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TEXAS STATE OVERVIEW

Brief History: The second largest state in the United States in both land and population, Texas is often famed for its size. It shares its borders with Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and, the country of Mexico. While commonly thought of as primarily desert, Texas is actually only 10% desert. 90% of the state is a tapestry of diverse landscapes, including coastline, swamplands, prairies, grasslands, forests, piney woods, rolling hills, and mountains. In its rich history, Texas as a territory has had six different entities or nations as rulers which is why “six flags over Texas” is a commonly used historical term. The six flags to which it refers are Spain, France, Mexico, Texas as an independent republic, a Union State, and a Confederate State. The name “Texas” is derived from a word in the Caddo tribe’s language meaning, “friend”.

Major industries:
- Agriculture
- Petrochemicals
- Energy
- Computers
- Electronics
- Aerospace
- Biomedical Sciences

State Motto: Friendship

State Nickname(s): The Lonestar State

State Bird: Northern Mockingbird

State Anthem: “Texas, Our Texas”

State Flower: Bluebonnet

State Capitol: Austin

Population:
Total Population: 28,701,845 (2018 est.)
Population Density: 108/square mile
2 GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW

Governor: Greg Abbott (R)

Senators:
- John Cornyn (R)
- Ted Cruz (R)

Secretary of State:
James E. Rudder Building, 1019 Brazos St | Austin, TX 78701
Phone Number: (512) 463-5555
State Department Phone Numbers
Website

3 ENTERTAINMENT

National & State Parks (Top 5):

1. BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK
   Big Bend National Park, TX
   Phone Number: (432) 477-2251
   Website

2. PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
   20420 Park Rd 22 | Corpus Christi, TX 78418
   Phone Number: (361) 949-8068
   Website

3. LYNDON B. JOHNSON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
   199 Park Road 52 | Stonewall, TX 78671
   Phone Number: (830) 644-2252
   Website

4. ARBOR HILLS NATIONAL PRESERVE
   6701 W Parker Rd | Plano, TX 75093
   Phone Number: (972) 941-7250
   Website

5. FORT DAVIS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
   Fort Davis, TX 79734
   Phone Number: (432) 426-3835
   Website
Entertainment, continued...

**Sports Teams:**

**BASEBALL**

*Houston Astros*
MLB, American League West
Website

*Texas Rangers*
MLB, American League West
Website

**SOCCER**

*FC Dallas*
MLS, Western Conference
Website

*Houston Dynamo*
MLS, Western Conference
Website

*Austin FC*
MLS, Western Conference
Website

**FOOTBALL**

*Dallas Cowboys*
NFL, NFC East
Website

*Houston Texans*
NFL, AFC South
Website

**HOCKEY**

*Dallas Stars*
NHL, Central Division, Western Conference
Website

**Basketball**

*San Antonio Spurs*
NBA, Western Conference
Website

*Houston Rockets*
NBA, Western Conference
Website

*Dallas Mavericks*
NBA, Western Conference
Website

**BASEBALL**

*Houston Astros*
MLB, American League West
Website

*Texas Rangers*
MLB, American League West
Website

**SOCCER**

*FC Dallas*
MLS, Western Conference
Website

*Houston Dynamo*
MLS, Western Conference
Website

*Austin FC*
MLS, Western Conference
Website

**FOOTBALL**

*Dallas Cowboys*
NFL, NFC East
Website

*Houston Texans*
NFL, AFC South
Website

**HOCKEY**

*Dallas Stars*
NHL, Central Division, Western Conference
Website

Annual State Fair

*State Fair of Texas*
Fair Park
1300 Robert B Cullum Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75210
**Months:** September & October
Website
GUIDES TO MAJOR CITIES

Major cities in Texas:

- Austin
- Dallas
- Houston
- San Antonio

Quick Guide to Austin

Brief Overview: The city of Austin is both the capital of the state of Texas and the seat of Travis County. The second most populated state capital after Phoenix, Arizona, parts of Austin are also encompassed by Hays County and Williamson County. The fastest growing city in America, Austin is home to an estimated 950,715 people with 3,182 per average square mile. Austin is located in Central Texas and is immersed within the Greater Texas Hill Country. This gives Austin close proximity to numerous famed rivers and lakes including the Colorado River, Lady Bird Lake, Lake Travis, and Lake Walter E. Long. Austin began being settled by pioneers in the 1830s and shortly thereafter was chosen to replace Houston as the then Republic’s capital, then called “Waterloo”. Not long after, “Waterloo” was changed to “Austin” to honor Stephen F. Austin, “The Father of Texas” and Texas’s first Secretary of State. Residents of this great city are dubbed “Austinites” and are well-known for their diverse mix both socio-economically, culturally and professionally. This diversity has bred a funky reputation for the city of Austin, so much so, that the unofficial slogan of Austin is “Keep Austin Weird”.

Major industries:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Clean Technology
- Data Management
- Space Technology

City Motto: “Keep Austin Weird”

City Nickname(s): Live Music Capital of the World, The City of the Violet Crown, ATX, Silicon Hills
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School Districts:
Austin Independent School District
Phone Number: (512) 414-1700
Website

Crime Statistics: Website

Cost of Living Index Link: Website

Local Police Numbers:
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (512) 974-5000

Main Fire Department:
5811 Nuckols Crossing Rd | Austin, TX 78744
Phone number: (512) 974-0130
Website

Area Hospitals & Locations:
Seton Medical Center
1201 West 38th Street | Austin, TX 78705
Phone number: (512) 324–1000
Website

St. David’s Medical Center
919 East 32nd Street | Austin, TX 78705
Phone number: (512) 476–7111
Website

Utilities:
LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES
Austin Energy
2500 Montopolis Dr | Austin, TX 78741
Phone number: (512) 494-9400
Website

Bluebonnet Electric
2401 US-290 | Brenham, TX 77833
Phone number: (800) 842-7708
Website

CenterPoint Energy
Phone number: (512) 472-6950
Website

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY
Austin Water Utility
625 E 10th St, Austin | TX 78701
Phone number: (512) 972-0000
Website

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES
Time Warner Cable
Phone number: (512) 485-5555
Website

Grande Communications
Phone number: (512) 220-4600
Website

DirecTV
Phone number: (800) 543-1549
Website

Dish Network
Phone number: (512) 870-8221
Website
Quick Guide to Austin, continued...

**Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:**

**WASTE**

**Austin Resource Recovery**
2514 Business Center Dr | Austin, TX 78744
Phone number: (512) 494-9400
[Website](#)

**Waste Management**
9708 Giles Ln | Austin, TX 78754
Phone number: (512) 593-6769
[Website](#)

**City of Austin - Residential Trash Collection**
505 Barton Springs Rd # 1300 | Austin, TX 78704
Phone number: (512) 494-9400
[Website](#)

**Texas Disposal Systems**
3306 FM1327 | Creedmoor, TX 78610
Phone number: (800) 375-8375
[Website](#)

**DUMPS**

**Austin Community Landfill**
9900 Giles Ln, Austin, TX 78754
Phone number: (512) 272-4329
[Website](#)

**Travis County Landfill**
9600 FM 812, Austin, TX 78719
Phone number: (512) 243-6300
[Website](#)

**RECYCLING**

**Austin Resource Recovery**
2514 Business Center Dr | Austin, TX 78744
Phone number: (512) 494-9400
[Website](#)

**Waste Management**
9708 Giles Ln | Austin, TX 78754
Phone number: (512) 593-6769
[Website](#)

**City of Austin - Residential Trash Collection**
505 Barton Springs Rd # 1300 | Austin, TX 78704
Phone number: (512) 494-9400
[Website](#)

**Texas Disposal Systems**
3306 FM 1327 | Creedmoor, TX 78610
Phone number: (800) 375-8375
[Website](#)
Quick Guide to Dallas

**Brief Overview:** Dallas is the heart of the most sizeable metropolitan area in the Southern United States. With an estimated population of 1,341,075 in 2017, Dallas is the ninth most populated city in the United States. As the third most populous city in the state of Texas, Dallas is also the seat of Dallas County, with parts of the city extending into Denton, Collin, Rockwell and Kaufman counties. Dallas and Fort Worth are often grouped together as a metro area given their closeness in proximity. Both cities were developed in response to the construction of the railines through the area which gave access to its natural resources such as cotton, cattle, and oil. Home to one the most trafficked airports in the world, Dallas is a Beta+ rated global city with a rich, diverse economy that is home to multiple major fortune 500 companies.

**Major industries:**
- Defense
- Financial Services
- Information Technology
- Data
- Life Sciences
- Semiconductors
- Telecommunications
- Transportation
- Processing

**City Motto:** “Big Things Happen Here.”

**City Nickname(s):** Big D, D-Town, America’s City

**School Districts:**
The Dallas Independent School District  
Phone Number: (972) 925-3700  
[Website](#)

**Local Police Numbers:**
**Emergency:** 911  
**Non-Emergency:** (214) 670-7253

**Main Fire Department:**
660 N Griffin St | Dallas, TX 75202  
Phone number: (214) 670-5466  
[Website](#)

**Area Hospitals & Locations:**
**University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**  
5323 Harry Hines Boulevard | Dallas, TX 75390  
Phone number: (214) 645–8300  
[Website](#)

**Baylor University Medical Center**  
3500 Gaston Avenue | Dallas, TX 75246-2088  
Phone number: (214) 820–0111  
[Website](#)

**Medical City Dallas**  
7777 Forest Lane | Dallas, TX 75230  
Phone number: (972) 566–7000  
[Website](#)

**Crime Statistics:** [Website](#)

**Cost of Living Index Link:** [Website](#)
Quick Guide to Dallas, continued...

Utilities:

LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES

Atmos Energy
2607 Logan St | Dallas, TX 75215
Phone number: (866) 322-8667
Website

Ambit Energy
6729 Historic View | Dallas, TX 75236
Phone number: (972) 748-3622
Website

Stream Energy
14675 Dallas Pkwy | Dallas, TX 75254
Phone number: (214) 800-4400
Website

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY

City of Dallas Water Utility
Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street
Room 4A North | Dallas, TX 75201
Phone number: (214) 651-1441
Website

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES

Frontier
Phone number: (855) 284-2105
Website

DIRECTV
Phone number: (855) 802-3473
Website

WASTE

AT&T U-verse
Phone number: (855) 424-5467
Website

Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:

WASTE

Waste Connections
12150 Garland Rd | Dallas, TX 75218
Phone number: (972) 289-6587
Website

The City of Dallas - Sanitation Services Office
3112 Canton Street, Suite 200 | Dallas, TX 75226
Phone number: (214) 670-5111
Website

Waste Management
Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458
Website

DUMPS

McCommas Bluff Landfill
5100 Youngblood Rd | Dallas, TX 75241
Phone number: (214) 670-0977
Website

Northeast (Fair Oaks) Transfer Station
7677 Fair Oaks Ave | Dallas, TX 75231
Phone number: (214) 670-6126
Website
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Northwest (Bachman) Transfer Station
9500 Harry Hines Blvd | Dallas, TX 75220
Phone number: (214) 670-6150
Website

Southwest (Oak Cliff) Transfer Station
4610 S Westmoreland Rd | Dallas, TX 75237
Phone number: (214) 670-1927
Website

RECYCLING
Waste Connections
12150 Garland Rd | Dallas, TX 75218
Phone number: (972) 289-6587
Website

The City of Dallas - Sanitation Services Office
3112 Canton Street, Suite 200 | Dallas, TX 75226
Phone number: (214) 670-5111
Website

Waste Management
Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458
Website
Quick Guide to Houston

Brief Overview: The most populated city in Texas, Houston is home to an approximate 2,312,717 residents. A major city at a national level, Houston is also the fourth most populated city in the United States and the most populous in the south. Houston is located in Southeast Texas and is near important bodies of water such as Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The seat of Harris County, Houston impresses with not only its sizeable population but also its expansive land area of 627 square miles. Small portions of the city also extend into Fort Bend and Montgomery counties. Land spectators founded Houston in 1836 and the city was incorporated in 1837. The city’s namesake is General Sam Houston who was President of the Republic of Texas and credited with winning crucial battles in the fight for Texas’s independence. Houston is also a major port city and ranks first by weight of tonnage handled at its ports in the United States. Houston is considered a major cultural hub as a result of its incredibly diverse population which also contributes to its leadership in medicine, research, and the arts.

Major industries:

- Oil and gas exploration
- Basic petroleum refining
- Petrochemical production
- Medical research and health care delivery
- High-technology (computer, aerospace, environmental)
- Government (City, state, & federal)
- International import and export
- Commercial fishing
- Agriculture
- Education
- Film and Media
- Banking and finance
- Manufacturing and distribution
- Related service industries

City Motto: “Houston: The City With no Limits”

City Nickname(s): Space City (Official), H-Town, Hustle-Town, Bayou City, HTX
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School Districts:
Houston Independent School District
Phone Number: (713) 556-6005
Website

Crime Statistics: Website

Cost of Living Index Link: Website

Local Police Numbers:
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (713) 884-3131

Main Fire Department:
1801 Smith St 7th floor | Houston, TX 77002
Phone number: (832) 394-6700
Website

Area Hospitals & Locations:
Houston Methodist Hospital
6565 Fannin Street, D200 | Houston, TX 77030
Phone number: (713) 790–3333
Website

Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center
6720 Bertner Avenue | Houston, TX 77030
Phone number: (832) 355–1000
Website

Memorial Herman-Texas Medical Center
6411 Fannin Street | Houston, TX 77030
Phone number: (713) 704–4000
Website

Utilities:

LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES
CenterPoint Energy
P.O. Box 4981
Houston, TX 77210-4981 (Payment)
Phone number: (713) 207-2222
Website

Reliant Energy
6100 W Fuqua St
Houston, TX 77085
Phone number: 1(866) 222-7100
Website

TXU Energy
PO Box 650700
Dallas, TX 75265-0700 (Payment)
Phone number: (800) 818-6132
Website

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY
City of Houston: Department of Public Works
611 Walker St | Houston, TX 77002
Phone number: (713) 371-1400
Website

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES
Spectrum
Phone number: (813) 267-6094
Website

DIRECTV
Phone number: (855) 802-3473
Website
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**AT&T U-verse**
Phone number: (855) 424-5467
Website

**Frontier**
Phone number: (855) 284-2105
Website

**Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:**

**WASTE**

**City of Houston Solid Waste Management**
901 Bagby | Houston, TX 77002
Phone number: (713) 837-0311
Website

**Best Trash LLC**
430 FM 1093 Rd | Richmond, TX 77407
Phone number: (713) 837-0311
Website

**VF Waste services**
P.O. Box 773107 | Houston, TX 77215
Phone number: (713) 787-9790
Website

**Waste Management**
1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 | Houston, TX 70002
Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458
Website

**LOCAL DUMPS**

**Atascocita Landfill**
3623 Wilson Road | Humble, TX 77396
Phone number: (281) 446-6545
Website

**BFI McCarty**
5757 A Oates Rd | Houston, TX 77078
Phone number: (713) 671-1575
Website

**BFI Blue Ridge**
2200 FM 521 Rd | Fresno, TX 77545
Phone number: (713) 671-1575
Website

**Coastal Plains Landfill (Alvin)**
21000 E Hwy 6 | Alvin, TX 77511
Phone number: (281) 388-1708
Website

**RECYCLING COMPANIES**

**City of Houston - Solid Waste Management**
901 Bagby | Houston, TX 77002
Phone number: (713) 837-0311
Website

**Best Trash LLC**
430 FM 1093 Rd | Richmond, TX 77407
Phone number: (713) 837-0311
Website

**VF Waste services**
P.O. Box 773107 | Houston, TX 77215
Phone number: (713) 787-9790
Website

**Waste Management**
1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 | Houston, TX 77002
Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458
Website
Quick Guide to San Antonio

**Brief Overview:** The oldest municipality in Texas, San Antonio holds major historical significance in the state and is its second most populated city. San Antonio is home to more than 1.5 million residents and is the seventh most populous city in the United States. Originally founded as a Spanish mission and outpost in 1718, San Antonio became a civil settlement by charter in 1731, making it the oldest city in the state of Texas. While historically significant, San Antonio has also made a name for itself within modernity, experiencing major growth in the past three decades. The city holds one of the corners that is known as the “Texas Triangle” as it lies between Central and South Texas. San Antonio is the seat of Bexar county but parts of the city also currently fall in Medina, Garden Ridge and Comal counties. As one of its nicknames suggests, San Antonio is a military city with numerous armed forces facilities in and around the city limits including Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air force Base, Randolph Air force base, and several others. Given its antiquity, it should come as no surprise that San Antonio is home to major historical sites including two UNESCO heritage sites, the Alamo and San Antonio Missions Historical Park. The growth San Antonio has achieved in recent years has led to it becoming the headquarters to several Fortune 500 companies and the only practicing medical research hospital in South Texas.

**Major industries:**
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Biosciences
- Information Technology
- New Energy Economy
- Financial Services
- Military/Defense

**City Motto:** Libertatis cunabula  
(Latin, Cradle of liberty)

**City Nickname(s):** S.A., River City, Alamo City, Military City USA, The 210

**School Districts:**  
San Antonio Independent School District  
Phone Number: (210) 554-2200  
[Website](#)
Quick Guide to San Antonio, continued...

Crime Statistics: [Website](#)

Cost of Living Index Link: [Website](#)

Local Police Numbers:
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (210) 207-7273

Main Fire Department:
315 So. Santa Rosa Ave | San Antonio, TX 78207
Phone number: (210) 207-7744
[Website](#)

Area Hospitals & Locations:
Baptist Medical Center
111 Dallas Street | San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone number: (210) 297–7000
[Website](#)

Methodist Hospital
7700 Floyd Curl Drive | San Antonio, TX 78229
Phone number: (210) 575–4000
[Website](#)

University Hospital
4502 Medical Drive | San Antonio, TX 78229
Phone number: (210) 358–2000
[Website](#)

Acuity Hospital of South Texas
718 Lexington Avenue | San Antonio, TX 78212
Phone number: (210) 572–4600
[Website](#)

Utilities:

LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
CPS Energy
511 S Salado St | San Antonio, TX 78207
Phone number: (210) 353-2222
[Website](#)

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY
San Antonio Water System
2800 U.S. Hwy. 281 North | San Antonio, TX 78212
Phone number: (210) 704-7297
[Website](#)

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES
AT&T UVerse
Phone number:
[Website](#)

Spectrum
Phone number: (866) 874-2389
[Website](#)

Grande Communications
Phone number: (210) 320-4600
[Website](#)

DIRECTV
Phone number: (855) 802-3473
[Website](#)

AT&T U-verse
Phone number: (855) 424-5467
[Website](#)
Quick Guide to San Antonio, continued...

**Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:**

**WASTE**

**Solid Waste Management - The City of San Antonio**
4410 W. Piedras Dr. | San Antonio, TX 78228
Phone number: (210) 207-6428
Website

**Tiger Sanitation**
6315 Hwy 87 E | San Antonio, TX 78222
Phone number: (210) 333-4287
Website

**Waste Management**
4730 S East Loop 410 | San Antonio, TX 78222
Phone number: (210) 819-5325
Website

**C6 Disposal Systems**
P.O. Box 160489 San Antonio, TX 78280
Phone number: (210) 375-0066
Website

**DUMPS**

**Covell Gardens Landfill**
8611 Covel Road | San Antonio, TX 78252
Phone number: 1(800) 800-5804
Website

**Tessman Road Landfill**
7000, I-10, | San Antonio, TX 78219
Phone number: (210) 661-7558
Website

**RECYCLING COMPANIES**

**Solid Waste Management - The City of San Antonio**
4410 W. Piedras Dr. | San Antonio, TX 78228
Phone number: (210) 207-6428
Website

**Tiger Sanitation**
6315 Hwy 87 E | San Antonio, TX 78222
Phone number: (210) 333-4287
Website

**Waste Management**
4730 S East Loop 410 | San Antonio, TX 78222
Phone number: (210) 819-5325
Website

**C6 Disposal Systems**
P.O. Box 160489 San Antonio, TX 78280
Phone number: (210) 375-0066
Website