

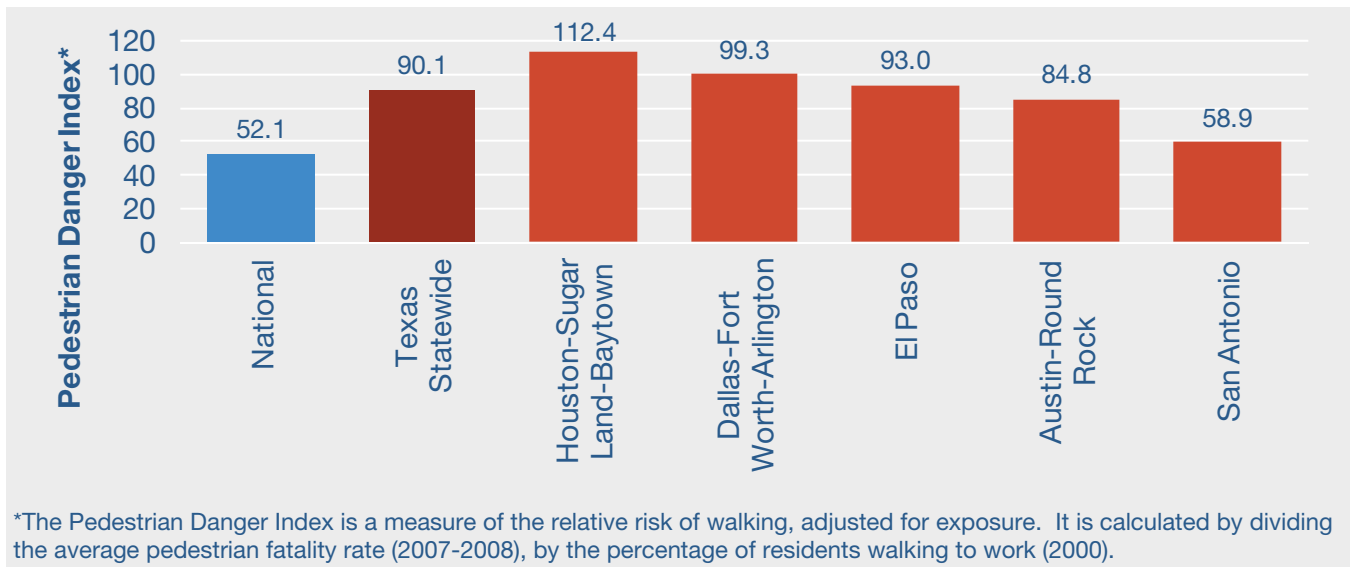
Texas

Walking on streets designed more for speeding cars than for people on foot can be deadly. More than 4,500 Americans died last year while crossing the street, walking to school, going to a bus stop, or strolling to the grocery store. But *not* walking is equally as hazardous. Partly out of traffic safety fears, people are walking less these days, with serious consequences for our weight and health. The CDC reports that two-thirds of Americans are now overweight or obese.

The good news is that communities that choose to change road policies and invest in safer designs see fewer deaths and injuries, even as they make their neighborhoods more livable and invite more people to walk and bicycle. Though growing in number, these places are still the exception rather than the rule.



The Risk of Walking in Selected Texas Metro Areas



Total traffic deaths that were pedestrians

11.8%
US AVERAGE

12.2%
TEXAS

Pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 people

1.53
US AVERAGE

1.71
TEXAS

Texas Metropolitan Areas Ranked by the Danger to Pedestrians

Rank	Metro Area	Population (2008)	Pedestrian Danger Index	Pedestrian Fatalities (2007-2008)	% of Total Traffic Deaths that Were Pedestrians	Avg. Annual Fed. \$ Spent on Bike/Ped per Person
1	Beaumont-Port Arthur	378,255	280.1	28	14.7%	\$0.72
2	Odessa	131,941	250.5	9	16.7%	\$0.07
3	Amarillo	243,838	171.3	11	14.5%	\$0.74
4	Waco	230,213	163.7	17	24.6%	\$2.76
5	Midland	129,494	156.1	4	7.8%	\$6.56
6	Laredo	236,941	154.6	15	29.4%	\$0.00
7	Longview	204,746	147.1	8	5.5%	\$3.54
8	Tyler	201,277	138.0	6	7.4%	\$1.78
9	Sherman-Denison	118,804	114.5	5	7.5%	\$0.00
10	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	5,728,143	112.4	206	17.4%	\$0.73
11	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	6,300,006	99.3	183	15.7%	\$0.60
12	El Paso	742,062	93.0	30	26.5%	\$0.06
13	Lubbock	270,610	92.9	9	14.1%	\$0.17
14	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	726,604	88.6	24	16.4%	\$0.00
15	Austin-Round Rock	1,652,602	84.8	57	15.0%	\$0.16
16	Corpus Christi	415,376	73.2	13	16.5%	\$0.00
17	Brownsville-Harlingen	392,736	65.9	12	16.4%	\$0.39
18	San Antonio	2,031,445	58.9	56	13.5%	\$1.65
19	San Angelo	109,563	45.4	4	16.7%	\$0.00
20	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	378,935	41.4	14	14.9%	\$3.01
21	College Station-Bryan	207,425	40.7	5	5.3%	\$0.72
22	Abilene	159,521	40.5	3	4.2%	\$0.00
23	Victoria	114,313	27.5	1	2.8%	\$0.82
24	Wichita Falls	147,328	25.4	5	8.8%	\$0.00

Federal Funds Spent on Pedestrian Projects in Texas (FY2005-FY2008)

Total Federal
Transportation Funds
Available in Texas

\$9.40
Billion

Portion of Federal
Funds Spent on
Pedestrian Projects

1.0%

Amount Spent per
Person on Pedestrian
Facilities and Safety

\$0.99