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State Profile: Texas

R14CC and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) are collaboratively implementing projects to address high leverage problems such as instructional leadership professional development, school-based mental health supports, and evidence-bas reading instruction. This profile provides a summary of these selected projects and an overview of state education statistics for Texas.
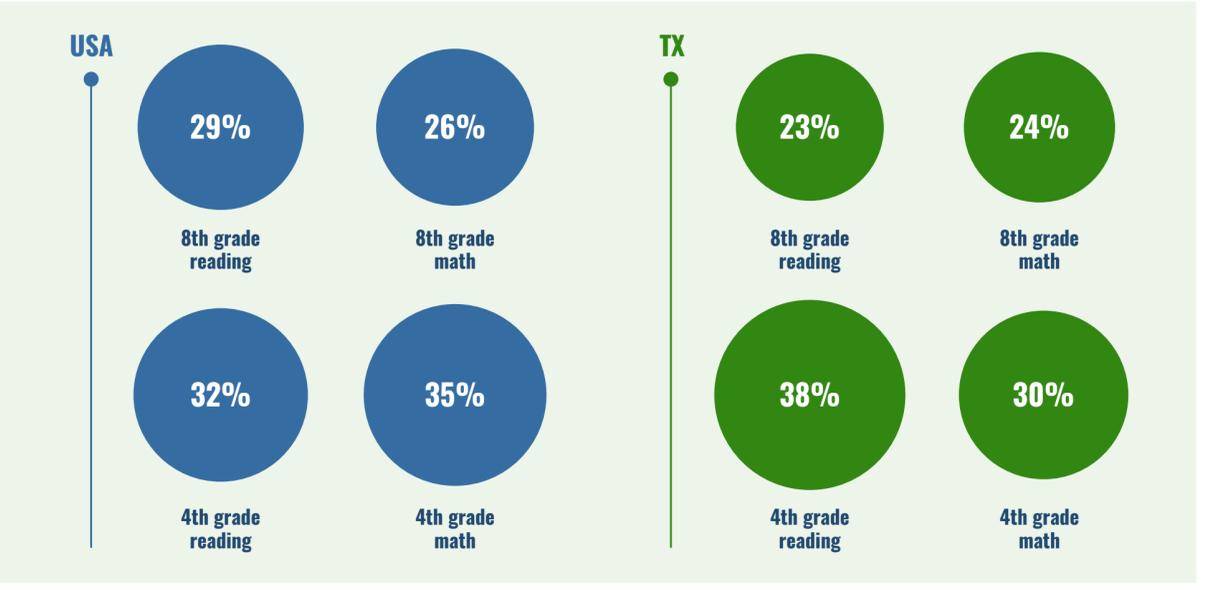
Selected Projects Conducted With TEA

Project 1

Bringing Technology and Data Visualization to the Texas Instructional Leadership (TIL) Program

Summary

Support the Texas Education Agency in moving an Instructional Leadership professional development program to an online data collection system

Sample Activities

- Gather feedback from users to inform changes to usability functions to develop the best product
- Build a reliable system for TEA to collect TIL coaching data
- Build a year-to-year transition plan to ensure system sustainability

Project 2

Scaling Up School-Based Mental Health Supports

Summary

Supports the Texas Education Agency in coordinating and implementing effective school-based mental health training and programs statewide

Sample Activities

- Design and launch a statewide mental health resources database to streamline data collection, better validate data quality, and publish publicly searchable results
- Collaborate with TEA, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (Texas HHSC), and South Southwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (SSW-MHTTC) at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) to create the Texas School Mental Health Practice Guide and Toolkit
- Support the development of TEA's Statewide Plan for School-Based Mental Health

Project 3

Scaling the Science of Teaching Reading in Texas

Summary

Reading Academies were established by the Texas Education Agency to support teacher knowledge and implement evidence-based practices informed by the Science of Teaching Reading (STR) to help improve student literacy achievement

Sample Activities

- Convene a panel of statewide and national experts in STR to review the screening process for recruiting prospective Cohort Leaders
- Increase the documentation of project tools, resources, communication structures, and protocols to establish project team alignment
- Work directly with TEA to create dashboards that illustrate performance data

State Overview, 2021-22 School Year
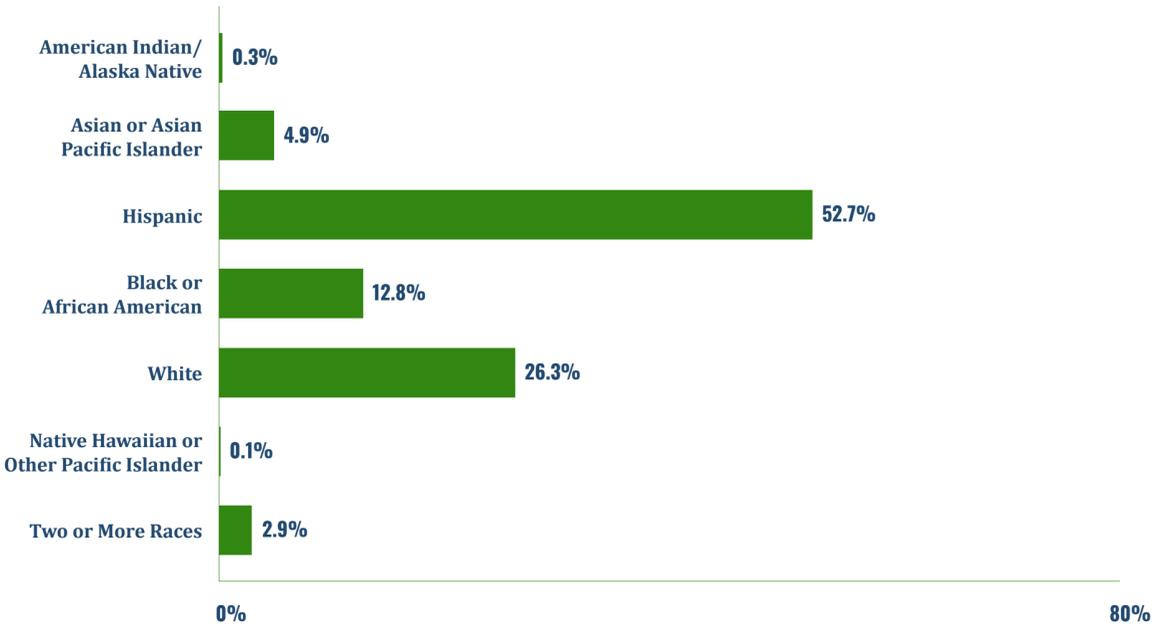
Percentage of Students With NAEP Proficiency

Results from the 2022 mathematics and reading assessments are based on nationally representative samples of fourth and eighth graders.

USA

29%	26%
8th grade reading	8th grade math

32%	35%
4th grade reading	4th grade math

TX

23%	24%
8th grade reading	8th grade math

38%	30%
4th grade reading	4th grade math

State Education at a Glance

5,402,928
Total student enrollment

8,845
Number of public or open-enrollment charter schools

1,204
Number of local education agencies (LEAs)

369,696
Number of teachers

Percentage of Students by Race

American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3%
Asian or Asian Pacific Islander	4.9%
Hispanic	52.7%
Black or African American	12.8%
White	26.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or More Races	2.9%

0% — 80%

Other Student Characteristics

11.7%
Students with disabilities

60.6%
Economically disadvantaged

21.7%
English learners

Pupil/Teacher Ratio

USA

15.33 : 1

TX

14.63 : 1