White 6.6%
 Economically Disadvantaged 81.7%
 At-Risk 55.7%
 Bilingual/ESL Education 34.1%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP) 35.0%
 Gifted & Talented Education 3.5%
 Number of Students per Teacher 15.8
 Average Years Experience of Teachers 6.0

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 48%
 African American 31%
 Hispanic 47%
 White 76%
 Economically Disadvantaged 46%

Retention rates by grade level:

Kinder 0.0%
 1st grade 2.3%
 2nd grade 0.0%
 3rd grade 0.7%
 4th grade 1.1%
 5th grade 4.5%

Perez Elementary School:

(No data available as is a new school)

Rodriguez Elementary School:

Student Composition:

Total Students 922
 African American 14.6%
 Hispanic 83.2%
 White 2.1%
 Economically Disadvantaged 95.6%
 At-Risk 61.0%
 Bilingual/ESL Education 48.0%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP) 49.8%
 Gifted & Talented Education 2.0%
 Number of Students per Teacher 16.3
 Average Years Experience of Teachers 10.4

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 65%
 African American 59%
 Hispanic 65%
 White 88%
 Economically Disadvantaged 64%

Retention rates by grade level:

Kinder 1.7%
 1st grade 5.3%
 2nd grade 1.0%
 3rd grade 5.6%
 4th grade 3.8%
 5th grade 5.7%

Education

Widen Elementary School:

Student Composition:

Total Students 774
 African American 13.0%
 Hispanic 83.9%
 White 2.7%
 Economically Disadvantaged 90.7%
 At-Risk 68.0%
 Bilingual/ESL Education 45.3%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP) 47.2%
 Gifted & Talented Education 2.2%
 Number of Students per Teacher 14.5
 Average Years Experience of Teachers 9.2

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 46%
 African American 34%
 Hispanic 48%
 White 50%
 Economically Disadvantaged 43%

Retention rates by grade level:

Kinder 0.0%
 1st grade 0.9%
 2nd grade 0.0%
 3rd grade 1.1%
 4th grade 0.0%
 5th grade 0.9%

Middle School

Mendez Middle School:

Student Composition:

Total Students 831
 African American 13.6%
 Hispanic 82.3%
 White 3.5%
 Economically Disadvantaged 91.7%
 At-Risk 72.8%
 Bilingual/ESL Education 24.7%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP) 26.6%
 Gifted & Talented Education 3.1%
 Number of Students per Teacher 13.1
 Average Years Experience of Teachers 9.8

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 36%
 African American 38%
 Hispanic 38%
 White 50%
 Economically Disadvantaged 37%

Retention rates by grade level:

6th grade 0.4%
 7th grade 0.0%
 8th grade 0.5%

High Schools

Akins High School:

Student Composition:

Total Students 2,351
 African American 12.3%
 Hispanic 64.7%
 White 20.3%
 Economically Disadvantaged: 53.8%
 At-Risk: 69.3%
 Bilingual/ESL Education: 7.5%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP): 9.5%
 Gifted & Talented Education: 8.1%
 Number of Students per Teacher: 15.9
 Average Years Experience of teachers: 10.9
 Class of 2005:

Total Graduates

Graduated 84.8%
 Received GED 3.0%
 Continued HS 8.5%
 Dropped Out (4-yr) 3.7%

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 37%
 African American 45%
 Hispanic 35%
 White 43%
 Economically Disadvantaged 34%

SAT/ACT test 2005:

Students tested 43.4%
 At/Above criterion 9.8%

William B. Travis High School:

Student Composition:

Total Students: 1,555
 African American 13.0%
 Hispanic 79.3%
 White 6.7%
 Economically Disadvantaged 78.9%
 At-Risk 80.6%
 Bilingual/ESL Education 20.6%
 Limited English Proficient (LEP) 22.1%
 Gifted & Talented Education 4.8%
 Number of Students per Teacher 14.3
 Average Years Experience of Teachers 11.1
 Class of 2005:

Total Graduates

Graduated 65.4%
 Received GED 4.3%
 Continued HS 13.5%
 Dropped Out (4-yr) 16.8%

TAKS 2006 Scores (all students):

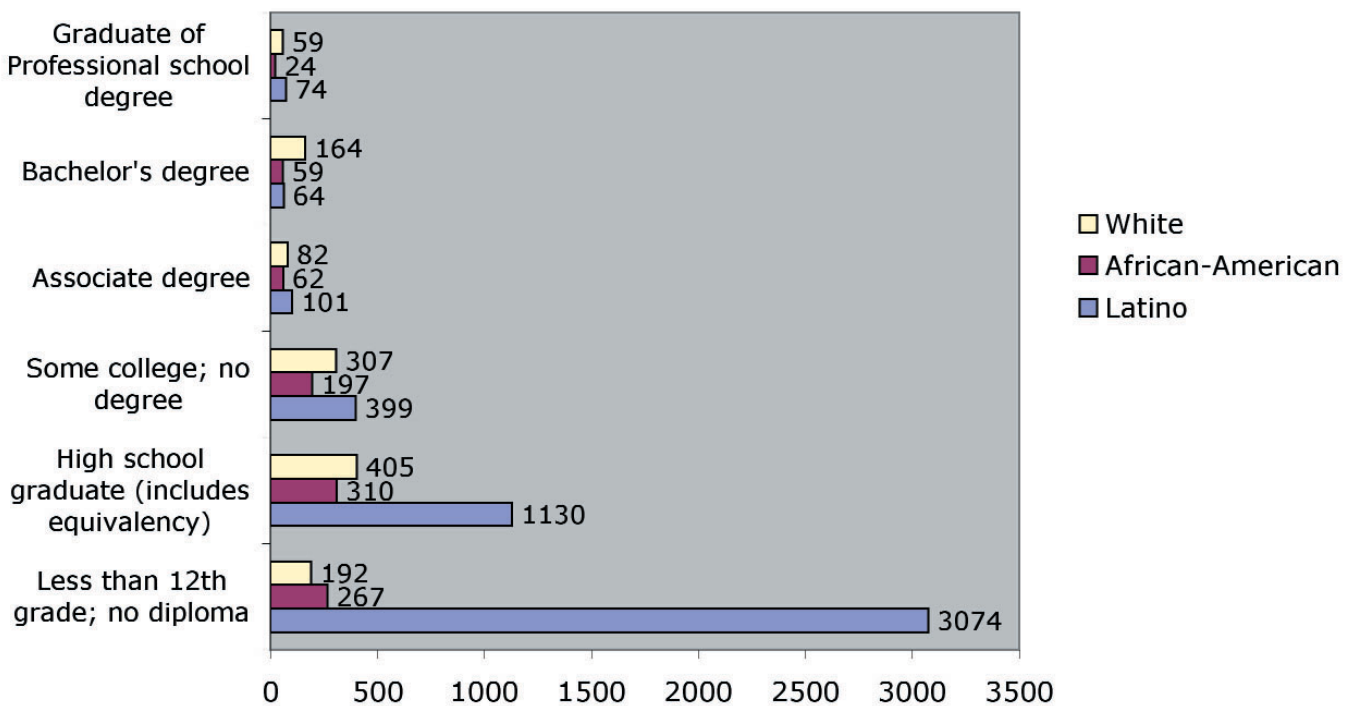
All tests (Reading, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies) 43%
 African American 38%
 Hispanic 36%
 White 67%
 Economically Disadvantaged 34%

SAT/ACT test:

Students tested 49.6%
 At/Above criterion 17.2%



Educational Attainment by Race & Ethnicity: 25 Years and Over

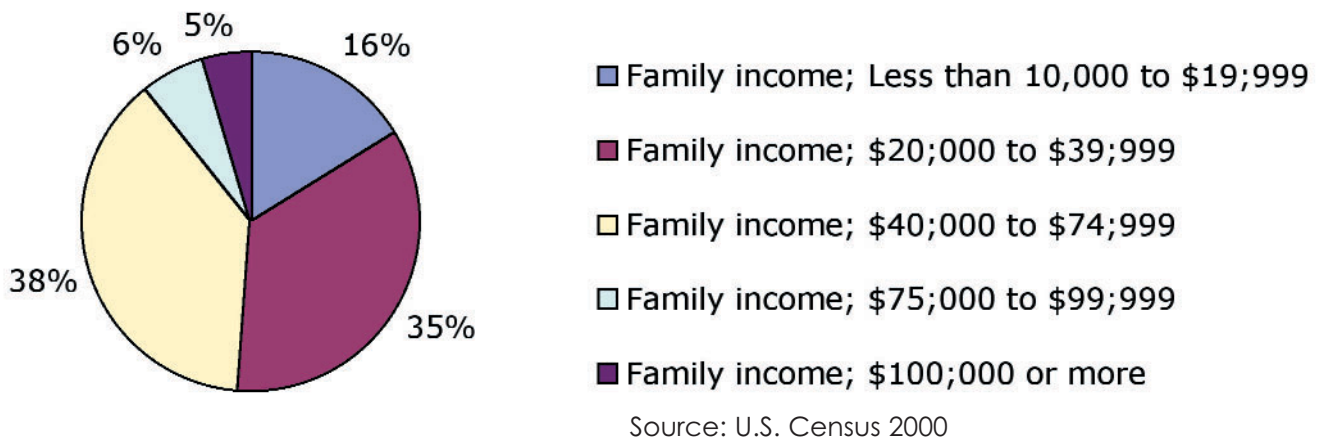


Source: U.S. Census 2000

The diagram above illustrates Dove Springs educational attainment by race and ethnicity of individuals 25 years and older. About 3,074 Latinos, or 63%, have less than a 12th grade education, compared to African-Americans at 29% and Whites at 16%. More than 33% of African-Americans and Whites have a high school diploma or equivalent while Latinos report 23%.

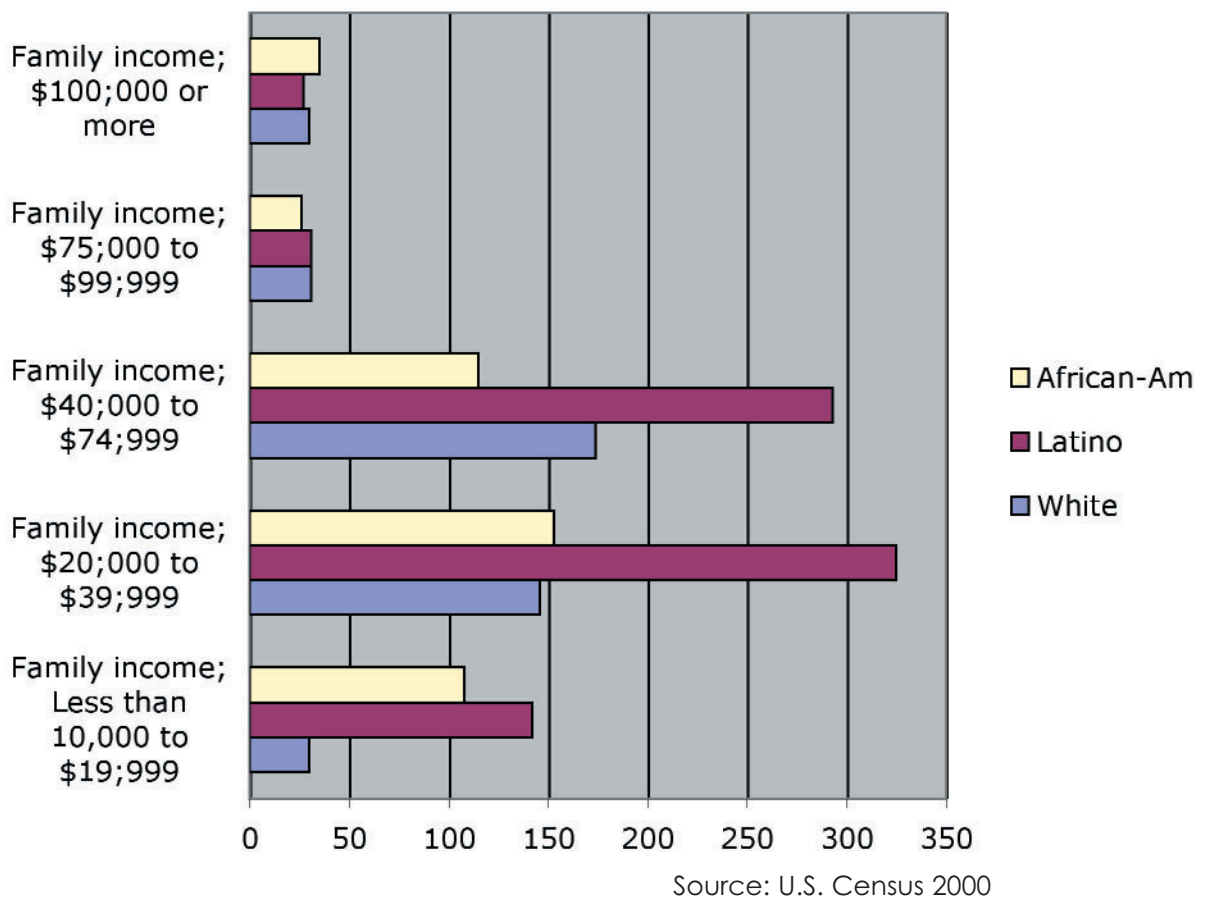
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Income by Families

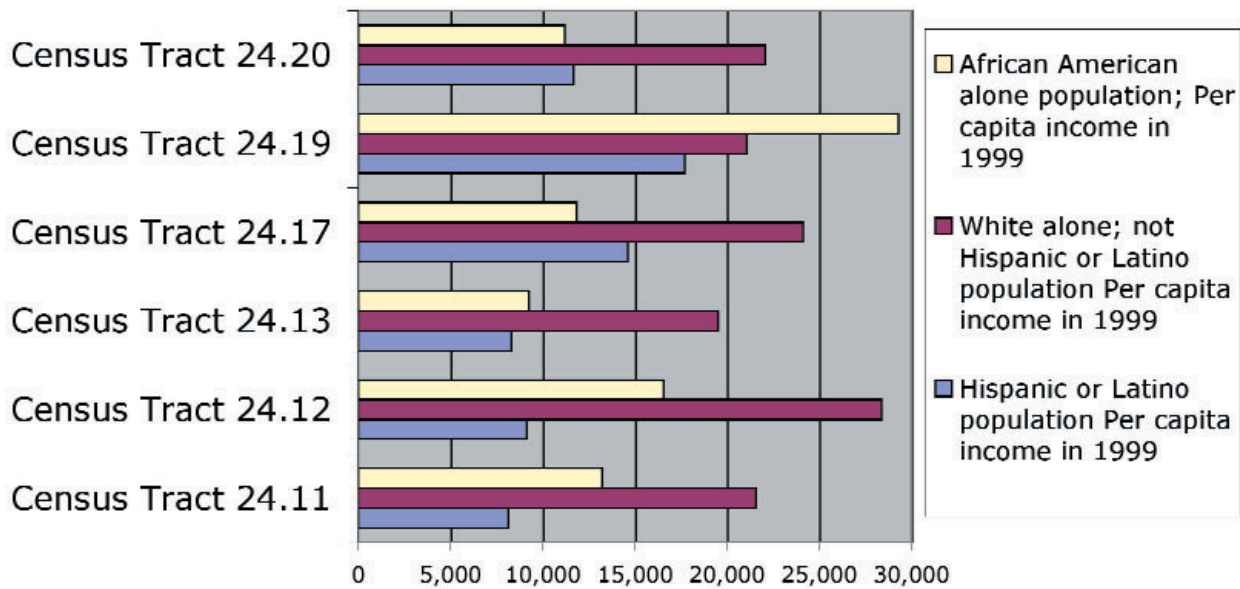


Fifty-one percent of the families in Dove Springs make less than \$40,000 annually. Fourteen percent of all the families fall below poverty level. The per capita income for Latinos is \$11,605 compared to Whites at \$22,797.

Income by Families by Ethnicity



Per Capita Income by Race & Ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census 2000

Poverty Rates by Family

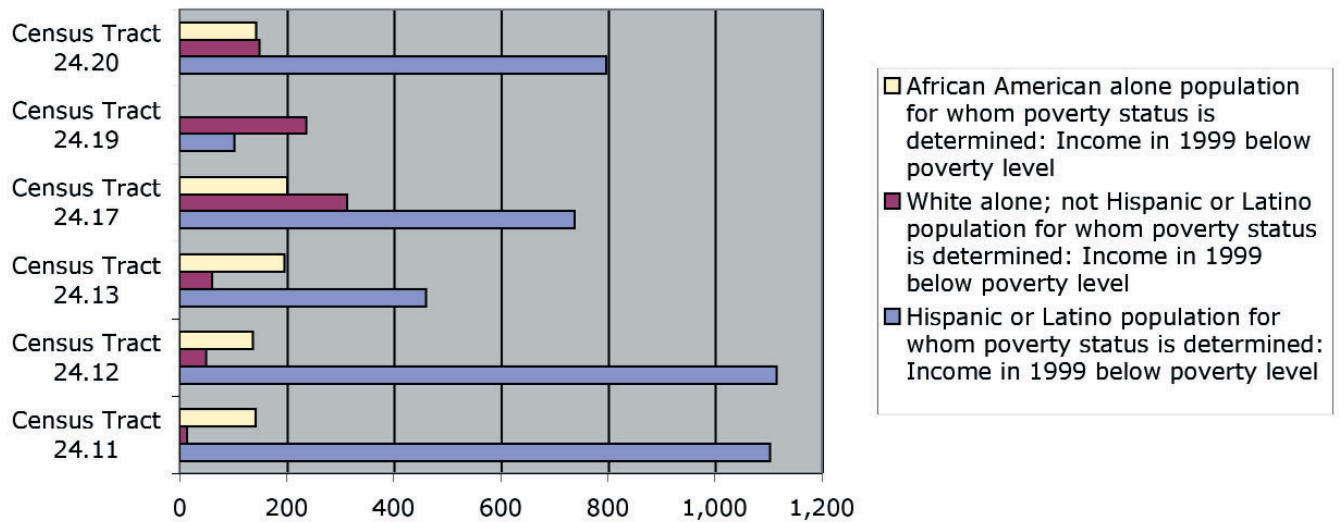
Geography	Population for whom poverty status is determined: Total	Population for whom poverty status is determined: Income in 1999 below poverty level	Population for whom poverty status is determined: Income in 1999 below poverty level %	Families: Total	Families: Income in 1999 below poverty level	Families: Income in 1999 below poverty level %	Families: Income in 1999 below poverty level; Married-couple family	Families: Income in 1999 below poverty level; Female householder; no husband present	Families: Income in 1999 below poverty level; Female householder; no husband present %
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.11	1,208	277	22.9%	262	41	15.6%	36	5	12.2%
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.11	4,442	982	22.1%	918	157	17.1%	93	64	40.8%
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.12	1,399	278	19.9%	325	48	14.8%	17	17	35.4%
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.12	1,565	487	31.1%	353	92	26.1%	47	45	48.9%
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.12	2,770	538	19.4%	525	84	16.0%	42	38	45.2%
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.13	1,446	318	22.0%	304	67	22.0%	22	15	22.4%
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.13	654	165	25.2%	156	40	25.6%	11	29	72.5%
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.13	1,202	243	20.2%	252	33	13.1%	15	18	54.5%
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.17	3,198	526	16.4%	756	119	15.7%	44	75	63.0%
Block Group 1, Census Tract 24.19	3,158	390	12.3%	641	36	5.6%	21	15	41.7%
Block Group 2, Census Tract 24.20	2,508	337	13.4%	522	51	9.8%	38	0	0.0%
Block Group 3, Census Tract 24.20	3,197	477	14.9%	697	85	12.2%	62	23	27.1%
Block Group 4, Census Tract 24.20	3,068	245	8.0%	703	57	8.1%	20	37	64.9%
Total	29815	5263		6414	910		468	381	
Total Percentage			17.7%			14.2%			41.9%

Source: U.S. Census 2000



Income

Poverty Rates by Ethnic Families



Source: U.S. Census 2000



211 Calls in ZIP Code 78744

Call Type	Number of Calls	Ranking Compared to Other ZIP Codes Across Travis County
Emergency Food Assistance	277	4
Electric Bill Assistance	500	2
Dental Care Assistance	75	3
Child Care Referral Info	66	2

Source: United Way Capital Area 2006 Community Needs and Trends Report

Churches

Churches	Denomination	Address	Area
Crossroads Baptist Church	Baptist	5201 E William Cannon Dr	Greater
Teri Road Baptist Church	Baptist	1844 Teri Rd	Core
Onion Creek Baptist Church	Baptist	2030 Hoeke Lane	Greater
Iglesia Biblica Bautista	Baptist	8006 Bluff Springs Rd	Ring *
First Independent Baptist	Baptist	8401 Bluff Springs Rd	Ring
St. Peter The Apostle Parish	Catholic	4600 E. Ben White	Ring
San Francisco Javier Parish	Catholic	9110 Hwy. 183 S.	Ring
St. Paul Parish	Catholic	10000 David Moore Dr	Ring
Dolores Parish	Catholic	1111 Montopolis Dr	Ring
San Jose Parish	Catholic	2435 Oak Crest	Ring
St. Ignatius Parish	Catholic	126 W. Oltorf	Ring
Victory Outreach Church	Evangelist	5002 Burleson Rd	Greater
Jehovah's Witnesses: South Creek Congregation	Jehovah's Witness	5020 Maufrais Ln	Core
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	Lutheran	6830 S. Pleasant Valley Rd	Greater
Church of Jesus Christ of Lds	Mormon	4907 Copperbend Blvd	Core
Capital Christian Center		6425 S IH 35 # 105	Greater
Embassy Nation Church		4020 S Industrial Dr	Core
Victory New Testament Church		2511 Bitter Creek Dr	Greater
Church of Glad Tidings International Hispanic Ministry		8902 Bluff Springs Rd	Ring
Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Dove Springs		4606 Burleson Rd	Greater

* Ring denotes churches outside the Dove Springs Area
Source: Wesley Center of Austin

Social Support Services

Neighborhood Associations in Dove Springs

Below is a listing of neighborhood associations registered with the City of Austin.

Creek Bend Neighborhood Association
Dove Springs Neighborhood Association
Franklin Park Neighborhood Association
Kensington Park Homeowners Association
Los Jardines
Peppertree Parkway Neighborhood Association
Silverstone Neighborhood Association
Southeast Corner Alliance of Neighborhoods (SCAN)

Community Based Youth Initiatives

Dove Springs is home to numerous community initiatives aimed at youth. The following is a partial listing of the major programs available to residents.

All Stars Program - Palm Elementary School

This is a delinquency prevention program that uses interactive curriculum to address issues of concern and give students the tools they need to make good decisions.

Austin Voices

The STAND UP club at Akins High School engages youth in speaking about conditions at their schools and creating an environment for change. The youth are trained on community organizing, small group facilitation, public speaking, presenting, and data mining.

Avance

This organization trains parents to be advocates, teachers, and role models for their children. It also offers youth development with curriculum on early childhood development, brain development, literacy, and school readiness.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Texas

The Community Based Mentoring Program is for youth between the ages of 6 – 14. Young people are matched in a one to one relationship with a caring adult.

Communities in Schools – Langford and Rodriguez Elem., Mendez Middle, and Travis High Schools

This organization brings the resources of social services directly to public schools. They offer counseling and supportive guidance, health and human services, parental involvement services, employment training, educational enhancement and social enrichment.

Community Youth Development of the City of Austin

The City of Austin funds the Youth Advisory Committee for youth of 78744 and provides an opportunity for young people to have input into the program decisions affecting youth in South East Austin.

Dove Springs Recreation Center

This community center offers many youth classes in arts and crafts, computer usage, tutoring, dance and sports.

GirlStart

This organization offers youth services for girls from 1st – 8th grade. Their programming emphasizes hands on math, technology, and forensic science activities.

A Glimmer of Hope Foundation

Coordinating with the Mexic-Arte Museum, the Dove Springs After-School Art Program has been designed to develop creative skills through hands-on art activities of different mediums and to provide a nurturing, positive environment to ensure the children's growth and development.

Neighborhood Gang Enforcement Team

This anti-gang initiative was created to resist the increasing gang violence of Austin by supporting suppression, intervention, and prevention activities. It pools together the assets of citizens, schools, community organizations, businesses, the police and other governmental agencies.

Prime Time - Wyden, Rodriguez, Houston, Perez Elem. Schools

This social enrichment program is for 1st – 5th grade students. Students are provided opportunities to play sports and engage in arts and science projects.

River City Youth Foundation

This non-profit organization offers year-round youth and family programs in after-school youth development, family counseling, violence and substance abuse prevention, mentoring, and technology and multimedia training. It also provide family strengthening community events.

21st Century Community Learning Center - Mendez Middle School

This technology based program provides academic support for middle school students and helps to create positive youth development.

Victory Program

This program offered by the Southeast Austin Public Library helps students with their homework through tutoring.

Civic Participation

The electoral participation of Dove Springs residents sags significantly behind the rest of Travis County. In Presidential elections, Travis County was 16 points higher than Dove Springs. This was also true for Congressional and local elections, where differences were 19 and 7 points respectively. Thus of the 13,000 registered voters in Dove Springs, only 900 voted in local elections.

Votes Cast & Turnout Differentials

Election	Total Votes Cast	% Turnout	Roll off
2004 Presidential	6,319	48%	0
2006 Congressional	2,904	22%	3,415
2003 & 2005 Municipal	856	7%	5,463

Source: National, County, and Local Election Returns

Percent Turnout

Election	Dove Springs	Travis County	Difference
2004 Presidential	48%	64%	-16%
2006 Congressional	22%	41%	-19%
2003 Municipal	7%	15%	-8%
2005 Municipal	7%	14%	-7%

Source: National, County, and Local Election Returns

Electoral Participation Dove Springs Residents National & State Elections: 2004 Presidential

Precincts	Registered Voters	Total Votes Cast	Percent
443	2,369	982	42%
448	3,615	1,674	46%
450	2,643	1,538	58%
452	2,348	1,041	44%
453	2,238	1,084	48%
Total	13,213	6,319	48%

Dove Springs Turnout	48%
Travis County Turnout	64%
Difference	-16%

Source: Travis County Election Department

2006 Gubernatorial and Congressional

Precincts	Registered Voters	Total Votes Cast	Percent Turnout
443	4,483	943	21%
448	3,328	713	21%
450	3,003	790	26%
453	2,448	458	19%
Total	13,262	2,904	22%

Dove Springs Turnout	22%
Travis County Turnout	41%
Difference	-19%

Source: Travis County Election Department

Civic Participation

2005 Municipal Election

Precincts	Registered Voters	Total Votes Cast	Percent
443	2,237	126	6%
448	3,136	223	7%
450	2,784	201	7%
452	2,282	138	6%
453	2,059	179	9%
Total	12,498	867	7%

Dove Springs Turnout	7%
Travis County Turnout	14%
Difference	-7%

Source: City of Austin



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