SOUTH TEXAS
The State of Pulmonary Health

DEMOGRAPHICS

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Percent uninsured

Corpus Christi: 326,586
Houston: 2.3 million
San Antonio: 1.5 million

Living below poverty

Corpus Christi: 18%
Houston: 19%
San Antonio: 13%
Nationwide: 16%

STATE OF HEALTH CARE

• Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured people in the country
• Texas has one of the lowest numbers of primary care physicians in the country based on population
• More than 1.6 million Texans have been diagnosed with asthma

LUNG HEALTH CARE

• Asthma rates were twice as high for Black children in Texas compared to White and Hispanic children
• In 2020, 202 lung transplants were performed in Texas, ranking third in the country. At the same time, 217 Texans joined the wait list for a lung transplant

LUNG DISEASE IN TEXAS

• Eleven percent of adults in the Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi areas are living with chronic lung disease.
• Low-income people in Texas are more than twice as likely to suffer from COPD
• Chronic lower respiratory disease was responsible for 10,800 deaths for every 100,000 people in Texas

Sources: U.S. Census, American Lung Association, Centers for Disease Control, UNOS

SOUTH TEXAS AND COVID-19

Houston (Harris County): Cases: 191,513*, Deaths: 3,013*
Corpus Christi (Nueces County): Cases: 24,664*, Deaths: 489*
San Antonio (Bexar County): Cases: 81,638*, Deaths 1,502*

*Totals as of December 1, 2020