



# HOUSTON

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS



## LOCAL LANDSCAPE

Population, 2016: **2,303,482**  
 Median income, 2015: **\$46,187**  
 Annual costs (family of 4), 2014: **\$60,608**

Number of abortion clinics: **≥ 5**  
 Number of Title X clinics: **8**  
 Number of SBHCs: **11**  
 Number of CPCs: **~ 31**

Unintended pregnancy, 2014: N/A  
 Maternal mortality, 2014: **28.2** deaths per 100,000 births  
 Teen births, 2010-2014: **48.3** per 1,000, ages 15-19

### PROTECTING ABORTION CLINIC ACCESS



- Clinic safety ordinance
- Regulations on crisis pregnancy centers
- No funding for crisis pregnancy centers

### SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE



- Support for pregnant and parenting youth
- Sexuality education policy: *Abstinence-plus education*
- Reproductive health care in school-based health centers

### ADVANCING INCLUSIVE POLICIES



- Anti-discrimination ordinance for municipal employees on:
- Reproductive health decisions
  - Gender identity
  - Pregnancy

### FUNDING AND COVERAGE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE



- Funding for abortion
- Funding for family planning
- Funding for STI prevention
- Funding for sexuality education
- Municipal insurance coverage of abortion

### SUPPORTING FAMILIES



- Supportive breastfeeding policies
- Paid family leave
- \$15 minimum wage
- Support for undocumented people to access care

- Anti-discrimination ordinance for all employees on:
- Reproductive health decisions
  - Gender identity
  - Pregnancy

### TAKING A STAND



- Resolution passed on:
- Support for anti-discrimination policies
  - Opposition to crisis pregnancy centers
  - Support for abortion coverage
  - Pro-choice stance on legislation or ballot initiatives
  - Opposition to sex-selective abortion bans

### SPOTLIGHT: Fighting LGBTQ Discrimination After Defeat

The Houston City Council passed the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO) in 2014, prohibiting discrimination based on race, age, veteran status, religion, pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Following a legal challenge, the city was ordered to put HERO to a public vote, and those opposed to transgender rights launched a fear-mongering campaign. HERO failed to pass, leaving Houston as the most diverse city in the country without such protections. The city has not given up: then-Mayor Annise Parker, the first openly gay mayor of a major U.S. city, declared an ongoing commitment to the fight and current Mayor Sylvester Turner has created a Mayor's LGBT Advisory Board.

**KEY**  
 Yes  
 No  
**L** Limited  
**P** Preempted  
**N/A** Data not available  
 \* County-level data