Texas
A 15-Year
Journey
(2000–2015)

Economic and Political Transformation



Agenda



Introduction & Purpose



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Period

2000 to 2015

Key Focus Areas

- GDP growth and Unemployment trends
- Property taxes and Housing affordability
- Population rise and Cost of living
- Impact of political leadership on key indicators

Target Audience

General Public

Purpose

Built an
interactive
Tableau
dashboard with
filters, KPIs, and
diverse
visualizations

Data Sources

TXHousing dataset from R and supplementary gov. data

Introduction – The Story Behind the Data

Over 15 years, Texas has undergone profound changes in its economy, population, and social fabric. This project captures the state's dynamic journey from economic booms to social shifts and political influences in a clear, data-driven story. Our goal is to transform complex metrics into a narrative that anyone can understand, making the data come alive.

Audience – Who Benefits?



Target Audience:

Everyday Texans and community members directly impacted by shifts in the job market, cost of living, and local policies.

Why It Matters:

Understanding how economic indicators like job availability, property taxes, and living costs evolve over time is essential for making informed decisions. This dashboard translates complex data into clear, actionable insights that support smarter choices in housing, employment, and personal finances.

What Are We Exploring?



Economic Evolution:

How did Texas's GDP, unemployment, and other economic indicators change from 2000 to 2015?

Social Impact:

What trends in population growth, crime, and cost of living can we observe over this period?

Political Influence:

How did political leadership and policy shifts correlate with economic and social trends?

Cultural Indicators:

How do changes in trending culture (e.g., movies and social sentiments) reflect broader state transformations?

Summary Metrics (2000–2015)



385M

Political Parties

Democratic

Republican

Avg. Cost Of Living

\$26,181

Avg. GDP (\$)

1,268

Avg. Home Sales Value

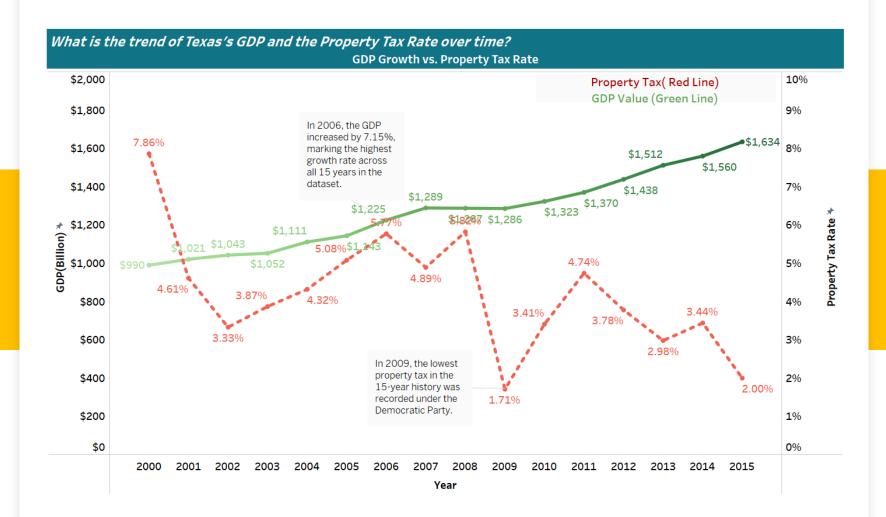
1,649M

Avg. No. of Home Sales

8,443

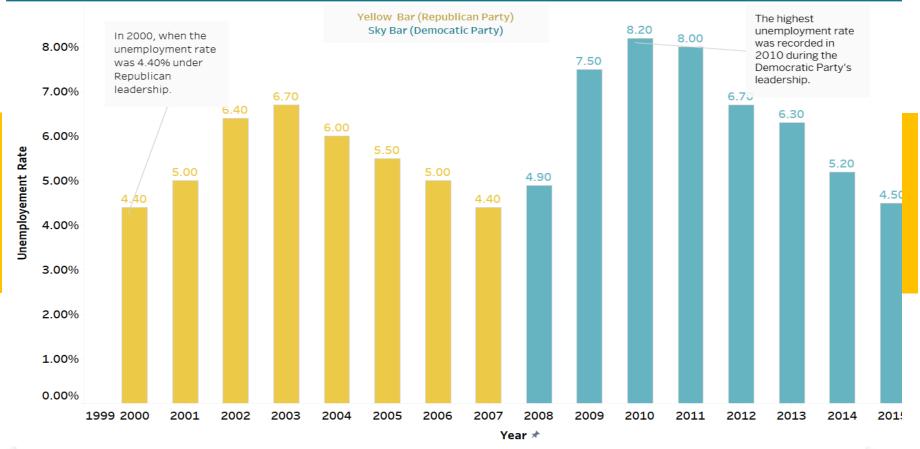
Avg. Gasoline Price

2.53

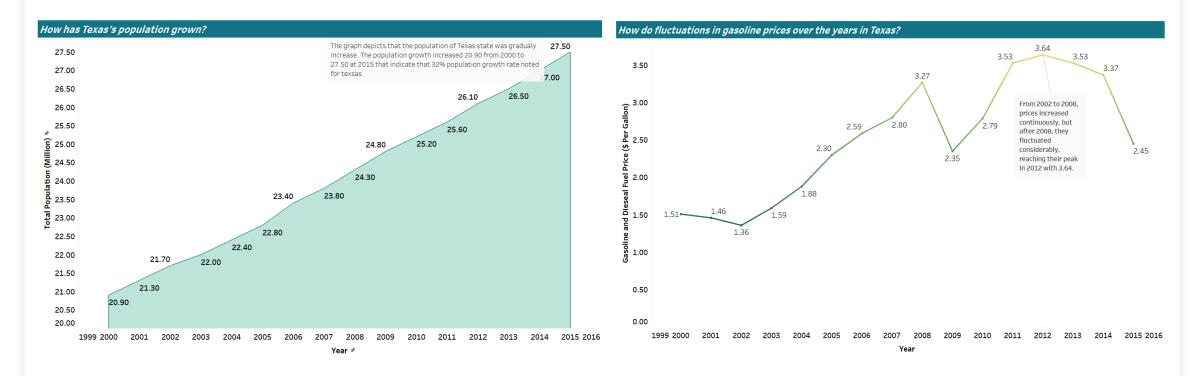


The Big Picture, Texas's Economic

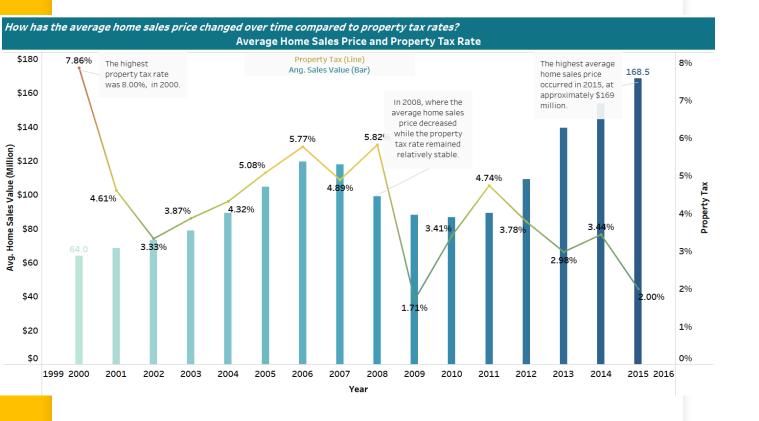
How does the Unemployment Rate change over the years under different political parties in power? Unemployment Rate Over the years by Political Party



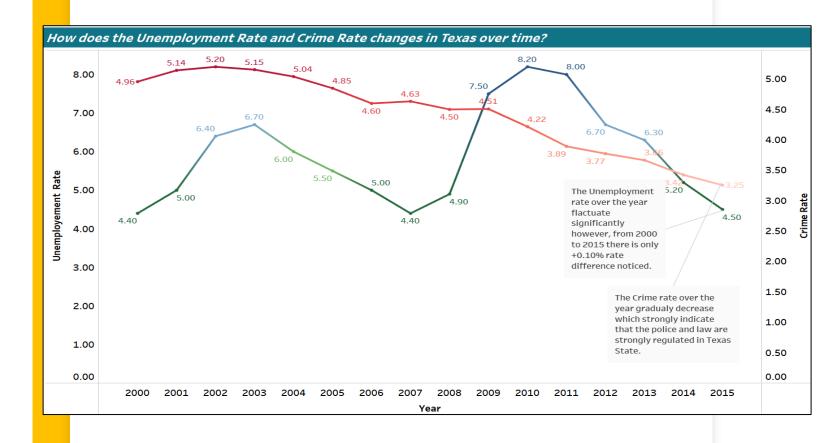
Jobs and Hard
Times Unemployment
Peaks and
Recovery under
different
leadership



People Up, Prices Unsteady: The Texas Trade-Off



Navigating the Waves of Home Prices and Property Taxes



Unemployment and Crime: A Tale of Two Challenges

Key Findings – Data-Driven Insights



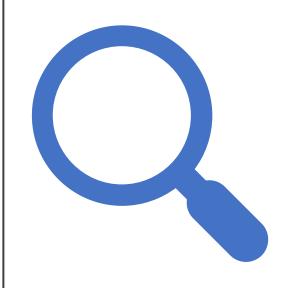
housing Surge: Home prices increased 2.5x, driven by demand and cost pressures.

Living Costs: Cost of living rose **40%**, closely tied to home prices (**correlation: 0.80**).

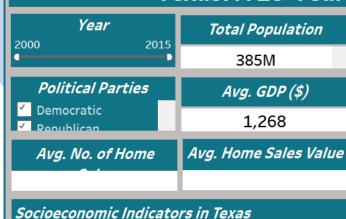
Affordability Pressure: Property taxes increased alongside home prices yet showed a moderate negative correlation (-0.40) with sales—indicating potential deterrence for buyers.

Inflation & Politics: Inflation climbed 40%; political leadership shifted from Republican to Democrat, but market forces, not politics, primarily shaped housing trends.

Key Insight: For Texans, economic growth and population demands were stronger drivers of housing costs than policy changes—highlighting the importance of long-term planning for affordability.



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Political Parties Avg. Une.. Avg. Crim.. Avg. Prop.. Avg. Cost..

3.90%

4.95%

3.49%

4.97%

6.41%

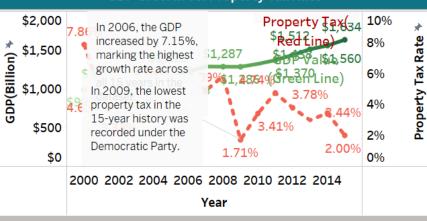
5.43%

Democratic

Republican

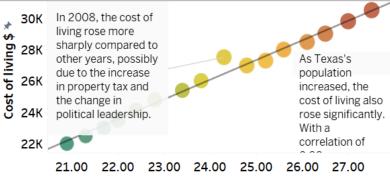
What is the trend of Texas's GDP and the Property Tax Rate over time?

GDP Growth vs. Property Tax Rate



Is Texas Becoming Less Affordable as More People Move In?

Cost of Living and Population



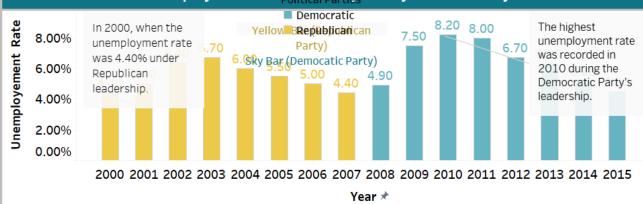
Total Population (Million \$) ★

How does the Unemployment Rate change over the years under different political parties in power?

\$28,450

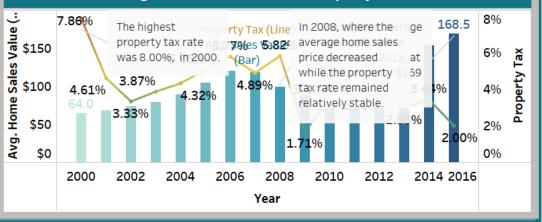
\$23,913

Unemployment Rate Over the years by Political Party

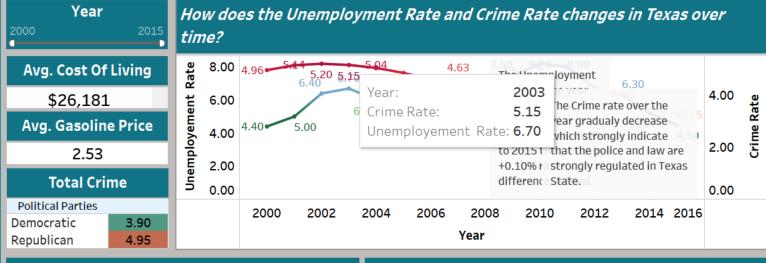


How has the average home sales price changed over time compared to property tax rates?

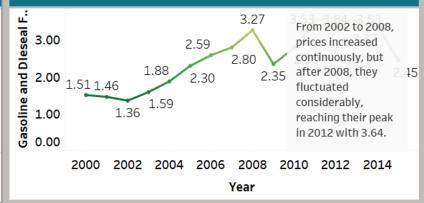
Average Home Sales Price and Property Tax Rate



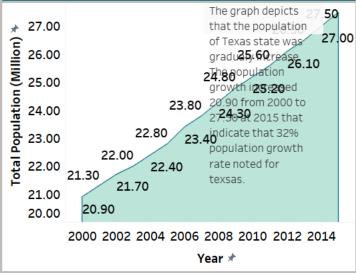
Texas's Social Key Indicators Analysis from 2000 to 2015



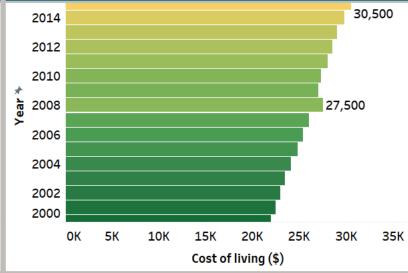
How do fluctuations in gasoline prices over the years in Texas?







How has the cost of living changed over the years?



The Movies That Defined Each Year and Rating

The Dark Knight 2008 9.00 The Lord of the	Gladiator 2000 8.50 The Dark Knight Rises 2012 The Lord of the Rings 2 2002	No Country for Old Men 2007	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	Justice League 2013 8.10
Rings 2001		Mad Max: Fury Road		The Incredibles
Inception 2010 8.80		Pirates of the		2004 8.00
Interstellar		Caribbean Casino Royale 2006		Avatar 2009
2014 8.70	Batman Begins 2005 8.20			7.90