

UNDERSTANDING LEGAL CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY...AND WORKING TO ADDRESS THEM

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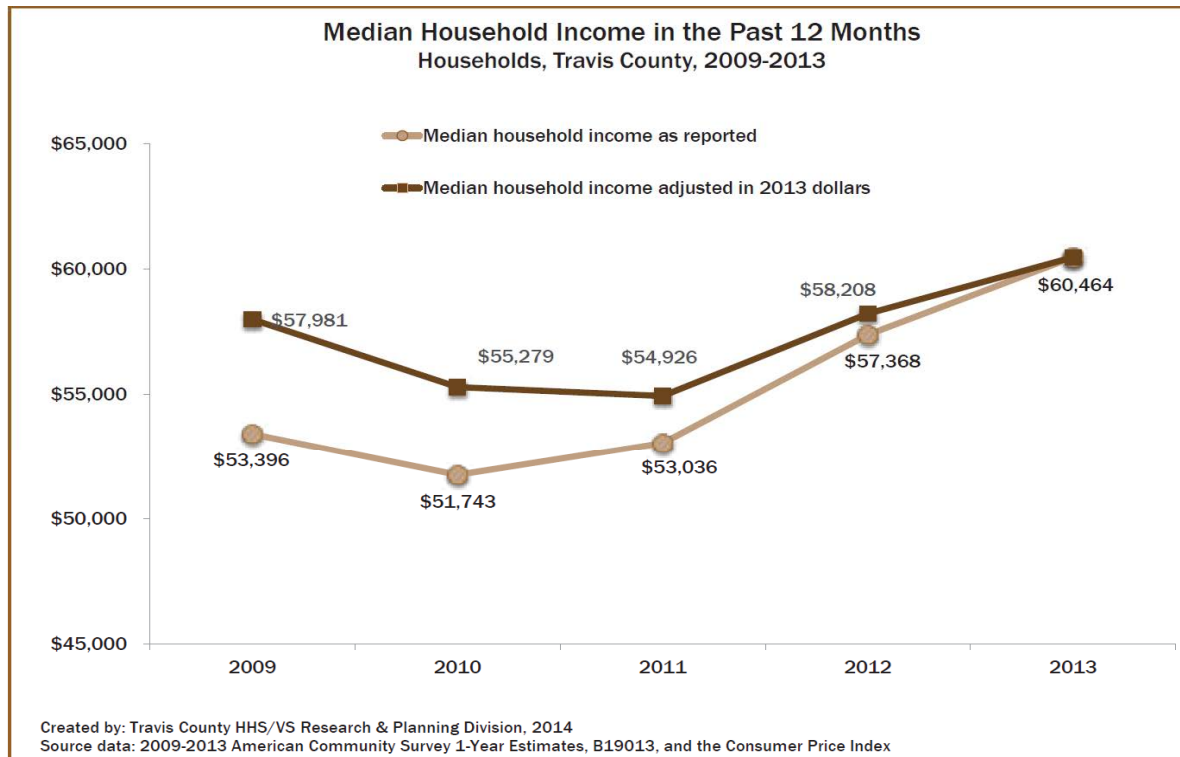
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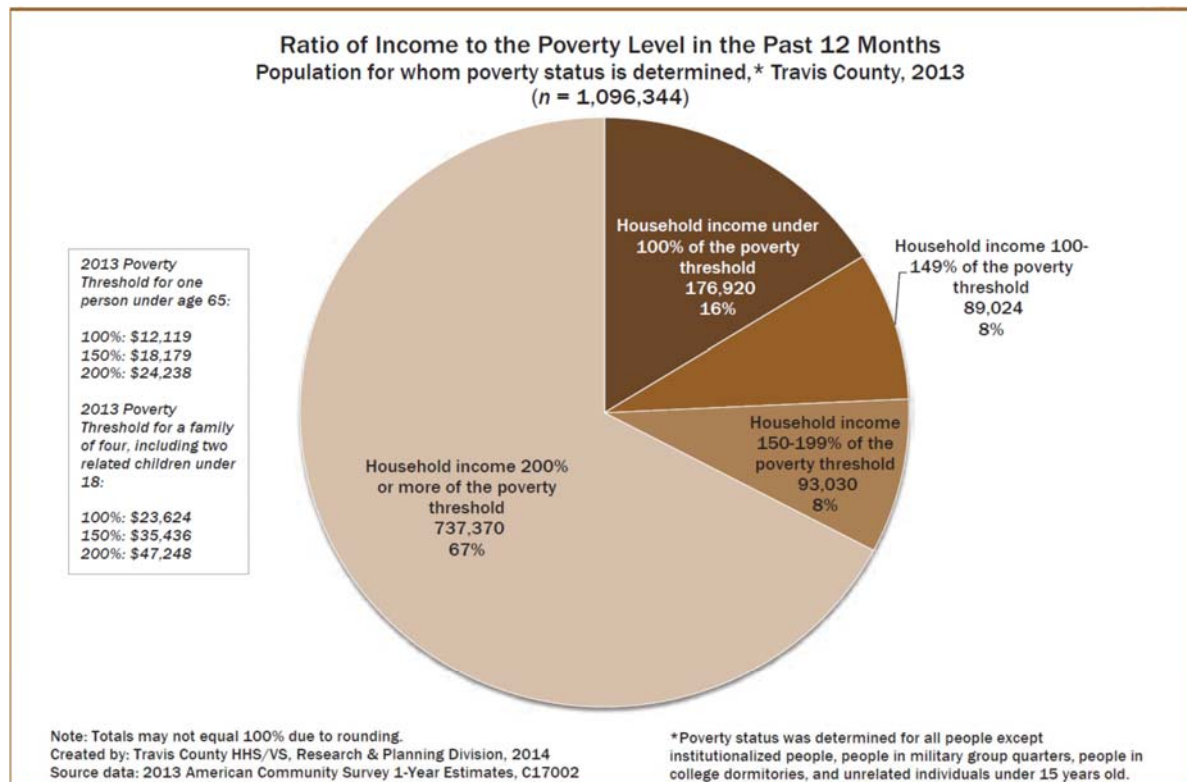
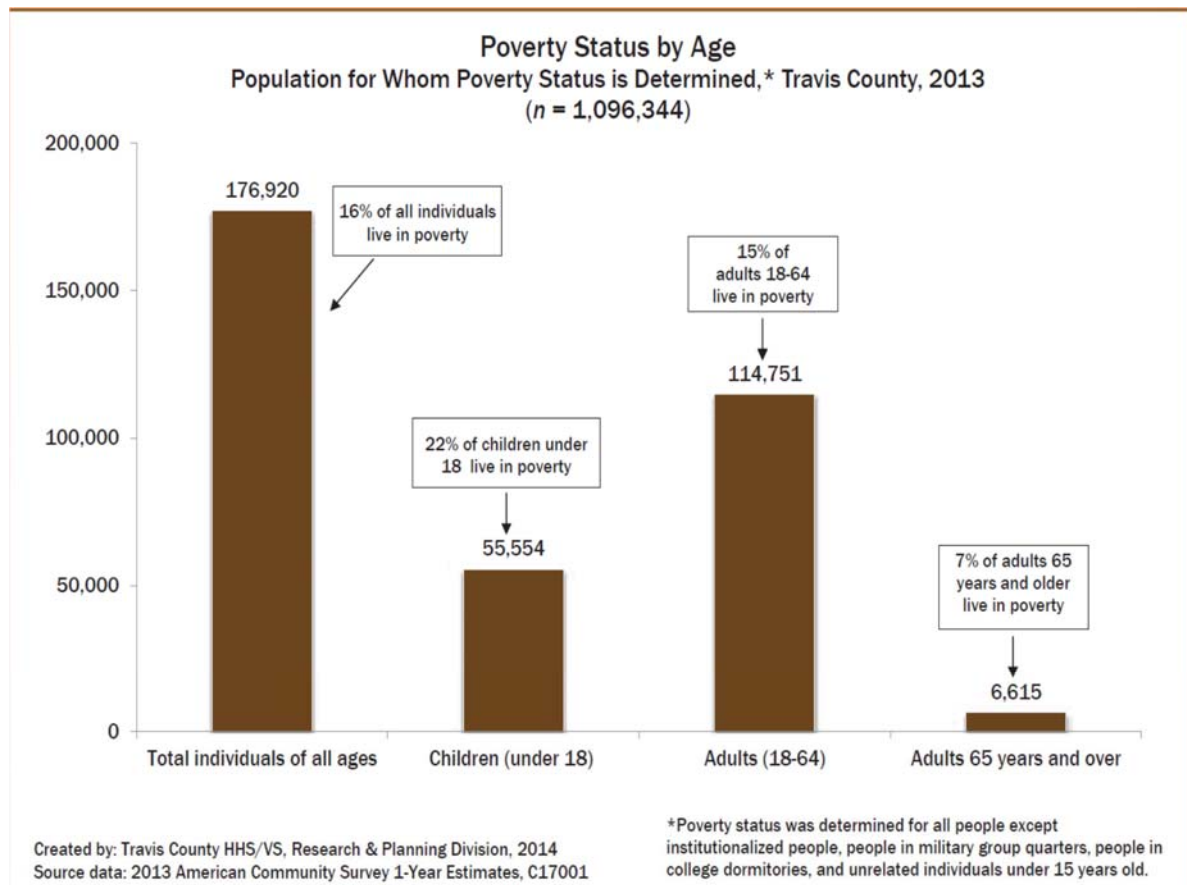
- **Family & Relationship** (ex: divorce)
- Business, Consumer, and Employment
- **Housing & Foreclosure**
- Domestic Violence, Child Abuse/Neglect

EXAMPLES OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LEAD PEOPLE TO NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE (CONT.)

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Criminal & Juvenile Delinquency
- Poverty & Economic Hardship – contributes to and exacerbates all of the above



Median Household Income:⁶ Reported median income increased between 2012 and 2013 by more than \$3,000. While reported median household income has increased each year since 2010, the actual value of Travis County's median household income⁷ (indicated by the top line on the chart above) began moving upward in 2011.



In Travis County an estimated 176,900 individuals (16% of the total population) live in households with incomes below the poverty threshold.¹⁰ One-third (33%) of Travis County residents, or nearly 358,950 individuals, live at or below 200% of the poverty threshold.

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