



# Congregational Conversation #2

Sunday, January 23, 2022

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# Our **5** **Core** **Values**



# First Baptist Church Abilene is a...

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## 1. Welcoming community that values authentic relationships

- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Serving others within our community
- Openness to diversity of people and perspectives
- Affirmation of women in ministry

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## 2. Missional community that values outwardly focused service

- Active response to needs in our community
- Direct involvement in ministry around the world
- Diverse opportunities for personal participation in service
- Sacrificial support of missional projects by the congregation

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## 3. Spiritual community that values intergenerational, lifelong formation

- Growing in Christlikeness through the practices of
  - Bible study and prayer
  - Worship and fellowship
  - Service and stewardship
- Cultivating age-specific discipleship and intergenerational relationships

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## 4. Worshipping community that values depth and reverence in music and word

- Celebration of well-balanced, dynamic music
- Dedication to prayer, scripture, and preaching
- Congregational participation in worship leadership
- Creativity in worship opportunities

# First Baptist Church Abilene is a...



## 5. Traditional community that values heritage, innovation, and progress

- Affirmation of biblical principles and practices
- Significant presence in Abilene
- Creation of innovative ministries to meet community needs
  - GLO, FLC, Ministry of Counseling, City Light Community Ministries, the Hope Center, and others
- Celebration of First Baptist Church traditions





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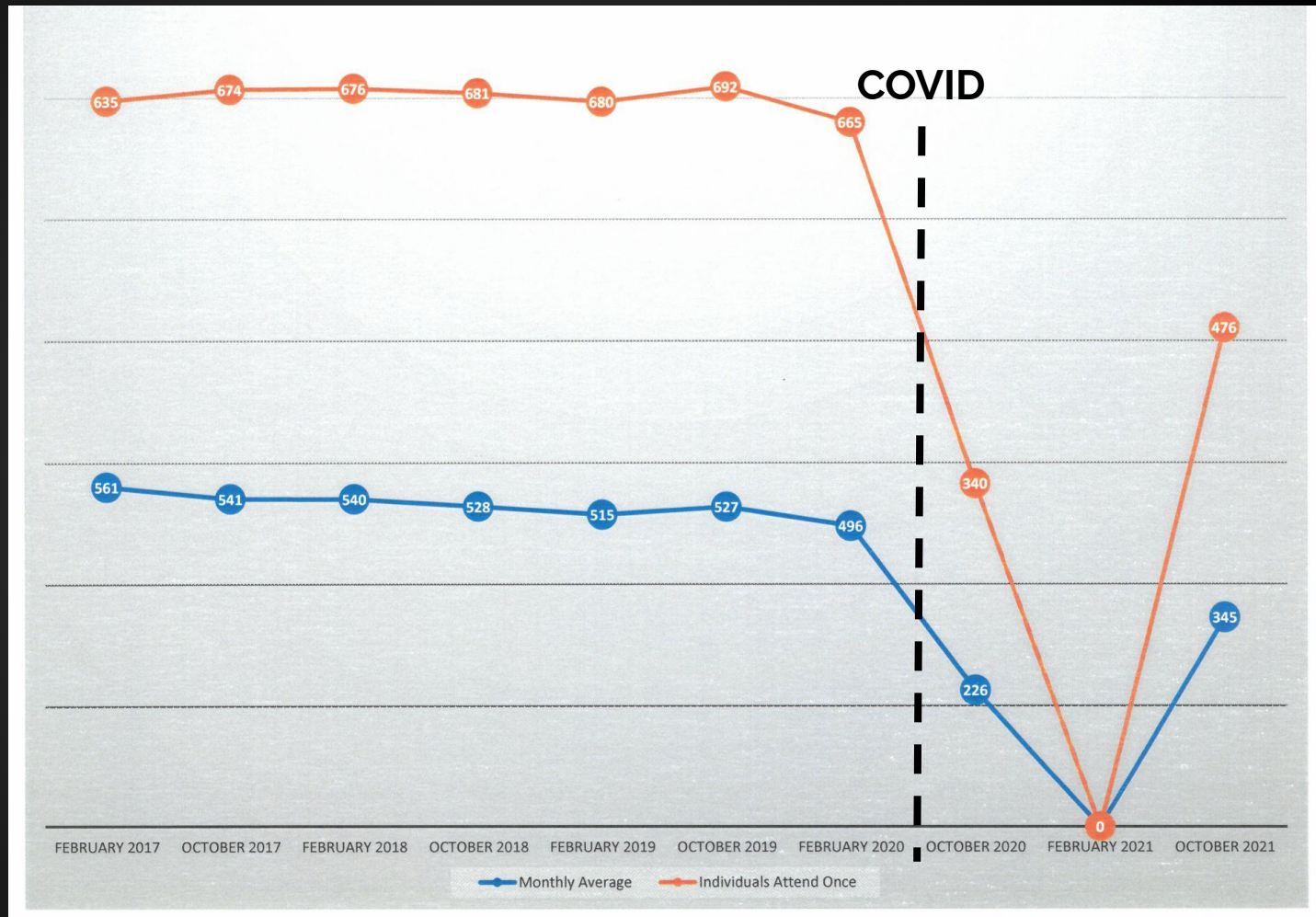
# Ministry Engagement

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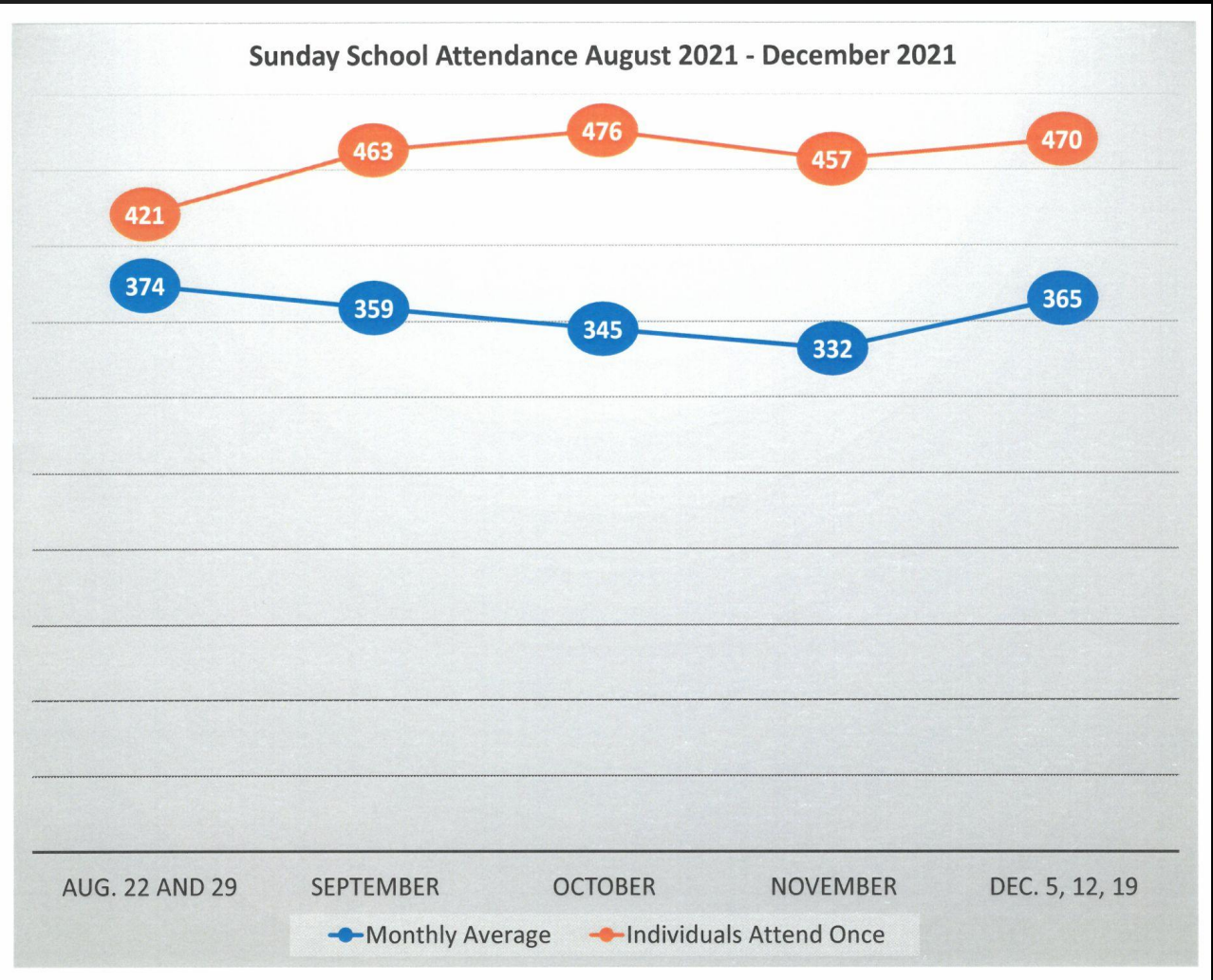
# Average Sunday School Attendance

## October & February 2017-2021

- Blue = Avg. number attending weekly by month
- Orange = Number attending at least once a month



# Average Sunday School Attendance August 2021 - December 2021



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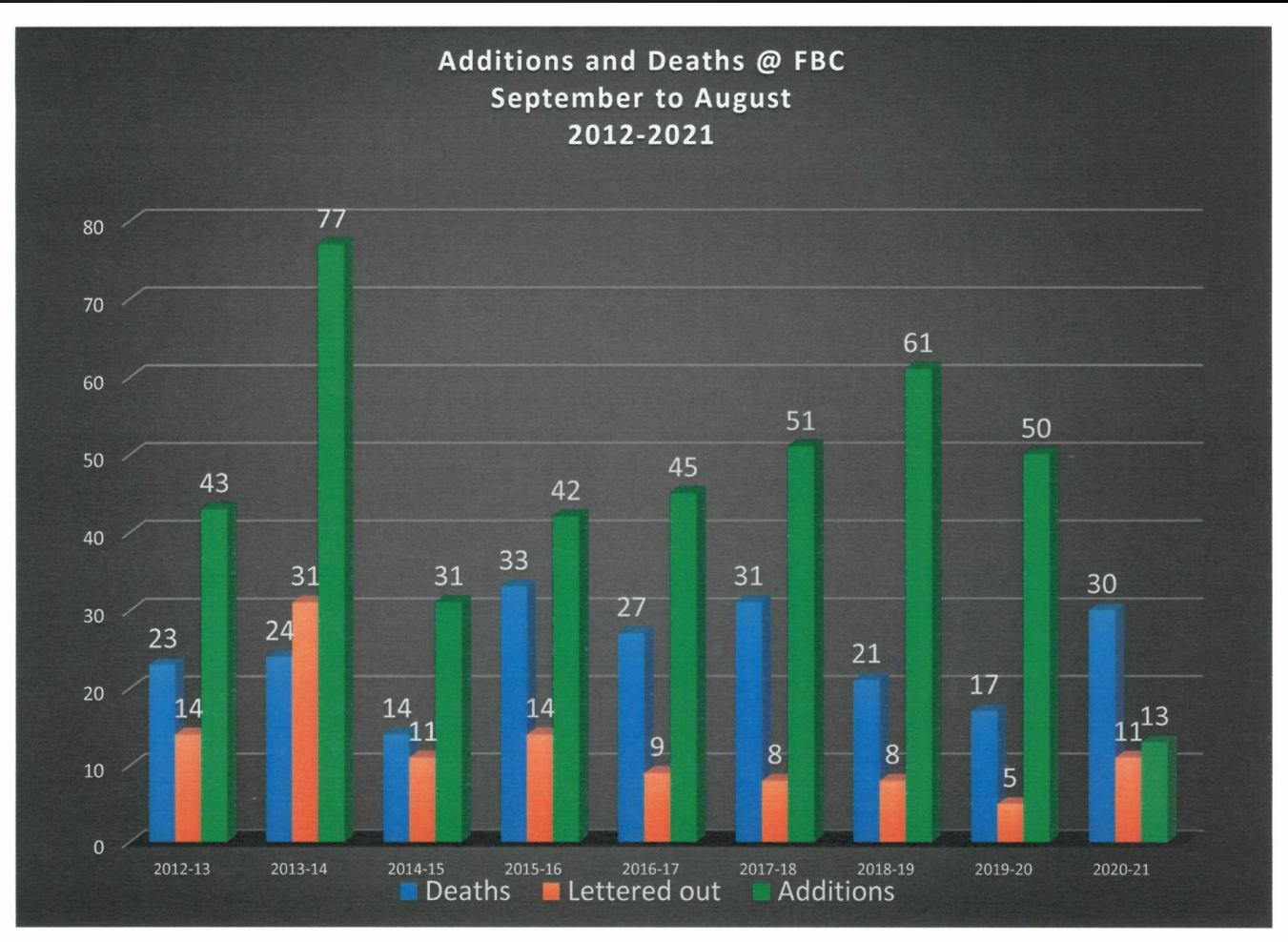
# Changes in Church Membership

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## Deaths, Lettered Out & Additions

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### 2012-2021



## Media Outreach

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## Monthly Average

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

Television (CW)	8,542 viewers
Boxcast Streaming	1,675 unique viewers
Facebook	2,595 unique viewers
YouTube	21 unique viewers
<b>Total Viewers</b>	<b>12,833 monthly</b>

### Social Media (Monthly)

Website	1,500-1,600 visitors (with 950 1st time visitors)
FaceBook	11,248 page hits (main page)
Instagram	309 page hits (main page)

**Externally-Focused Ministries in Abilene**

**2021**

**Ministry of Counseling**

5,891 Counseling Hours  
in 2021

219 New Families

**GLO Daycare**

55 Families Served  
80 Children Taught  
Daily (average)

**Others  
Using  
Facilities:  
9,885 in 2021  
(estimate)**

**Family Life Center**

700 People Served Each  
Week (average)

38 Outside Groups Using  
FLC in 2021

**City Light**

600 People Served Each  
Week (average)

68,779 Meals Served in  
2021

# Number Serving in Select Lay Leadership Positions

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Monthly  
2021

On a monthly basis FBC people serve in many lay leadership positions, including the following:

- 60     Serve as Deacons
- 64     Serve in Sunday School Leadership
- 75     Serve in Choir and Orchestra
- 116    Serve on Committees
- 41     Serve as ushers
- 55     Serve in Wednesday Leadership
- 25     Serve in the TV Ministry



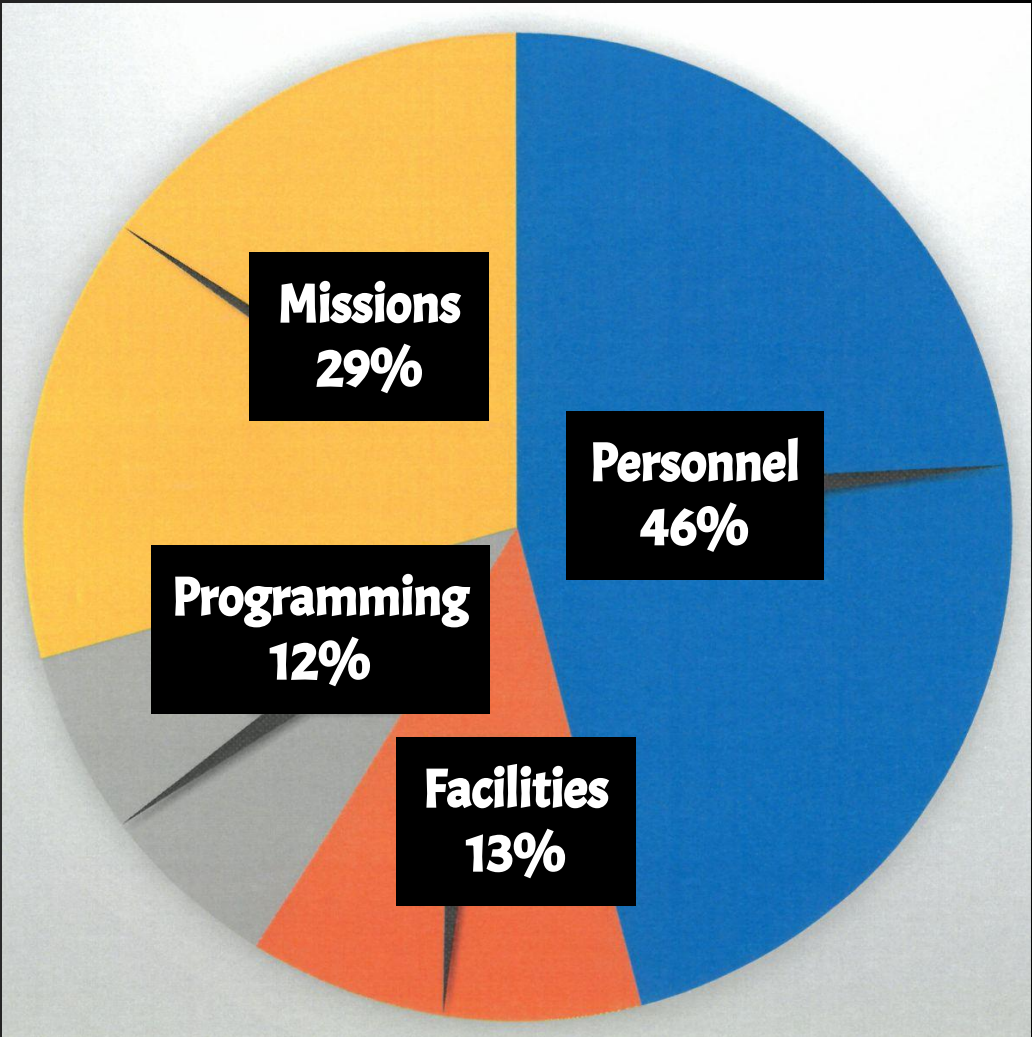
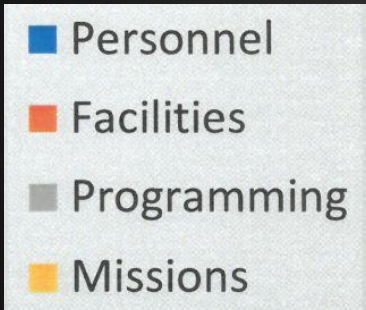
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# Budget

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# Church Budget by Category

2021

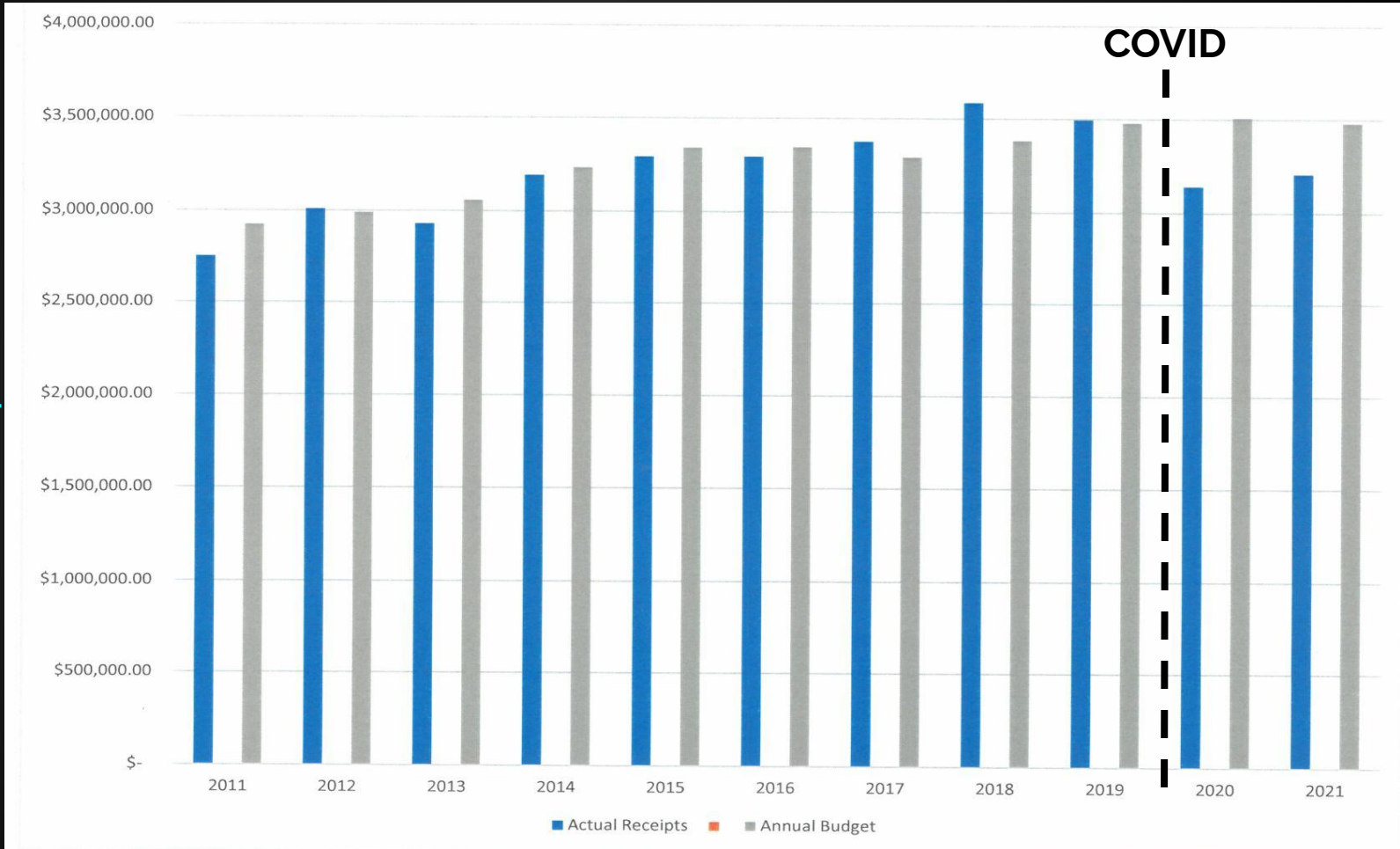


**Note that in the Missions category:**

- 39% to FLC, GLO, Counseling & City Light
- 22% to other FBC-based missions
- 20% goes beyond FBC/Abilene

# Budget and Actual Giving

2011-2021

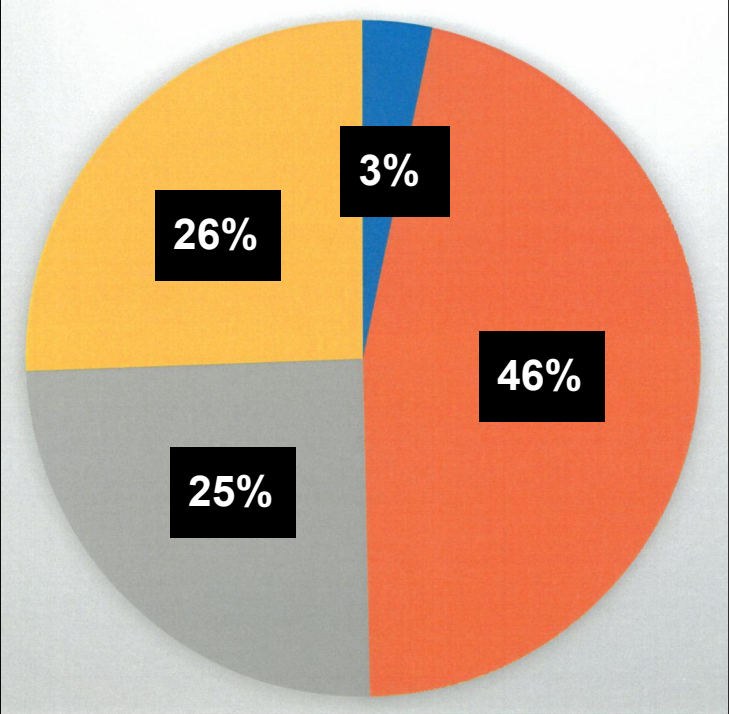


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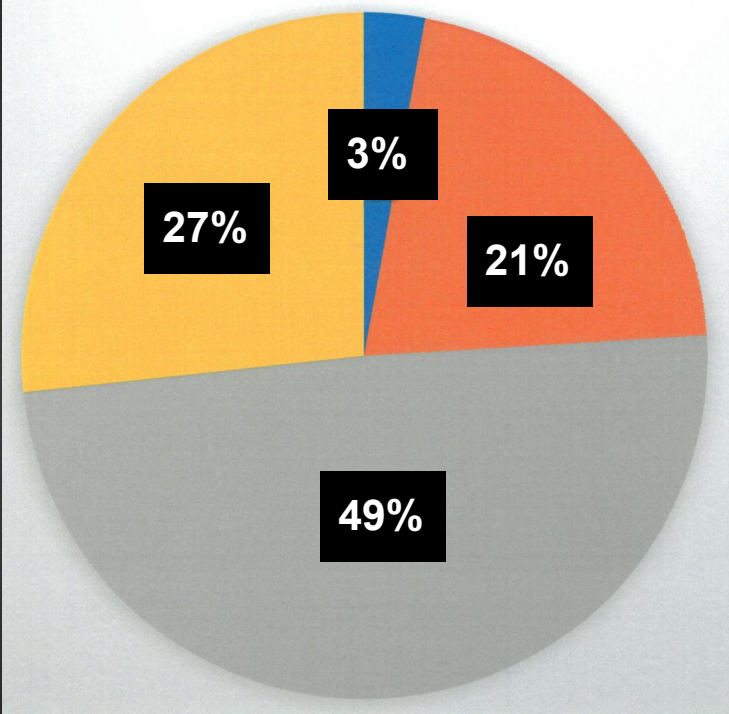
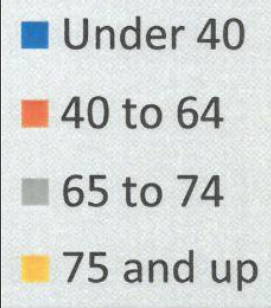
# Giving

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# Member Giving by Age



**Avg. of 2012-2020**



**2021**

**Table Discussion:**

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## **Question #1**

**What stands out to you  
about what you just saw?  
Why?**



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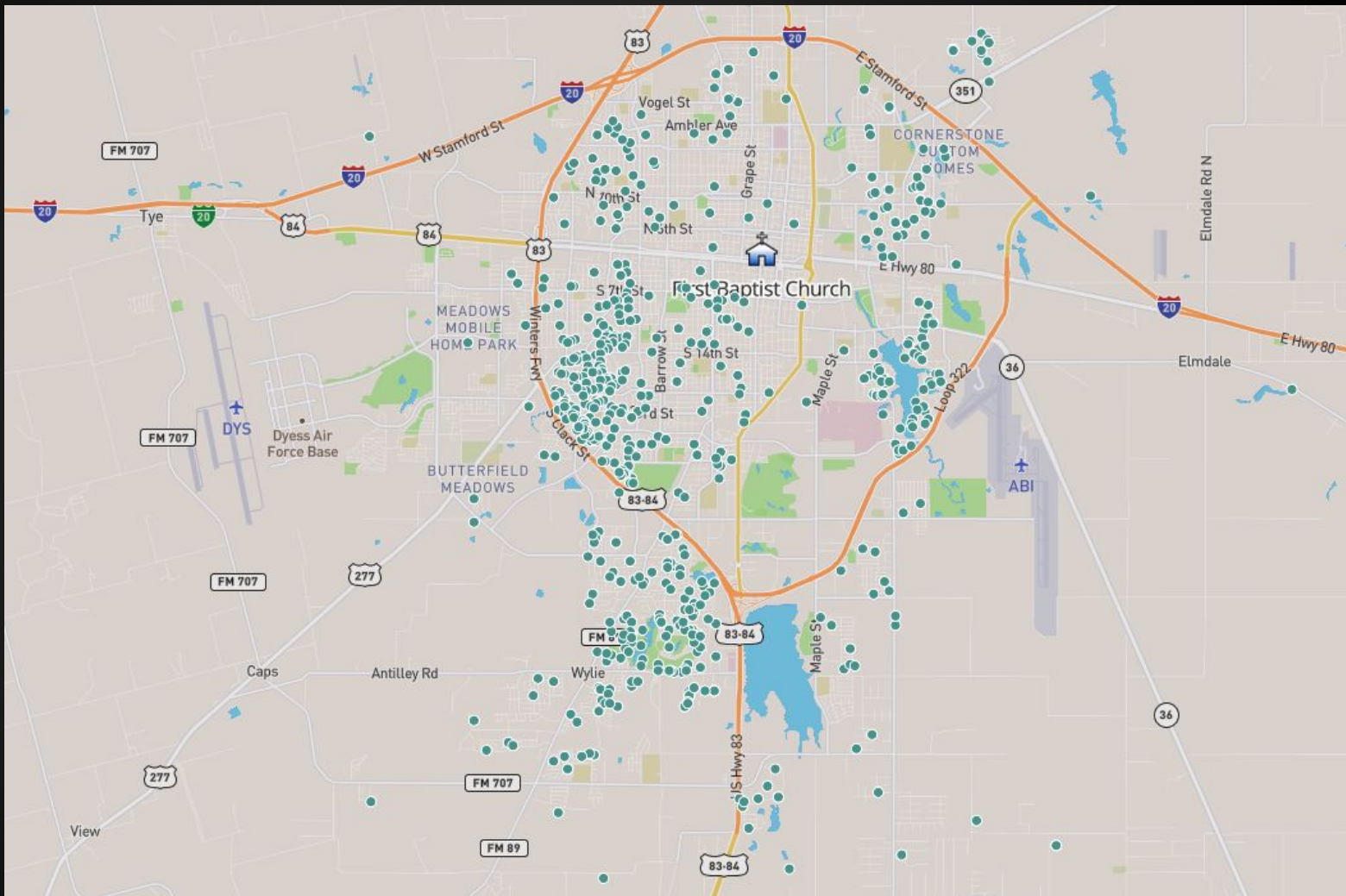
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# Location

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# Where Members Live

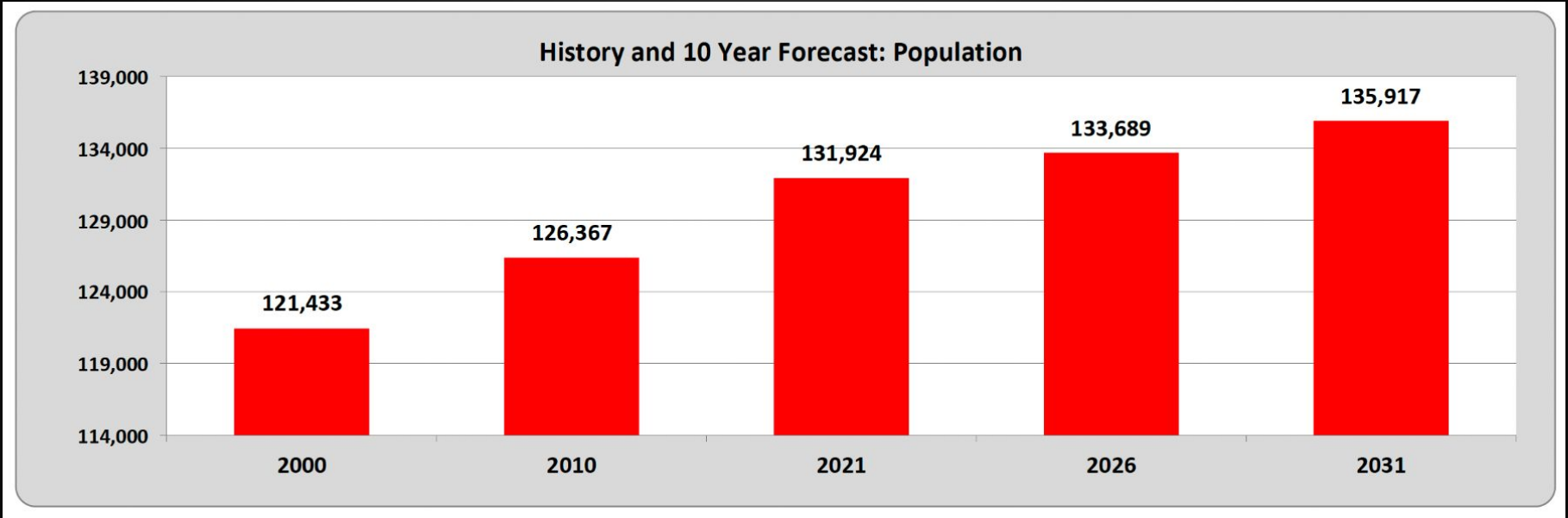


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# Abilene Demographics

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# Abilene Area Population

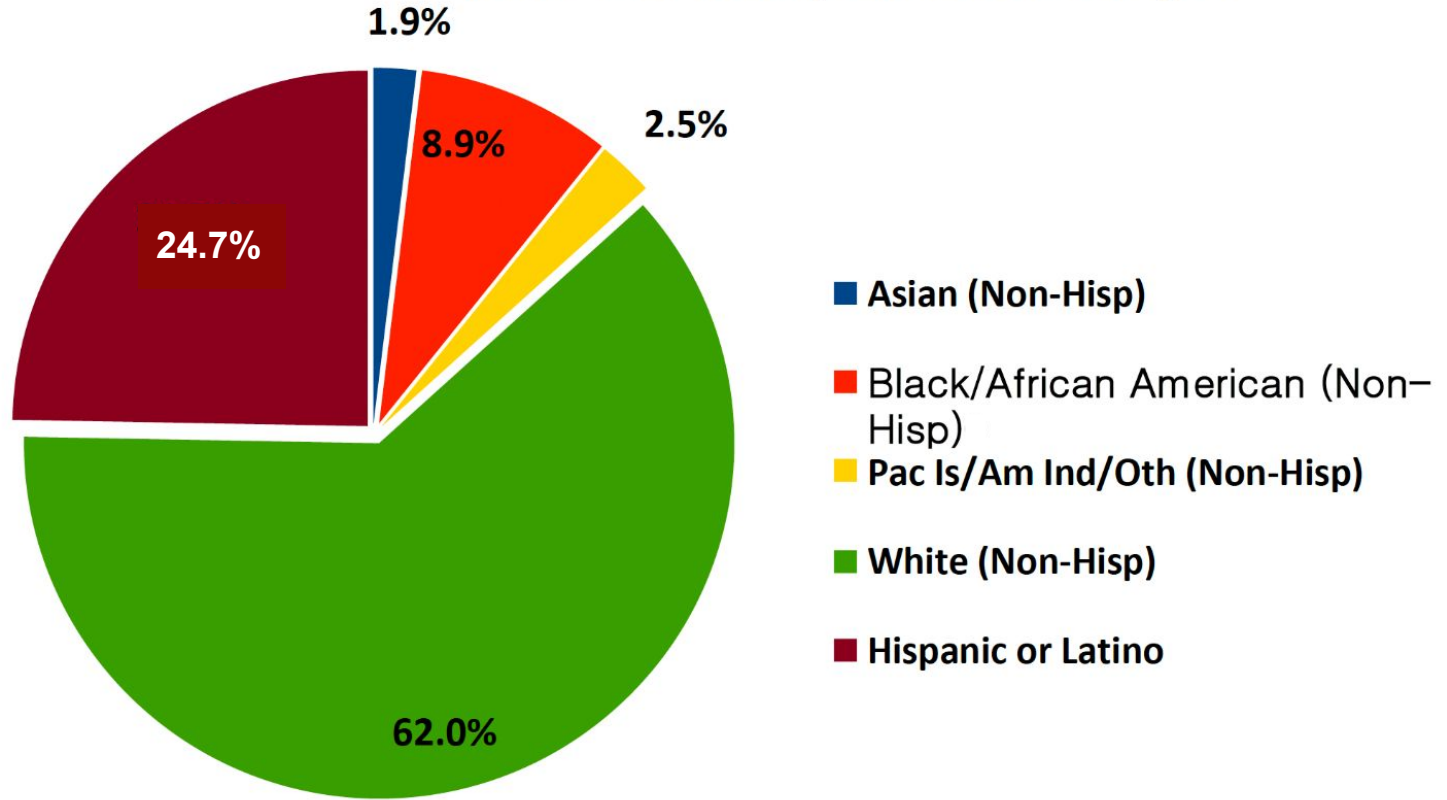


**Note:** Anticipate a moderate increase in number of school-aged children in next 10 years

# Abilene Ethnicity

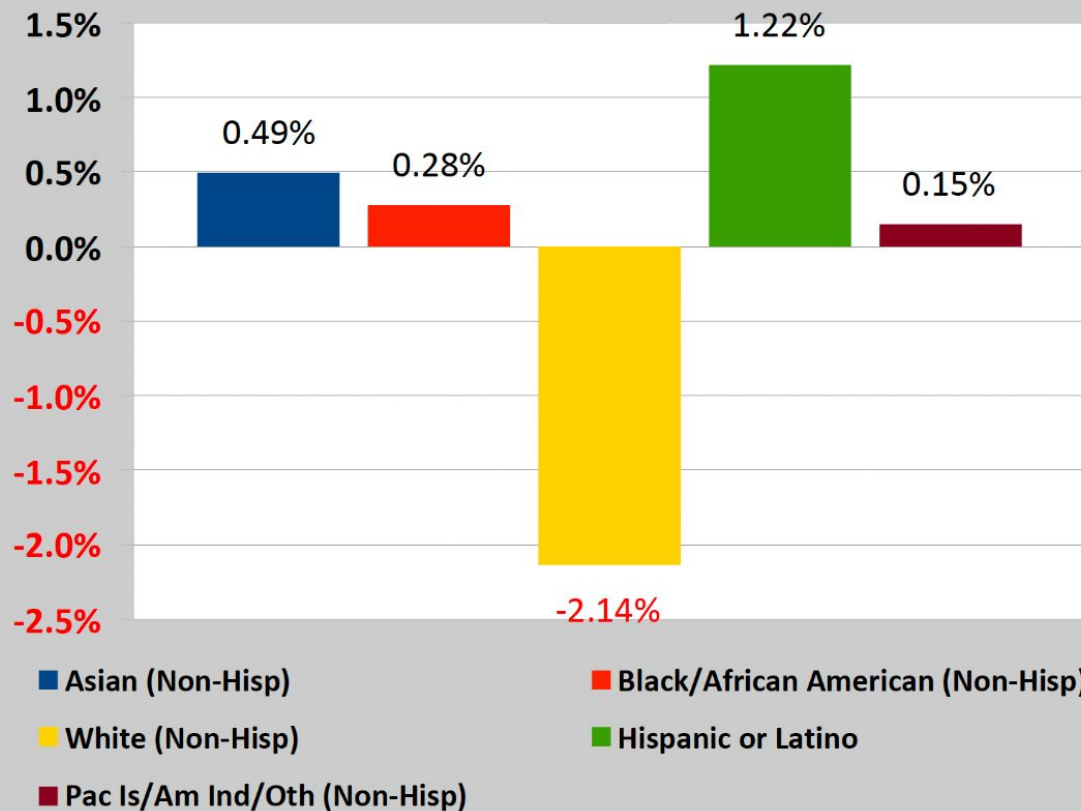
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Current Year Racial/Ethnic Percentages

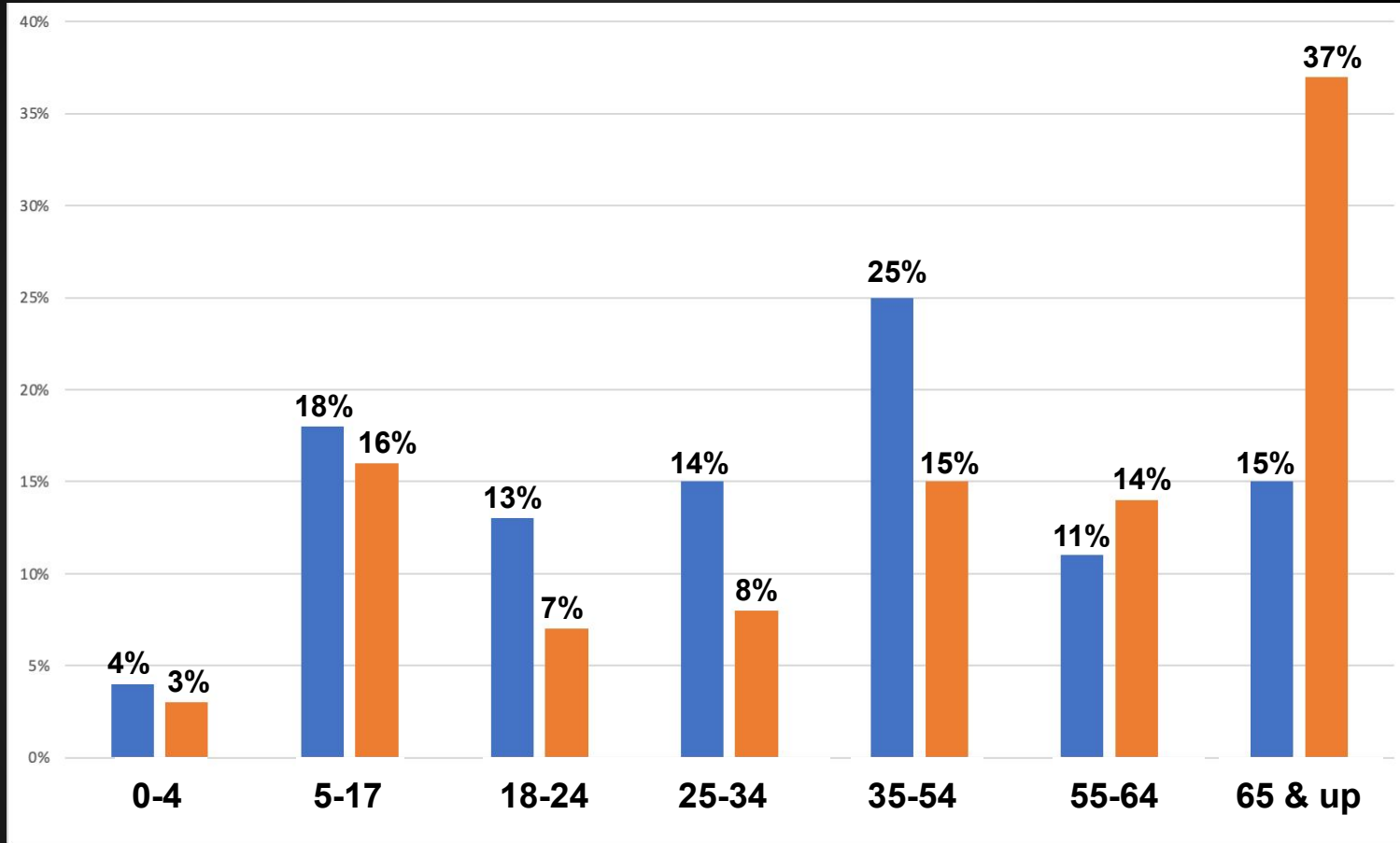


# Projected Change in Abilene Ethnicity

2010-2026



# Age Brackets for Abilene & FBC



■ Abilene ■ FBC

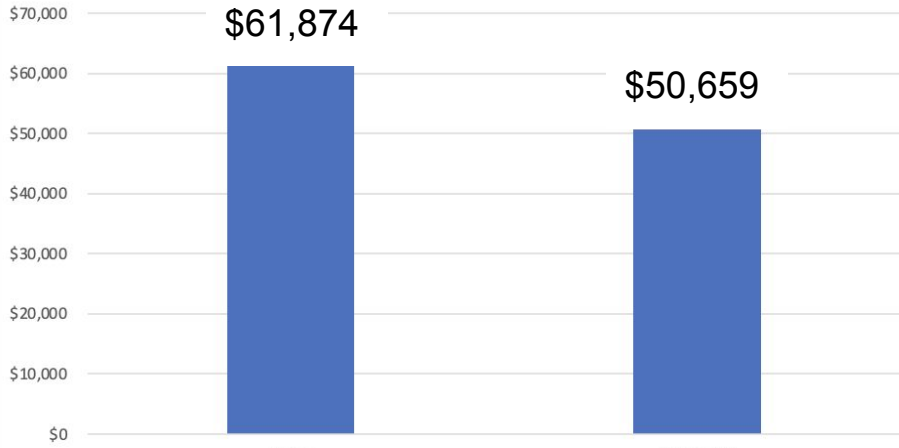
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# **Income & Poverty**

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# Household Economic Status (2019)

Median Household Income (2019)

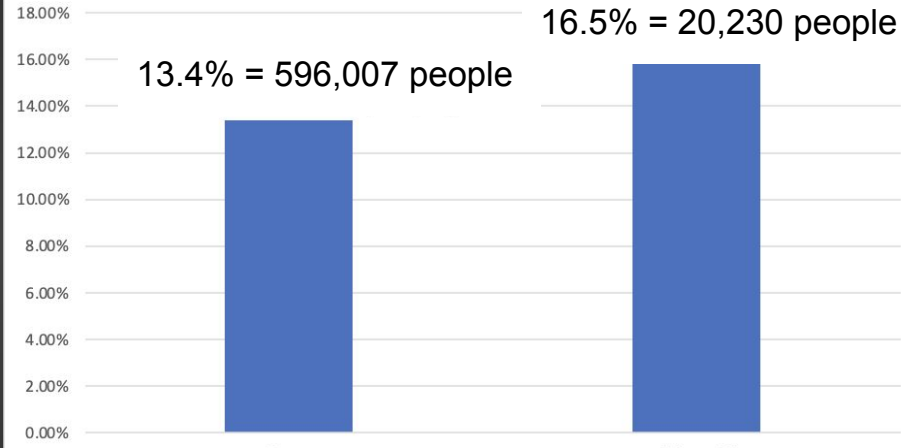


Texas

Abilene

Household Income

Persons Living in Poverty (2019 dollars)



Texas

Abilene

Poverty Level

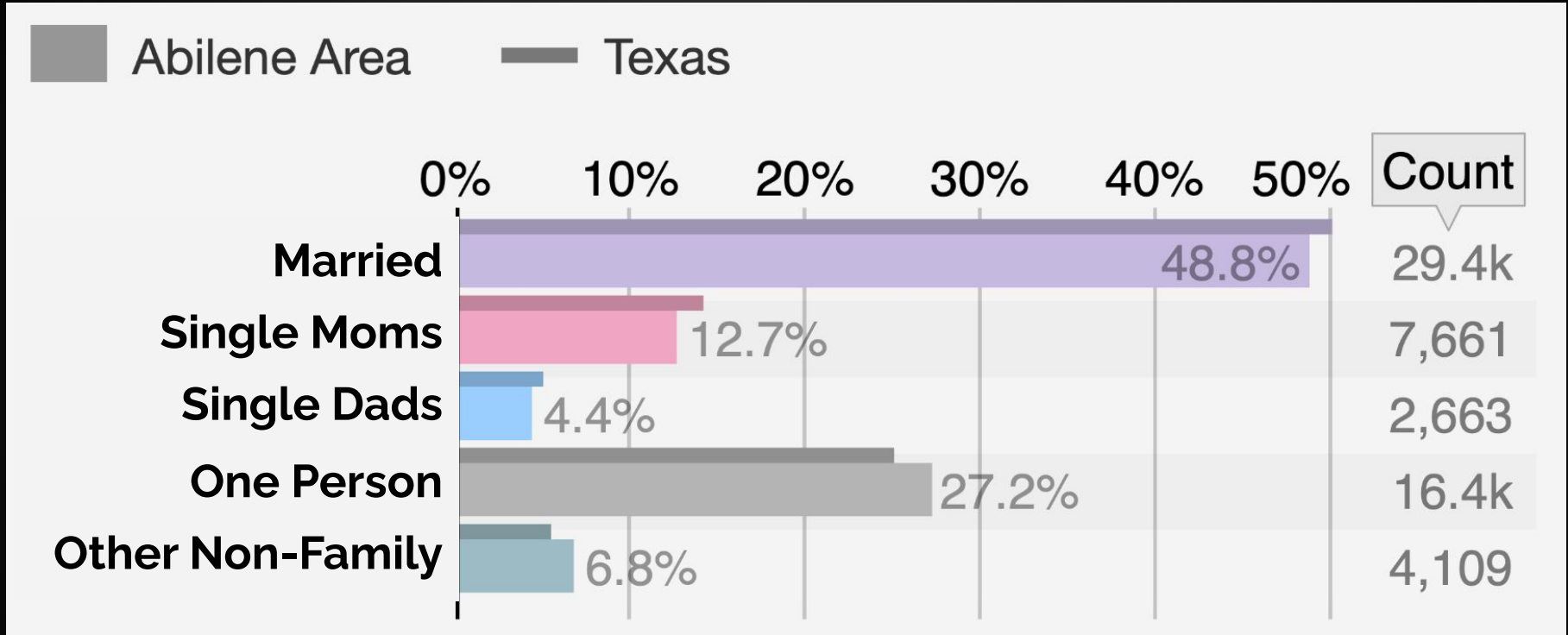


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# Households & Families

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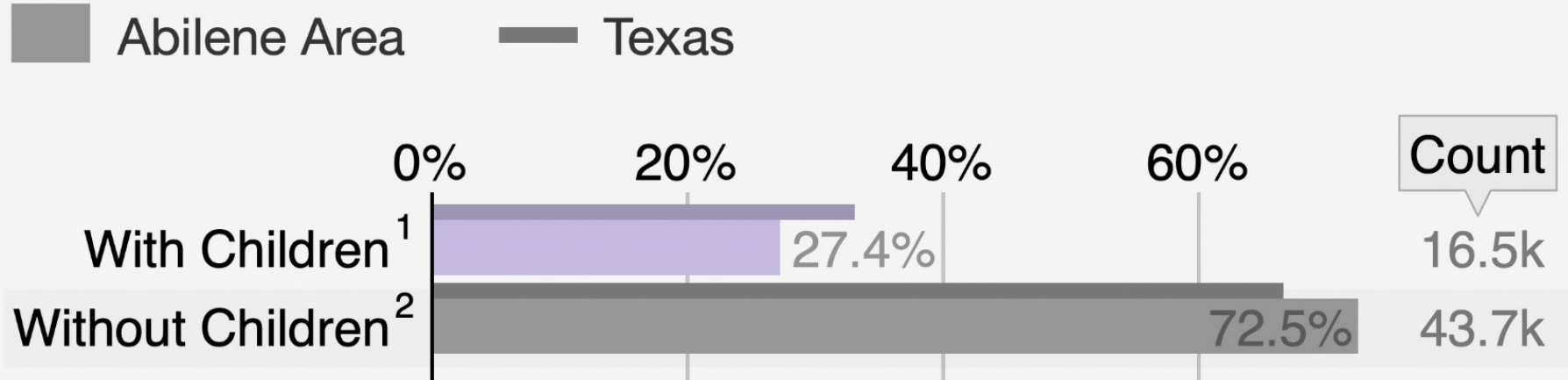
# Abilene Area Types of Households



**Note:** Over 10 year period expect 2.5% increase in single mother families and 1-1.5% decrease in two parent and single father families.

# Abilene Area Families with Children

Scope: households in Texas and the Abilene Area



<sup>1</sup> with own children under the age of 18 in the household

<sup>2</sup> without own children under the age of 18 in the household

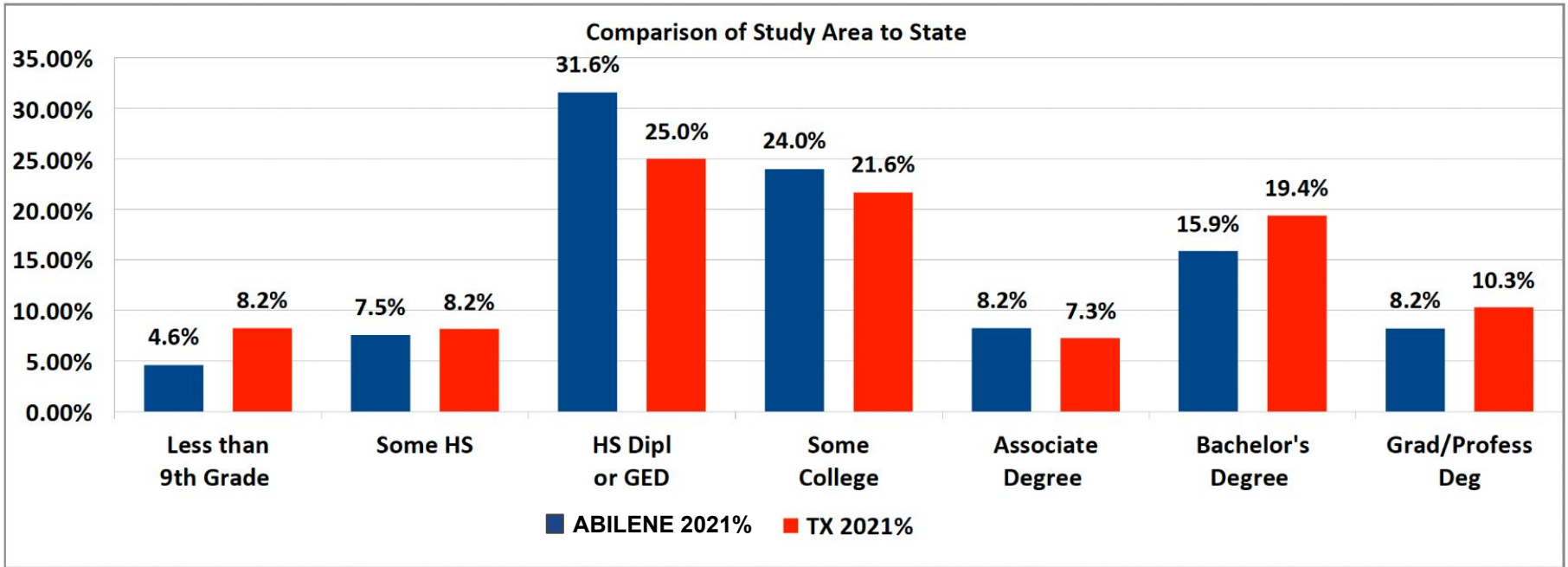
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# Education Level & Work Classification

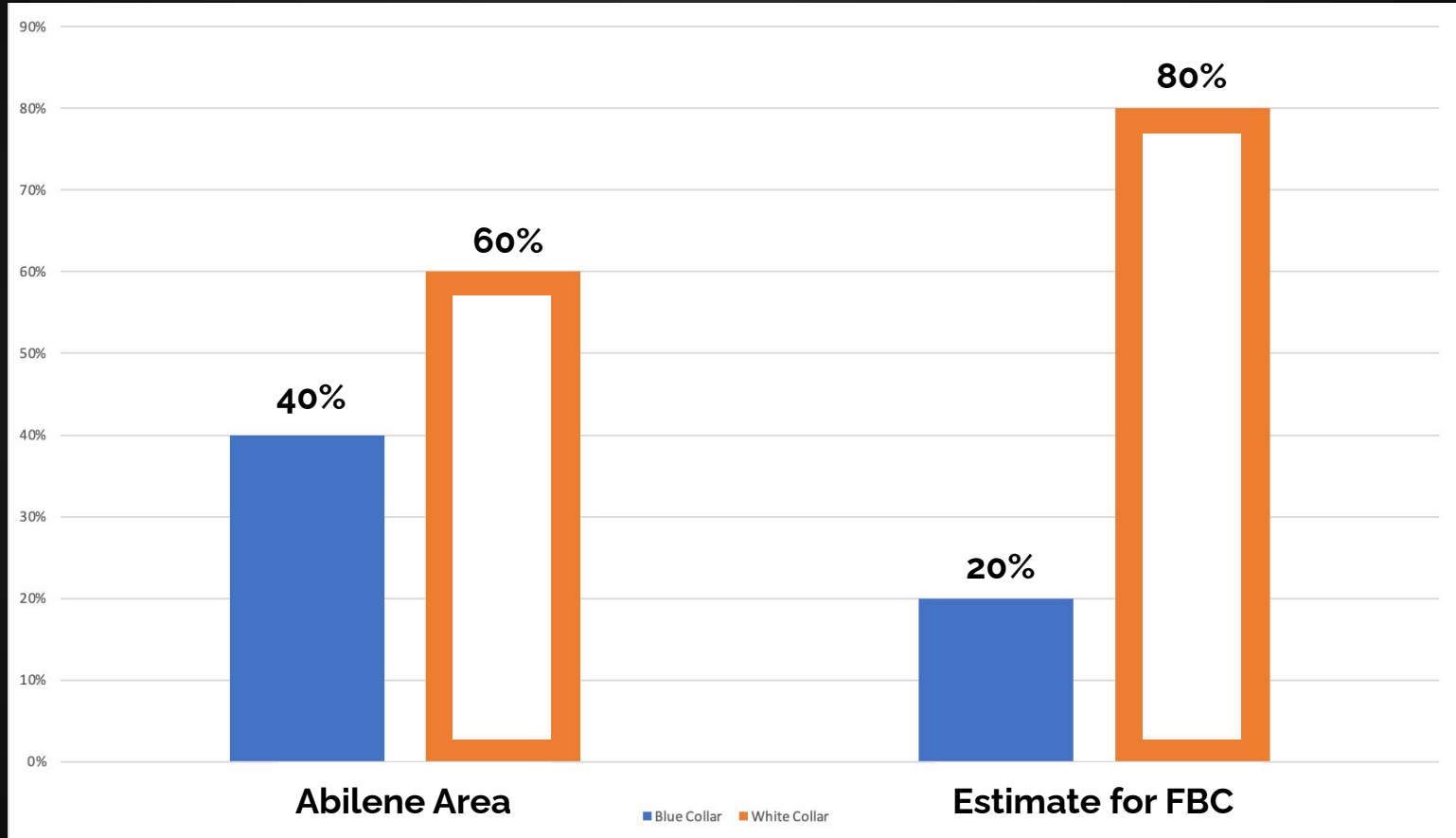
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# Adult Educational Level of Abilene Area

## EDUCATIONAL LEVEL COMPARED TO THE STATE



# Blue Collar and White Collar Employees



**Table Discussion:**

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## **Question #2**

**What stands out to you  
about what you just saw?  
Why?**

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**Final Congregational  
Conversation**

**Sunday, February 27**



# Table Facilitators:

Please give your sheets to  
Bob Ellis before leaving.

**Thank you for coming!**

# Sources of Information

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**Slides 4-8:** Committee summary of information from 1st  
Congregational Conversation

**Slides 11-16, 18-19, 21, 30 (FBC stats), 38 (FBC stats):** from FBC  
databases

**Slides 25, 27-29, 30 (Abilene stats), 37, 38 (Abilene stats):** from  
MinistryInsite

**Slide 32:** from census.gov

**Slides 34-35:** from statisticalatlas.com