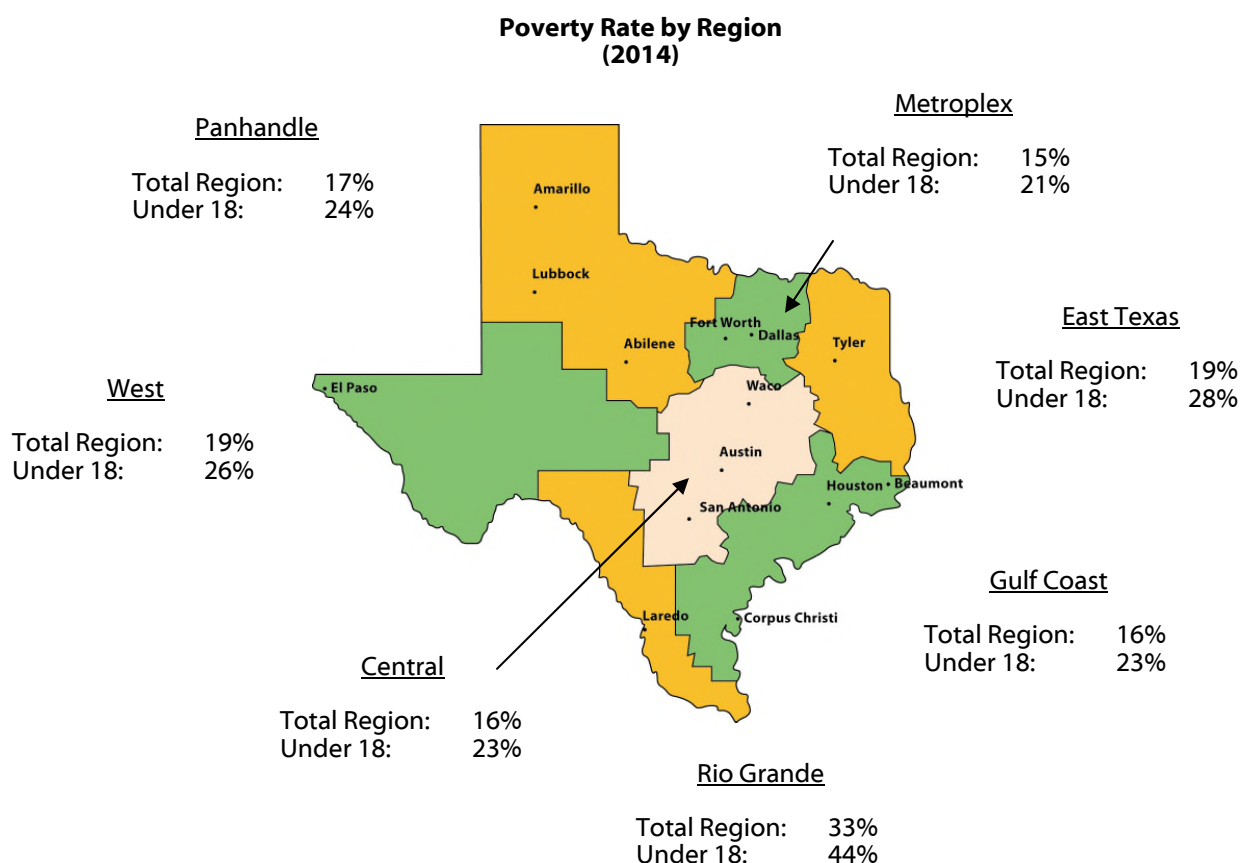


Poverty Rates Are High in the Rio Grande Region



The 2014 poverty rates in Texas were 17 percent overall and 24 percent for children under 18; however these rates vary widely by region. By a large margin, the Rio Grande region has the highest rates of overall and childhood poverty at 33 and 44 percent respectively – at least 14 percentage points higher than the next highest region. The Metroplex region had the lowest rates of poverty at 15 percent overall and 21 percent for those under 18.

In 2014, poverty was defined as having an income of \$24,008 or less for a family of four with two children, or \$12,316 or less for an individual under 65 years old.

Sources: Definition of Poverty: U.S. Census Bureau, "Poverty Thresholds: 2014" (<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/threshld/>); Poverty rates by region: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, "Poverty estimates for the U.S., States, and counties, 2014" (<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/county-level-data-sets/download-data.aspx>).

