



Updated Burden Study

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Burden Measures By Area

Table 1b: Household Income and Electricity Burden Measures by Area (2006-2008)

Measure	Austin		Brownsville		Corpus Christi		Dallas		El Paso		Houston		San Antonio		Texas		
Total Households	381,300		116,700		140,800		1,828,700		232,900		1,599,800		542,800		8,258,100		
Households Below Poverty	46,400		37,500		24,700		204,900		59,700		199,990		83,200		1,183,600		
% of all Households	12%		32%		18%		11%		26%		13%		15%		14%		
Households by Percent of Poverty	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	Num (000s)	Pct of Total	
	0-100%	46.4	11.0%	37.5	31.7%	24.7	16.2%	204.9	10.0%	59.7	23.3%	199.9	11.2%	83.2	13.8%	1183.6	13.4%
	101-200%	56.5	13.4%	30.7	25.9%	31.1	20.4%	315.3	15.4%	57.2	22.3%	292.0	16.4%	109.7	18.2%	1609.2	18.2%
	201-300%	57.4	13.6%	17.9	15.1%	23.9	15.7%	283.4	13.8%	40.3	15.7%	253.0	14.2%	94.9	15.7%	1372.4	15.5%
	301-400%	52.4	12.4%	11.7	9.9%	17.8	11.7%	247.8	12.1%	26.1	10.2%	196.9	11.0%	72.7	12.1%	1083.2	12.2%
401+%	168.7	40.1%	18.9	16.0%	43.1	28.2%	777.3	38.0%	49.6	19.4%	658.0	36.9%	182.3	30.3%	3009.6	34.0%	
Median Annual Household Income	\$54,200		\$30,300		\$42,200		\$54,900		\$35,300		\$54,200		\$46,100		\$48,900		
CPPP Income Requirement (Month)	\$3,000		\$2,500		\$2,800		\$3,100		\$2,900		\$3,100		\$2,900		N / A		
% < CPPP Income Requirement	31%		54%		43%		34%		54%		36%		40%		N / A		
Electricity Burden Measures																	
Average Monthly Electric Bill	\$149.00		\$184.00		\$216.00		\$205.00		\$88.00		\$203.00		\$149.00		\$186.00		
Median Monthly Electric Bill	\$125.00		\$160.00		\$197.00		\$180.00		\$75.00		\$180.00		\$125.00		\$160.00		
Median Monthly Household Income	\$4,583.00		\$2,546.00		\$3,590.00		\$4,752.00		\$3,055.00		\$4,663.00		\$4,074.00		\$4,223.00		
Electricity Burden (%)	2.72%		6.29%		5.50%		3.79%		2.45%		3.86%		3.06%		3.79%		



Austin Area Utility Burden

Table 2a: Austin (Travis County) Percent of Poverty Threshold by Median Utility Burden

(2010-2012 Averages)

Households				Cost Burden				
Percent of Federal Poverty Threshold	Income Limit (Family of 4)	Number	%	Electricity Burden	Gas Burden	Water & Sewer Burden	Other Fuel Burden	Utility Burden
0-100	\$ 23,050	55,841	13.3%	13.9%	4.2%	4.6%	4.8%	27.5%
101-200	\$ 47,700	62,400	14.8%	5.9%	1.5%	1.9%	1.3%	10.7%
201-300	\$ 71,550	64,000	15.2%	3.4%	1.0%	1.2%	0.8%	6.4%
301-400	\$ 95,400	53,900	12.8%	2.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	4.8%
401+	NA	184,900	43.9%	1.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	2.7%



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UPDATED Table 3a: Austin (Travis County) Percent of Poverty Threshold by Median Utility Burden

(2010-2012 Averages)

Households				Cost Burden				
Percent of Federal Poverty Threshold	Income Limit (Family of 4)	Number	Percent	Electricity Burden	Gas Burden	Water & Sewer Burden	Other Fuel Burden	Utility Burden
0-50	\$ 11,525	24,921	5.9%	37.7%	11.5%	11.9%	12.8%	73.9%
51-100%	\$ 23,050	30,920	7.3%	11.3%	3.0%	3.5%	3.4%	21.3%
101-200	\$ 47,700	62,400	14.8%	5.9%	1.5%	1.9%	1.3%	10.7%
201-300	\$ 71,550	64,000	15.2%	3.4%	1.0%	1.2%	0.8%	6.4%
301-400	\$ 95,400	53,900	12.8%	2.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	4.8%
401+	NA	184,900	43.9%	1.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	2.7%

Where Does the Money Go?

The Department of Labor's latest survey provides a detailed look into how the average U.S. consumer unit spends their annual paycheck.

U.S. CONSUMER UNIT EXPENDITURES

Average annual expenditures and percent of total:

