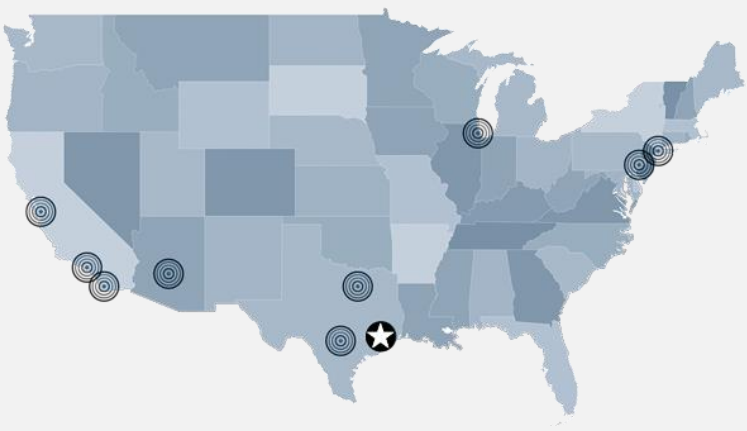
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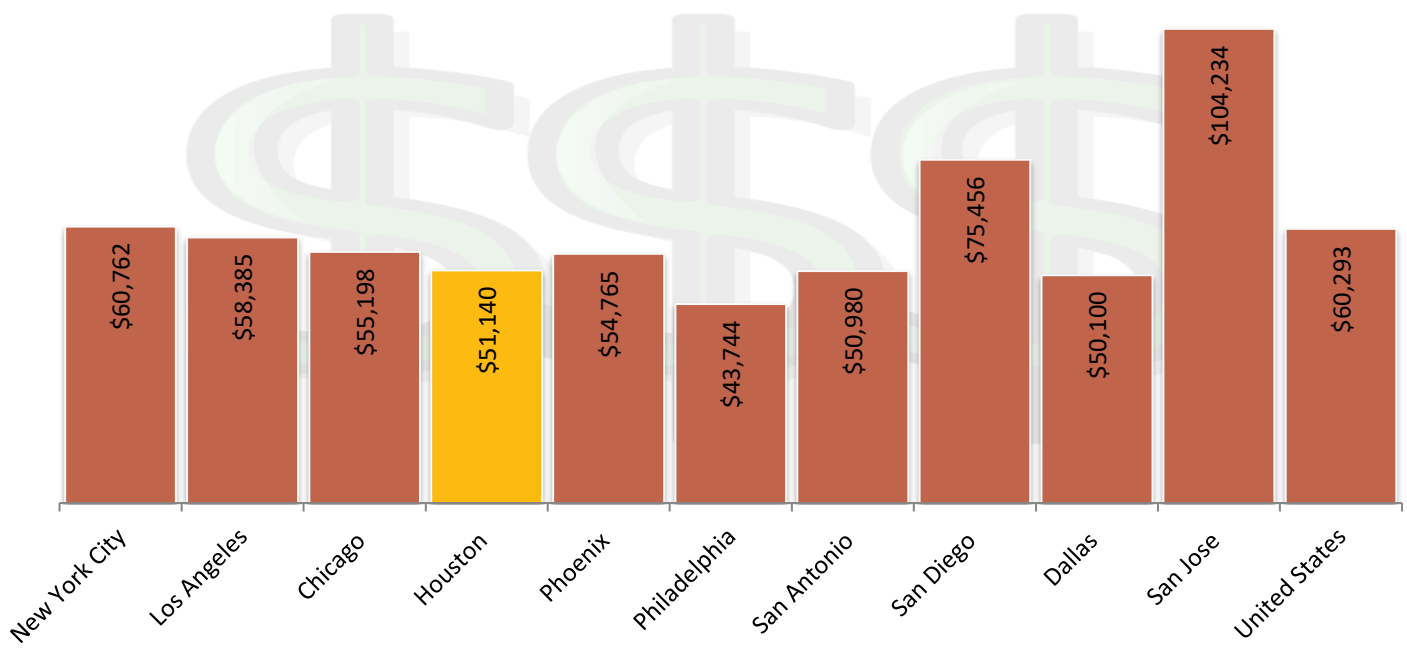
How We Compare

Of the ten most populous cities in the U.S, Houston ranks fourth after New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Houston experienced a 9% increase in population between 2010 and 2018. Houston's economy is strong with its positive economic indicators that include strong job growth, affordable housing, and lower cost of living.

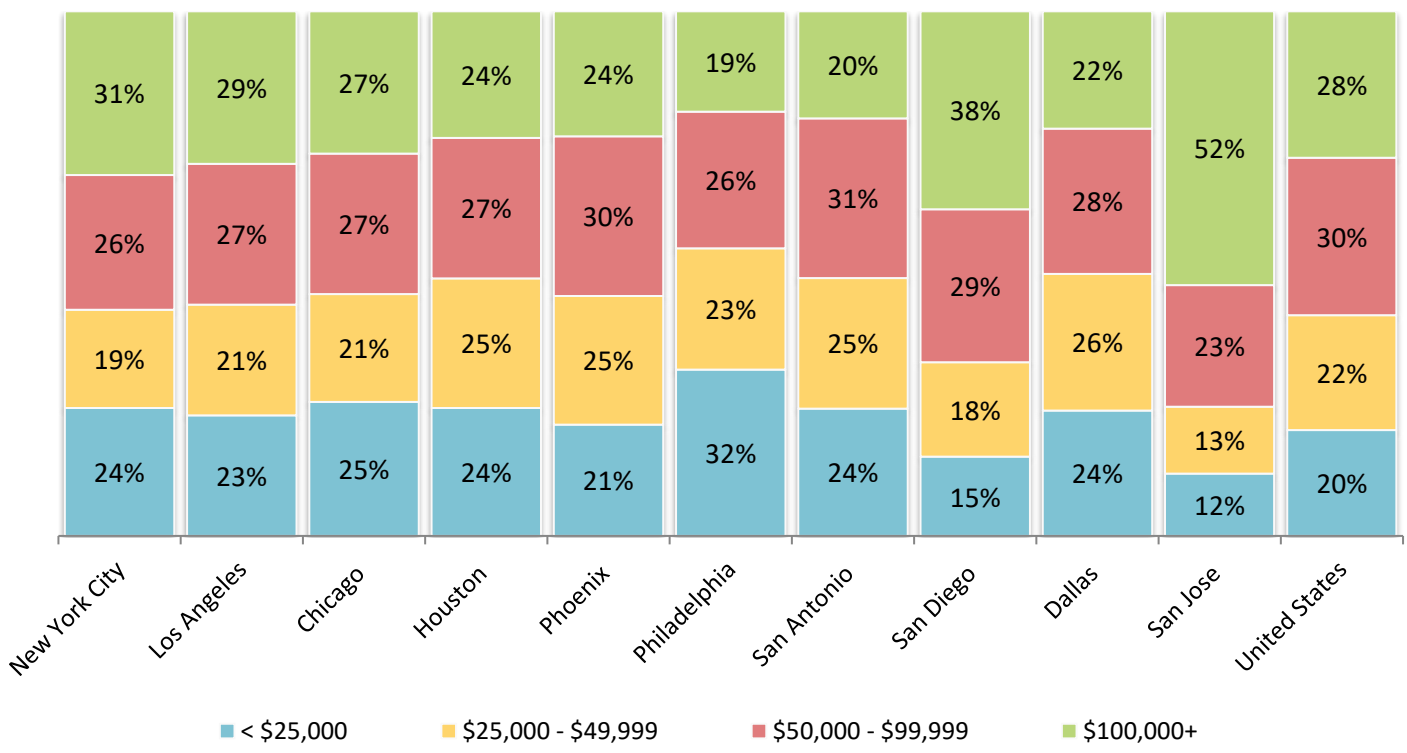
For most of the large cities, economic opportunity is the driving force for demographic and social changes. Opportunity cities have the ability to provide affordable housing and decent amenities at a reasonable cost to their growing populations. The charts shown below illustrate how Houston compares with the other large cities in the US.



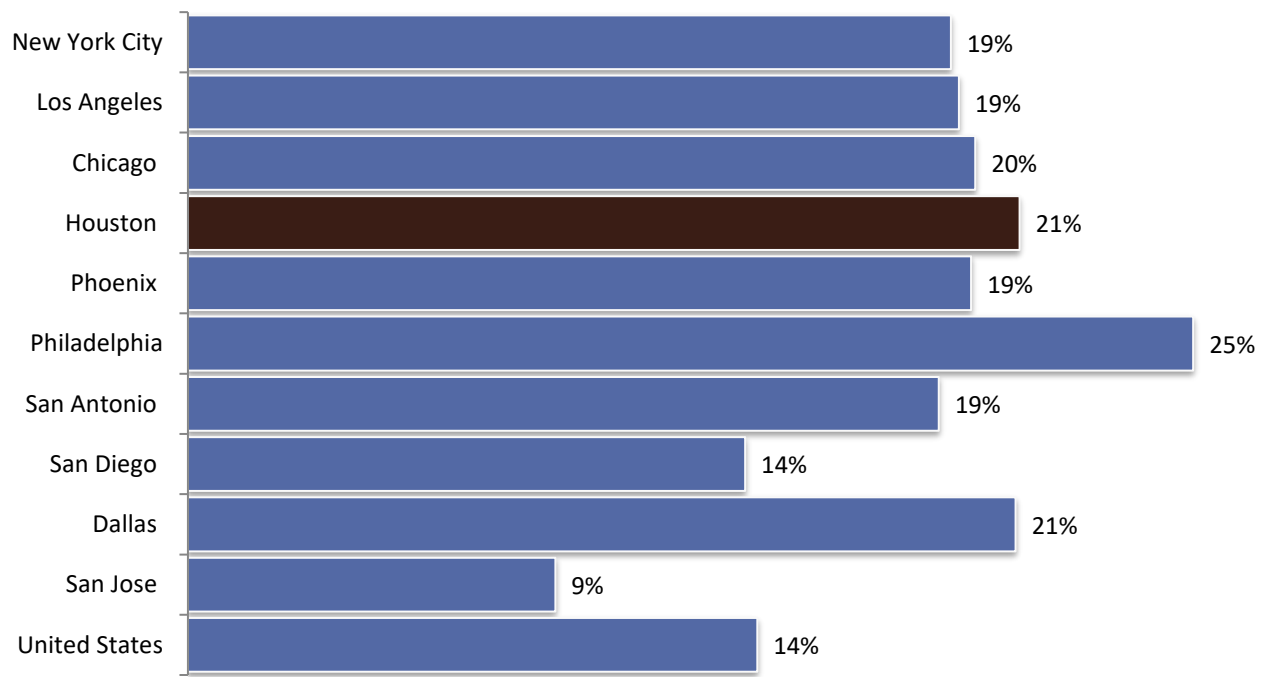
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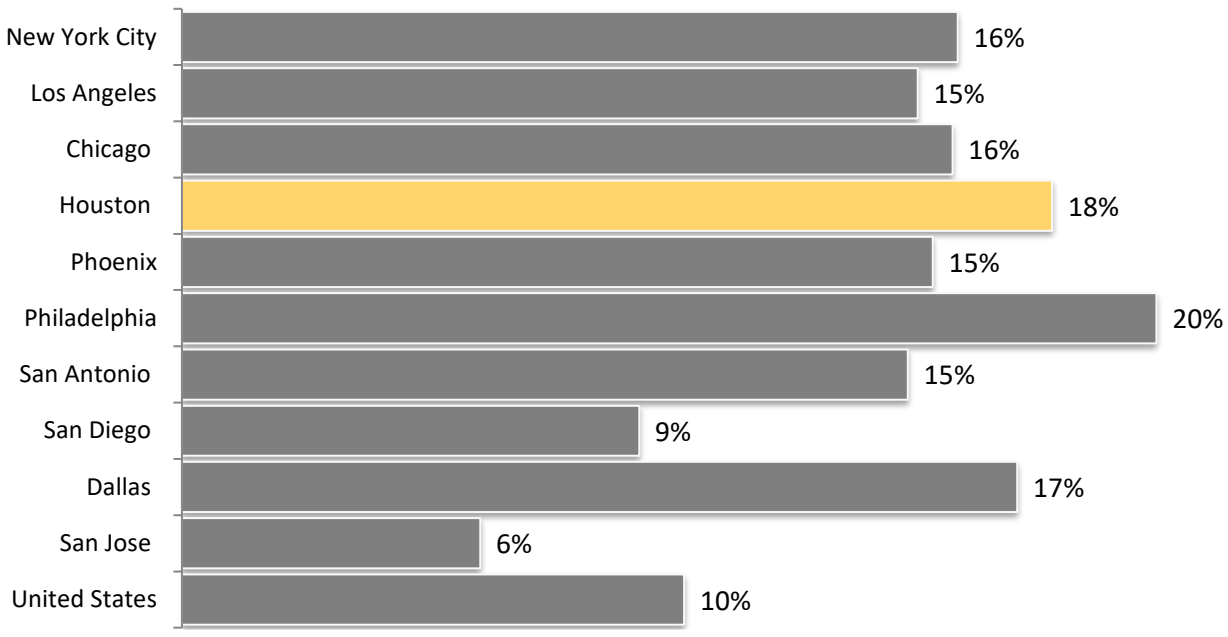
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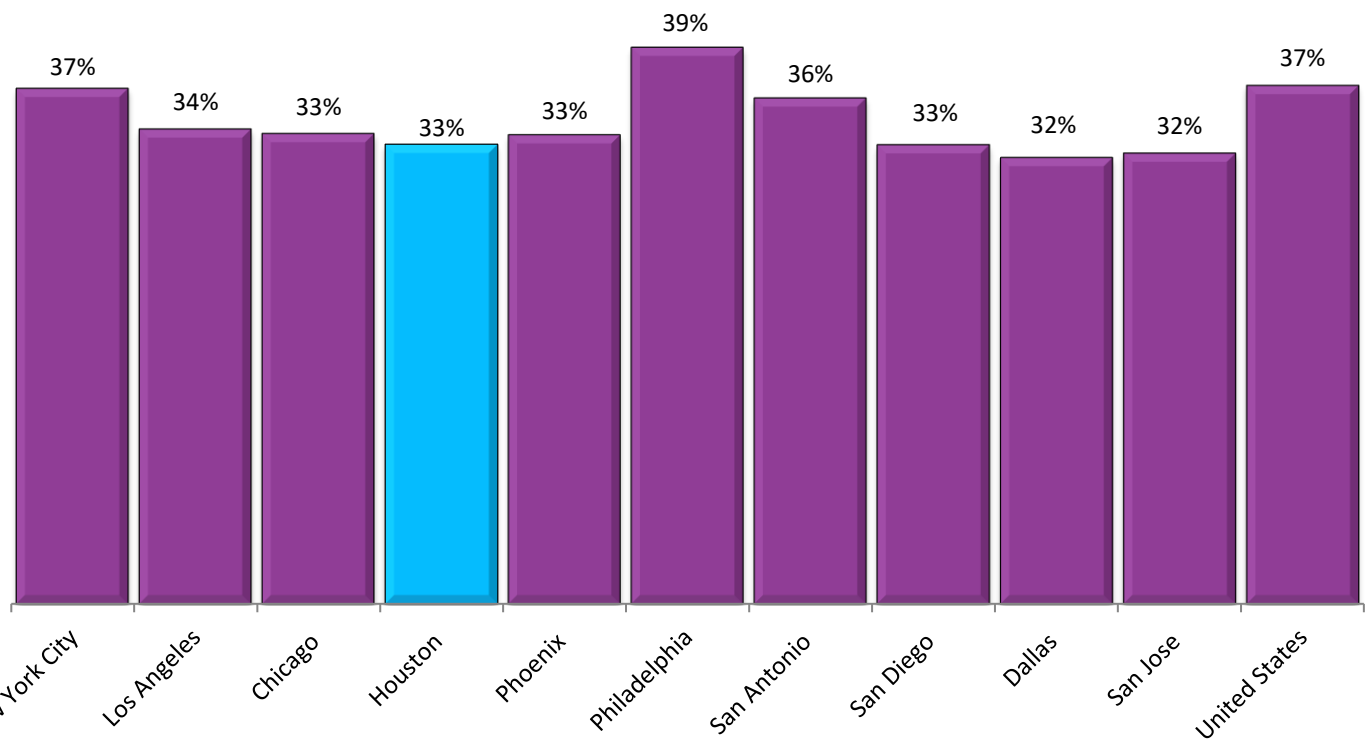
Individuals Below Poverty Level



Families Below Poverty Level

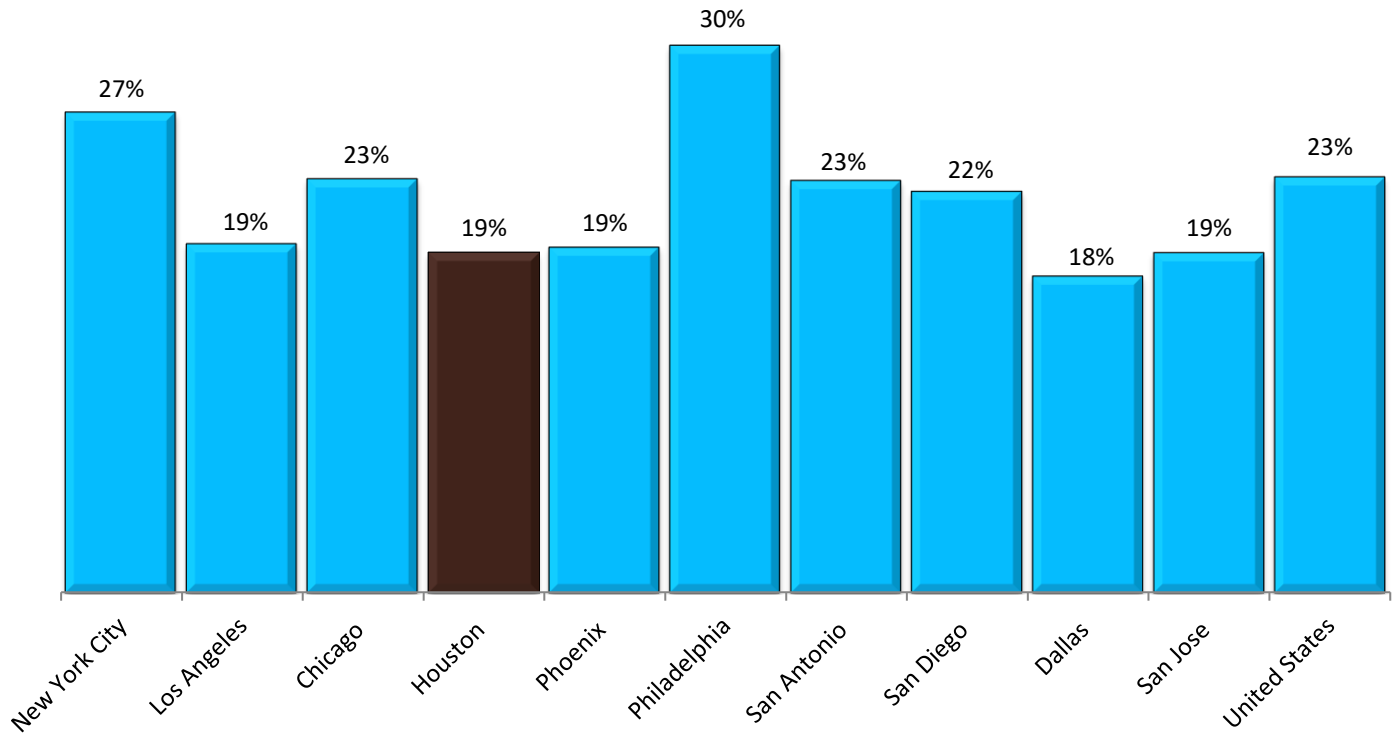


Not in Labor Force

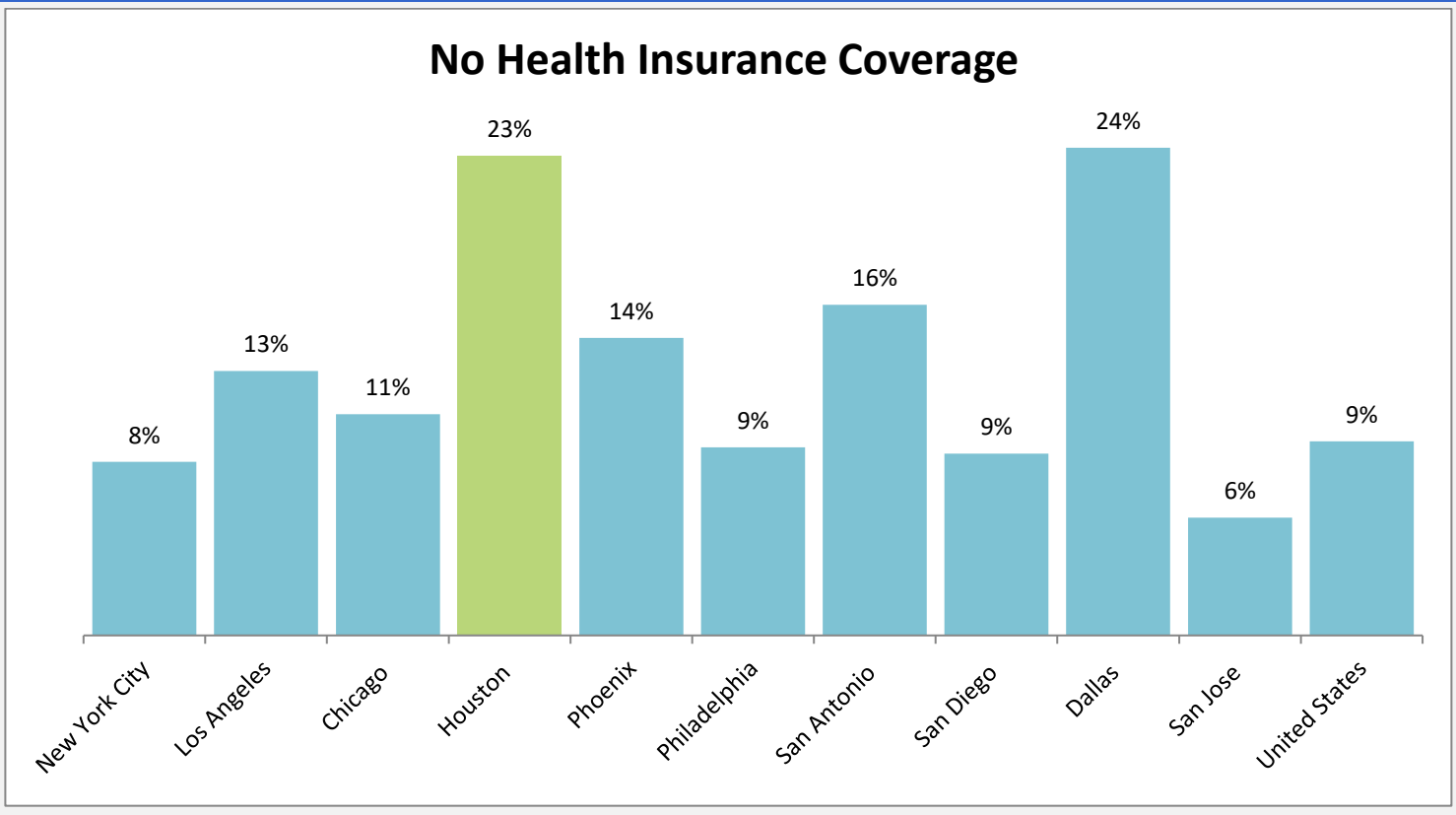


Note: Persons 16 years and over only. "Not in Labor Force" means those not looking for a job.

Employment in Educational, Health & Services



No Health Insurance Coverage



Note: This chart only illustrates civilian, non-institutional population.

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