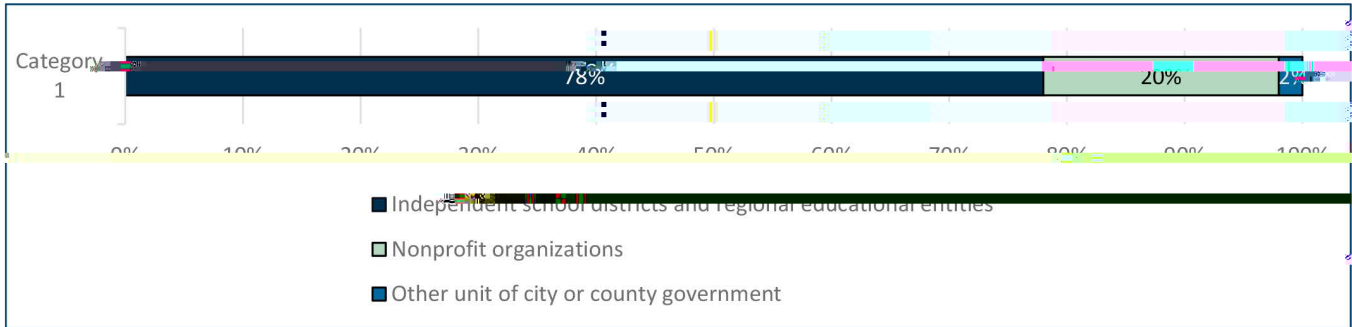

This report provides a first look at Cycle 11 program operations and program participants in the Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (Texas ACE) program. The report uses preliminary data from the 2021–22 fall term from the Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Student Tracking System (TX21st), demographic data from the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), and prior-year (2020–21) outcome data from PEIMS and the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) and end-of-course (EOC) exams.¹² The purpose of the analysis was to describe the characteristics of the 21st CCLC program including program operations and participation. Overall, data analysis included information on 351 centers and 46 grantees in Cycle 11 for fall 2021. A total of 36,715 students participated in more than 3.1 million hours of programming across different activity types and subject areas.



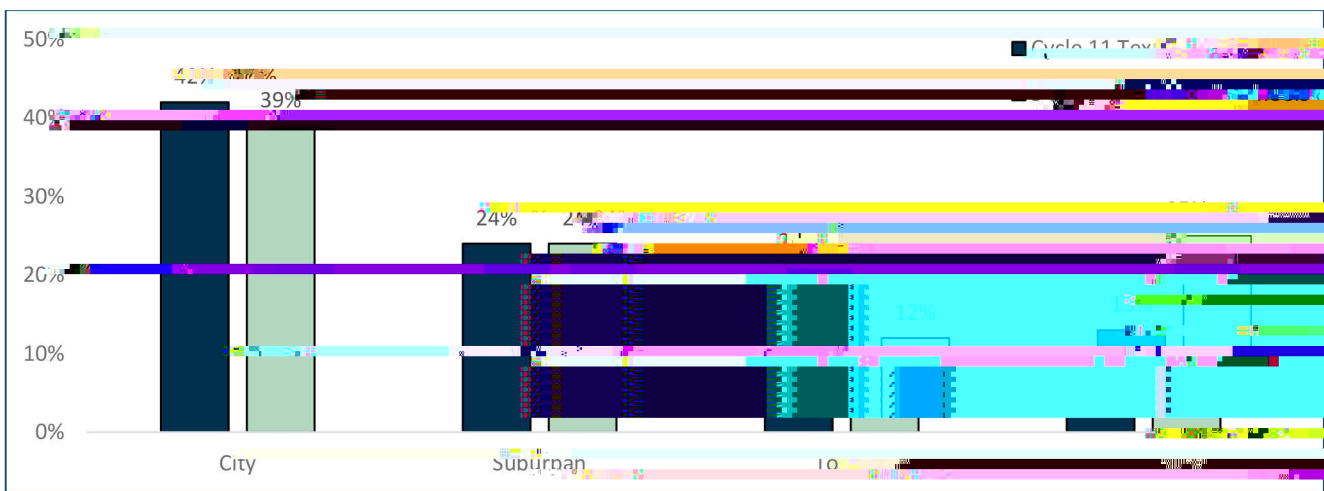
Most Cycle 11 Texas ACE grantees (78%) are independent school districts or regional education service centers. Twenty percent of grantees are nonprofit organizations and just 2% of grantees are other units of city or county government (Figure 1).

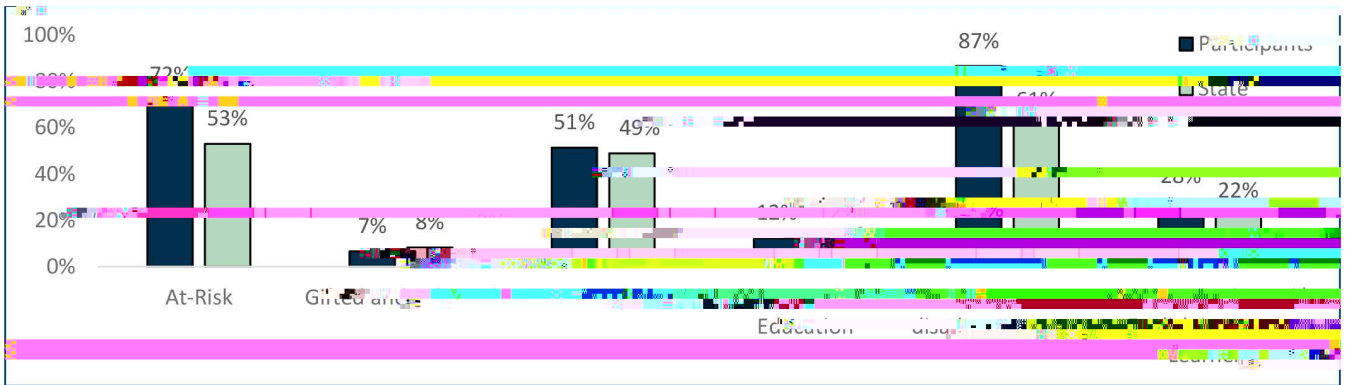
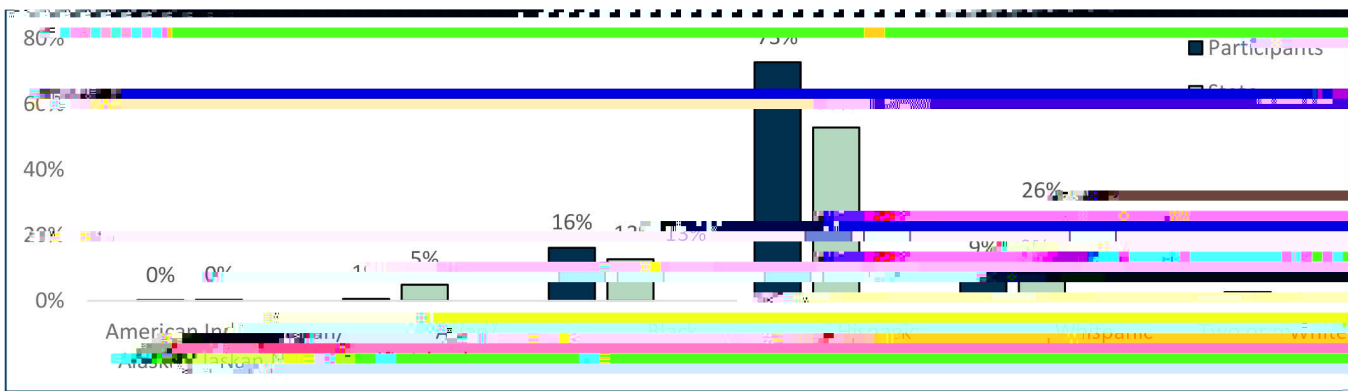
Education service center (ESC)³ Region 1 in Edinburg (20%), Region 4 in Houston (20%), and Region 20 in San Antonio (12%) accounted for the largest percentages of Cycle 11 Texas ACE centers in the state—52% of the funded centers. The Dallas Metroplex area had the next largest number of Texas ACE centers in the state with Region 10 in Dallas and Region 11 in Fort Worth each accounting for 8% of the Cycle 11 programs in the state. When compared to the distribution of campuses across the regions of the state, a larger proportion of Texas ACE centers were in Region 1 in the

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Cycle 11 Texas ACE centers. The Texas ACE center distribution was similar to the grant application distribution across regions for the Cycle 11 program.

Most Cycle 11 Texas ACE centers are in cities (42%), while 24% are in suburban areas and 21% are in towns. At 13%, rural jurisdictions make up the smallest percentage of Texas ACE centers in Cycle 11. Rural jurisdictions are underrepresented among Cycle 11 Texas ACE centers (13% vs. 25% statewide) while towns are overrepresented (21% vs. 12% statewide). The percentage of centers in cities closely approximates the percentage of campuses in Texas that are in cities, and the percentage of centers in the





As Figure 4 shows, most students participating in

