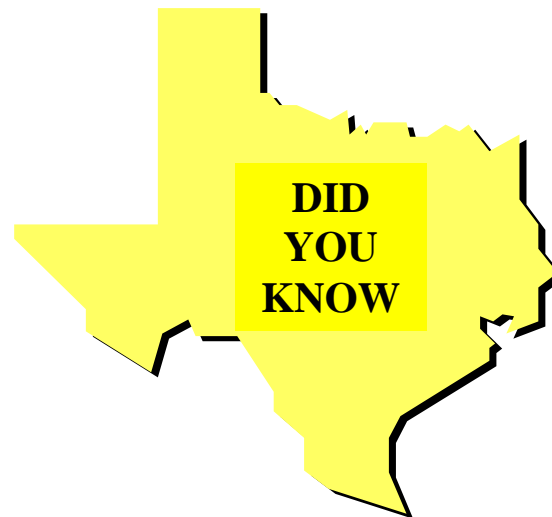


**By 2040, 90% of Texas population growth will occur among non-Anglo populations. In Texas, minority groups are historically less likely to complete high school and more likely to have an income below the poverty level. <sup>2</sup>**

**1 in 5 Texas children are growing up in poverty and the rate of children without their basic needs being met is on the rise. <sup>4</sup>**

**Texas had the fastest growing child population in the U.S. between 2000-2003 <sup>1</sup>**



**Immigrant and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students are at a higher risk of dropping out of high school than the average student. <sup>3</sup>**

**By 2040, it is projected that 30% of the labor force in Texas will not have a high school diploma <sup>5</sup>**

**Steve Murdock and Stephen Klineberg (Texas State Demographers) have identified high quality pre-kindergarten as one of the most cost-effective educational investments and one solution to the shortage of highly skilled and educated workforce demanded by the Texas market. <sup>6</sup>**

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