## Cactus Is Prickly and Some Jurors Can be Too

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The panel explored juror demographic information including differences in demographics for those likely to report for jury trials, juror attitudes, particularly considering Post-Covid and its impact on the jury system. Discussions addressed election year impacts on juror thinking; different approaches to jury selection; and differences in demographics for those likely to report for jury trials.

The presentation included juror and case data and also observations from the trenches from each of the panelists.

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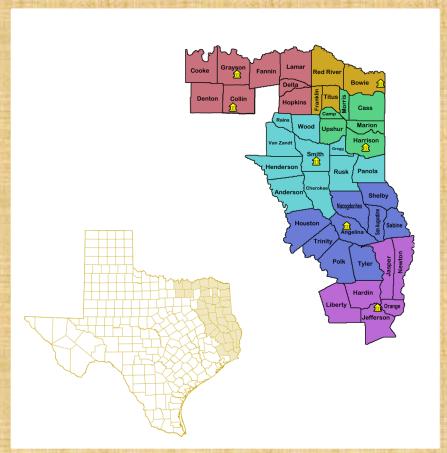


## Demographic Comparison of Eastern District of Texas Federal Courts

October 2023



## **6 Divisions of Eastern District of Texas**



## **Beaumont**

- Liberty
- > Hardin
- > Jefferson
- Orange
- Jasper
- Newton

## **Tyler**

- > Rains
- > Wood
- > Van Zandt
- > Henderson
- > Smith
- ➢ Gregg
- > Anderson
- > Cherokee
- > Rusk
- > Panola

#### Lufkin

- > Houston
- > Trinity
- > Polk
- > Tyler
- Angelina
- Nacogdoches
- Shelby
- Sabine
- San Augustine

## Marshall

- > Cass
- > Morris
- > Camp
- Upshur
- > Marion
- > Harrison

## Sherman

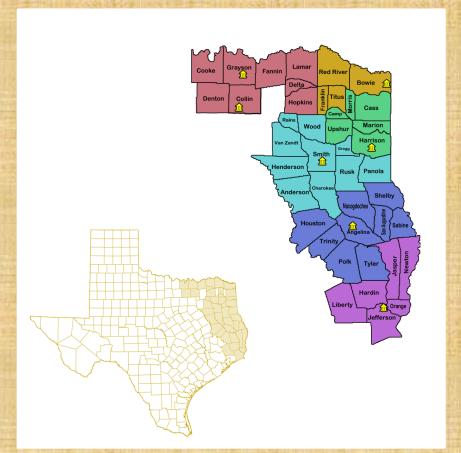
- Cooke
- > Denton
- > Collin
- Grayson
- > Fannin
- > Lamar
- Delta
- > Hopkins

## **Texarkana**

- > Franklin
- Bowie
- > Titus
- > Red River



## **Population of EDTX Divisions**



Beaumont - 540,103

**Lufkin** - 303,107

Marshall - 175,341

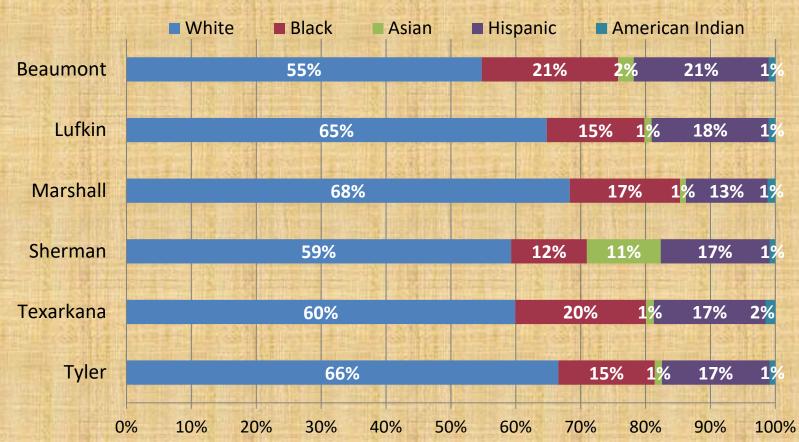
Sherman - 2,361,959

Texarkana - 145,403

Tyler - 749,630

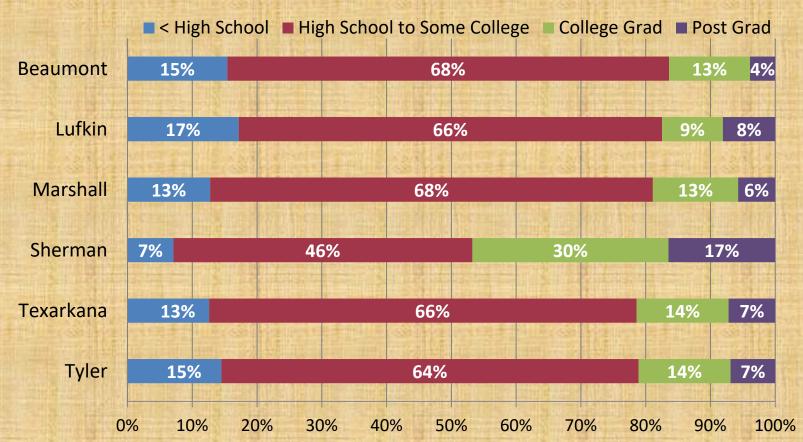


## **Ethnicity**





## **Level of Education**



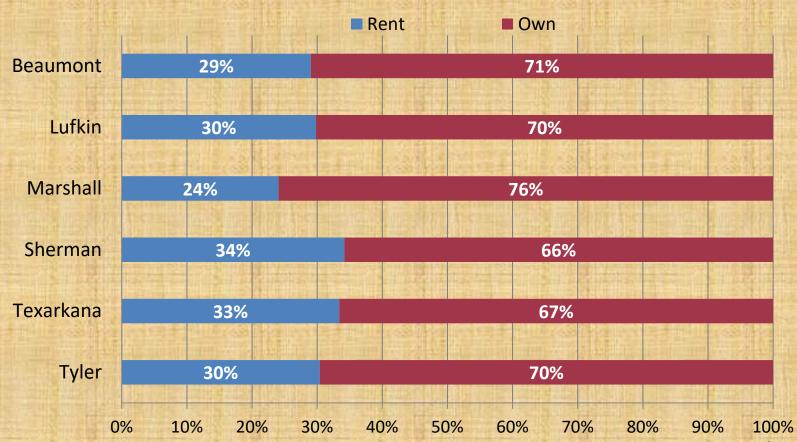


## **Median Household Income**

## **Per Capita Income**



## **Home Ownership**





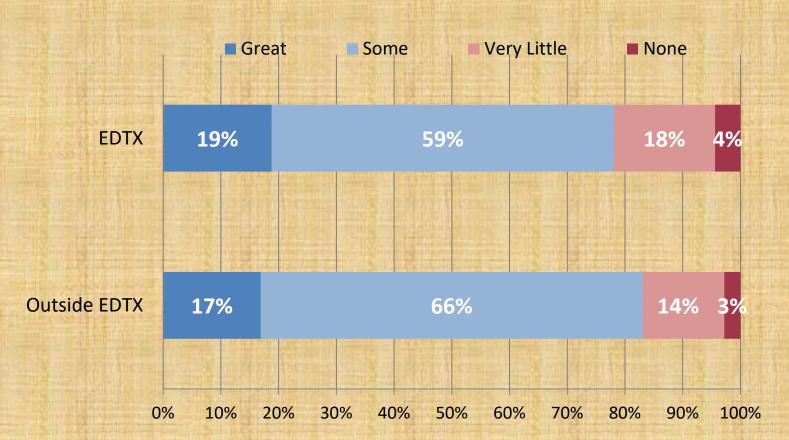
## **Juror Opinions**

# EDTX Compared to Venues Outside of EDTX

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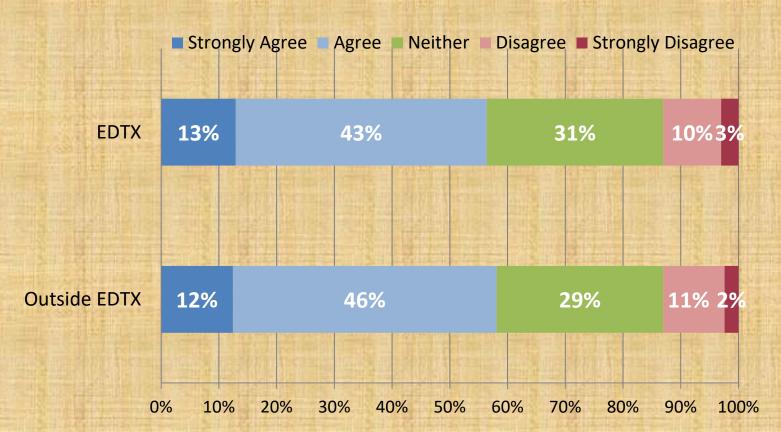


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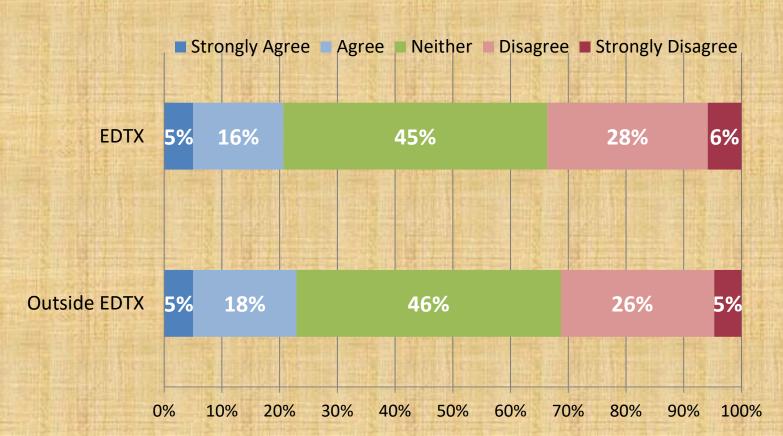


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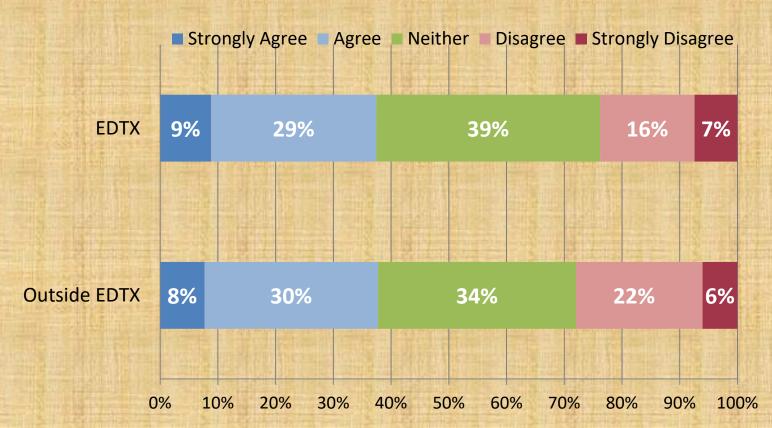


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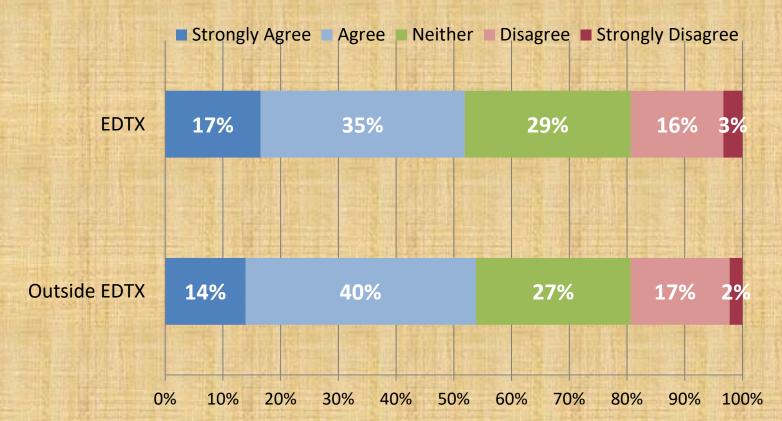


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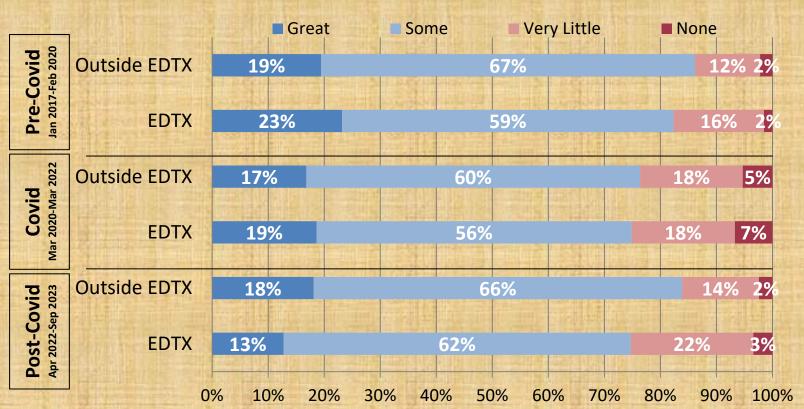
## **Juror Opinions**

EDTX Compared to Venues Outside of EDTX Pre-Covid to Post-Covid Comparisons

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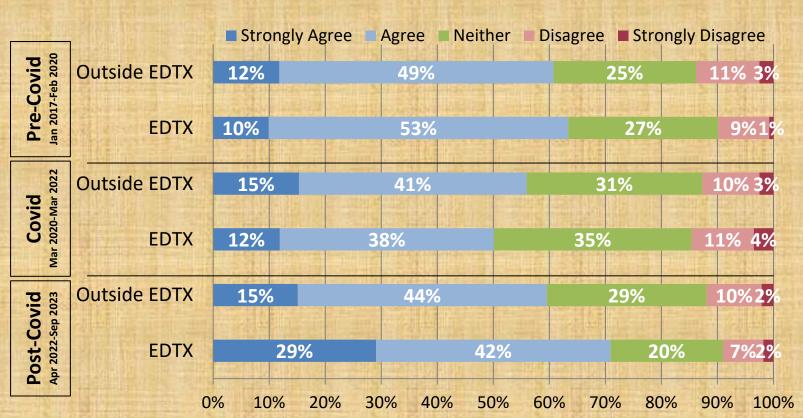


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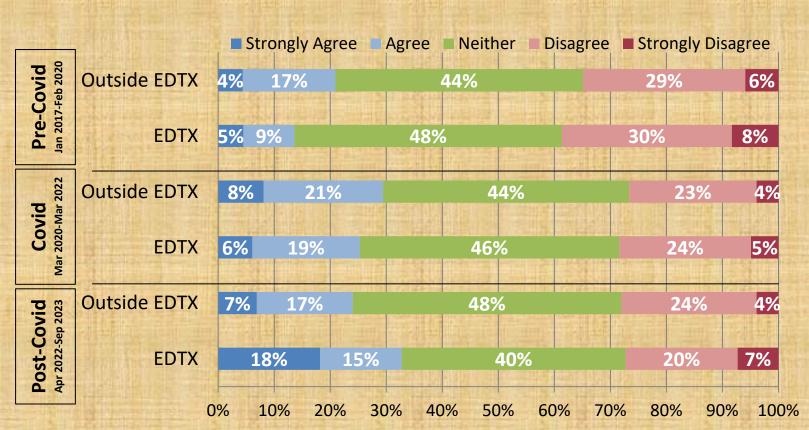


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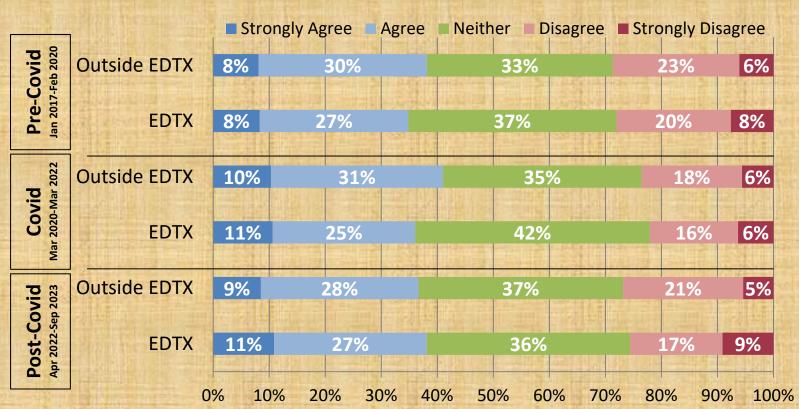


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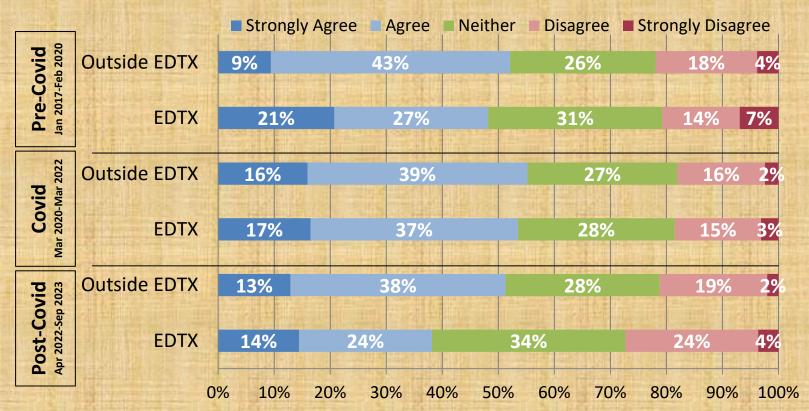


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# **Verdict Data**

