













## Income & Poverty

The median household income for Temple is approximately equivalent to Bell County, which is significantly less than Texas. This dramatic income level disparity between the state and local level could be attributed to higher than average household income levels of some of the largest urban areas in Texas (Dallas-Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio & Austin).

The income levels represented in Bell County are not at the levels represented in larger metropolitan areas and skews incomes levels of smaller cities. The poverty level represented in Bell county and the City of Temple is similar to the State of Texas at 15 percent.

Figure 2.6: Median Household Income

Jurisdiction	2017 Households	2017 Median Household Income
Temple	27,395	\$52,416
Bell County	122,333	\$52,479
Texas	9,623,874	\$59,206

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey

Figure 2.7: Poverty

Jurisdiction	2017 Total Population	2017 Below Poverty Line	2017 % Below Poverty Line
Temple	73,395	10,912	14.9%
Bell County	336,805	47,084	14.0%
Texas	27,676,343	4,076,905	14.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey

