Dallas County
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT

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Dallas County
Economic Opportunity is the goal of ensuring policies and practices that give all persons an equal chance for economic security.
Economic Security

Environment for Economic Opportunity
Economic Security

Income
Education
Debt & Assets
Health
Safety
Dallas County is Geographically Segregated by Race and Ethnicity

1 DOT = 10 PERSONS

- BLACK
- HISPANIC
- WHITE
- OTHER

US Census Bureau, 2010 Census
Median income declining rapidly in Dallas County

US Census Bureau, 2000 Census & 2015 American Community Survey
Income polarization continues to grow in Dallas County

2006 vs. 2015 American Community Survey
Dallas County income disparities by race

1 Dollar
White workers

54 Cents
Black Workers

2011-2015 ACS, 5-year estimates
Income rises with education, but gaps by race and ethnicity remain

2011-2015 ACS, 5-year estimates
Dallas workers of color have to earn one degree higher than their White peers to earn the same
Increases in student loan volume & delinquencies soars

380%

Access to credit is a measure of economic inclusion.

Credit scores of Dallas Co. borrowers
Unfortunately, nearly 30% of Dallas County borrowers have subprime credit.
Housing burden is high across the county

PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING OVER THIRTY PERCENT OF MONTHLY INCOME ON HOUSING

- Less than 20%
- 20% to 39.9%
- 40% to 59.9%
- More than 60%

2015 American Community Survey
Good news: Uninsured rates falling in Dallas County

2009 - 2015 American Community Survey
Good News: Violent crimes in Dallas decline dramatically

FBI 2005-2014 Uniform Crime Reports, per 100,000
Educational attainment and incarceration are linked in U.S.

If incarceration rates increase by $+10\%$

Then crime rates drop by only $-2\%^{120}$

Vs.

If high school graduation rates increase by $+10\%$

Then arrest rates drop by $-9\%^{119}$
Race, Education, Income & Place

Population Density by Race and Ethnicity

Share of Adults with a College Degree

Median Household Income

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PERCENT OF ADULTS AGES 25+ WITH AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE OR HIGHER LEVEL OF EDUCATION
- Less than 20%
- 20% to 39.9%
- 40% to 59.9%
- 60% to 79.9%
- 80% or more

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
- Less than $25,000
- $25,000 to $49,999
- $50,000 to $74,999
- $75,000 to $99,999
- $100,000 or more
Dallas County is Growing and Changing

2.5 Million
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3.3 Million
For economic security to thrive in Dallas, we can’t forget about what’s under the surface.
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May 8, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Nonprofit Workshop

Register at CFTexas.org
Thank you