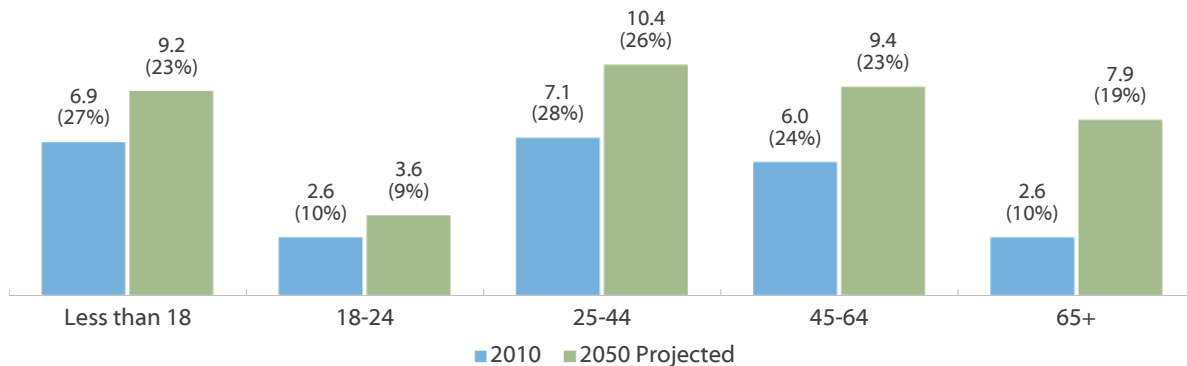
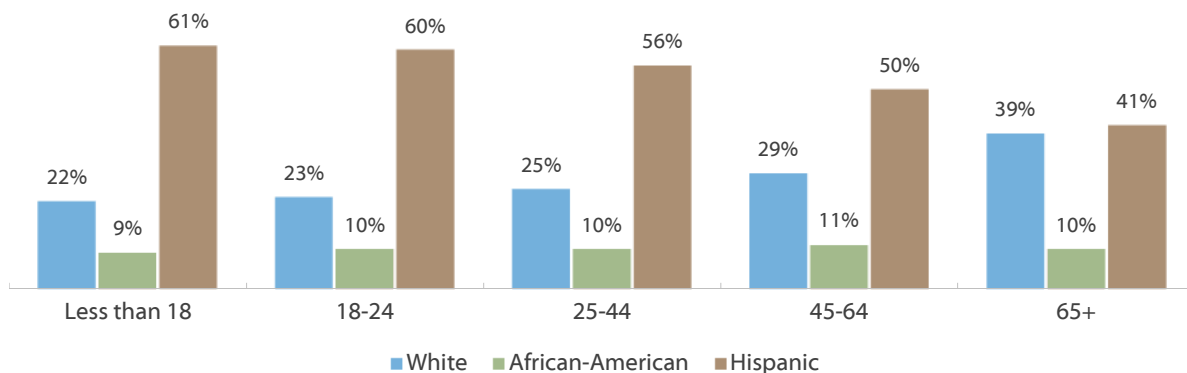


# Texas' Future Depends on the Education of Its Non-White Population

**Texas Population by Age in Millions and Percentage of Total in Each Year: 2010 and 2050 (Projected\*)**



**Projected\* 2050 Population by Age and Ethnicity in Texas**



From 2010 to 2050,\* Texas is expected to add 2.3 million more children under age 18 and one million more adults age 18 to 24 — the traditional college age population. The population age 25 to 64 will grow by almost seven million, while the numbers of those aged 65 and older will swell by more than five million. Despite the increase in the number of children and young adults, people age 24 and younger will actually drop as a percentage of the population, from 38 percent to 32 percent. Meanwhile, people age 65 and older will increase from 10 percent to 19 percent.

As Texas changes from a majority-White to majority-Hispanic state, and experiences an increase in the percentage of the elderly population, a significant difference emerges with respect to population by age. In 2050,\* 61 percent of children, 60 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds, and 56 percent of 25- to 44-year-olds will be Hispanic. By contrast, only 41 percent of those 65 and older will be Hispanic. The African-American population will remain relatively stable, at nine percent to 11 percent of each age group. Increasingly, the future of Texas, including its economic prosperity, as well as the expertise needed to run business, government, and infrastructure, will depend on the education of its non-White populations, which historically have had lower incomes, higher rates of poverty, and lower likelihood of attending and completing college than Whites.

\* Based on the 0.5 scenario, which assumes half the net migration into state as was recorded from 2000 to 2010. The State Demographer suggests that the 0.5 scenario is most appropriate for long-term planning.

Source: Texas State Data Center and Office of the State Demographer, "Texas Population Projections Program: 2014 Population Projections", Population Projections for State of Texas by Age Group (<http://osd.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/Projections/>).

