

A blue-tinted photograph of the Houston skyline, featuring several prominent skyscrapers. The image is overlaid with several thin, white, curved lines that sweep across the scene from the bottom left towards the top right. The text is centered over the skyline.

# Growing Up In Houston

children  
at Risk

# Overview

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# Houston is home to over 580,000 children



**50% of children** are in low-income households

Of all the metropolitan areas in Texas, Houston has the **greatest share of children living in deep poverty**

**4 in 10 children** in the Houston area are New American Children



Nearly half of children **speak a language other than English**

**Less than half** of children live in a traditional nuclear home

# GUIH: Issue Areas

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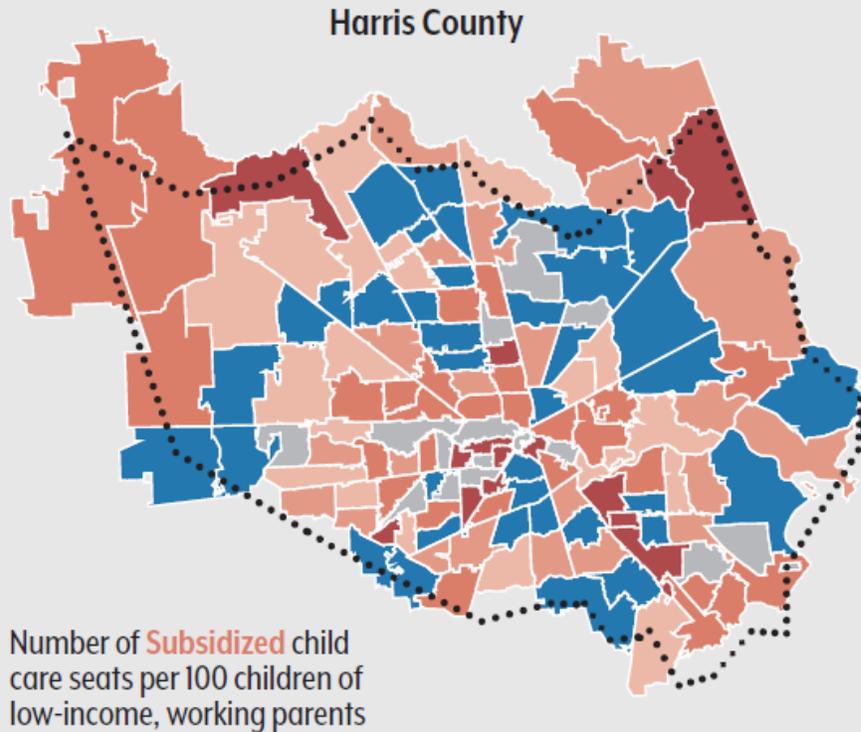
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- ▶ Opportunity Youth and Young Adult (OYYA)

# Education



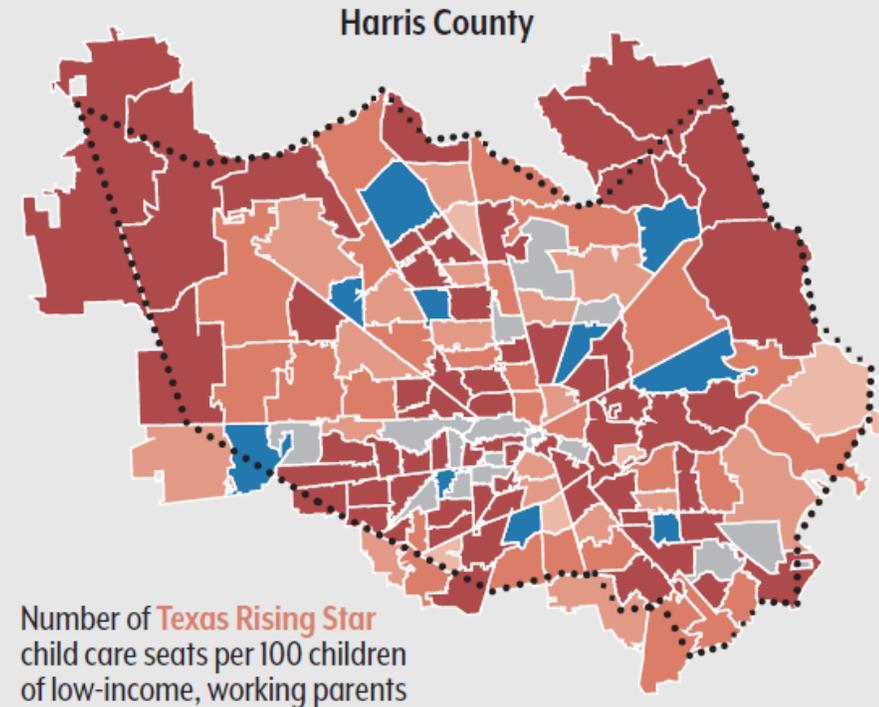
# Early Childhood Education

## Subsidized Child Care Deserts



0-4	5-9	10-24	25-33	Not a Desert	Too few children
14 zip codes	29	22	21	37	18

## Texas Rising Star Child Care Deserts

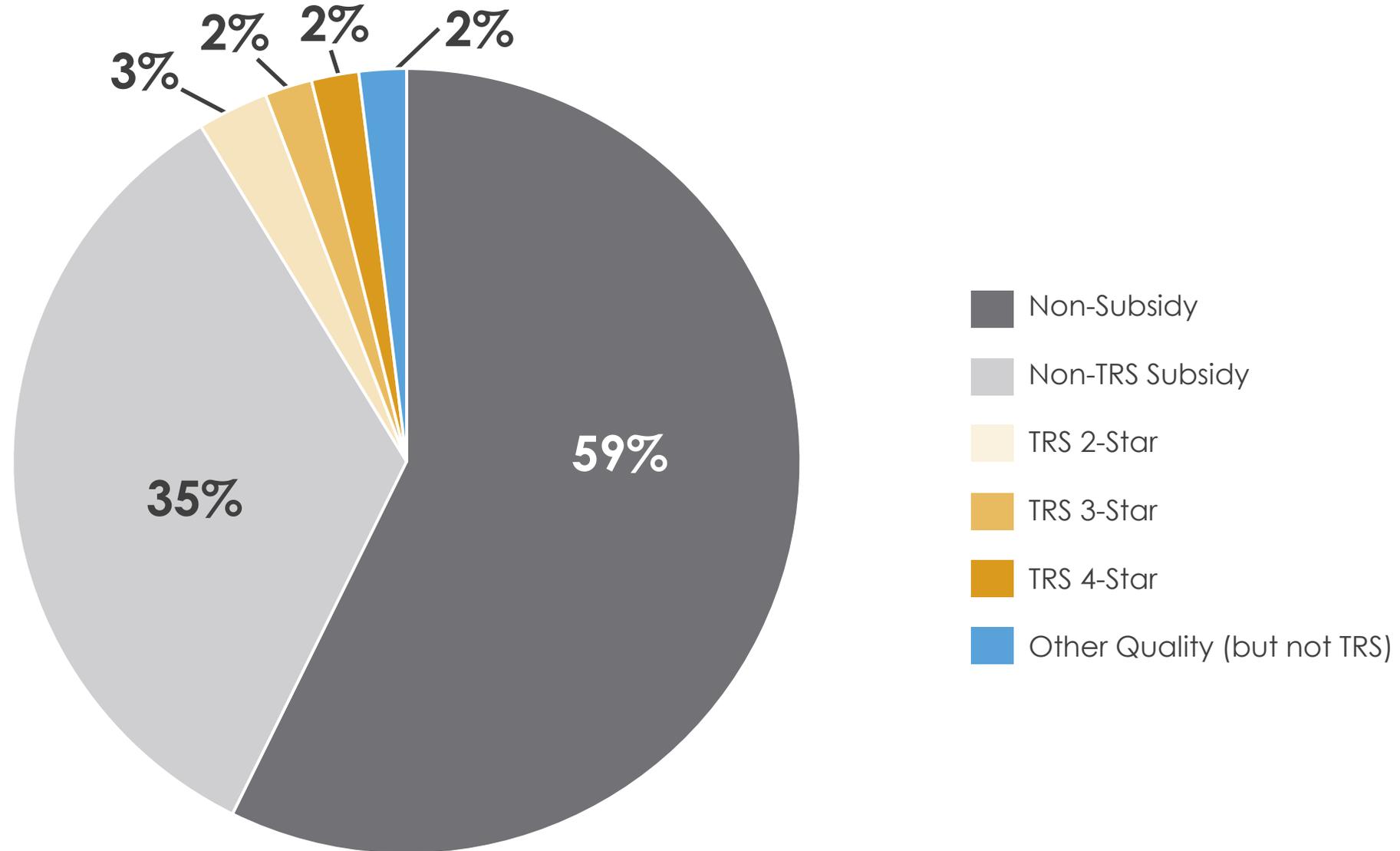


0-4	5-9	10-24	25-33	Too few children
64 zip codes	27	18	4	10
				Not a Desert

When it comes to **quality** care, nearly **95%** of low-income children in Harris County with working parents live in a Texas Rising Star child care desert.

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*Child Care Providers in Harris County by Quality Certification*

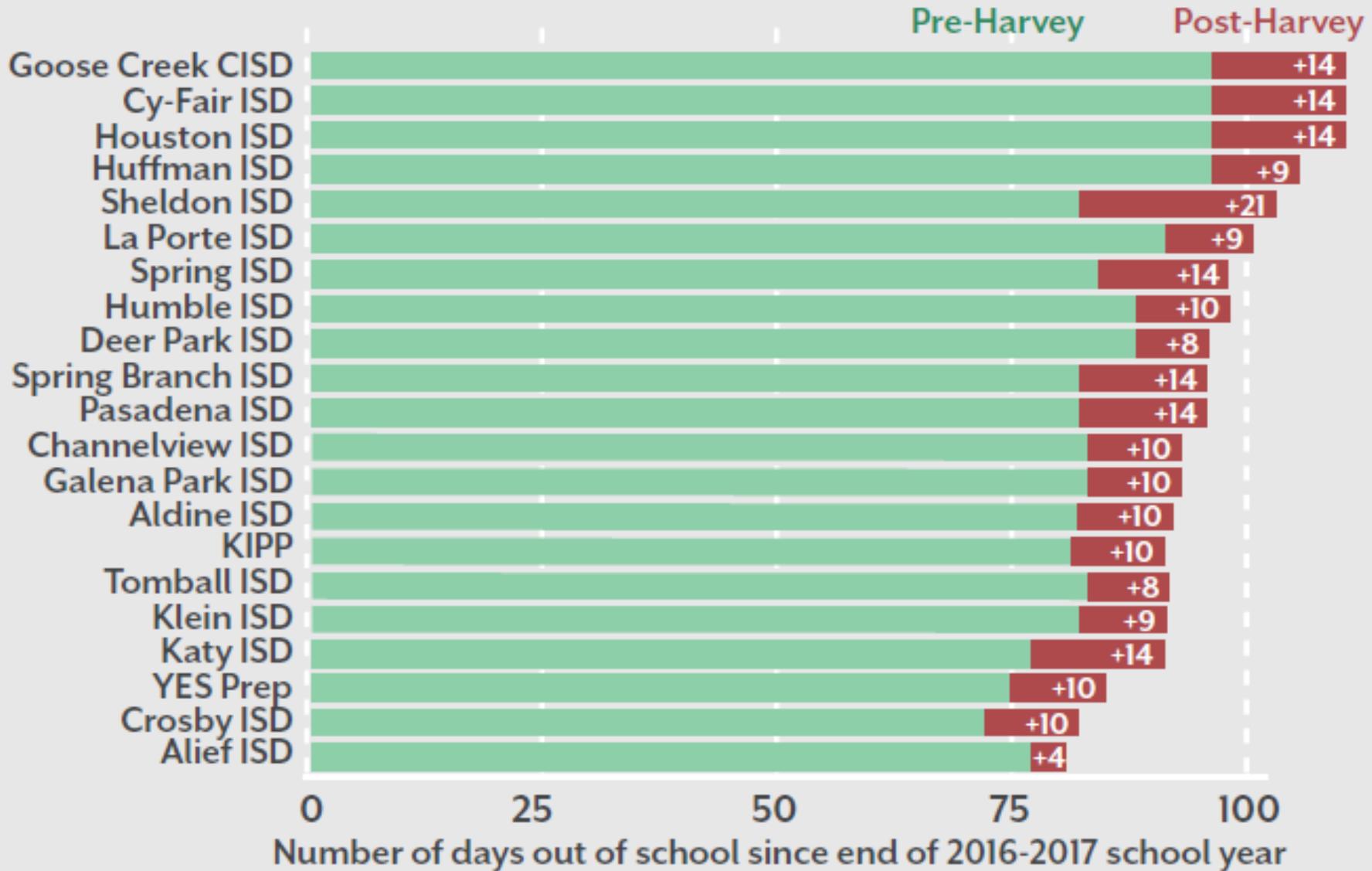


# K-12 Education

School District	No. Gold Ribbon* Eligible Schools	No. Gold Ribbon* Schools
Houston ISD	136	21
Aldine ISD	44	2
Pasadena ISD	43	9
Alief ISD	38	6
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD	13	2
Fort Bend ISD	12	0
Conroe ISD	11	1
Klein ISD	6	0
Clear Creek ISD	1	0
Katy ISD	1	0

**\*Gold Ribbon Schools** have 75% or more of their student body living in economically disadvantaged circumstances and receive an A or B in CHILDREN AT RISK's annual school rankings.

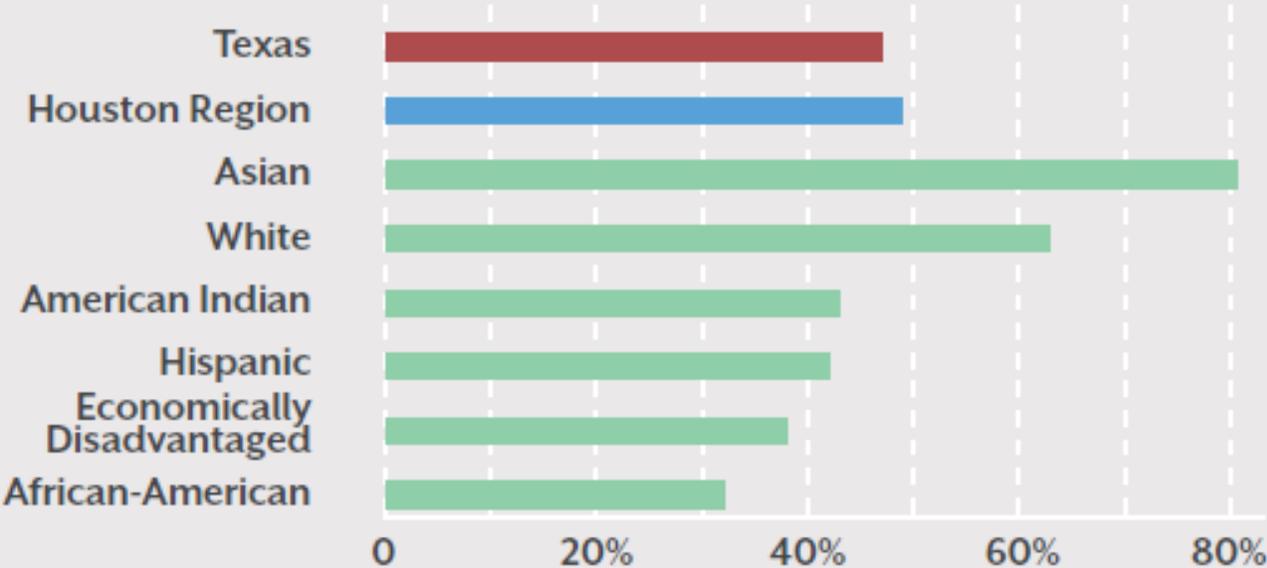
# Hurricane Harvey's K-12 Impact



# College Readiness

## Houston Region College Ready Graduates by Group, 2017-2018<sup>10</sup>

*Houston area schools must ensure students of all backgrounds graduate ready for success after high school.*



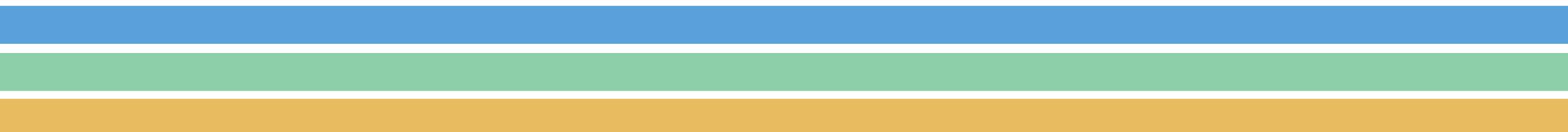
# Post - Secondary Completion

## Completion Rates and Average Student Debt at Houston Area Colleges and Universities<sup>13</sup>

*Average student debt is high, despite many students not finishing within 6 years.*

 INSTITUTION	 AVERAGE STUDENT DEBT	 6-YEAR COMPLETION RATE, 2017
UH Victoria	\$30,516	25%
Texas Southern University	\$41,143	26%
UH Downtown	\$28,538	28%
Lamar University	\$31,700	34%
Sam Houston State	\$32,124	58%
UH Main Campus	\$27,970	61%
UH Clear Lake	\$23,875	100%

# A Path Forward

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# Opportunities



Invest in **supports for families with children birth through age 3** – improve child care options for our children during the **most critical years of brain development**



Learn from **high-performing, high-poverty schools** – schools with a large percentage of low-income students that are underperforming can **learn from others with similar demographics** who have been successful



Continue to understand and take into account **diverse cultures of communities** served when implementing programs



Build **resiliency** by ensuring communities have **necessary resources and supports** following flooding and other disasters

# Contact us!

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