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METRO's Star Vanpool is the time and money-saving alternative to driving. Instead of wasting the day in rush hour traffic, improve your commute by traveling on our region's HOV network, while avoiding traffic and promoting cleaner air.



Star Vanpools reduce vehicle miles traveled in the Houston region by 48 million miles per year.



Passengers can text, listen to music, sleep, or just enjoy time to focus on the day ahead when they are not participating as the driver.



Ranked as one of the top five vanpools in the country, METRO Star Vanpool programs serve not only Harris County, but Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties.



Riders (usually 5 to 15 per vanpool) share the cost of the van, fuel, maintenance, parking and tolls. Employers often help defray these costs.



Registered riders are eligible for a guaranteed ride home in case of emergency. For information on how to start or join a vanpool, email us at Star@RideMETRO.org, call 713-224-RIDE (7433).



A dedicated METRO Star Vanpool team works directly with riders to design a route tailored to their commute, using HOV and diamond lanes to reduce travel times, and to help commuters find others interested in the program. METRO also works with employers to promote and support Star Vanpool routes.

VANPOOLS BENEFIT Employers and Employees

ATTENTION EMPLOYERS! Encouraging your employees to share a ride will help them arrive on time, reduce their drive-time stress, and ease congestion on the road and in your company's parking lot. There are also tax benefits to you and your employee when you share the cost of the ride. Launching your company's program is free and easy. Just contact us at 713-244-RIDE (7433) or Star@RideMETRO.org, and we'll take it from there.

ATTENTION EMPLOYEES! On average, it will cost you \$4 to \$10 per day to ride in a METRO Star Vanpool (even less if your employer provides a transportation benefit). This estimate is based on the number of miles from the Star Vanpool meeting place to your work site and includes van lease, liability insurance, 24/7 roadside assistance, routine maintenance and repairs, gasoline, parking and toll costs.



Learn more at StarVanpool.com, send an email to Star@RideMETRO.org or call 713-224-RIDE (7433).





DRIVE YOUR EMPLOYEES TO WORK

At **METRO**, our mission is to provide the people of our region with safe, clean, reliable, accessible and friendly public transportation services. And as a **METRO RideSponsor**, you'll have the power to supercharge your company's benefits, by offering employees a superior daily commute. Your staff will save time on the road, money on parking and begin their day with less stress.

Providing transit benefits to your employees can help you attract and retain top talent, and using the METRO Q[®] Fare Card means you pay only for the transit trips used!

Who is eligible?

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- Non-profits
- Public agencies
- Federal government agencies
- Educational institutions



No-Cost Startup

No capital investment is required to become a METRO Corporate RideSponsor. **You choose your subsidy allocation, and the subscription process is automated.** A METRO representative will train your company administrator and is always available to assist and answer questions.



Employer-paid Benefits

Employers can allocate up to \$270 per month for employees to commute using public transit or vanpool for a tax-free transit benefit for employees.



Employee-paid Benefits

Employers can offer employees the option of exchanging up to \$270 per month in taxable salary for a **tax-free transit or vanpool benefit.**



Payroll Tax Savings

Both employer-paid and employee-paid benefits are **exempt from payroll taxes.** So, everyone saves!

EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCES

"I work in Downtown Houston, and I have been a METRO rider for more than 18 years. I started riding METRO within a year after moving to Houston and experiencing the daunting rush hour traffic and excessive amount of time it took to get into and out of Downtown. **Riding METRO allows me the opportunity to read, relax, and nap** if needed while someone else does the driving. The buses are clean, comfortable, reliable and it is a tremendous savings because **my company supplements 100% of the cost.**"
-Weldon G.

"I ride the METRORail each day to work in the Texas Medical Center. I park my car a few miles away and then take the METRORail to work because it's easy and convenient. **I do not have to deal with the hassle of traffic or finding a parking space.** I appreciate the METRO services!" **-Gilan K.**

METRO'S EMERGENCY / GUARANTEED RIDE HOME

METRO offers its riders two programs, which provide a way home in the event of an emergency or if no METRO service is available. Both programs are **FREE** to registered riders and designed to get them home safely. Join METRO's RideSponsor Program today!



Learn more about becoming a **METRO RideSponsor** by emailing Client.Services@RideMETRO.org or call **(713) 739-4015.**





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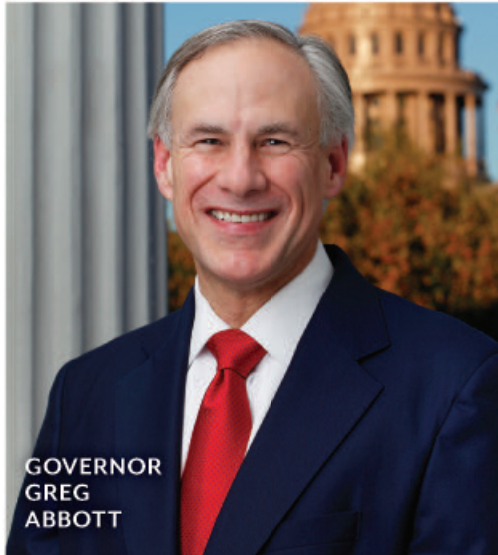
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As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to extend greetings to readers of *Here is Houston*. Whether you are relocating your business, planning a corporate gathering, or simply rediscovering the Bayou City, I invite you to explore all the possibilities this great Texas city has to offer.

With our business-friendly climate and spirit of innovation, Texas boasts the strongest economy in the United States and the 12th largest economy in the world. We are a state with low taxes and reasonable regulations, and a nationwide leader in economic growth and job creation.

Houston is an essential component of our thriving economy. Home to a world-class workforce, cutting-edge medical research, premier art museums, thrilling professional sports, outstanding universities, and friendly and diverse neighbors, this dynamic city is one of the Lone Star State's finest. The Port of Houston and accessibility of the area's airport and highway systems also make the Houston area an undeniable leader in international trade opportunities.

As you may know, the road I traveled to become Texas' governor took me through Houston — my very first election was as a judge in the 129th District Court.

Whether you are moving here to grow your business, pursue career opportunities, attend school, or enjoy your retirement, I know Houston's legendary charm will provide a wonderful experience.

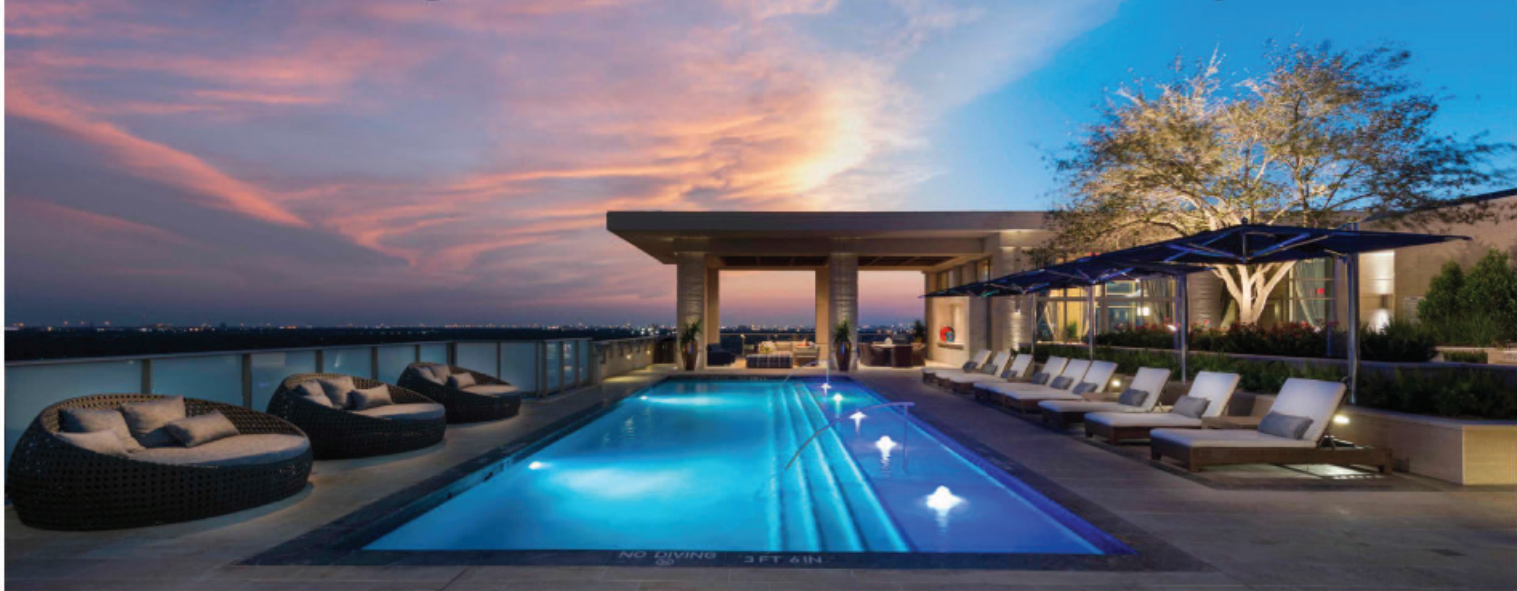
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You have joined nearly five million others who call Harris County home, making it the third most populous county in the nation, with more residents than 25 states. As Harris County Judge, the head of Harris County's governing body, it is my pleasure to welcome you.

I invite you to enjoy our world-renowned museums, theater companies, opera, ballet, and vibrant live music scene. Recently named a host city for the 2026 World Cup, you will also have access to some of the best sporting events in the world. Other destinations include unique shopping districts, expanded hike and bike trails, and heralded restaurants that reflect the cultural diversity of our residents from food trucks to award-winning fine dining. While touted as an international metropolis, you will find your new neighbors to be friendly, genuine and quick to lend a hand. Our can-do attitude and southern cool are contagious.

Harris County is a special place. All of us in our county government are glad you are here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lina Hidalgo".





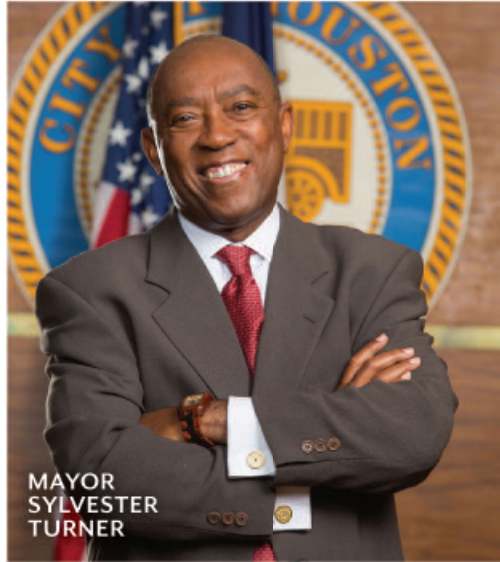
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Greetings. You are going to love living in Houston. We are the most diverse and inclusive city in the nation — a city with an entrepreneurial spirit and a city where you can achieve your dreams.

Houston is still the Energy Capital of the World and leading the global energy transition, but our economy has diversified over the years to include technology, medicine, and manufacturing and shipping.

Whether it's our world-class restaurants, theaters, museums, shopping, thrilling sports teams, or the new Independence Plaza at the Johnson Space Center which houses the world's first and only replica of the space shuttle/carrier, Houston has it all. Together, these qualities create the ideal city in which to live, work and play.

Here is Houston can be an invaluable source of information as you prepare for your relocation. It showcases every aspect of living and working in the city of Houston.

We look forward to having you as a Houstonian!

Sincerely,

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From its founding in 1836 by two brothers at the confluence of Buffalo and White Oak Bayous, Houston has valued and cultivated risk takers and big dreamers.

Just think about some of our extraordinary achievements: the Port of Houston, a deepwater port built 50 miles from the Gulf — now the nation's largest port by tonnage; the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical complex in the world and the birthplace of such innovations as the artificial heart — now a leader in cancer research and treatment, genetics and children's health; and, of course, Johnson Space Center, home to NASA's manned spacecraft efforts, now working with commercial space pioneers to put humans back on the moon.

All of this speaks to a basic truth: Houston is a city of opportunity for both businesses and hard-working individuals with a "can-do" attitude. Nearly one-in-four of the region's 7 million residents is foreign-born, and more than 145 languages are spoken here, making this the most diverse city in the nation. That extraordinary diversity feeds into our culture, our food, our celebrations and our way of life. Our low cost of living has also helped us attract one of the youngest and most educated workforces in the nation.

When you combine that population with our strong international, cultural and trade ties, plus a significant number of multinational Fortune 500 companies, you understand why Houston is a great global city. For many years, we were competing with Denver, Atlanta or Dallas. But today Houston is competing and connecting with Shanghai, London, New York, Dubai and Beijing, all great global cities.

Whether you're an entrepreneur seeking urban charm or an engineer looking for a family-friendly community, you'll no doubt find it here, along with world-class arts, culture, dining and amenities.

Welcome to Houston!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Harvey".

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Museum District

The Byzantine Fresco Chapel at the Menil Collection hosted an exhibit of historic Saint Fabiola portraits.

ALL ABOUT HOUSTON

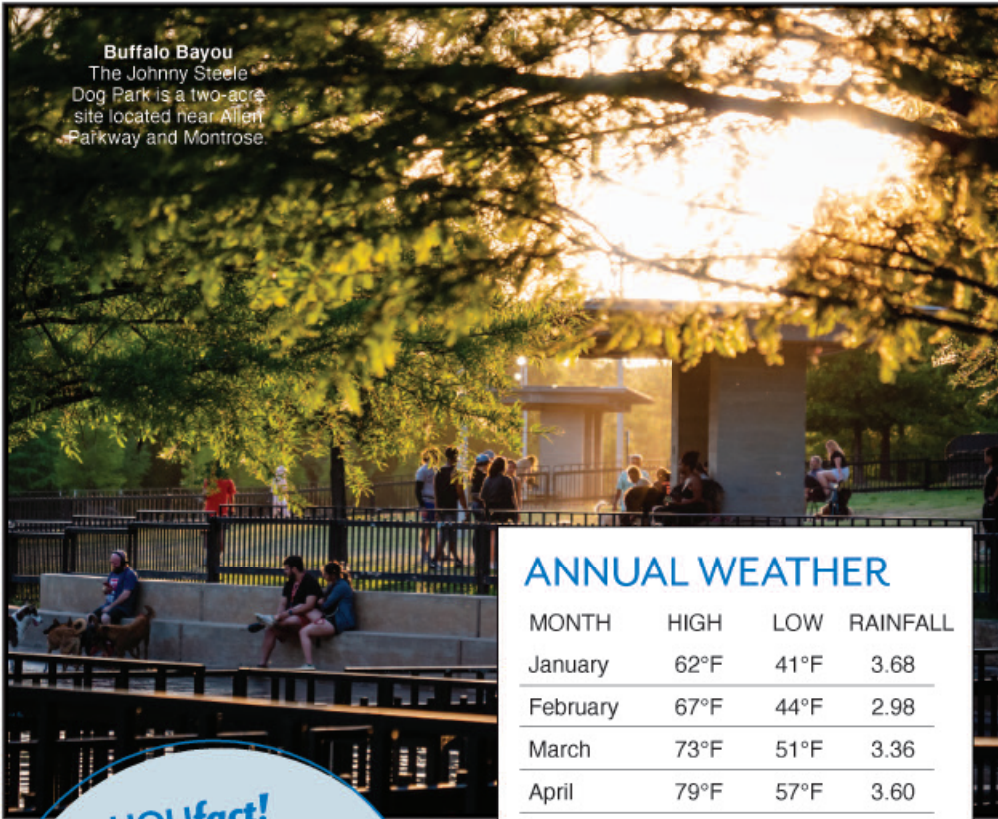
LOTS OF FOLKS think Texas is just cowboys, cactus and cattle. But Houston will surprise you with everything else it has to offer: The nine-county metro region is the largest in the southern U.S. Here, you'll find the perfect mix of Southern hospitality and urban sophistication; of hole-in-the-wall hot spots and cutting-edge culinary prowess; and of big business and unbreakable entrepreneurial spirit. The Bayou City also boasts a number of waterways and public parks, making it a verdant hub for those who wish to live an active lifestyle. Read on to learn more.



Beyoncé
The Houston native accepts the 2021 Grammy Award — her 28th — for Best R&B Performance.

FAMOUS FACES

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| MUSICIAN
Beyoncé Knowles | ACTOR
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Buffalo Bayou
The Johnny Steele Dog Park is a two-acre site located near Allert Parkway and Montrose.

HOUfact!
The city's tree canopy, made up of 33 million trees, covers nearly 20 percent of the city. Houston trees save \$54 million in residential energy costs and avoided power emissions each year.

ANNUAL WEATHER

MONTH	HIGH	LOW	RAINFALL
January	62°F	41°F	3.68
February	67°F	44°F	2.98
March	73°F	51°F	3.36
April	79°F	57°F	3.60
May	86°F	66°F	5.15
June	91°F	72°F	5.35
July	94°F	74°F	3.18
August	94°F	73°F	3.83
September	89°F	68°F	4.33
October	82°F	59°F	4.50
November	72°F	50°F	4.19
December	65°F	43°F	3.69

By the Numbers

4th

most populous city in the nation (trailing only New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago), and Houston is the largest in the southern U.S. and in Texas.

If Houston were an independent nation, it would rank as the world's

27th largest.

1,778

The square mileage of Harris County, enough space to fit the cities of Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, New York and Seattle — with room to spare.

25%

of Houstonians were born outside the U.S.

95

The number of city blocks linked by an underground tunnel system in Downtown, featuring food courts, shopping and more.



THE HOUSTON AREA

The Houston—The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area (Houston MSA) is comprised of nine counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller. It covers 9,444 square miles, an area slightly smaller than Maryland and larger than Massachusetts.



HOUSTON: A BRIEF HISTORY

Founded in 1836, Houston is far younger than its counterparts like New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Los Angeles — yet it is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. Houston's population now ranks fourth in the nation, with more than 2.3 million people living within the city limits, and 7.2 million living in the greater metro area. Why the accelerated growth in a relatively short period of time? Why

do so many people want to become Houstonians?

Part of the answer lies in Houston's can-do entrepreneurial spirit. From the city's start as an oil capital, Houston has valued and cultivated risk-takers and big dreamers. This attitude has taken H-Town beyond oil, resulting in the existence of influential tours de force like the Port of Houston (the nation's second-largest in total tonnage), the Texas Medical Center (the world's largest medical complex, and one of the most renowned) and the Johnson Space Center (home of NASA).

And despite the extensive influence and great success of the oil and gas industry, of the more than 135,000 business establishments that reside here, only about 4,600 are tied to energy. Other notable industries are business services, medical and biotechnology, aviation and aerospace, information technology, and manufacturing. There is room for all kinds of talent here! Today, 24 Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters in Houston, and more than half of the



Diverse Districts
Clockwise from above: An Alley Theatre production; homemade pasta at Trattoria Sofia in the Heights; butterflies at the Holocaust Museum Houston.

world's 100 largest foreign-based corporations operate here.

Another factor in Houston's success is its affordable cost of living, aided by the absence of city or state income tax. According to the Council for Community and Economic Research's Cost of Living Index for 2022, Houston has the second lowest cost of living among the United States' 20 most populous metropolitan areas — far less than the national average.

And because Houston opens its arms to all newcomers — after all, "Texas" originates from the Caddo Indian word for "friend" — the fast-growing city is home to an amazingly diverse population from many countries, and to more than 140 different spoken languages. A true cultural mosaic, Houston boasts restaurants, shops, neighborhoods and festivals that reflect its many international influences.

Dynamic, prosperous and always on the move, Houston prides itself on being on the cutting edge of new

technologies and innovations in architecture, infrastructure and design. Take the Astrodome, the world's first air-conditioned domed arena, for example, or Discovery Green, the 12-acre, eco-friendly Downtown park and event venue situated among soaring skyscrapers. As one of the country's top-10 cities for green-technology innovation, Houston boasts more than 366 municipal parks and an additional 200 green spaces.

And luckily, getting around this beautiful city has never been more efficient, with a sophisticated highway system, a powerful airport trifecta covering public, private and military air travel needs, and an ongoing effort to make transportation upgrades — including light rail, bus rapid transit, commuter rail, and improved suburban bus services.

Whether you're coming to visit or making Houston your permanent home, we think you'll be delighted by what you find here in this bustling global hub.

AGE & ETHNICITY

The Face of Houston

The 2019 American Community Survey estimates showed that no racial or ethnic group constitutes a majority of Houston MSA population. The Houston MSA contains the nation's fourth-largest Hispanic population. Its Hispanic population of more than 2.7 million in 2019 is larger than the total populations of 15 states and the District of Columbia.

Between 2010 and 2019, the greater Houston area population increased by more than 17 percent. The non-white population drove the bulk of this growth — the Asian population increased by 39.8 percent, and the Hispanic/Latino population by 24.3 percent.*

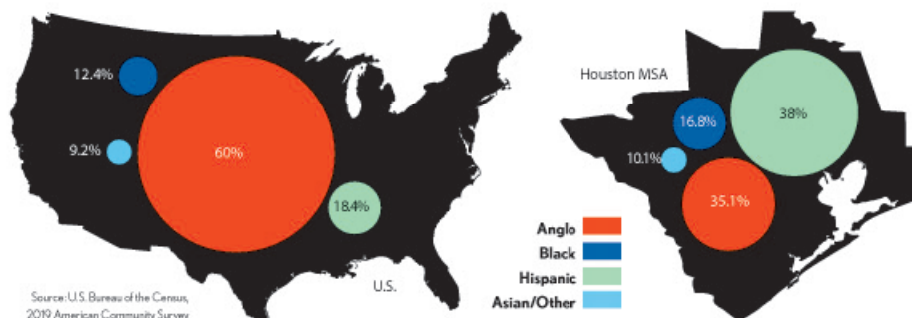


2019 AGE DISTRIBUTION

(Houston's median age of 34.9 is the lowest of the nation's major metro areas.)

METRO AREA	MEDIAN AGE	0-14 YEARS	15-24 YEARS	25-34 YEARS	45-54 YEARS	55-64 YEARS	65 AND OVER
Houston, TX	34.9	22.0	13.3	14.9	27.0	11.2	11.6
Atlanta, GA	36.8	20.0	13.3	14.3	27.8	12.0	12.6
Phoenix, AZ	37.2	19.4	13.1	14.5	25.3	11.7	16.0
Los Angeles, CA	37.4	17.8	12.9	15.9	26.8	12.3	14.4
Washington, D.C.	37.4	19.2	12.2	14.8	27.9	12.4	13.5
Seattle, WA	37.1	17.9	11.5	17.1	27.5	12.2	13.7
Chicago, IL	38.0	18.6	12.9	14.4	26.2	12.9	15.0
United States Average	38.5	18.4	13.0	26.7	25.2	12.9	16.4
New York, NY	39.1	17.7	12.0	14.8	26.2	13.0	16.2
Boston, MA	38.8	16.1	13.5	15.2	25.6	13.4	16.1
San Francisco, CA	39.2	16.2	11.0	16.2	28.1	12.7	15.9
Detroit, MI	39.9	18.0	12.1	13.7	25.3	14.0	16.8
Miami, FL	41.6	16.8	11.3	13.3	26.8	13.1	18.7

2019 HOUSTON MSA POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Note: Sums may not total due to rounding. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey.

*Note: The 2019 ACS is the most updated data available due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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AIRPORT & HIGHWAY TRAVEL

Houston is sprawling — but thanks to a robust airport and highway system, it's easier than ever to navigate the city.

AIRPORT AND HIGHWAY TRAVEL

The Houston area is served by two international airports: George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU). Houston's largest airport, IAH, is located about 23 miles north of Downtown, and ranks as America's 14th-busiest airport. During normal operations, more than 650 flights depart daily from IAH, which offers service to more Mexican destinations than any other U.S. airport, as well as nonstop routes to 70-plus international cities. In 2021, IAH was named the best airport in the U.S. by aviation site SkyTrax.

Meanwhile, Hobby Airport is located about seven miles south of Downtown, and offers nonstop flights to more than 65 destinations throughout the country. It's also a regional center for corporate and private aviation. A third site, Ellington Airport (EFD), is a joint-use civil and military airport serving the needs of the U.S. military, NASA and general aviation. Ellington is also the site of the Houston Spaceport.

Through a partnership with the City of Houston's Civic Art Program, the Houston Airport System houses one of the largest collections of public art in the state of Texas. The airport system has collected dozens of commissioned and donated works that are showcased throughout its facilities.

The artwork — sculptures, photographs, lighting installations and more — provides value to the identity of Houston as a truly international city. For more about flying to and from Houston, visit the Houston Airport System's website at fly2houston.com.

HIGHWAY TRAVEL

Houston is the crossroads for interstate highways 10 and 45. Other major highways serving the area are Interstate 610, I-69 (U.S. 59), U.S. 90, U.S. 290, Texas 99, Texas 146, Texas 225, Texas 249, Texas 288, Hardy Toll Road, Westpark Tollway and Beltway 8.

Houston TranStar is a lifesaver for anyone wanting to avoid congested roadways. Monitoring traffic incidents with more than 730 regional closed-circuit cameras, TranStar dispatches vehicles to remove debris or hazardous materials, communicates with emergency vehicles about accident scenes, and sends tow trucks to stalled vehicles. Dynamic message signs and a robust website inform the public about expected travel times and traffic-related issues.

Visit houstontranstar.org to see real-time traffic maps and choose the best routes to take to avoid traffic.



'LIGHT' FANTASTIC

METROrail

The Houston region's light rail service, METROrail, delivers safe, reliable, affordable, and convenient public transit. The Red Line—the line that most visitors find useful—runs south from the Near Northside through Downtown, Midtown, the Museum District, the Medical Center and NRG Park. The Purple Line and Green Line run east-west and primarily serve residential neighborhoods, the University of Houston and Texas Southern University.

METRO BUS SYSTEM

METRO has more than 1,200 buses. With an extensive network of routes and park-and-ride facilities helping to ease rush-hour commutes, the METRO Bus System keeps the region moving. METRO is paving the way for a cleaner Houston, with more than 400 transit diesel-hybrid buses in operation. For two decades, METRO has been working to improve the air we breathe with state-of-the-art technology that reduces nitrogen oxide emissions by more than 50 percent, and offers substantial

savings in fuel. Hybrid technology is METRO's choice for vehicles, and each year, as part of its fleet replacement plan, METRO purchases 100 buses.

METROLift

METROLift provides prescheduled, curb-to-curb, shared-ride transportation for persons with disabilities who cannot ride fixed-route bus service. Call METROLift customer service at 713-225-0119 on weekdays, 10am-5pm, to obtain eligibility materials, or download from ridemetro.org.

HOV LANES

A High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane is a barrier-protected lane—usually in the median of a freeway—that is open to buses, vanpools/carpools, and motorcycles. The lanes, accessed via freeway or facility ramps, are reversible to accommodate commuters during peak periods of traffic flow. Users must observe occupancy requirements, rules of the road and hours of operation. HOV lanes operate on the Southwest, Gulf, North, Eastex and Northwest freeways, and are open on weekdays, 5am-11am

for inbound traffic, and 2pm-8pm for outbound traffic. A minimum occupancy of two people is required on the HOV lane system (a minimum of three is required during morning rush hours on the Northwest HOV lanes). Since 2001, METRO also has operated concurrent-flow Diamond HOV lanes, which are identified by diamond-shaped icons in a lane separated from main-lane traffic by double-solid white lines. These are located on the Katy Freeway between Texas Highway 6 and Texas Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) in Katy.

PARK & RIDE LOTS

METRO has 29 park-and-ride lots with more than 33,000 available parking spaces. Direct nonstop service to Downtown, the Texas Medical Center, or other major employment centers in the METRO service area is available from park-and-ride lots. Park-and-ride facilities also serve as staging areas for vanpools and carpools.

TRANSIT CENTERS

Transit Centers are sheltered waiting areas located where several bus routes

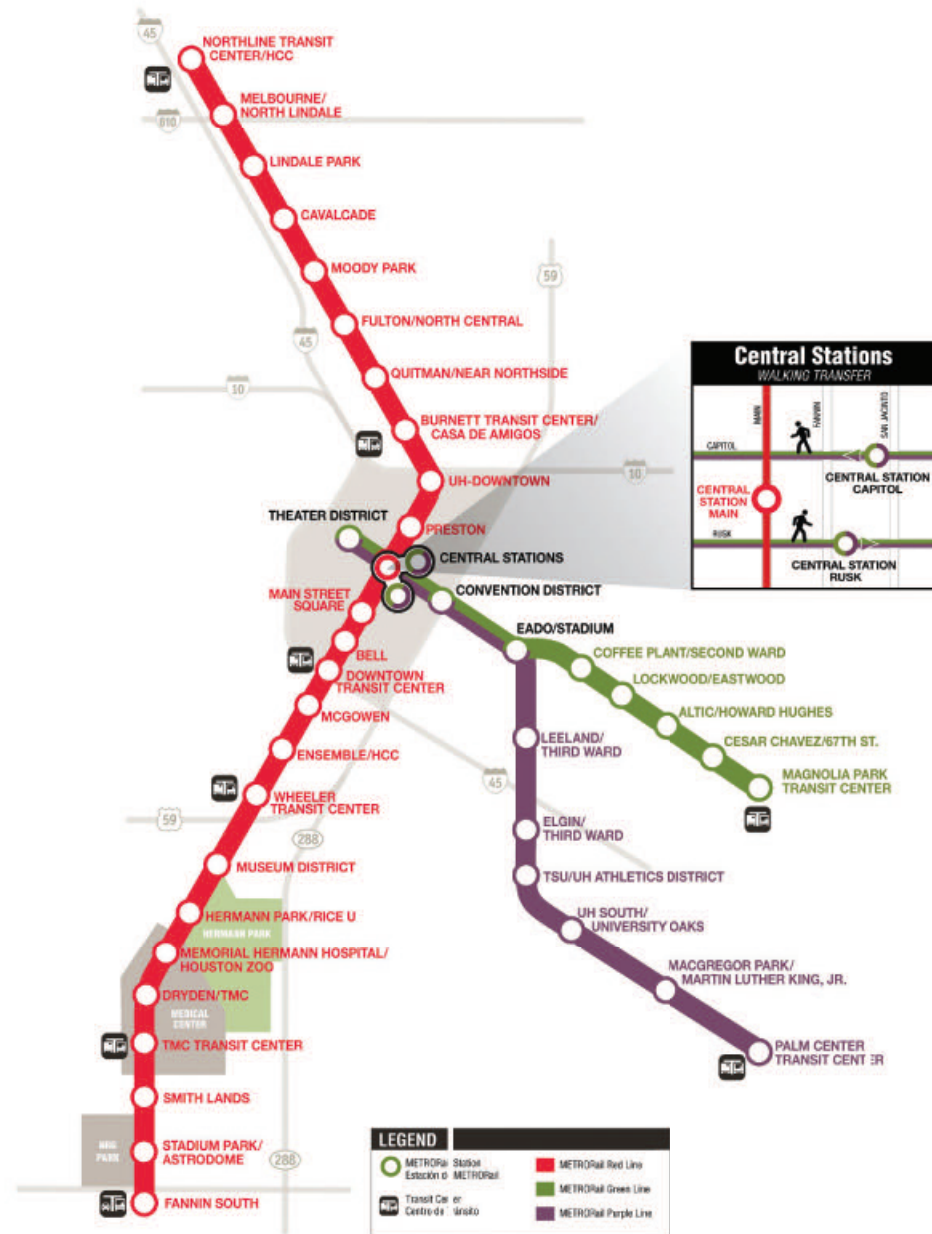
and/or METRORail converge. The 20 Transit Centers serve as efficient hubs to allow riders from various locations to assemble at a central point to take advantage of express trips or other route-to-route transfers. The clean, safe and comfortable locations provide patrons with a wider selection of destinations through greater transfer opportunities, and offer communities a permanent presence of transit service. Transit Centers feature a mixture of Park & Ride and Local bus service, as

well as limited METRORail service. Limited parking — approximately 2,400 spaces — is available at select transit centers.

METRONEXT

In 2019, Houston area voters approved a \$3.5 billion bond measure that will help expand transportation infrastructure across the region. The bond passage will fund METRONext, the transit authority’s long-term, strategic plan that totals about 40

projects. Combined with a potential match of \$3.5 billion in federal funds and \$500 million in other available local funds, the bond will allow for up to \$7.5 billion in transit network development. New projects taking shape in coming years will include 75 miles of bus rapid transit, 110 miles of new or improved HOV lanes, upgrades and additions to Park & Ride facilities and an extension of the Purple and Green rail lines to Hobby Airport.



NORTH LINE

12.8 miles, 8 stations: The North Line extends the existing Red Line by 12.8 miles, and runs through the heart of Northside — a historic neighborhood, rooted in rail, that came into being with the expansion of the Hardy Rail Lines in the 1880s.

SOUTHEAST LINE

6.6 miles, 10 stations: The Southeast Line (Purple Line) begins Downtown and travels southeast along Capitol and Rusk to the Palm Center near MLK and Griggs.

EAST END LINE

3.3 miles, 9 stations: The East End Line (Green Line) travels along Harrisburg, from the Magnolia Park Transit Center and through the historic East End to a variety of Downtown entertainment and business destinations.



Buffalo Bayou
The Houston
Police Officers'
Memorial on the
banks of the bayou

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NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES

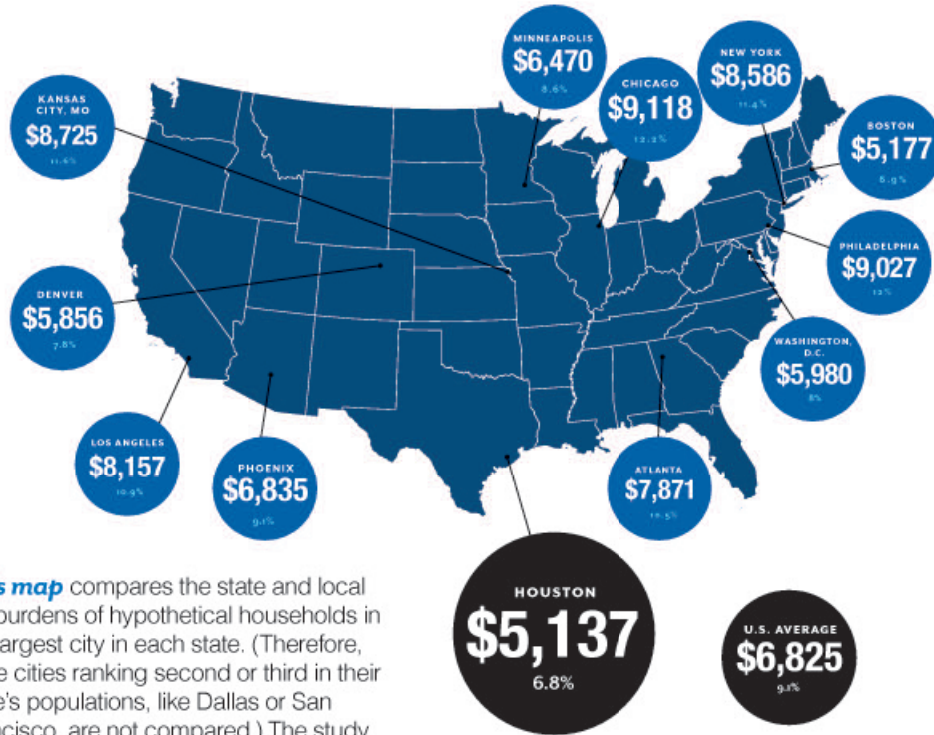
ONCE YOU'VE chosen to call Houston home, you'll discover a plethora of choices when it comes to housing. Here, you'll find it all: trendy downtown lofts, family-friendly suburban neighborhoods, near-town bungalows, and master-planned communities. Choose from a wealth of living options in every style, location and price range.



B CYCLE

Need to make a short trip in or around the Downtown area? Houston BCycle offers residents, commuters and visitors a mode of transportation that results in fewer vehicles on the road, meaning less pollution and congestion, and improved mobility. Unlock a bike in seconds using a credit card or a B-card. The BCycle app allows riders to view the location of Houston's stations, as well as the number of bikes and docks available at each station. Learn more at houstonbcycle.com.

FAMILY TAX BURDEN



This map compares the state and local tax burdens of hypothetical households in the largest city in each state. (Therefore, large cities ranking second or third in their state's populations, like Dallas or San Francisco, are not compared.) The study includes taxes only on personal income, property, sales and automobiles. The average tax burden for a family of three with \$75,000 annual income living in the U.S. is \$7,099 — 9.5% of household income.

Source: Tax Rates and Tax Burdens in the District of Columbia - A Nationwide Comparison 2019.

By the Numbers

2nd

Houston's ranking — behind only St. Louis — among the nation's most affordable large metros, per the Council for Community and Economic Research

\$350,000

The median single-family home price in Houston

\$46.5

Total dollar volume, in billions, of Houston residential property sales in 2021

106,229

The record-high number of single-family home sales in 2021

3

Number of Houston neighborhoods — Cinco Ranch, Sugar Land, The Woodlands — listed among the "best places to live" in Texas, according to Niche

B-CYCLE PHOTO COURTESY OF VISIT HOUSTON; BRIDGELAND PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIDGELAND COMMUNITY



Cane Island
Katy's master-planned Cane Island community has family-friendly restaurants like The Oaks.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

City of Houston
houstontx.org

Harris County
co.harris.tx.us

Harris County Appraisal District
hcad.org

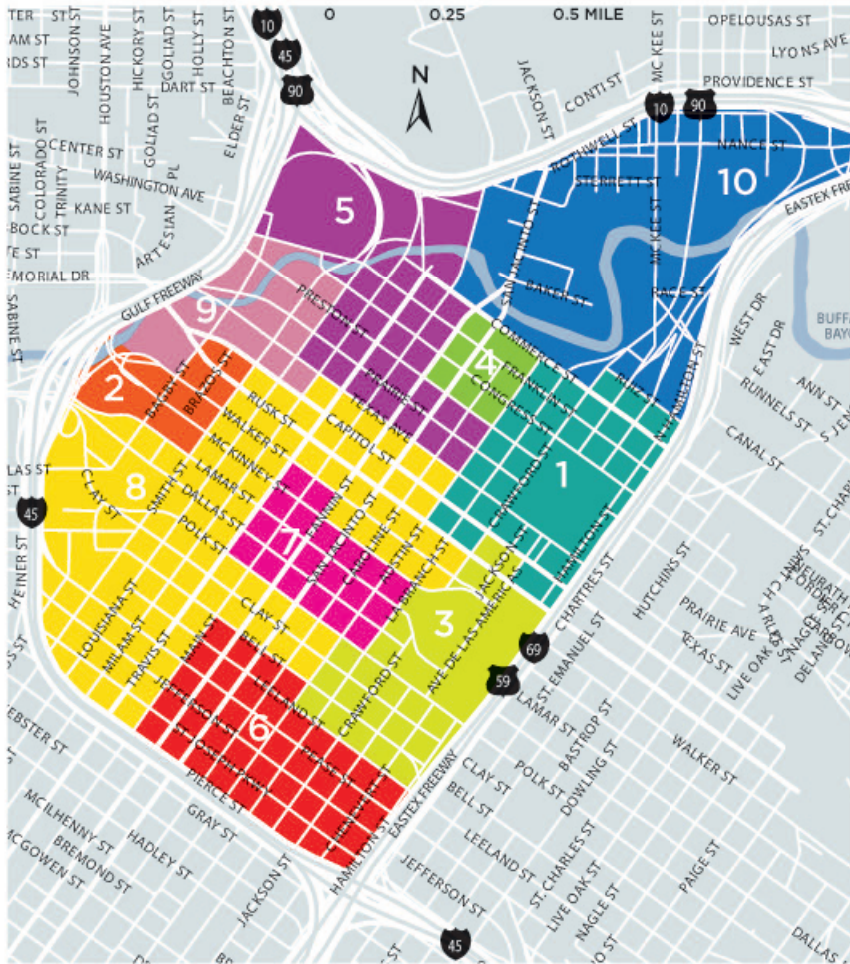
Houston Association of Realtors
har.com

Houston Chronicle
houstonchronicle.com

Houston Independent School District
houstonisd.org

10 DISTRICTS OF DOWNTOWN

More than 68,000 people live in and immediately surrounding Downtown Houston. It's also the center of the city's highway system, bordered by Interstate 45 to the south and west, U.S. 59 to the east, and Buffalo Bayou to the north. For more information, visit downtownhouston.org and downtowndistrict.org.



1. BALLPARK DISTRICT Minute Maid Park, the Astros' retractable-roof stadium housed in a former train station, anchors this section of Downtown. It sits amid several modern loft and office buildings as well as a smorgasbord of great restaurants.

2. CIVIC CENTER DISTRICT The Civic Center District — home to City Hall, Hermann Square Park and the historic Central Library — has been the hub of Houston city government since 1939.

3. CONVENTION DISTRICT Houston's 1.8 million-square-foot George R. Brown Convention Center hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. The area also boasts a new Marriott Marquis hotel, world-class restaurants, the Toyota Center (home of the Rockets) and Discovery Green.

4. HARRIS DISTRICT It's fitting for the most populous county in Texas to have a namesake district that's home to the core of the Harris County

government, including the county courts complex.

5. HISTORIC DISTRICT Centuries-old architecture and tree-lined streets with shops, cafes, pubs and lofts provide a unique mix of old and new. Market Square Park and the University of Houston's Downtown campus keep this area bustling day and night.

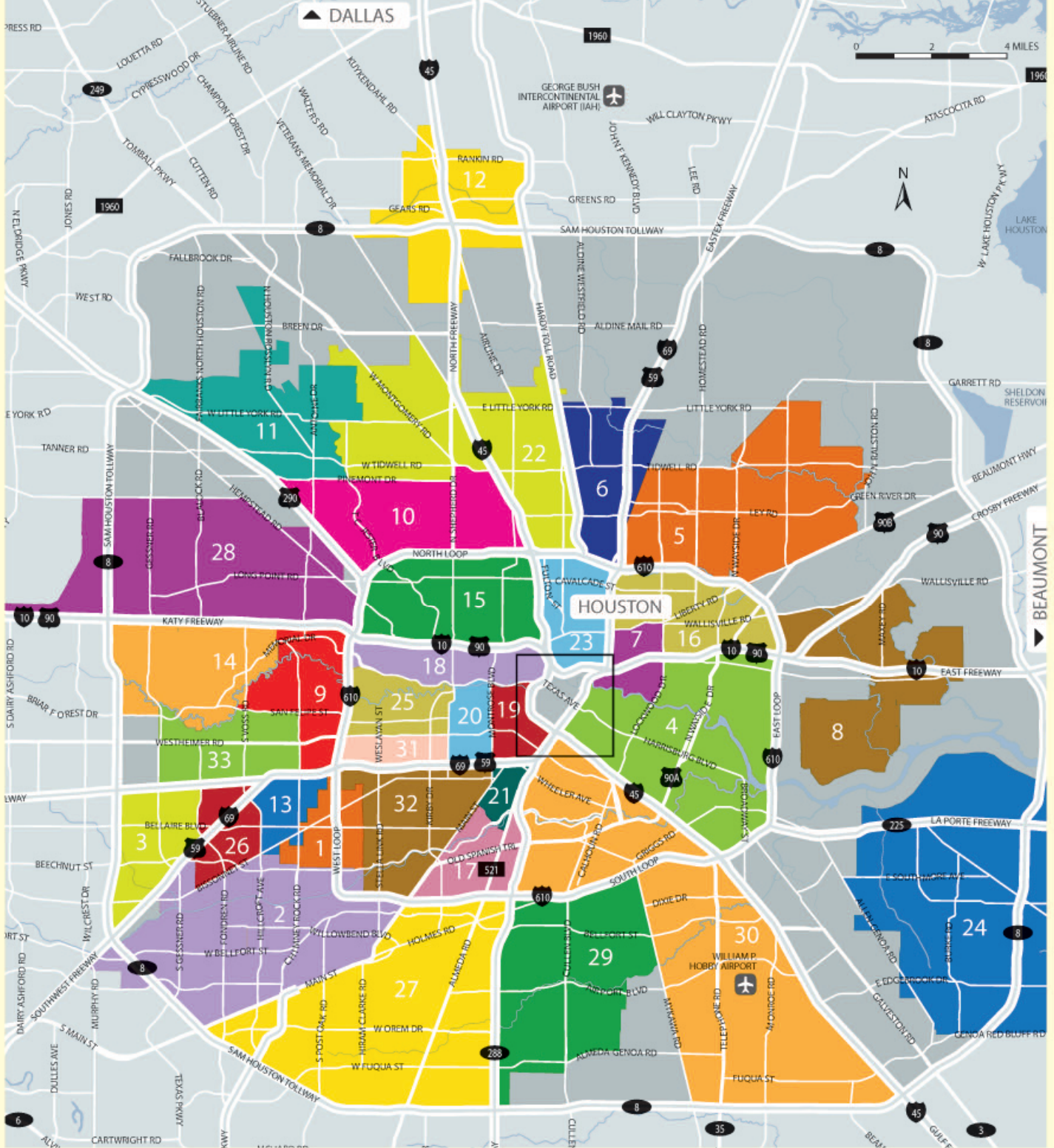
6. MEDICAL DISTRICT The southern quadrant of downtown Houston is home to St. Joseph Medical Center and the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral campus.

7. SHOPPING DISTRICT GreenStreet and The Shops at Houston Center's array of retail, dining and entertainment options, including Houston's House of Blues, are worth checking out.

8. SKYLINE DISTRICT Ten of Houston's 25 Fortune 500 companies call the Skyline District home. An extensive network of climate-controlled underground tunnels connects the vast skyscrapers, including the JP Morgan Chase Tower, the tallest building west of the Mississippi.

9. THEATER DISTRICT Houston is one of the few cities in the United States with permanent resident companies in opera, ballet, music and theater. The 17-block Theater District includes nine world-class performing arts venues — plus a few hotels and restaurants to make a whole night out of it. For more information about Houston's burgeoning performing arts scene, see page 54.

10. WAREHOUSE DISTRICT The Warehouse District, situated just north of Buffalo Bayou, is famous for its funky alternative art scene, with hip dining options, live music, artist lofts and more.



IN THE ENCLAVES

Houston's mix of neighborhoods is diverse and unique. No matter what your priorities are, whether it be location, amenities or great schools, there's an area in town that is suited for your needs. In the following pages, get to know the area that's perfect for you and your family. *Unless otherwise noted, students in these communities are served by Houston Independent School District (houstonisd.org).*

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1. BELLAIRE Encompassed by the cities of Houston and West University Place, Bellaire is known for its quiet, tree-lined streets and highly ranked schools. Evelyn's Park and its all-day café, Betsy's, is a neighborhood hot spot, while Bellaire-Zindler Park features a pool and tennis courts as well as Bellaire Recreation Center and the Bellaire Civic Center. Nearby Meyerland is the center of Houston's Jewish community.

2. BRAEBURN/BRAYS OAKS/WESTBURY/SOUTHWEST HOUSTON The Braeburn and Brays Oaks communities, dotted with mid-century mod homes, sit along the north and south banks of Brays Bayou respectively. Expect easy access to 15-plus miles of hike-and-bike trails, as well as the Galleria, Med Center, NRG Stadium and major freeways. Neighboring 'hoods include Westbury, Willow Meadows-Willowbend and Southwest Houston.

3. CHINATOWN Houston is home to the largest Asian population in the southern United States. The city's original Chinatown, located just east of Downtown, relocated in the early 1990s to the southwest area of the city. Today, Chinese shopping centers like Hong Kong City Mall, restaurants, bakeries and more sit alongside markets dedicated to Indian, Pakistani and Middle Eastern wares. The area, also known as Asiatown, is complete with street signs featuring Chinese characters.

4. EADO/EAST END East Downtown — known as EaDo — is budding with a diverse and evolving mix of nightlife and art galleries. The area's walkability is part of the appeal; a day may include a jaunt to the Houston Dynamo stadium and 8th Wonder Brewery, or Agricole Hospitality's buzzy restaurants. A new METRORail line is in the works to improve connectivity.

5. EAST HOUSTON East Houston is northeast of Downtown, between the 610 Loop and Beltway 8. The area is home to several golf courses, the East Houston Regional Medical Center and the historically black neighborhood of Trinity/Houston Gardens.

6. EASTEX/JENSEN Eastex/Jensen is a primarily low-income area in North Houston, just north of the 610 Loop bordered by the Hardy Toll Road and U.S. 59.

7. FIFTH WARD Northeast of Downtown, explore the Fifth Ward's rich musical, artistic and cultural history — including six churches that are more than 100 years old, such as the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, founded by former slave Rev. Toby Gregg in 1865.

8. GALENA PARK Galena Park is located on the north bank of the Houston Ship Channel, just east of the Houston city limits. With a population of around 11,000, the area has a relaxed, rural feel, and is home to lots of public parks, affordable homes and good schools. On the north side of I-10 East, find Northshore and Cloverleaf. Galena Park ISD serves students here.

9. GALLERIA/UPTOWN This area exudes urban sophistication and cosmopolitan energy. Centrally located in the city's Uptown

district, The Galleria is comprised of hundreds of upscale restaurants and retailers, as well as soaring office towers that see more than 200,000 working professionals and visitors daily. Uptown is also home to many of the city's largest hotels and boasts an array of housing options. For more information, visit uptown-houston.com. Turn to page 50 to learn more about shopping in Houston.

10. GARDEN OAKS/OAK FOREST Together known as "GOOF," these neighborhoods are increasingly popular among young families, a trend reflected in the rapid addition of new shopping centers and restaurants in the area. With grand magnolias and large lots, the Garden Oaks community is an architecturally unique area with traditional-style plantation homes and quaint cottages. Oak Forest is also charming, and slightly more affordable.

11. GREATER INWOOD The Greater Inwood area is nestled between Highways 290 and 249, north of the 610 Loop. Entry-level homes and new apartment complexes make the area attractive for first-time homebuyers and renters. Aldine ISD serves students in this area.

12. GREENSPPOINT This industrial hub is home to 20 million square feet of office, retail and warehouse space, and offers easy access to IAH. Two school districts serve the area: Aldine ISD and Spring ISD.

13. GULFTON Gulfton is conveniently located about 10 miles southwest of Downtown, between the 610 Loop and Beltway 8, right along the Westpark Tollway. It's a densely populated area, with several large apartment complexes, abutting the posh Bellaire.

14. MEMORIAL This upscale enclave includes five residential "villages," all operating autonomously of Houston, west of Downtown along Memorial Drive and the Katy Freeway. The close-knit area and neighboring 'hoods, the rest of which are part of Houston proper, feature historic ranch-style homes and massive new-build mansions alike, and the public schools in Spring Branch ISD are top-notch.

15. GREATER HEIGHTS In Houston's historic Heights, updated turn-of-the-century homes stand next to newly constructed Victorian-style cottages with large, wrap-around porches; expect more high-rise condos in the coming years. The 19th Street business district boasts antique shops, art markets and funky cafes. Neighboring areas include Timbergrove, Shady Acres and Woodland Heights.

16. KASHMERE GARDENS/NORTHEAST HOUSTON This tight-knit historically African-American community borders an industrial zone and a railroad corridor northeast of Downtown.

17. MEDICAL CENTER/NRG PARK With world-class hospitals, training and educational facilities, the Texas Medical Center treats more than 10 million patients annually and employs more than 106,000 professionals. Nearby NRG Stadium hosts myriad events throughout the year, including Houston Texans football games and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

18. MEMORIAL PARK/WASHINGTON CORRIDOR Along Buffalo Bayou near the 610 Loop, just west of Downtown, find stately homes and tons of hike-and-bike trails. Memorial Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country, is popular for golf, running and cycling. Nearby, the newly gentrified Washington Corridor is now a strip of restaurants, lounges, wine bars and townhomes. This area offers easy access to 610, I-10 and a straight shot into Downtown via Memorial Drive or Allen Parkway.

19. MIDTOWN Sandwiched between Downtown and the Museum District, the trendy and walkable Midtown neighborhood is a popular choice for young professionals. It's packed with high-rise apartments, boutique shopping, art galleries, restaurants and nightlife — and boasts three METRORail stations for easy access to Downtown, universities, and the Texas Medical Center.

20. MONTROSE Established in 1911, Montrose is one of the most eclectic areas in all of Houston. It's home to music venues, vintage shopping and historic residential architecture. The neighborhood is bordered by Allen Parkway to the north, and the Museum District to the south. The Westheimer Curve is a world-famous foodie destination, full of mouthwatering eats from celeb chefs, hole-in-the-wall spots, and chic lounges and dive bars alike.

21. MUSEUM DISTRICT Houston's Museum District welcomes nearly 9 million visitors to its 50-plus museums, galleries and cultural institutions each year. Standouts include the newly expanded Museum of Fine Arts, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Holocaust Museum, and the Children's Museum. For more information about Houston museums, turn to page 56.

22. NORTHSIDE/NORTHLINE/ACRES HOMES Several communities that are situated along I-45 North, just outside of the 610 Loop, enjoy a central location between Downtown and IAH airport.

23. NORTHSIDE VILLAGE The Northside Village area, also known as Near Northside, has historically been home to a primarily Hispanic population, and has recently seen growth due to expanded service of the METRORail's red line, and thanks to the popular White Oak Music Hall concert venue.

24. PASADENA As the second largest city in Houston MSA, Pasadena boasts a booming economy thanks to its proximity to the Ship Channel and NASA's Johnson Space Center. Pasadena ISD serves students here.

25. RIVER OAKS Situated along Buffalo Bayou west of Downtown, River Oaks is well known as one of Houston's oldest and most affluent neighborhoods, with white-columned mansions dating from the 1920s and Houston's oldest country club. The median home value in River Oaks is more than \$2 million.

26. SHARPSTOWN Sharpstown is a master-planned community southwest of Downtown, one of the city's most culturally diverse neighborhoods. Housing here includes post-World War II bungalows, as well as modern and traditional homes on large lots.

27. CENTRAL SOUTHWEST Central Southwest Houston is a predominantly African-American neighborhood that offers easy access to the Galleria and Texas Medical Center. Homes and apartments tend to be affordable, and dining options include a large number of authentic ethnic restaurants.

28. SPRING BRANCH Families flock to Spring Branch for its diverse cultural offerings, modest home prices and proximity to the Katy Freeway. A slew of new restaurants and beer gardens promise to breathe fresh life into the district. Spring Branch ISD serves students here.

29. SUNNYSIDE/SOUTHEAST HOUSTON Sunnyside is a historically black neighborhood located south of downtown Houston, outside the 610 Loop and inside Beltway 8, off State Highway 288. It's known as a tight-knit community; nearby areas include South Acres, Crestmont Park and South Park.

30. THIRD WARD The Third Ward, home to Texas Southern University and the University of Houston, is rich in culture and history, as evidenced in the beautifully revamped Emancipation Park. Residents enjoy easy access to Hobby Airport and Downtown.

31. UPPER KIRBY Upper Kirby is a cross-section of River Oaks and Montrose, both in terms of location and culture — expect high-end shopping, indie coffee shops and impressive high-rise condos. Nearby Greenway Plaza is a business hub, with more than 4 million square feet of leasable space.

32. WEST UNIVERSITY The third-most expensive neighborhood in Houston, the tree-lined West U area is comprised of unique bungalows and newly remodeled homes. Upper-echelon families and young professionals love the proximity to Rice University and Rice Village.

33. TANGLEWOOD/BRIARGROVE PARK Tanglewood is an upscale community located just west of The Galleria. Its location near Memorial Park and Uptown allows for lots of options when it comes to recreational activities. Adjacent Briargrove Park is a more affordable 'hood with similar amenities, and is popular among young families.



While some residents may have you believe everything is better “inside the Loop,” the greater Houston area is home to dozens of award-winning and super-livable communities just a short drive from town. Explore all your options in the following pages.

NORTH

Aldine Located near George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), the community is in central Harris County on the northern edge of Houston. Aldine ISD serves students in this area.

Champions The Champions-FM 1960 area has a number of master-planned neighborhoods, many tucked away among tall pine trees and lakes. Easy access to Downtown plus an abundance of golf courses and country clubs make this area a popular choice. Spring ISD serves students here.

Conroe About 45 minutes north of Downtown, Conroe was named after a Southern Cavalry officer who founded a sawmill there in 1881. Today, towering pine trees and lakeside living make the city an attractive option for outdoors and golf enthusiasts, who may reside in traditional one-story

homes or luxurious lakefront condos. Conroe ISD serves area students.

Crosby/Huffman With 150 miles of pine forests and open grassland, Crosby and Huffman outline the east side of Lake Houston, about 35 minutes from Downtown. Crosby ISD serves Crosby students and Huffman students attend Huffman ISD schools.

Cypress More than 120,000 residents call this suburb — one of the most affluent in Harris County — home. Expect tons of golf courses and superior schools, and additional hike-and-bike trails and horseback riding upon completion of the Cypress Creek Greenway Project. Large master-planned communities provide ample amenities, such as Bridgeland’s vast lake and trail system. Students are served by Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

Humble Located in northeast Harris

County near Lake Houston, Humble covers approximately 10 square miles and offers large, wooded lots for new builds. Petroleum has been the basis of Humble’s economy since its beginning: The city was the namesake for Humble Oil and Refining Company, which later merged with the Exxon. Humble ISD, one of the fastest-growing school districts in Texas, serves students here.

Jersey Village Jersey Village is a town of approximately 8,000 residents located about 20 miles northwest of Downtown, near the Hwy. 290 and Beltway 8 interchange. Residents of this tight-knit community enjoy access to a golf course, pool and a park with playground. Fish from the shores of a small lake in the middle of the neighborhood! Cypress-Fairbanks ISD serves area students.

Kingwood Kingwood, sometimes

called the “livable forest,” is best known for 75 miles of greenbelt trails where residents can hike and bike through the woods, along the lake and into a nature reserve. The city is divided into 25 “villages.” Each has its own style, price point, private pools, and other amenities; the Clubs of Kingwood, for example, offers six championship golf courses. Students attend Humble ISD schools.

Klein Situated between Tomball and The Woodlands, northwest of Downtown, Klein offers a distinctly suburban feel with easy access via I-45 to entertainment, shopping, dining and more. (The area is named after a German immigrant whose great-great-grandson is Lyle Lovett!) Klein ISD serves area students.

Lake Houston The forested Greater Lake Houston area is currently experiencing robust population and economic growth, thanks to new Fortune 500 campuses and the massive Generation Park development. Several subdivisions offer peaceful shorefront properties with resort-style amenities. Humble ISD serves students here.

Magnolia By the 1920s, this quaint town had become a shipping center for lumber, farm products and cattle. Today, the original railroad depot sits in the heart of Magnolia, home to around 140,000. Find rural estates and cute cottages alike, plus a burgeoning art and coffeeshop scene. Magnolia ISD, the second-fastest growing district in the state, serves area students.

Spring Between IAH and The Woodlands is Spring, a town of 55,000 that is home to several gated communities, the beautiful Mercer Botanic Gardens, and the charming Old Town Spring, complete with Victorian-style mansions that are now restaurants and shops. Spring ISD serves area students.

Tomball Less than 30 miles from Downtown on Hwy. 249, Tomball has maintained its small-town charm while offering access to big-city amenities, plus award-winning golf courses, two breweries and a handful of great

live-music venues. Tomball ISD serves students here.

The Woodlands Nestled in 28,000 acres of native forest, The Woodlands is one of the most successful master-planned communities in the United States; in 2021, Niche named it the No. 1 suburb in America. Find 10 residential “villages,” along with high-end hotels and conference centers, shopping at Market Street, and business parks. Dining, nightlife and recreational activities abound along the Waterway, including at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Conroe ISD serves the area.

SOUTH

Alvin The hometown of baseball legend Nolan Ryan, Alvin boasts a distinct small-town vibe about 40 minutes from the coast. Several public parks offer beautiful swaths of Brazoria County countryside for hiking, biking, disc golf and more. Alvin ISD serves students here.

Sugar Land One of the most populous areas within the fast-growing Fort Bend County is Sugar Land, whose proximity to the 23,000-acre George Ranch (along with the George Observatory) and to Downtown Houston alike is part of its strong appeal. Master-planned communities within the area offer resort-style amenities and expansive trail systems, while the Sugar Land Town Square is a vibrant mixed-use development with 1.4 million square feet of shopping and dining. The Asian community has a strong presence here, as reflected in its delicious Indian food offerings. Fort Bend ISD serves students here.

Missouri City Located between Downtown and Sugar Land, Missouri City is a convenient option for those frequenting The Galleria and the Texas Medical Center. There’s a range of housing available, including within the Sienna Plantation community, where modest one-story abodes coexist with million-dollar-plus mansions. Fort Bend ISD and Houston ISD serve students in Missouri City.

Pearland Dotted with beautiful

master-planned and gated communities, Pearland was recently named one of the fastest-growing cities in the region, and the fifth-safest city in Texas. A 20-minute drive to Downtown allows residents to enjoy short commutes and everything the big city has to offer while taking advantage of the area’s relatively low cost of living, and a burgeoning restaurant scene. Pearland ISD and Alvin ISD serve students.

Richmond Richmond is located about 15 miles southwest of Downtown, on the Brazos River. The population here is expected to nearly double within 25 years, so the city has launched the Richmond Trail Master Plan to provide trails for recreation and commuting. Students here attend Lamar Consolidated ISD.

Rosenberg Rosenberg, about 35 miles southwest of Downtown, was founded in the late 1800s, when the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroads chose the area as a railway stop. Today, its quaint historic downtown district is burgeoning with cultural institutions, including two theaters and several art-exhibition spaces. Lamar Consolidated ISD serves students in this area.

EAST

Baytown Baytown sits on the northern shore of Galveston Bay between the San Jacinto and Trinity rivers. Family-friendly water activities and wildlife preserves — Baytown Nature Center, Eddy Gray Wetlands Education & Recreation Center — keep residents entertained and active. The city is home to refineries and warehouse/distribution centers for companies like ExxonMobil and Home Depot. Goose Creek ISD serves Baytown students.

Clear Lake Known primarily as the home of NASA’s Johnson Space Center, the Clear Lake area has grown to include much more: Nine residential communities provide diverse living options and easy travel to both Houston and Galveston. Residents enjoy an abundance of activities including shopping, dining and boating on Clear Lake, a 2,000-acre

inlet of Galveston Bay. Spaces like Exploration Green allow residents to enjoy the native wetlands. Students attend Clear Creek ISD.

Deer Park Often called the Birthplace of Texas, Deer Park is where initial treaty documents securing Texas' independence from Mexico were drafted following the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Today, Deer Park — now home to the San Jacinto monument and museum — is frequently listed on national lists of most affordable suburbs, thanks in part to its easy access to Houston, the Bay Area and Galveston Island. Students attend Deer Park ISD.

Friendswood Friendswood is an affluent suburb dotted with large, red-brick homes, situated right between central Houston and Galveston; it's less than half an hour from both Hobby Airport and the coast. It prides itself on having a low crime rate and a tight-knit, family-oriented community. Depending on location, students are served by Friendswood ISD or Clear Creek ISD.

Galveston Galveston is a beach town just 50 miles southeast of Houston on the Gulf of Mexico. The island is the most-visited beach destination in Texas, with 32 miles of shoreline and a bustling cruise port. In addition to beautiful Victorian architecture and funky shops and restaurants in the historic Strand district, Galveston offers attractions like Moody Gardens and Schlitterbahn Waterpark, plus the University of Texas Medical Branch. Students on Galveston Island and the neighboring Bolivar Peninsula attend Galveston ISD.

Kemah Kemah is located on Galveston Bay, just 25 minutes south of Houston and 25 minutes north of Galveston. Commercial fishing has remained a large part of Kemah's identity over the years, making it a long-standing destination for recreation and tourism. The Kemah Boardwalk offers an array of waterfront restaurants, attractions and events throughout the year. Kemah is served by Clear Creek ISD.

La Marque La Marque, sometimes dubbed the Gateway to the Gulf, is an

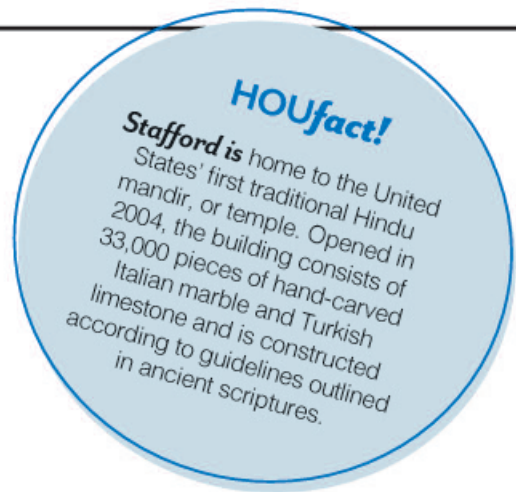
incorporated residential community about 12 miles northwest of Galveston. Marinas, yacht clubs and beautiful swaths of coastline make this a prime choice for those who want the appeal of island life on the mainland. Texas City ISD serves most of this area.

La Porte La Porte means "the door" or "gateway," in reference to what is now the Houston Ship Channel. Located just south of Baytown, the city boasts a small-town atmosphere and a big-time economy focused on oil and shipping. Sylvan Beach Park offers 2,000 feet of sandy beaches, as well as a fishing pier and a boat launch. City parks include a wave pool and a park alongside Galveston Bay. La Porte ISD serves students in the area.

League City Approximately 23 miles equidistant between Houston and Galveston, League City has experienced tremendous growth through the years, and recently surpassed Galveston as Galveston County's largest city. It touts the third-largest pleasure boat anchorage in the country, with four marinas that host more than 7,000 boats, and also has more than 620 acres of public parks, three golf courses and the Jonny Arolo Civic Center. Depending on location, students are served by Clear Creek ISD or Dickinson ISD.

Nassau Bay Nassau Bay is a small suburban community whose identity is deeply rooted in the space program. Nassau Bay sits directly across from the Johnson Space Center and is surrounded on three sides by water. With two marinas, three hotels and several popular retail and entertainment establishments, the city receives nearly 3,000 visitors every day. Students attend schools within Clear Creek ISD.

Webster Despite its small size, Webster, located between NASA and League City, is mighty in terms of commercial vibrancy: The city is home to more than 2,200 businesses, and the aerospace and medical fields are two of the city's major growth industries. Clear Creek ISD serves students in Webster.



WEST

Alief Alief is located in western Harris County along the Southern Pacific Railroad and Brays Bayou. Alief ISD is the most ethnically diverse school district of its size in all of Texas, and its 45,000 enrolled students speak more than 60 languages.

Fulshear Fulshear is home to dynamic new developments for those who like the feel of country living with easy access to big-city amenities. Primarily a farm and ranch community, the city offers a beautiful landscape, with rolling terrain dotted with centuries-old hardwoods, grassy prairies, and serene lowlands along the banks of the Brazos River. Lamar Consolidated ISD serves students here.

Katy Located along I-10 at the intersection of Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties, Katy offers the appeal of small-town suburbia balanced with close distance to Houston-area businesses and recreation. Increasingly diverse, Katy offers standout cuisine from all over the world; Katy Asian Town is a burgeoning cultural epicenter. Housing options range from apartments and condos to complete living communities with waterfront and golf-course properties, like Cinco Ranch. Katy ISD serves area students, and is nationally recognized for its educational programs.

Westchase The Westchase District is situated along the main thoroughfare of Westheimer Road, offering convenient access to the Energy Corridor and the Memorial and Galleria areas. Two country clubs offer world-class golf, and well-maintained hike-and-bike trails lead to Storey Park and the hidden-gem Terry Hershey Park. Houston ISD and Alief ISD serve the Westchase District.



Bridgeland
A waterside master-planned community in Cypress, about half an hour northwest of Downtown

STEPS TO HOME OWNERSHIP

Whether you're looking to buy or rent in the city or the suburbs, chances are that Houston has just the place for you. Here, find the resources you need to get settled in your new home.

One of the keys to making the home-buying process easier — and easier to understand — is proper planning. In doing so, you'll be able to anticipate requests from lenders, lawyers and a host of other professionals. Furthermore, planning will help you discover valuable shortcuts in the home-buying process.

1. Do You Know What You Want?

Ponder the pros and cons of different housing options in terms of location and lifestyle, and then decide on a purchasing timeframe.

2. Do You Have the Money?

Homes and financing are closely intertwined. Loan programs have evolved, and some require a five percent down payment or less. In addition to a down payment, purchasers also need cash for closing costs.

3. Select a Realtor

Buying and selling real estate is a complex matter. In this maze of forms, financing, inspections, marketing, pricing and negotiating, it makes sense to work with professionals who know the community. You can find a realtor at open houses, through local advertising, websites, referrals and recommendations.

4. Get Loan Preapproval

Realtors routinely suggest that consumers start the mortgage process well before bidding on a home. Purchase forms often require buyers to apply for financing within a given time period; in many cases, seven to 10 days.

5. Choose a Home

Consider such things as pricing, location, size, amenities and design. Decide what features are most important and adjust your search accordingly. The best approach is to look at as



Bridgeland
Children play at a
Bridgeland park

many homes as possible. Narrow down your choices, then collaborate with your realtor to go over specifics and options.

6. Get Funding

The amount you put down makes a difference in how your loan works: Putting less than 20 percent down will cause lenders to ask for a guaranteed mortgage from an outside third party. Your credit score will be a determining factor on your future interest rate. First-time home buyers can be assisted through state-backed first-timer programs, which often feature smaller down payments and below-market interest rates.

7. Make an Offer

In a typical situation, you will complete an offer that the realtor will present to the owner and the owner's representative. The owner, in turn, may accept the offer, reject it, or make a counter-offer.

8. Complete the Inspection

Inspections are common in residential realty transactions, including checks for termites, surveys to determine boundaries, appraisals to determine value for lenders, title reviews and structural inspections. It's recommended that the buyer be present. At this time, insurance should also be acquired.

9. Closing and Settlement

The closing process, also known as "settlement" or "escrow," is increasingly computerized and automated. In many cases, buyers and sellers don't need to attend a specific event; signed paperwork can be sent to the closing agent via overnight delivery. Once transactions are completed, the buyer receives the keys and the seller receives payment for the home. Deeds, loan papers, and other documents are prepared, signed, and filed with local property record offices.

**Renting
in Houston**

For those looking to rent or lease, Houston offers a variety of choices — from apartments, townhomes and lofts, to mid-rises, high-rises, condos, garage apartments and single-family homes.

In areas like the Galleria and Upper Kirby, Houston has a plethora of luxury high-rise rental properties featuring fab amenities and stunning views. Meanwhile, a slew of new apartment buildings in the Heights has cemented the area's place as one of Houston's most walkable neighborhoods, and charming garage apartments in Montrose are a fun way to maximize a budget in an uber-hip part of town. Next up, the Med Center is the largest of its kind in the world, and offers a variety of rental options — plus special rates and shuttle services for TMC employees.

And for those looking for urban living with a bit of old-school flair, Downtown's creative restoration has transformed several old city landmarks into loft buildings. Downtown and Midtown are home to a bulk of the 23,000-plus new units expected to come online in the next year or two — good news for those who want high entertainment and a short commute.

Wanting to venture outside the Loop? CityCentre, located at the Katy Freeway and Beltway 8 interchange, is a massive mixed-use development with apartment homes, lofts and townhomes for rent — all set among high-end office buildings, fitness facilities, and shopping and dining destinations. The Woodlands offers a similar vibe, plus an attractive waterway and LEED-certified properties.

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OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

ELECTRICAL & NATURAL GAS SERVICES In Texas, residential consumers can shop around for the electrical service provider of their choice. The largest providers are Reliant Energy and TXU Energy.

The Texas Public Utility Commission provides information about choosing an electric provider, rate comparisons and much more at powertochoose.org, and the City of Houston offers an informative website that can help with shopping for electrical service providers in the region at houstonconsumerchoice.com. Be sure to ask about average billing plans, online payment options and the hours of customer service. Also inquire if a contract is required and for how long, what happens if your power goes out, and whether there are fees for switching to another electric company or canceling your service.

In Houston, CenterPoint Energy supplies natural gas. For more information and to set up service, call 713-659-2111 or visit its website at centerpointenergy.com.

WATER & SEWAGE SERVICES The City of Houston Public Works & Engineering Department provides water and sewer service for residents of Houston proper. Other incorporated municipalities in the Houston area provide their own water and sewer services to their residents. Contact your local governing body for full information.

CABLE SERVICES The two primary cable service providers in Houston are Comcast Xfinity and AT&T U-verse, which both offer cable, Internet and phone service options.

Satellite dish services are available in Houston through Dish Network and DIRECTV.

TELEPHONE SERVICES There are more than three dozen local telephone service providers, as well as most major brands of cell phone service providers. The City of Houston and the immediate surrounding area have four area codes: 281, 713, 346 and 832. When calling from one of these area codes, 10-digit dialing is required for local calls. Three other area codes — 409, 936 and 979 — are part of the larger 10-county Houston metropolitan area.

TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE New residents must obtain a Texas driver's license within 30 days of establishing Texas residency. New residents with a valid out-of-state driver's license who own a vehicle and would like to obtain a Texas driver's license will need to provide proof of Texas registration, proof of liability insurance, a Social Security number, and an out-of-state license. The only examination required is a vision test. If the out-of-state license has expired, a new resident must take a written examination, a behind-the-wheel examination, and a vision test. Those who do not own a vehicle do not have to show proof of insurance but are required to complete an affidavit of non-ownership. At the time of application, new residents are required to surrender their valid or expired out-of-state driver's license.

All original applicants for a driver's license or identification certificate must present proof of identity



satisfactory to the Texas Department of Public Safety, as well as take the written, driving and vision tests. For information about documents that may be presented as acceptable proof of identity, go to the Texas Department of Public Safety's website at txdps.state.tx.us. First-time foreign applicants must prove legal U.S. residency before obtaining a Texas driver's license.

A beginning driver of age 15 or older can apply for an instruction permit, which enables the holder of the permit to drive with a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older in the front seat. To obtain an instruction permit, a beginning driver must pass the written portion of the driving test, and those under the age of 18 must also take the classroom portion of an approved driver's education course.

For more information and locations of Texas driver's license offices, visit the Texas Department of Public Safety website at dps.texas.gov.

AUTO REGISTRATION & TAGS Newcomers must register vehicles in Texas within 30 days of establishing residency. In Harris County, registration is done with the Harris County tax assessor-collector. Call 713-368-2000 for full information, office locations, and associated fees. Residents of other counties must register at their county tax office. The following information is necessary to register a vehicle: an out-of-state title or registration; a sales or use tax affidavit; a current Texas driver's license; a Vehicle Identification Certificate (Form VI-30-A), indicating the vehicle has passed a safety inspection; a current odometer reading; customs documentation if from a foreign country; and proof of insurance. Members of the U.S. armed forces and nonresident students attending accredited Texas schools on a full-time basis are not considered state residents.

Registration and license tags must be renewed every 12 months by mail, in person or online. In addition, all Texas vehicles must pass a safety inspection every 12 months at a state-regulated inspection station. A vehicle that passes inspection must display a current state inspection sticker in the lower left-hand corner of the front windshield.

Texas has a mandatory driver's liability insurance law. All drivers are required to carry proof of liability insurance in their vehicles at all times.

The minimum drinking age in Texas is 21. Drivers are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages while operating a vehicle. Driving while intoxicated (DWI) laws are strictly enforced and can carry a sentence of jail time, even for first-time offenders. Texas also has a driving under the influence (DUI) law that penalizes those who are under 21 and have any detectable amount of alcohol in their system when driving a motor vehicle.

PET REQUIREMENTS In Texas, all cats and dogs must be vaccinated against rabies by the time they are four months old and must receive a booster one year after the initial vaccination. After the first two vaccinations, cats and dogs can be vaccinated at either one-year or three-year intervals. Additionally, cats and dogs in Houston must be licensed. Any veterinarian can vaccinate your pet and provide license tags.

The City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Control (BARC) may impound any dog or cat not restrained on a leash or without proper tags. For more information, contact BARC at houstontx.gov/barc.

In Harris County outside the Houston city limits, contact the Harris County Veterinary Public Health Division at 281-999-3191 or countypets.com.

Downtown
A performance at
Theatre Under the
Stars. TUTS is a
premiere non-profit
performing arts
company.



**LIVE, WORK,
PLAY**

NOW THAT

you're here, it's time to discover the things that make Houston so special.

From one of the nation's most deliciously diverse restaurant scenes to ample green spaces and world-class performing arts experiences, there is no shortage of things to do, places to go or events to experience.

THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

Cultures from all over the world come together in Houston, and the city celebrates this diversity with exciting annual festivals — and one dazzling rodeo. Every March, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo arrives at NRG Stadium. The largest livestock show and the richest regular-season Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo in the world, the event attracts millions of visitors who come to view the animal exhibits, watch the cowboy competitions, and see their favorite music stars performing onstage. HLSR also distributes millions in scholarships to area students each year.

RodeoHouston
Performers like Brad Paisley take the stage after the night's rodeo events.



Tony's
The high-end mainstay in Greenway Plaza serves delicacies like truffle, pear and pecorino

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Hugo Ortega, one of Houston's four James Beard Award-winning chefs, uses ants, worms and grasshoppers in dishes at his restaurant Xochi.
- Houstonians dine out more than residents of other major cities — 6.9 times per week, compared to the national average of 4.9.
- The Original Ninfa's on Navigation — popular purveyors of mouthwatering, meaty modern Tex-Mex — is said to have invented fajitas.

HOUfacts!
Rapper 50 Cent moved to Houston in May 2021, and just days later took home the Reserve Grand Champion Best of Show prize at the Rodeo's wine auction.

By the Numbers

2.4 mil

Number of RodeoHouston visitors in 2022

17

Number of blocks that the Theater District spans

451

Number of playgrounds in H-Town (with 23 splash pads!)

250,000

Number of Mexican freetailed bats that live under the Waugh Bridge in Buffalo Bayou Park.



Houston Arboretum
This playscape was the final component of the Arboretum's newly completed Master Plan.

GET OUTSIDE! ALL ABOUT HOUSTON PARKS

- Memorial Park — an urban oasis twice the size of Central Park — opened its Eastern Glades in 2020, with picnic areas, wetlands and boardwalks. Nearby, the Arboretum completed a new Nature Center and kids playscape!
- Houston has a rate of two times the nationwide average of parkland — nearly 24 acres per 1,000 residents!
- A five-mile "Green Loop" — a system of parks, trails and pedestrian-friendly public spaces — has been proposed to encircle Downtown, also connecting Midtown and EaDo.

70,000

Number of works of art in the permanent collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

8.7 mil

Number of visitors the Museum District's 19 cultural institutions welcome annually



WORLD-CLASS FOOD SCENE

With a population as ethnically diverse as Houston's — more than 145 languages are spoken, and 90 nations have consular representation in the city — it stands to reason that an eclectic restaurant scene would emerge. And that's exactly what has happened. In fact, Houston has become a food lover's paradise. Name any country and most likely there is a restaurant in the Houston area that serves delectable dishes from "back home."

Every neighborhood in Houston has options worth exploring. Foodies know that the Westheimer Curve in Montrose has risen to national notoriety for its superstar chefs, cool coffeeshops, bustling bakeries and trendy-bar-next-door vibe. Of late, Goodnight Hospitality's **March** has

garnered national praise for its super-high-end, tasting-menu-only food and its collaboration with **Goodthyme Farm**. Chef Felipe Riccio changes March's menu twice a year; a recent focus is on dishes derived from the Occitania region of France, Spain and Italy.

Other districts are vying for gastronomic greatness: Rice Village recently welcomed the lovely and modern Middle Eastern restaurant **Hamsa**, which joins foodie fave **Gratify**, the newly expanded **Sweet Paris Creperie & Café** and, coming soon, **Navy Blue** from Aaron Bludorn and wife Victoria Pappas, a member of Houston's First Family of Food. Meanwhile, in EaDo, a trio of exciting spots from the nationally lauded crew Agricole Hospitality — **Miss Carousel** cocktail bar, next-door pizza place **Vinny's**, and Gulf-Coast-cool **Indianola** — draws a crowd nightly, and **Nancy's**



Foodie Fun
Clockwise from far left: An octopus sandwich at Concura in River Oaks District; chef Hugo Ortega; housemade pasta at Downtown's BOH; Cured red snapper at the MFAH's Le Jardinier



HUGO ORTEGA PHOTO BY JULIE SOEFER

Hustle has quietly become one of the most talked-about restaurants in Texas.

River Oaks and the Galleria boast a handful of high-end steakhouse experiences, like **Steak 48** and **Mastro's**. Inside the mall, find stylish sushi and more at **Nobu** and, across the way, amazing Indian food at the palatial and beautifully designed **Musafer**.

The Heights is the latest 'hood to emerge as a foodie destination, with outposts of many Houston go-tos — **Common Bond** bakery, **Local Foods** sandwich shop, **The Burger Joint**, farm-to-table fave **Dish Society** — opening here in the last few years. It's more pedestrian-friendly than other areas, which makes for an easy and fun progressive dining experience. For example, the new mixed-use development M-K-T boasts **Blue Sushi Sake Grill**, locally made **Honeychild's Sweet Creams**, and the expansive patio bar **Highline Park**, all overlooking the hike-and-bike trail. Elsewhere in the Heights, **Moon Rabbit** serves inventive

Vietnamese fare and Berg Hospitality's **Trattoria Sofia** plates possibly the area's best brunch, Italian-style.

While sites such as OpenTable, Zagat and Yelp are available to help newcomers get their culinary bearings, many visitors like asking for local recs. Suggestions for fine-dining may include **Tony's**, **B&B Butchers**, **Uchi** and **Pappas Bros. Steakhouse**; hole-in-the-wall haunts and casual hot spot as might be **Gatlin's Barbecue**, **El Tiempo**, **Breakfast Klub** and **Mala Sichuan**.

For those looking to get a little closer to their food, local farmers markets spring up around Houston on weekends. Plus, the **Urban Harvest Farmers Market** — with everything from artisan breads to emu eggs — is held on Wednesdays and Saturdays. And the recently revamped **Houston Farmers Market** on Airline is open every day, with spaces dedicated to chef demonstrations, live music and restaurants from beloved **Underbelly Hospitality**, including **Underbelly Burger** and **Wild Oats**.



Westheimer Road
The palm-lined shopping and dining destination of Highland Village, and above, wares from Valobra Master Jewelers.

SHOPPING IS IN STYLE!

Houston is a shopping mecca. From lavish malls to mixed-use developments, Houston's shopping scene is as vibrant and diverse as the city itself.

The **Galleria** mall is home to many of the world's most coveted boutiques, including **Cartier**, **Swarovski**, **Tiffany & Co.**, **Louis Vuitton**, **Chanel**, **Versace** and more. Anchor department stores include **Nordstrom**, **Neiman Marcus** and **Macy's**, and affordable options are also abundant — find **Zara**, **Urban Outfitters**, **H&M** and more. The neighborhoods surrounding the Galleria feature shopping centers like **Highland Village**, **Uptown Park** and **River Oaks District**, all offering a similar mix of high-end retailers.

For H-Town shopping aficionados, **Rice Village**, situated near

Rice University and the Museum District, is a go-to. There's an ever-evolving roster of funky boutiques, salons, spas and restaurants; celeb designer **Chloe Dao**, who won the second season of Bravo's *Project Runway*, has her namesake boutique here, who also has a pop-up in the hip new **M-K-T** development.

Bargain-hunting on **Harwin Drive** is a fun excursion, as is antique and vintage shopping along **Bissonnet**, in the **Heights**, or up and down the **Westheimer Curve**. For those antiquing on a budget, the **Thompson Antique Center of Texas** on Hempstead Road is home to 190 dealer spaces within 108,000 square feet. Here, vintage boots, hats, clothing, and costume jewelry are well priced. (Less than a two-hour drive out of the city, the little towns of **Chappell Hill** and **Round Top** host annual antique and flea markets that attract the most discriminating collectors.)

H-TOWN SPORTS SCORE

Houston is a major-league sports town where fans can cheer for a variety of teams year-round. Get into the action with the 2017 World Series Champion Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park, or score a touchdown with the Texans at NRG Stadium, the world's first retractable-roof NFL stadium. Grab courtside seats to see the two-time world-champion Houston Rockets at Toyota Center. Meanwhile, BBVA Compass Stadium, home of the Dynamo and the Dash, hosts numerous soccer matches throughout the year. Other annual professional sporting events include the Shell Houston Open and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo — the world's largest.

But Houston sports don't stop at pro. The region's collegiate teams — Rice University, University of Houston, Texas Southern University, Houston Baptist University and Prairie View A&M — round out the options, competing in most major sports. Rice's baseball team is fun to watch, while UH's football program is scoring big these days.

Houston Teams

MLB: HOUSTON ASTROS

Minute Maid Park
houston.astros.mlb.com

NBA: HOUSTON ROCKETS

Toyota Center
nba.com/rockets

NFL: HOUSTON TEXANS

NRG Stadium
houstontexans.com

MLS: HOUSTON DYNAMO

PNC Stadium
houstondynamo.com

NWSL: HOUSTON DASH

PNC Stadium
houstondynamo.com/
houstondash

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COUGARS

American Athletic Conference

RICE UNIVERSITY OWLS

Conference USA

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

Southland Conference

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY TIGERS

Southwestern Athletic Conference

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M PANTHERS

Southwestern Athletic Conference



TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Whether you'd like to relax beside a tranquil lake, jog amid an urban forest of tall pines, kayak down a freshwater bayou with glistening skyscrapers as a backdrop, or take the family for a picnic and listen to live music, you can do it all in Houston — practically year-round.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (houstontx.gov/parks) oversees 366 parks and more than 200 green spaces, along more than 125 miles of hike-and-bike trails. The Harris County Park System website (harriscounty.tx.gov/parks) provides detailed information and maps of parks as varied as the Armand Bayou Nature Center, Bear Creek Pioneers Park, George Bush Park and Terry Hershey Park.

According to the Trust for Public Land, Houston was ranked first in the nation for total green space among cities of comparable density and fourth in the nation for total land devoted to parks. The watersheds that drain Harris County contain more than 800 miles of natural streams and 3,000 miles of human-made waterways.

City parks feature more than 500 basketball hoops and 450-plus playgrounds, several of which have splashpads — perfect for hot summer days. If tennis is your game, you'll find three major tennis centers and more than 200 neighborhood courts. And the region is a golf-lover's paradise, with more than 60 public and semi-private courses available, and dozens of private ones, too.

Two of the most popular jogging trails make their way



Buffalo Bayou Park
The 160-acre park offers trails, picnic areas and more, stretched along the banks of Buffalo Bayou.

around the outer perimeters of Memorial Park — this path was recently resurfaced and rerouted — and Rice University. Near Memorial Park, the 155-acre Houston Arboretum, which recently finished a years-long renovation and expansion, is a great place for the whole family to explore nature. And Rice is located across the street from Hermann Park, which boasts the Houston Zoo, Lake McGovern, Miller Outdoor Theatre, the beautiful Centennial Gardens, an 18-hole golf course and more.

And in the heart of Downtown, Discovery Green, located right by the George R. Brown Convention Center, Minute Maid Park, and Toyota Center, was built in 2008 using the latest technology in “green” construction, energy conservation and sustainable park operations. In addition to an amphitheater stage and slope, a small lake and rotating public art installations, Discovery Green also has a great play area for the kiddos, which opened in 2021.

Get Fit!

Forget the ‘fattest city’ rep! That’s so 2012. Here, fitness centers abound, from exclusive private clubs like the Houstonian, the Houston City Club, and the Houston Racquet Club and nationally franchised centers like Lifetime Fitness to boutique fitness facilities offering fun and diverse workouts. Here are a few faves.

Boost Pilates With three locations in town — Heights, West U and River Oaks — Boost is a perfect pilates reformer studio for beginners and experts alike. boostpilates.com

LagreeHTX Lagree, the pilates-inspired workout that garnered a cult following in Hollywood, has made its way to H-Town. LagreeHTX in Upper Kirby is a see-and-be scene for socialites and pro athletes — not to mention a killer workout. lagreehouston.com

Mōtiv Fitness Find a variety of low-impact, high-intensity workouts like cycling, power barre and trampoline-based classes at locations in West U, Tanglewood and Memorial. motivfitness.com

Ryde This locally grown cycling brand’s 45-minute, rhythm-based classes, available at its studios in River Oaks, Downtown and the Heights (coming soon!), are a top-notch experience. letsryde.com

Sweat A Heights facility combines treadmill exercises — on an incline, of course — floor work, weights and boxing for a chance to burn 1,000 calories during a 60-minute class. Facilities in the Heights and Upper Kirby. onesweat.com



Squad Goals
Group fitness opportunities abound in Houston.

ON WITH THE SHOW

Alley Theatre Houston's rich theatrical tradition began in 1947 with the opening of this theater in, literally, an alley. Today, the Alley is one of only a few professional theaters in the country to employ its own resident company of actors. Shows are year-round in the two-theater complex.

Da Camera of Houston Founded in 1987, Da Camera brings together leading American and international musicians. It is nationally acclaimed for provocative chamber music, contemporary music and an annual jazz series that showcases renowned performers and emerging artists.

Houston Ballet Cited by *The New York Times* as "one of the nation's best ballet companies," the Houston Ballet is the

fourth-largest company in America. In a typical season, the ensemble of more than 50 dancers performs around the world and treats Houston's ballet aficionados to more than 100 performances in the Wortham Center.

Houston Grand Opera One of the nation's largest opera companies, HGO is internationally recognized for its innovative repertoire that blends the classics with contemporary works and world premieres. HGO is the only opera company to win two Grammy awards, a Tony and two Emmys.

Houston Symphony An integral part of the local arts scene since 1913, the Houston Symphony performs more than 170 concerts a year at Jones Hall, Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park, and

the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in The Woodlands.

Performing Arts Houston The largest nonprofit of its kind in the Southwest, Performing Arts Houston hosts dozens of internationally acclaimed artists from the entire performing-arts spectrum — large orchestras, small avant-garde dance troupes, inspirational speakers and authors — at Jones Hall.

Theatre Under The Stars TUTS, one of the country's largest nonprofit producers of musical theater, has cast more than 300 musicals over 45-plus years. TUTS stages Broadway classics, world premieres and new works at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts — also home to Broadway in Houston, featuring touring hits.

LIVE PERFORMANCE VENUES

A. D. Players Theater, Uptown

Alley Theatre Theater, Downtown

Arena Theatre Concert hall, Southwest Houston

Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion Outdoor amphitheater, The Woodlands

Ensemble Theatre Theater, Midtown

Grand 1894 Opera House Theater and concert hall, Galveston

HITS Theatre Youth theater, Heights

Hobby Center for the Performing Arts Theater and concert hall, Downtown

House of Blues Concert venue, Downtown

Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts Theater and concert hall, Downtown

Main Street Theater Theater, Rice Village

MATCH Multi-venue theater, Midtown

Miller Outdoor Theatre Outdoor amphitheater, Museum District

Queensbury Theatre Theater, West Houston

Revention Center Concert venue, Downtown

Stages Repertory Theatre Theater, Montrose

White Oak Music Hall Indoor-outdoor concert venue, Heights

Wortham Center Theater and concert hall, Downtown

Music Matters
Pegstar at
White Oak
Music Hall





MUST-SEE MUSEUMS

Houston's renowned Museum District lies just south of Downtown, near Hermann Park, the Texas Medical Center and Rice University. A dynamic testament to the city's commitment to the visual arts, the district offers something for everyone, with special touring exhibits throughout the year. Nineteen museums are located within the district, and several others are spread out across the city.

Children's Museum of Houston This highly interactive and heavily trafficked attraction had to rethink a lot of its processes post-pandemic, but a safer experience awaits. Kids will love the educational science and art exhibits, and "kidtropolis" is a child-run city where visitors choose what they want to be and learn how to make the town function.

Contemporary Arts Museum The Contemporary Arts Museum is a museum for visual arts focusing on international, national and regional art of the last 40 years. Seasonally rotating exhibits are often edgy and avant garde.

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH), which opened in 1924 as the first art museum in Texas, marked the completion in 2021 of its expanded Susan and Faye S. Sarofim Campus with the opening of the stunning Kinder Building, with new permanent exhibits and two world-class restaurants. The MFAH also touts the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, one of the finest collections of American furniture, paintings, glass, and textiles from 1620 to 1870. Another home, Rienzi, donated to MFAH by Houston philanthropists Harris Masterson III and his wife, Carroll Sterling Masterson, holds the Southwest's most important collection of European decorative art.

Holocaust Museum Houston This recently renovated space tells the stories of Houston-area survivors of the Holocaust through moving installations of films, photographs and artifacts.

Houston Museum of Natural Science HMNS features more than a dozen permanent exhibit areas showcasing space science, Native Americans, paleontology, energy, gems and minerals, seashells, Texas and African wildlife, and ancient Egyptian culture. Included within the museum are the Wortham IMAX theatre, the Cockrell Butterfly Center, and the Burke Baker Planetarium. Its new physics and chemistry hall will debut soon! The museum's satellite facility, the George Observatory, is located in Brazos Bend State Park, with the largest telescope available for public viewing in the region.

Menil Collection This gem, just outside the Museum District in Montrose, displays an immensely significant private collection of nearly 16,000 works dating from the Paleolithic period to present day. Other Menil venues include Cy Twombly Gallery and The Rothko Chapel. Locals love lounging and picnicking on the verdant lawn.

San Jacinto Museum of History This exhibit within the San Jacinto Monument at San Jacinto Battleground state historic site features a wealth of artifacts and documents covering more than 400 years of early Texas history.

Space Center Houston South of Houston in Clear Lake is the Disney-designed Space Center Houston, the visitors' center for NASA's Johnson Space Center. It features Texas' largest IMAX theatre, live demonstrations, space capsules, space suits, and the world's largest collection of moon rocks.

HOUSTON CULTURAL CENTERS

Area Museums, Galleries, and Cultural Centers

1	1940 Air Terminal Museum	8325 Travelair St., at Hobby Airport	1940airterminal.org
2	American Cowboy Museum	11822 Almeda Rd., Southwest Houston	theamericancowboy museum.org
3	Art Car Museum	140 Heights Blvd., Heights	artcarmuseum.com
4	Asia Society Texas Center	1370 Southmore Blvd., Museum District	asiasociety.org/texas
5	Battleship Texas State Historic Site*	3523 Independence Pkwy., in La Porte	*closed for renovations
6	Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens	6003 Memorial Dr., Rice Military	mfah.org/bayoubend
7	Bishop's Palace	1402 Broadway Ave., in Galveston	galvestonhistory.org/bishop- spalace
8	Blaffer Art Museum	4173 Elgin St., at UH	blafferartmuseum.org
9	Bryan Museum	1315 21st St., in Galveston	thebryanmuseum.com
10	Buffalo Soldier National Museum	3816 Caroline St., Midtown	buffalosoldiermuseum.com
11	Children's Museum of Houston	1500 Binz St., Museum District	cmhouston.org
12	Contemporary Arts Musuem Houston	5216 Montrose Blvd., Museum District	camh.org
13	Czech Center Museum Houston	4920 San Jacinto St., Midtown	czechcenter.org
14	DiverseWorks	3400 Main St., #292, Museum District	diverseworks.org
15	Fort Bend Museum	500 Houston St., in Richmond	fortbendmuseum.org
16	Galveston County Historical Museum	722 Moody Ave., in Galveston	galvestoncountymuseum.org
17	Galveston Railroad Museum	2602 Santa Fe Place, in Galveston	galvestonrrmuseum.com
18	George Ranch Historical Park	10205 FM 762, in Richmond	geogeranch.org
19	Health Museum	1515 Hermann Dr., Museum District	thehealthmuseum.org
20	Heritage Society	1100 Bagby St., Downtown	heritagesociety.org
21	Holocaust Museum Houston	5401 Caroline St., Museum District	hmh.org
22	Houston Center for Contemporary Craft	4848 Main St., Museum District	crafthouston.org
23	Houston Center for Photography	1441 W. Alabama St., Montrose	hcponline.org
24	Houston Fire Museum	2403 Milam St., Midtown	houstonfiremuseum.org
25	Houston Maritime Museum	2311 Canal St., EaDo	houstonmaritime.org
26	Houston Museum of African American Culture	4807 Caroline St., Museum District	hmaac.org
27	Houston Museum of Natural Science	5555 Hermann Park Dr., Museum District	hmns.org
28	Houston Zoo	6200 Hermann Park Dr., Museum District	houstonzoo.org

29	Jung Center	5200 Montrose Blvd., Museum District	junghouston.org
30	Lawndale Art Center	4912 Main St., Museum District	lawndaleartcenter.org
31	Lone Star Flight Museum	11551 Aerospace Ave., Southeast Houston	lonestarflight.org
32	Menil Collection	1533 Sul Ross St., Montrose	menil.org
33	Moody Mansion Museum	2618 Broadway Avenue J, in Galveston	moodymansion.org
34	Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts	7502 Fondren Rd., at HBU	hbu.edu
35	Museum of Fine Arts	1001 Bissonnet St., Museum District	mfah.org
36	National Museum of Funeral History	415 Barren Springs Dr., North Houston	nmfh.org
37	Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum	2002 Wharf Rd., in Galveston	oceanstaroec.com
38	Orange Show Center for Visionary Art	2401 Munger St., EaDo	orangeshow.org
39	Printing Museum	1324 W. Clay St., River Oaks	printingmuseum.org
40	Project Row Houses	2521 Holman St., Third Ward	projectrowhouses.org
41	Rienzi	1406 Kirby Dr., River Oaks	mfah.org/rienzi
42	Rothko Chapel	3900 Yupon St., Montrose	rothkochapel.org
43	San Jacinto Monument & Museum of History	One Monument Circle, in La Porte	sanjacinto-museum.org
44	Sea Center Texas	302 Medical Dr., in Lake Jackson	tpwd.texas.gov
45	Seawolf Park	100 Seawolf Parkway, in Galveston	galveston.com/seawolfpark
46	Shrine of The Black Madonna Cultural Center	5309 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Third Ward	shrinesoftheblackmadonna.org
47	Space Center Houston	1601 NASA Road 1, Clear Lake	spacecenter.org
48	Station Museum of Contemporary Art	1502 Alabama St., Midtown	stationmuseum.com
49	Texas Seaport Museum	2200 Harborside Dr., in Galveston	galveston.com/texasseaport- museum
50	U.S. Custom House	502 20th St., in Galveston	

Area Attractions

51	Alkek Velodrome	19008 Saums Rd., in Cullen Park	alkekvelodrome.com
52	Armand Bayou Nature Center	8500 Bay Area Blvd., in Pasadena	abnc.org
53	Bayou Place	500 Texas Ave., Downtown	bayouplace.com
54	Bayou Wildlife Zoo	5050 FM 517, in Alvin	bayouwildlifezoo.com
55	PNC Stadium	2200 Texas Ave., EaDo	houstondynamofc.com/pncstadium
56	Brazos Bend State Park	21901 FM 762, in Needville	brazosbend.org

57	Buffalo Bayou Cistern	105 Sabine St., Downtown	buffalobayou.org
58	Buffalo Bayou Park	1800 Allen Pkwy., Downtown	buffalobayou.org
59	Constellation Field	1 Stadium Dr., in Sugar Land	sugarlandskeeters.com
60	Discovery Green	1500 McKinney St., Downtown	discoverygreen.com
61	Downtown Aquarium	410 Bagby St., Downtown	aquariumrestaurants.com
62	Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier	2501 Seawall Blvd., in Galveston	pleasurepier.com
63	George R. Brown Convention Center	1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Downtown	grbhouston.com
64	Gulf Greyhound Park	1000 FM 2004, in La Marque	gulfgreyhound.com
65	Hermann Park	6001 Fannin St., Museum District	hermannpark.org
66	Houston Arboretum & Nature Center	4501 Woodway Dr., Memorial	houstonarboretum.org
67	Houston Motorsports Park	11620 N. Lake Houston Pkwy., at Lake Houston	houstonmotorsportspark.com
68	Houston Public Library	500 McKinney St., Downtown	houstonlibrary.org
69	Houston Visitors Center	1001 Avenida de las Americas, Downtown	visithoustontexas.com
70	Houston Zoo	6200 Hermann Park Drive, Museum District	houstonzoo.org
71	Kemah Boardwalk	215 Kipp Ave., in Kemah	kemahboardwalk.com
72	Memorial Park	6501 Memorial Dr., Memorial	memorialparkconservancy.org
73	Minute Maid Park	501 Crawford St., Downtown	astros.mlb.com
74	Moody Gardens	1 Hope Blvd., in Galveston	moodygardens.com
75	NRG Stadium	8400 Kirby Dr., in South Houston	nrgpark.com
76	Royal Purple Raceway	2525 FM 565, in Baytown	houstonraceway.com
77	Sam Houston Race Park	7575 N. Sam Houston Parkway West, Northwest Houston	shrp.com
78	Schlitterbahn Galveston Island	2026 Lockheed Rd., in Galveston	schlitterbahn.com/galveston
79	The Galleria	5085 Westheimer Rd., Galleria	simon.com
80	The Strand Historic District	2228 Mechanic St., in Galveston	galveston.com/downtowntour
81	Toyota Center	1510 Polk St., Downtown	houstontoyotacenter.com
82	Traders Village	7979 N. Eldridge Pkwy., Northwest Houston	tradersvillage.com/houston
83	Uptown Park	1121 Uptown Park Blvd., Uptown	uptownparkhouston.com
84	Hurricane Harbor Splashtown	21300 N. Interstate 45, in Spring	wetwildsplashtown.com
85	Williams Tower Water Wall	2800 Post Oak Blvd., Galleria	
86	Woodlands Town Center	10001 Woodloch Forest Dr., in The Woodlands	thewoodlandstx.com/towncenter

MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Chevron Houston Marathon More than 200,000 spectators cheer on 20,000 runners as they endure 26.2-, 13.1-, and 3.1-mile races. 713-957-3453 · chevronhoustonmarathon.com

Martin Luther King Jr. Grande Parade Supporters march through Houston to celebrate the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. 713-953-1633 · mlkgrandeparade.org

FEBRUARY

Chinese Lunar New Year Festival Join more than 15,000 visitors for a full day of music, food and more to celebrate the Lunar New Year. 713-271-6100 · ccchouston.org

Mardi Gras Galveston The island's Mardi Gras celebration, celebrating 110 years in 2021, draws more than 350,000 revelers. 888-425-4753 · mardigrasgalveston.com

MARCH

Azalea Trail The River Oaks Garden Club honors the beautiful flowers that flourish during springtime in Houston. 713-523-2483 · riveroaksgardenclub.com

Buffalo Bayou Regatta More than 200 paddlers take to Buffalo Bayou to participate in the state's largest canoe and kayak race. 713-752-0314 · buffalobayou.com

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo NRG Stadium hosts 20 championship rodeo competitions, the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Competition, parades, music, and more. 832-667-1000 · rodeohouston.com

Shell Houston Open More than 150 of the world's best golfers compete in pursuit of a \$5-million-plus purse. 281-454-7000 · shellhoustonopen.com

Tour de Houston This annual bike ride offers riders a unique way to view the city. 832-393-0868 · houstontx.gov/tourdehouston

APRIL

Art Car Parade The world's largest parade of bizarre folk art on wheels rolls through town. 713-926-6368 · thehoustonartcarparade.com

Houston Auto Show See, touch and drive the industry's latest and greatest. 281-980-3434 · houstonautoshow.com

Houston Children's Festival Enjoy performances, themed family adventures, and more than 300 activities. 713-529-1396 · houstonchildrensfestival.com

Japan Festival Celebrate in Hermann Park's beautiful Japanese Garden. 713-963-0121 · houstonjapanfest.org

Sugar Land Wine & Food Affair A five-day culinary fest attracts thousands of food and wine lovers for tastings, vintner dinners, bartending battles and more. 713-747-9463 · sugarlandwineandfoodaffair.com

WorldFest: Houston International Film Festival The oldest indie film festival on Earth, the 10-day WorldFest includes features, shorts, screenplays, commercials, music videos and docs. 713-965-9955 · worldfest.org

MAY

Galveston Historic Homes Tour The Galveston Historical Foundation opens the doors to the city's architectural history with public tours of privately owned homes. 409-765-7834 · galvestonhistory.org

Houston Barbecue Festival Join 2,500 BBQ fans for a day of sampling some of the city's best smoked meat and more. 832-454-6106 · houbbq.com

Houston Dragon Boat Festival Enjoy the exciting tradition of dragon boat competition and celebrate Asian culture with performances, diverse cuisine and family-friendly games and activities. 713-205-7373 · texasdragonboat.com

Pasadena Strawberry Festival Guests enjoy a parade, a barbecue cook-off, a beauty pageant, arts and crafts, live music — and the world's largest strawberry shortcake. 281-991-9500 · strawberryfest.org

JUNE

Carnival Houston Show & Parade Music, cuisine, revelry, a costume parade, and dance performances are just part of the celebration of Brazilian culture around the city. 832-614-9337 · carnivalhouston.com

Comicalooza The George R. Brown Convention Center hosts Texas' largest comic and pop culture event. comicalooza.com

Houston World Series of Dog Shows NRG Stadium hosts one of the country's best indoor dog shows, featuring breed

judging, obedience, agility races, flyball competitions and more. houstondogshows.com

Juneteenth Celebration Head to Hermann Park to celebrate the day Texas learned of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. 832-429-4432 · juneteenthfest.com

Pride Houston More than 1,000 participants entertain 350,000 spectators with a parade of light, color and sound. Floats, costumes and performances celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. 713-529-6979 · pridehouston.org

JULY

Freedom Over Texas Festival Houston's official Fourth of July celebration takes place at Eleanor Tinsley Park, with live music, food, drink — and a Texas-size fireworks display. 713-247-3500 · houstontx.gov

Houston Shakespeare Festival For more than 40 years, the University of Houston has paid tribute to the famous playwright with free performances in Hermann Park. 713-743-2929 · houstonfestivalscompany.com

Star Spangled Salute The Houston Symphony performs at Miller Outdoor Theatre, followed by fireworks and a 16-cannon salute. 713-533-3276 · houstonparks.org

AUGUST

AIA Sandcastle Competition More than 60 teams sculpt piles of sand to be judged on originality, artistic execution, technical difficulty and carving technique. 713-520-0155 · aiahouston.org

Houston International Jazz Festival See some of the biggest names in jazz perform Downtown. 713-839-7000 · jazzeducation.org

Theater District Open House Get to know Houston's world-class Theater District with backstage tours, live performances, and set and costume displays. 713-658-8938 · theaterdistrictopenhouse.com

SEPTEMBER

Fiestas Patrias International Parade Celebrate Mexican Independence day with dancers spinning down the streets to festive music and the crowning of Miss Fiestas Patrias. 281-890-5500 · hispanichouston.com

Art Car
Parade
Folk art on
wheels



Downtown Houston Pride Festival & Parade which takes place in June.



OCTOBER

- Bayou City Art Festival** A fun and interactive outdoor event — Downtown in October, and in Memorial Park in March — this giant fest showcases the works of more than 300 fine artists and craftsmen. 713-521-0133 · artcolonyassociation.org
- Día de los Muertos** The Lawndale Art Center celebrates the art, music and folk life of Mexico. 713-528-5858 · lawndaleartcenter.org
- Festa Italiana** Celebrate Italian heritage with a weekend full of grape-stomping, bocce ball, a car show, music, children's activities, a pasta-eating contest and more. 713-524-4222, ext. 3 · houstonitalianfestival.com
- The Original Greek Festival** Festivalgoers gather at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral to celebrate Grecian culture with authentic food, wine, dancing, and artifacts. 713-526-5377 · greekfestival.org
- Texas Renaissance Festival** The Texas Renaissance Festival is the nation's largest Renaissance-themed park. Over the course of eight themed weekends, more than 500,000 guests enjoy food, drink, magicians, jugglers, minstrels, troubadours and comedians. 281-356-2178 · texrenfest.com
- Texian Market Days** Discover more than 150 years of Texas history at the George Ranch Historical Park with hands-on

activities, battle re-enactments, music, food, shopping and more. 281-343-0218 · texianmarketdays.com

Wings Over Houston Airshow Onlookers enjoy aerial acrobatics by U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the Navy's Blue Angels. 713-266-4492 · wingsoverhouston.com

NOVEMBER

- Houston Nutcracker Market** Held at NRG Center, this popular, four-day annual fundraiser for the Houston Ballet offers unique holiday decor, gifts, toys, food and more. 713-535-3231 · nutcrackermarket.com
- International Quilt Festival** The George R. Brown Convention Center hosts the world's largest annual quilt show, sale, and quilt-making academy. 713-781-6864 · quilts.com
- Turkish Festival** Celebrate the Turkish culture with authentic food, wine, coffee, dancing, arts and crafts, and family fun. atahouston.org
- Native American Championship Pow Wow** Celebrate Native American culture and heritage at Traders Village with tribal dance contests, an arts-and-crafts show, tipis and more. 281-890-5500 · tradersvillage.com
- Veterans Day Celebration** The City of Houston salutes our Armed Forces with a parade and job fair. houstontx.gov
- H-E-B Thanksgiving Day Parade** More

than 200,000 parade-goers line the streets to get a glimpse of floats, marching bands, and more. houstontx.gov/thanksgivingparade

Zoo Lights Get into the holiday spirit at the Houston Zoo, which opens its gates after-dark for an awe-inspiring spectacle of Christmas lights. Runs through January. 713-533-6500 · houstonzoo.org

DECEMBER

- Candlelight Tour in the Park** Go back in time with decorations and costumed carolers celebrating the season at the historic homes around Downtown's Sam Houston Park. 713-655-1912 · heritagesociety.org
- Chanukah Fest** Head to City Hall to celebrate Chanukah with concerts, family-friendly activities, food, fireworks and more. 713-774-0300 · chabadoutreach.org
- Dickens on the Strand** Galveston's annual holiday street festival, based on 19th-century Victorian London, features parades, six stages of entertainment, strolling carolers, roving musicians and costumed vendors peddling their wares. 409-765-7834 · galvestonhistory.org
- Mayor's Holiday Celebration** Ring in the holiday season at Hermann Square Park with fireworks, choirs, Santa, and a toy drive benefiting the Salvation Army. The event culminates with a tree-lighting ceremony outside City Hall. houstontx.gov/mayorsholiday



Downtown
Green Street is
home to a hotel,
gym and multiple
restaurants.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

THE HOUSTON

Metropolitan Statistical Area is home to almost

3.1 million jobs, currently the highest level of employment in the region's history.

Among the region's largest employers are Memorial Hermann Health System, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, United Airlines and Exxon Mobil Corporation. Houston offers a well developed suite of key global industries — including energy, life sciences, manufacturing, logistics and aerospace. As these industries digitize, Houston is a hotbed of rapid technological development thanks to our access to customers and expertise.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

The industries accounting for the largest number of jobs across the Houston region include health care and social assistance, retail trade, government and professional services.

Metro Houston ranks third in the nation in Fortune 500 headquarters, and third in Fortune 1000. Many additional Fortune firms maintain U.S. offices in Houston. The Texas Workforce Commission reports that metro Houston is home to more than 157,000 establishments.

The three industries with the most establishments are professional, scientific, and technical services; health care and social assistance; and retail trade. These three industries comprise roughly 40 percent of the region's business establishments. More than half of the metro's establishments employ between one and four workers.



Johnson Space Center
Astronaut Jeanette Epps trains at NASA.

HOUfact!

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, if Houston were a state, it would employ more people than Tennessee, Wisconsin or Minnesota.



Montrose
Alex
Negranza, bar
manager at
hot new March
restaurant

By the Numbers

3 mil

Number of jobs in the Houston MSA

700

Number of Houston-based, venture-backed startups in the consumer and business services, health care, data analytics, software, biotech and energy sectors

300,000

Number of educated millennials who call Houston home. The city also boasts 240,000 STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workers.

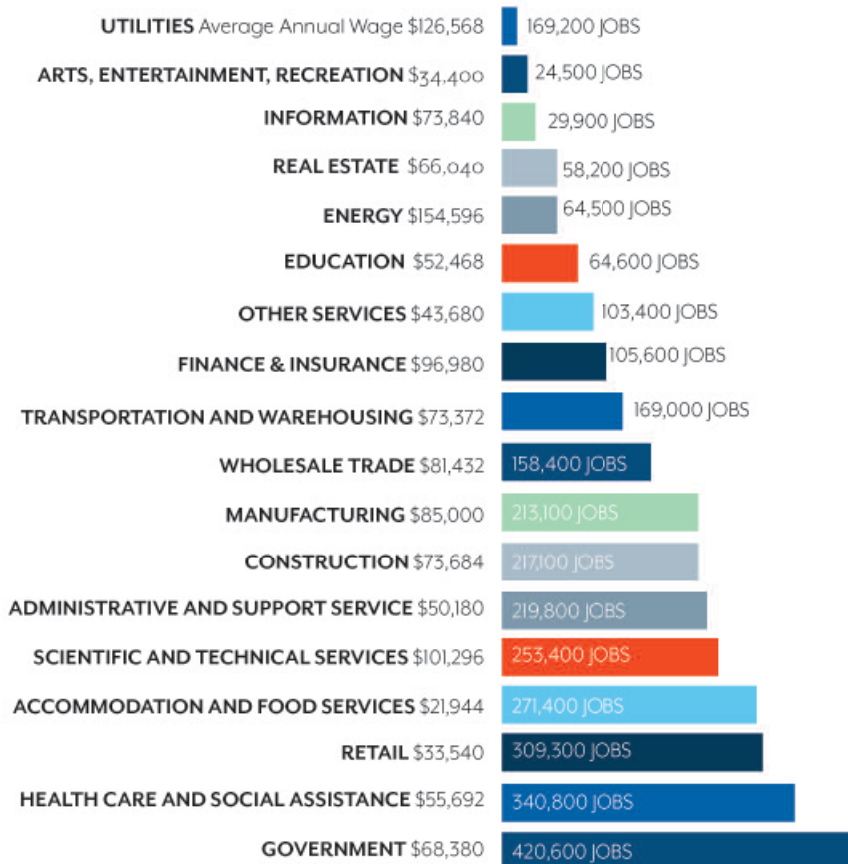
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Number of Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Houston

\$488.2

Houston's regional GDP in billions, which is greater than that of 37 states and accounts for roughly 28 percent of Texas' GDP

HOUSTON MSA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership
bayareahouston.com

Baytown/West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation
baytownedf.org

Brookshire Economic Development
brookshiretexas.org

Conroe Economic Development Council
conroeedc.org

CenterPoint Energy
centerpointenergy.com

Central Houston, Inc.
centralhouston.org

City Development Corporation of El Campo
elcampoeco.org

City of Alvin
alvin-tx.gov

City of Brenham
cityofbrenham.org

City of Cleveland
clevelandexas.com

City of Deer Park
deerparktx.gov

City of Friendswood
ci.friendswood.tx.us

City of Fulshear
fulsheartexas.gov

City of Houston Economic Development
houstontx.gov

City of Huntsville
huntsvilletx.gov

City of Jersey Village
jerseyvillagetx.com

City of La Porte
laportetx.gov

City of League City
leaguecity.com

City of Magnolia
cityofmagnolia.com

City of Meadows Place
cityofmeadowsplace.org

City of Missouri City
missouricitytx.gov

City of Mont Bellevue
montbelvieu.net

City of Nassau Bay
nassaubay.com

City of Pasadena
ci.pasadena.tx.us

City of Richmond
richmondtx.gov

City of Rosenberg
rosenbergcodev.com

City of Santa Fe
ci.santa-fe.tx.us

City of Seabrook
seabrooktx.gov

City of Sugar Land
sugarlandtx.gov

City of Texas City
texascitytx.gov

Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
cyfairchamber.com

Dayton Community Development Corp.
daytontx.com

East End District
eastenddistrict.com

East Montgomery County Improvement District
emctx.com

Economic Alliance Houston Port Region
allianceportregion.com

The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County
brazoriacountyeda.com

Energy Corridor Management District
energycorridor.org

Entergy Texas
entergy-texas.com

Freeport Economic Development Corp.
freeport.tx.us

Fort Bend County
fortbendcountytx.gov

Galveston Economic Development Partnership
gedp.org

Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council
fortbendcounty.org

Greater Houston Partnership
Houston.org

Greater Northside Management District
greaternorthside.org

Harris County
harriscountytx.gov

Houston East End Chamber of Commerce
eecoc.org

Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce
houstonicc.org

JOB SEARCH

To help find the job that's right for you, try these resources:

Workforce Solutions

This network of 29 career centers located throughout the Gulf Coast region

provides free job services. Locations and a variety of information can be found at wrksolutions.com.

Texas Workforce Commission

This state-sponsored coalition of 28 local workforce development boards can be

reached at twc.texas.gov.

Greater Houston Partnership

The Partnership provides links to the career pages of many of the city's largest companies at Houston.org/greater-houston-partnership/employers.

Texas Workforce

One of the state's most comprehensive online job resources can be found at workintexas.com.

Houston Chronicle

The city's morning newspaper features an online listing of jobs at chron.com/jobs.

SELECTED ASIAN COMPANIES
WITH A HOUSTON PRESENCE



SELECTED EUROPEAN COMPANIES
WITH A HOUSTON PRESENCE



Houston Northwest Chamber
of Commerce
Houstonnwchamber.org

Houston-Galveston
Area Council
h-gac.com

Katy Area Economic
Development Council
katyedc.com

La Marque Economic
Development Corporation
lmedc.com

Lake Houston
Economic Development
lakehouston.org

The Lone Star
College System
lonestar.edu

Matagorda County Economic
Development Corp.
mcedc.net

North Houston Association
north-houston.com

North Houston District
northhouston.org

Oak Ridge North Economic
Development Corporation
oakridgenorthedc.com

Pasadena Economic
Development Corp.
pasadenaedc.com

Pearland Economic
Development Corp.
pearlandedc.com

Port Freeport
portfreeport.com

Port of Galveston
portofgalveston.com

Port Houston
porthouston.com

San Jacinto College District
sanjac.edu

Sealy Economic
Development Corporation
sealyedc.com

Tomball Economic
Development Corporation
tomballtxedc.org

Union Pacific
Railroad Company
up.com

Uptown Houston District
uptown-houston.com

Waller County Economic
Development Partnership
wallercounty.org

West Houston Association
westhouston.org

Westchase District
westchasedistrict.com

Wharton County
whartonedc.com

The Woodlands Area
Economic Development
Partnership
edpartnership.net

A thriving international city, Houston's ties stretch to all corners of the world. The region's geographic location makes it easy to move both goods and people around the globe. With one of the largest ports in the country and two international airports, Houston connects companies to the world.

The region is unabashedly pro-growth and opportunity-rich, with a distinctly business-friendly environment at both the state and local level. Costs of doing business are significantly lower than in other major metropolitan areas, and the State of Texas has one of the lowest tax burdens in the nation. Houston offers a low cost of living while maintaining an incredibly high quality of life with world-class culture, sports and culinary attractions. Houston truly is a great global city.

LARGEST HOUSTON-AREA EMPLOYERS

► More than 20,000 employees

H-E-B
Houston Methodist
Memorial Hermann Health System
The University of Texas MD Anderson*
Walmart

► 10,000 to 14,999 employees

ExxonMobil
HCA Houston Healthcare
Kroger
Landry's
Schlumberger
Shell Oil Co.
Texas Children's Hospital
United Airlines
UT Health Science Center
Wood Group

► 5,000 to 9,999 employees

AT&T
Baker Hughes, a GE Company
Baylor College of Medicine

BP America
Chevron
CHI St. Luke's Health
Dow Chemical Co.
Harris Health System
Home Depot
Houston Community College
JPMorgan Chase
KBR
Lone Star College
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
National Oilwell Varco
Occidental Petroleum
S&B Engineers and Constructors
Target Corp.
Texas A&M University
University of Houston
UT Medical Branch Health System
Walgreens

► 2,000 to 4,999 employees

Academy Sports & Outdoors
Air Liquide USA

American National Insurance Co
Apache
Ascend Performance Materials
Bank of America
Bechtel Corporation
Ben Taub Hospital
Brinker International
Cameron, a Schlumberger Company
CenterPoint Energy
Chevron Phillips Chemical Co.
Comcast
ConocoPhillips
CVS Health
Daikin/Goodman
Deloitte
Enterprise Products Partners
Fiesta Mart
Fluor Corp.
The Friedkin Group, Inc.
Goodwill Industries of Houston
Grocers Supply Company
Group 1 Automotive
Halliburton

Hewlett Packard Enterprise
HP Inc.
Jacobs
KBR
Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
Kinder Morgan
Lewis Food Town Inc.
Lowe's Cos.
Luby's*
LyondellBasell
Macy's
Marathon Oil Corp.
NASA - Johnson Space Center
Phillips 66
Rice University
Sam Houston State University
Sam's Club
San Jacinto Community College
Sysco Corp.
TechnipFMC
Texas Home Health
Turner Industries
Universal Plant Services
Wells Fargo

Rice University
Proud graduates of
one of the nation's
top universities



EDUCATION

THE HOUSTON MSA contains more than 60 school districts and approximately 40 state-approved charter school management organizations, as well as a range of private and parochial schools. Houston Independent School District is the seventh-largest school district in the country, with an enrollment of more than 214,000 students. Altogether, the region's ISDs and charter schools enroll more than 1.3 million students annually — that's about one out of every four school-aged children in Texas!

HISD AT A GLANCE

Houston ISD has a variety of programs to meet the area's educational needs, including:

- Magnet programs and Vanguard/SIGHTS (for gifted students) offer enrichment instruction in arts, math, science and physical development.
- Multilingual programs offer bilingual education and English as a second language for students not yet proficient in English.
- Early childhood programs help prepare children younger than age five for the school experience.
- Special education programs serve students with various physical, emotional and learning disabilities, beginning at age three.
- Career and vocational programs feature job-oriented instruction and experience in such fields as office education, culinary arts, printing and auto mechanics.
- Alternative programs use innovative instruction in non-traditional learning environments to help students who are in jeopardy of dropping out of school.

Third Ward
Lockheart
Elementary School
students

SELECTING THE RIGHT SCHOOL

Start by visiting the school district's website, then check sites such as TXSchools.gov and Schools.TexasTribune.org. Be sure to visit the schools you are interested in, and ask if they can connect you with other parents who might be willing to talk about their experiences! Here are some other important answers to seek in selecting the right school.

KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK

- What is the present enrollment? Is the district's enrollment growing, stabilizing or declining?
- What are the district's educational philosophies, goals and objectives?
- What type of parent involvement or community involvement is available?
- What is the ratio of pupil to instructional staff? (How are the ratios figured? Do they include classroom teachers only, or do they include other building-level instructional personnel?)
- What is the per-student spending level?
- Have facilities been updated lately?
- What type of learning tools (computers, iPads, etc.) do the schools offer?
- What costs to parents (for sports, arts, bussing, lunches, etc.) are involved?

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- Is there a curriculum document available that outlines the goals and objectives of courses?
- Are there programs for remediation? For gifted education? For special education? For vocational/career education? For the specific needs/interests of your child/children?
- What types of co-curricular and extracurricular activities (including athletics) are available?
- Do students have access to libraries? Are there certified librarians available to assist students?

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Which standardized tests are used?
- How well do their students score on the STARR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness)? (The STARR program includes annual assessments for

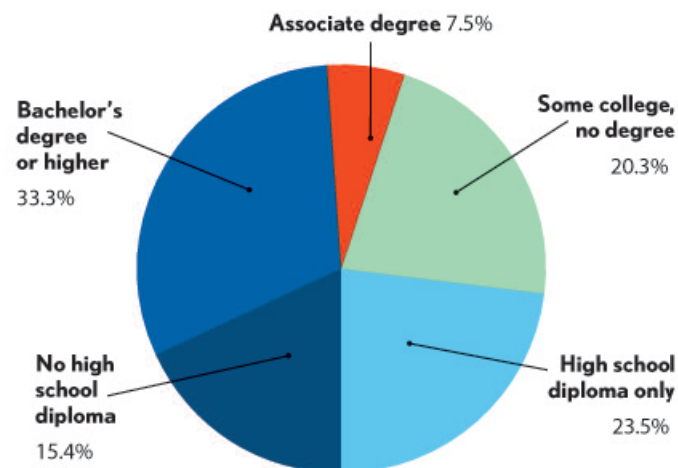
grades 3-8 in reading and mathematics; assessments in writing at grades 4 and 7; in science at grades 5 and 8; and in social studies at grade 8; and end-of-course assessments for English I, English II, Algebra I, biology and U.S. History.)

- What is the average SAT score? How does this compare to neighboring districts, and the state and national averages?
- What is the dropout rate in the district?

STAFF

- Are there guidance counselors in each school?
- Are there school nurses available to assist with health services?
- What is the average number of years of teaching experience of the staff?
- Does the district offer staff development for its employees?

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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2019 American Community Survey

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Roughly 33 percent of adults in Houston have earned a college degree, on par with the 34 percent average nationwide. The Houston region contains an above-average percentage of college graduates with degrees in science, engineering and business. Houston has a well educated workforce with strengths in science, engineering and business fields of study.

HISD By Numbers

279

total schools

209,040

students

8

early childhood schools

160

elementary schools

38

middle schools

37

high schools

62%

Hispanic

23.3%

African American

4.2%

Asian

9%

White

100

languages spoken

University of Houston
A student at
Kathrine G.
McGovern College
of the Arts' Elgin
Street Studios

A LOOK AT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN HOUSTON

As one may expect in a city the size of Houston, educational opportunities and options are abundant and varied. Within the nine-county greater metropolitan area, there are more than 60 school districts, as well as dozens of state-approved charter schools and hundreds of private schools. The Houston Independent School District (Houston ISD) is the largest public-school district in Texas, and the seventh largest in the United States.

From day care and preschools to community colleges and nationally ranked universities, Houston possesses a full range of educational opportunities for all ages. Access to quality education is critical to the long-term success of our region, and to the families who call Houston home.

In general, Houston schools are divided into three levels: elementary schools for prekindergarten through fifth grade, middle schools for grades six through eight, and high schools for grades nine through 12. State law requires that schools maintain an average student-to-teacher ratio of no more than 30 to one.

Included in the mix are charter schools and magnet schools. Charter schools are autonomous, open-enrollment institutions that use state funding to provide innovative learning opportunities with greater flexibility than traditional public schools. Magnet schools are designed to promote high achievement and cultural diversity, and offer a choice of curricula through a variety of specialized programs. In Houston ISD, magnet programs are available for fine arts, engineering, criminal justice, foreign languages, health careers, and several other fields.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

One way to learn more about a school is to contact the school district by phone, or visit its website, which is a valuable source of information offering district statistics and information on individual schools. A valuable but often overlooked way to locate a new school is old-fashioned word of mouth. Colleagues already established in Houston can be helpful, as can your real estate agent, future neighbors, relatives and friends.

Part of your background research should include reading information on prospective schools and talking to administrators over the phone. You can visit TXSchools.gov for a "report card" on schools across the state that looks at academic performance, accountability ratings and more.

PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS

If the school that you are investigating sounds promising, schedule a visit. Be prepared to follow up with more interviews and an evaluation for your child. If possible, try to visit a prospective school while the school term is still in session.

Bring a written list of questions and include questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, multilingual programs, and accelerated programs. Ask how students are tested and graded, how these results are reported, and the amount of parental participation in the school.

After all your research, you still must balance where you wish to live, the commuting distance from home to work, and your "gut feelings" about the schools you have seen. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move, and to find happiness in a new environment, may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

ISD	WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	COMPLETION RATE	AVG. TEACHER EXPERIENCE	SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE
AUSTIN COUNTY						
Bellville	bellville.k12.tx.us	979-865-3133	2,184	98.20%	13 Years	B
Brazos	brazosisd.net	979-478-6551	794	100%	12.9 Years	B
Sealy	sealyisd.com	979-885-3516	2,803	96.90%	10.6 Years	C
BRAZORIA COUNTY						
Alvin	alvinisd.net	281-388-1130	26,801	98.80%	10.5 Years	B
Angleton	angletonisd.net	979-864-8000	6,828	97.00%	9.4 Years	B
Columbia-Brazoria	cbisd.com	979-345-5147	2,863	97%	8.3 Years	B
Danbury	danburyisd.org	979-922-1218	754	96.80%	13.1 Years	B
Pearland	pearlandisd.org	281-485-3203	20,988	98.90%	11.4 Years	B
Sweeny	sweenyisd.org	979-491-8000	1,847	100%	12.5 Years	B
CHAMBERS COUNTY						
Anahuac	anahuac.isd.esc4.net	409-267-3600	1,323	97.30%	10.5 Years	A
Barbers Hill	bhisd.net	281-576-2221	6,410	98.90%	14.2 Years	A
East Chambers	eastchambers.net	409-296-6100	1,506	99.10%	11.8 Years	B
FORT BEND COUNTY						
Fort Bend	fortbend.k12.tx.us	281-634-1000	76,469	94.70%	10.7 Years	B
Lamar Consolidated	lcisd.org	832-223-0000	36,419	95.50%	10.6 Years	A
Needville	needvilleisd.com	979-793-4308	3,301	99.20%	16.2 Years	A
Stafford MSD	stafford.msdc.esc4.net	281-261-9200	3,316	95.20%	8.9 Years	B
GALVESTON COUNTY						
Clear Creek	ccisd.net	281-284-0000	40,526	97.40%	11.8 Years	B
Dickinson	dickinsonisd.org	281-229-6000	11,596	92.30%	10.3 Years	B
Friendswood	fisd12.net	281-482-1267	6,096	99.60%	13.5 Years	A
Galveston	gisd.org	409-766-5100	6,691	88.50%	10.3 Years	B
High Island	highlandisd.com	409-286-5317	170	100%	17.5 Years	A
Hitchcock	hitchcockisd.org	409-316-6545	1,644	96.30%	9.4 Years	D
Santa Fe	sfisd.org	409-925-3526	4,298	91.80%	10.6 Years	C
Texas City	tcisd.org	409-942-2810	7,993	88.40%	10.2 Years	C

EDUCATION / HOUSTON AREA ISD DATA

ISD	WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	COMPLETION RATE	AVG. TEACHER EXPERIENCE	SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE
HARRIS COUNTY						
Aldine	aldineisd.org	281-449-1011	63,146	82.10%	9.4 Years	B
Alief	aliefisd.net	281-498-8110	41,715	90.10%	11.2 Years	B
Channelview	cvisd.org	281-452-8002	9,565	90.20%	9.8 Years	B
Crosby	crosbyisd.org	281-328-9200	6,319	94.60%	10.1 Years	B
Cypress-Fairbanks	cfisd.net	281-897-4000	114,560	93.60%	10.6 Years	B
Deer Park	dpisd.org	832-668-7000	12,287	93.50%	12.6 Years	A
Galena Park	galenaparkisd.com	832-386-1000	21,896	92.20%	10.3 Years	B
Goose Creek	gccisd.net	281-420-4800	23,257	93%	10.3 Years	B
Houston	houstonisd.org	713-556-6005	196,550	83.80%	10.8 Years	B
Huffman	huffmanisd.net	281-324-1871	3,434	98.10%	12.3 Years	B
Humble	humble.k12.tx.us	281-641-1000	45,436	95.90%	11.1 Years	B
Katy	katyisd.org	281-396-6000	83,999	95.30%	11.1 Years	A
Klein	kleinisd.net	832-249-4000	52,733	93.10%	11.7 Years	B
La Porte	lpisd.org	281-604-7000	6,980	93.60%	12 Years	B
Pasadena	pasadenaisd.org	713-740-0000	50,547	90.50%	10.2 Years	B
Sheldon	sheldonisd.com	281-727-2000	10,199	92.30%	7.5 Years	B
Spring	springisd.org	281-891-6000	33,537	86.40%	9.4 Years	C
Spring Branch	springbranchisd.com	713-464-1511	33,233	90%	11.5 Years	B
Tomball	tomballisd.net	281-357-3100	18,606	98.50%	11.6 Years	A
LIBERTY COUNTY						
Cleveland	clevelandisd.org	281-592-8717	8,870	88.30%	6 Years	C
Dayton	daytonisd.net	936-258-2667	5,472	98.30%	8.8 Years	C
Hardin	hardinisd.net	936-298-2112	1,223	100%	12.9 Years	B
Hull-Daisetta	hdisd.net	936-536-6321	460	94.60%	13.6 Years	B
Liberty	libertyisd.net	936-336-7213	2,223	94.70%	11 Years	B
Tarkington	tarkingtonisd.net	281-592-8781	1,715	96.90%	12.4 Years	B
MONTGOMERY COUNTY						
Conroe	conroeisd.net	936-709-7751	64,294	97.30%	11 Years	B
Magnolia	magnoliaisd.org	281-356-3571	13,054	92.70%	9.9 Years	B
Montgomery	misd.org	936-58-1333	8,904	96.60%	13.7 Years	A
New Caney	newcaneyisd.org	281-298-2112	16,254	93.80%	9.7 Years	B
Splendora	splendoraisd.org	281-689-3128	4,145	95.20%	9.5 Years	B
Willis	willisisd.org	936-856-1200	7,844	91%	11 Years	B
WALLER COUNTY						
Hempstead	hempstead.isd.esc4.net	979-826-3304	1,511	82.10%	8.4 Years	C
Royal	royal-isd.com	281-934-2248	2,476	91.70%	7.2 Years	B
Waller	wallerisd.net	936-931-3685	7,746	96.90%	10.4 Years	A

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Each year, students come from around the world to attend the colleges and universities located within or just outside the Houston city limits. Undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities abound in the region. Houston's proximity to research partners in business and government makes the city an attractive home for ambitious students, talented professors and their families. Whether you want to study the arts, medicine, literature, economics, engineering, fashion, communications or business, you will have access to many educational options as a Houston resident.

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Enrollment: 3,963

Houston Christian University, previously Houston Baptist University, offers what few colleges can: a diverse academic community in a world-class city, devoted to excellence in knowledge and character through Christian principles. Students enjoy the benefits of a private education, but on a campus that offers a broad range of majors, NCAA Division I athletics, more than 70 student organizations, and all of the cultural and commercial amenities of Houston. hcu.edu

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

Enrollment: 1,660

Texas A&M University at Galveston, a branch campus of Texas A&M University, is the premier institution for maritime leadership and ocean and coastal studies on the Gulf Coast, and offers seamless research, scholarship and learning opportunities between the two campuses. The institution incorporates diversity and inclusiveness as central tenets of its mission. Its 1,660 students originate from 43 states and the District of Columbia. Science and engineering majors comprise 84 percent of the student body, while 38 percent are women and about 11 percent of incoming students were in the top 20 percent of their high school class. Many plan to pursue a master's or doctoral degree, and 59 percent receive financial aid. tamug.edu

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Enrollment: 9,449

In 1876, the 15th Legislature of the State of Texas created Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), a land-grant university that's now the second oldest institution of higher learning in the state. PVAMU began as an industrial school

for African Americans but has evolved to meet changing needs. Dedicated to its mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service, PVAMU enjoys an established reputation for producing engineers, corporate leaders, nurses, and architects. PVAMU's eight colleges and schools boast more than 50 degree programs, including engineering, natural sciences, architecture, business, nursing, and criminal and juvenile justice. pvamu.edu

RICE UNIVERSITY

Enrollment: 7,437

Ranked as one of the top 20 universities in the country, Rice University is an exceptional community offering students a world-class education. Rice's schools of architecture, engineering, business, music, humanities, social sciences and natural sciences all rank among the top programs in their fields. Rice houses a variety of institutes and centers, including leading think-tank James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, and the Richard E. Smalley Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology — the first nanotechnology research center in the world. The Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies offers the prestigious master's of liberal studies program, and one of the largest selections of noncredit arts and sciences courses in Texas. rice.edu

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Enrollment: 7,016

Nestled upon a sprawling 150-acre campus, Texas Southern University is one of the nation's largest historically black universities (HBCU). TSU provides academic and research programs that address critical urban issues, and prepares an ethnically diverse student population to become a force of positive change in a global society. TSU offers more than 120

undergraduate and graduate programs and concentrations, and 80-plus student organizations. tsu.edu

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Enrollment: 47,066

Welcome to the powerhouse: More than 47,000 students attend the University of Houston (UH), known for its groundbreaking research, acclaimed faculty, and expertise in energy, health and the arts. UH's location in Houston's historic Third Ward neighborhood provides students close proximity to internship opportunities with Fortune 500 companies, law firms and arts organizations. More than 4,000 companies worldwide are owned and/or led by UH alumni. Recent additions to the 667-acre campus include the state-of-the-art TDECU football stadium and the development of a biomedical district. More than 7,000 students live on campus in residence halls, apartments and townhouses. Home to more than 300 degree programs, UH has the only space architecture graduate program and the nation's first subsea engineering program. uh.edu

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – CLEAR LAKE

Enrollment: 9,060

Nestled in a 524-acre nature preserve, University of Houston – Clear Lake is known for its close-knit community, attentive faculty and unique learning opportunities. Opportunities will grow as UH – Clear Lake prepares for several upcoming campus additions over the next few years: a recreation and wellness center, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) classroom building and, at the UHCL Pearland Campus, a health sciences and classroom building. The university offers more than 80 degree programs, including approximately 40 bachelor's degree

programs in four colleges: business, education, human sciences and humanities, and science and engineering. uhcl.edu

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – DOWNTOWN

Enrollment: 15,251

One of the most ethnically diverse four-year colleges in the Southwest, the University of Houston – Downtown offers bachelor’s degrees in 44 areas and master’s degrees in eight across its five colleges. One of the largest universities in Houston, UHD draws

students by offering a collaborative learning experience with small class sizes, flexible scheduling, undergraduate research opportunities, and faculty with industry experience. Competitively priced tuition and fees make learning affordable. uhd.edu

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

Enrollment: 3,693

The University of St. Thomas educates leaders of faith and character through a Catholic liberal arts education that is both accessible and affordable. Students choose from 36

undergraduate majors, 19 graduate degree programs, and engineering, law, and health pre-professional programs. The most popular majors are biology, finance, psychology, accounting and nursing. More than 3,600 students attend Houston’s only Catholic university, located in the heart of the historic Museum District, where world-class museums, art galleries, restaurants, and shops abound. The proximity to Downtown and the Texas Medical Center enhances opportunities for research, internships and networking experiences. stthom.edu

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

If a traditional four-year college isn’t for you, Houston has many options by way of community colleges. With affordable yet exceptional educational options, Houston-area community colleges offer a wide variety of associate degrees and certificates and transfer programs to four-year institutions.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Enrollment: 57,200*

Houston Community College (HCC) is the second-largest community college in the nation with the largest population of international students enrolling for courses annually. With 70,000 undergraduate students, HCC is an open-admission, public institution of higher education offering a high quality, affordable education for academic advancement, workforce training, career and economic development, and lifelong learning to prepare individuals in our diverse communities for life and work in a global and technological society. hccs.edu

LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM *Enrollment: 70,738*

The Greater Houston Partnership estimates there are more than 74,000 annual job openings in middle-skills occupations — which require education beyond high school, but not a four-year degree — available in Houston. Lone Star College is planning for the future, with cutting-edge training programs to meet the need to fill the critical shortage of trained technical workers. As the largest higher-education institution in the greater Houston area, LSC has a huge impact on the local economy, adding \$3.1 billion in annual economic benefit. lonestar.edu

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE *Enrollment: 31,577*

For more than 50 years, San Jacinto College has served the residents of east Harris County, providing affordable and convenient options in higher education. The College has an annual enrollment of approximately 30,000 diverse students who study in more than 200 degree and certificate options. San Jacinto College affords students the flexibility to take traditional classroom instruction, online courses, or classroom-online hybrid classes. You can also work on your degree in the evenings and on the weekends. sanjac.edu

MEDICAL SCHOOLS

If a career in medicine is in your future, you’ve chosen the right city. Houston’s medical schools benefit from their proximity to the Texas Medical Center and their ability to tap into the many physicians and researchers that call Houston home. Area medical schools and health professional programs include:

- Baylor College of Medicine
- Texas Chiropractic College
- Texas Women’s University Institute of Health Science – Houston
- The University of Houston College of Medicine
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- The University of Texas School of Public Health
- The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston
- The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

LAW SCHOOLS

If your dream is to be a lawyer, there are several reputable law schools in the area worth exploring. You can find both private and public options here, as well as full- and part-time programs. Here are a few of the schools from which residents can choose.

- South Texas College of Law
- Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law
- University of Houston Law Center



Texas
Medical Center
The Med Center
is the largest
district of its type
in the world.

HEALTHCARE

LIVE WITHIN minutes of world-class care! From the world-renowned Texas Medical Center south of Downtown to dynamic community hospitals in outlying areas, Houston is home to medical facilities and expertise that are second to none. The city's hospitals are routinely ranked among the top in the nation, and many of Houston's doctors and surgeons are considered number-one in their fields.

A portrait of Tilman Fertitta, a man with short brown hair and a goatee, wearing a dark suit jacket over a black t-shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is dark and textured.

THE CITY'S NEWEST MEDICAL SCHOOL

Billionaire Tilman Fertitta, who famously owns the Rockets basketball team, as well as casinos in Vegas and elsewhere and dozens of restaurants nationwide, made a legacy-defining donation to the University of Houston's new college of medicine. It is now known as the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine. The \$50 million donation will directly assist the school's mission to address the critical shortage of primary-care physicians in Texas by establishing scholarship funds, covering start-up and equipment costs, and funding graduate research. This generous gift comes just a few years after Fertitta pledged \$20 million to renovate UH's sports arena; it, too, bears the Fertitta name.

Tilman Fertitta
The Houston businessman made a \$50 mil gift to the UH medical school.

Air Ambulance
Memorial Hermann
Hospital's Life Flight



TAKING FLIGHT

Houston's Life Flight — which serves a vast area within a 150-mile radius of Houston, including parts of Louisiana next door — is the longest-running privately funded air ambulance in America. It was founded in 1976 by Dr. James H. "Red" Duke, who ran the medical transport until he died a local hero in 2015. To date, Life Flight has flown more than 140,000 patient missions, to the 12th floor of Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center.

HOUfact!

Houston's hospitals consistently rank among the nation's top institutions. The Texas Heart Institute at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center has been listed as one of U.S. News & World Report's top heart centers for 26 consecutive years.

By the Numbers

10 mil

Number of yearly patient encounters at Texas Medical Center

18,529

Number of licensed physicians in the Houston region

366K

Number of health care workers in the Houston area

58

Years since Houston surgeon Michael DeBakey performed the world's first heart bypass



0

Number of American children's hospitals larger than Texas Children's Hospital

1

MD Anderson's ranking among American cancer care hospitals



Global Collab
TMC Innovation labs

INNOVATION STATION

The TMC Innovation complex is a collaborative initiative of the Texas Medical Center, pairing Houston's best minds in medicine and cutting-edge technology with their counterparts around the world — to tackle an ambitious set of health care challenges. To date, nearly \$5 billion has been raised to fund its initiatives, which have included advances in coronavirus testing, treatment and prevention.



Healthcare Hub

Clockwise from left: a TMC operating room, a Baylor research lab, MD Anderson oncologist Padmanee Sharma, a pet-therapy program at Texas Children's.

HEALTH CARE OUTREACH

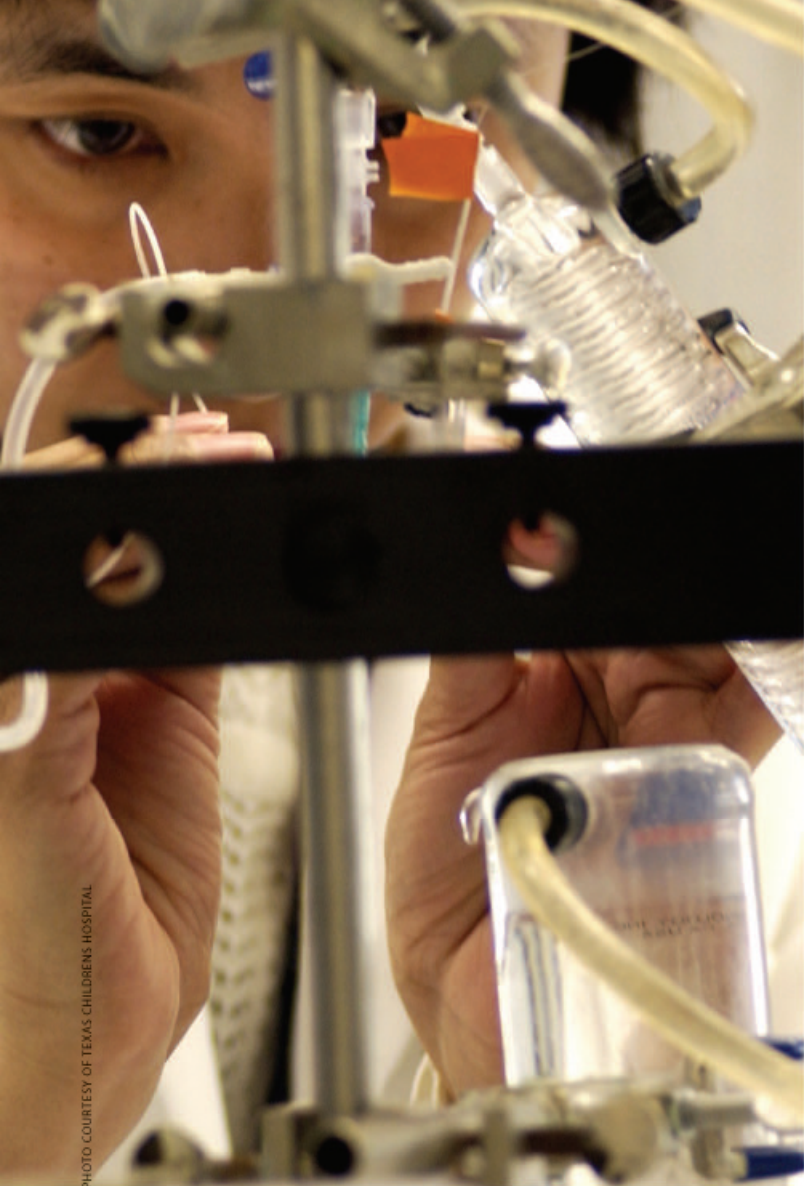
The Texas Medical Center is the largest of its kind in the world, with more than 10 million patient visits each year to its 61 member institutions. But Houston's healthcare system extends far beyond the Med Center, with countless options for residents living all over the region.

Patients come from all over the world to seek cancer treatment in Houston, where the facilities are consistently ranked the best in the nation. Cancer patients here are ensured the most groundbreaking research results and recent discoveries in clinical trials. University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (mdanderson.org) has a main campus in the Texas Medical Center; its Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences researches ways to

prevent the disease. MD Anderson is dedicated to eradicating cancer through pioneering research in the roles that biologic, genetic, environmental, behavioral and social factors play in cancer development, and investigations of behavioral, surgical, medical and social interventions to prevent or reduce cancer risk. MD Anderson branches can be found in Bellaire, Katy, League City, Memorial City, Sugar Land and The Woodlands.

Meanwhile, Memorial Hermann offers the entire continuum of cancer care — prevention, education, screening, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and rehabilitation. Patients can take advantage of cancer services in their own neighborhood through Memorial Hermann's large and convenient network, which includes Cancer Centers, Breast Care Centers, acute care hospitals, and dozens of other affiliated programs.

For comprehensive women's care, Woman's Hospital of Texas (womanshospital.com), located in the Texas Medical Center, offers gynecological surgery and other services including postpartum, infertility, breast care, radiation and gynecology. And St. Joseph Medical Center opened its doors



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as “the first freestanding women’s hospital west of the Mississippi” in Downtown Houston in 1887; today, St. Joseph Medical Center offers pregnancy-planning and maternity services, nutritional consultations, breast care, weight reduction, gynecological surgery, urology and more.

Houston is home to some of the world’s best children’s hospitals. Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital has been caring for women and children under one roof longer than any other Houston hospital. Its campus in the Texas Medical Center boasts the Gulf Coast region’s leading Level I pediatric trauma center, Levels III and IV neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), and The Fetal Center, to ensure mothers with high-risk pregnancies and their babies receive comprehensive care using the latest treatments. Additionally, the hospital hosts specialty programs including neurosciences, orthopedics and sports medicine, cardiac care, transplantation, and general and specialty surgery. The hospital is affiliated with McGovern Medical School at UTHealth and has several campuses across the region.

The award-winning Texas Children’s Hospital, which is affiliated with the Baylor College of Medicine, is a

world-renowned pediatric comprehensive care center. The hospital has garnered widespread recognition for its expertise and breakthrough developments in the treatment of cancer, diabetes, asthma, HIV, premature babies, and cardiogenic and attention-related disorders.

Healthgrades recently named Houston Methodist the best hospital in Texas for the third year in a row. The respected healthcare rating platform also cited Houston Methodist, located within the Texas Medical Center, as one of the 50 best hospitals in the country — the only Texas hospital in that category. In addition to its 900-bed TMC flagship hospital, Houston Methodist also operates six community hospitals serving the Greater Houston area. Services include advanced cancer care, heart care, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics and sports medicine.

The Houston area has an abundance of services for the elderly, including more than 280 assisted-living facilities, 80 skilled-care facilities and approximately 30 independent-living communities. Additionally, home health care is provided through a number of organizations, such as Sheltering Arms (shelteringarms.org).



PATIENT CARE FACILITIES IN THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Baylor Clinic, an adult outpatient health care system, applies the research and advances made by the Baylor College of Medicine in a clinical setting. The Baylor College of Medicine joined the Texas Medical Center in 1943, by invitation of the MD Anderson Foundation.

HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

According to the American Hospital Association, Harris County Hospital District — with three hospitals, 11 community health centers, five school-based clinics and three specialty centers — ranks fifth in the nation for the size of the metropolitan

health care system they provide in Houston. The Harris County Hospital District provides a tax-supported health care system, providing service to the Harris County community. Ben Taub, a hospital with full medical services, is an integral part of the Harris County Hospital District.

THE HOUSTON HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE SYSTEMS

The community-supported nonprofit Houston Hospice was founded in 1980 to provide end-of-life care to Houston patients and their families. It provides both resident and in-home care, along with bereavement counseling to family members and loved ones.

MEMORIAL HERMANN

The Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center Campus includes the primary teaching hospital for McGovern Medical School at UTHealth and the Red Duke Trauma Institute, a Level I trauma center, with more than 300,000 visits annually. The hospital was the first to open in the medical center, in 1925, and is part of the Memorial Hermann Health System, the largest not-for-profit health system in Southeast Texas. The Memorial Hermann network includes four hospitals in the Texas Medical Center with others in Cypress, Katy, Sugar Land, The Woodlands, Pearland and the northwest, southeast, and southwest areas of Houston.

METHODIST HOSPITAL

Methodist Hospital was once the home of internationally celebrated heart surgeon Michael DeBakey, and it continues to have an acclaimed cardiac center today. The health care system is among the country's top centers for cancer, diabetes, endocrinology, ear, nose, and throat, gastroenterology, geriatrics, gynecology, heart and heart surgery, kidney disorders, neurology, orthopedics, pulmonology and urology. The Methodist Hospital system includes branches in Sugar Land, West Houston, Willowbrook and San Jacinto.

CHI ST. LUKE'S HEALTH BAYLOR ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

Home to one of the top 10 heart centers in the nation, the Texas Heart Institute at CHI St. Luke's Health Baylor – St. Luke's Medical Center is where the first heart transplant in the United States was performed, thanks to the pioneering work of Dr. Denton Cooley. Caring for more than a half-million patients each year as an academic medical center, Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center was the first in the Southwest designated a magnet

hospital for nursing excellence, and the first to receive the designation three times — in 2001, 2005 and 2009.

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Shriners Hospitals for Children serves as a pediatric orthopedic hospital with specific care for reconstructive surgeries after an injury. Also known for its burn unit, Shriners Hospitals for Children began treating burn victims in the 1960s and is acclaimed for its progress in skin grafts and engineered skin. Shriners Hospitals for Children was founded in 1922 and now has the largest number of pediatric orthopedic surgeons in the United States.

ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE

St. Dominic Village in the Texas Medical Center is the mission of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, providing senior care with the values and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. St. Dominic Village provides world-renowned care to its residents through the neighboring medical center. With 27 acres, the St. Dominic Village provides activities, dining, health care and a sense of community to residents.

TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Texas Children's is internationally recognized for exceptional comprehensive care and trailblazing research. Consistently ranked among the nation's top 10 pediatric hospitals, Texas Children's, in affiliation with Houston's renowned Baylor College of Medicine, ranks first in National Institute of Health (NIH) research funding for pediatric hospitals, participating in more than 400 groundbreaking research projects.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is ranked as the nation's top cancer hospital in U.S. News & World Report's 2008 list of "America's Best Hospitals," and has ranked as one of the top two hospitals for cancer care for 19 years.

TIRR MEMORIAL HERMANN REHABILITATION AND RESEARCH

TIRR Memorial Hermann is a 119-bed nonprofit rehabilitation hospital located

in the Texas Medical Center. Founded in 1959, TIRR Memorial Hermann has been named one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News & World Report for nearly 30 years. TIRR Memorial Hermann provides rehabilitation services for individuals with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, strokes, amputations and neuromuscular disorders.

ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER DOWNTOWN

No other Houston hospital can claim more than 125 years of caring for area residents. With such a legacy, it's no surprise that St. Joseph Medical Center has provided many of Texas' and Houston's firsts, including becoming the first teaching facility, and the first hospital to offer maternity care, emergency medicine, X-ray imaging, and many other cutting-edge technologies over the years. Today, St. Joseph Medical Center continues to offer a wide range of services, from comprehensive cardiac care, emergency services, obstetrics and robotic surgery to oncology, orthopedics, plastic surgery, mental health services and much more, at its locations Downtown and in the Heights.

MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERAN'S AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN HOUSTON (MEDVAMC)

The Michael E. DeBakey Veteran's Affairs hospital joined the Texas Medical Center in 1985. The hospital serves as a teaching hospital through its major affiliate, Baylor College of Medicine. It is the primary source of health care for more than 120,000 veterans today. Additionally, the MEDVAMC funds research and has been recognized for its outstanding service and health care for homeless veterans and vocational rehabilitation programs.

KELSEY-SEYBOLD CLINIC

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic's 20 locations in Houston provide care to patients in varying fields. Kelsey-Seybold physicians offer specialty care in more than 50 specialties and sub-specialties. Houston's largest and most renowned private multi-specialty physician group was founded by Dr. Mavis Kelsey in 1949. With its network of 20 clinics, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic cares for local families as well as international patients.

107 AREA HOSPITALS

1	Alvin Diagnostic & Urgent Care Center	301 Medic Ln.	Alvin, TX 77511	281-331-6141	
2	Angleton Danbury Medical Center	132 E. Hospital Dr.	Angleton, TX 77515	979-849-7721	admc.org
3	Apex Hospital—Katy	25660 Kingsland Blvd.	Katy, TX 77494	281-392-5700	
4	Bayshore Medical Center	4000 Spencer Highway	Pasadena, TX 77504	713-359-2000	bayshoremedical.com
5	Bayside Community Hospital	200 Hospital Dr.	Anahuac, TX 77514	409-267-3143	chambershealth.org
6	Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire	5314 Dashwood Dr.	Houston, TX 77081	713-600-9500	bhbhospital.com
7	Bellville General Hospital	44 N. Cummings Rd.	Bellville, TX 77418	979-413-7400	st-joseph.org/bellville
8	Ben Taub Hospital	1504 Ben Taub Loop	Houston, TX 77030	713-873-2000	harrishealth.org
9	Brazosport Regional Health System	100 Medical Dr.	Lake Jackson, TX 77566	979-297-4411	brazosportregional.org
10	CHI St. Luke's Health Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center	6720 Bertner Ave.	Houston, TX 77030	832-355-1000	chistlukeshealth.org
11	CHI St. Luke's Health The Woodlands Hospital	17200 St. Luke's Way	The Woodlands, TX 77384	936-266-2000	chistlukeshealth.org
12	CHI St. Luke's Health—The Vintage Hospital	20171 Chasewood Park Dr.	Houston TX 77070	832-534-5000	chistlukeshealth.org/ thevintagehospital
13	CHI St. Luke's Lakeside Hospital	17400 St. Luke's Way	The Woodlands, TX 77384	936-266-9000	chistlukeshealth.org/lakeside
14	CHI St. Luke's Patients Medical Center	4600 E. Sam Houston Parkway South	Pasadena, TX 77505	713-948-7000	chistlukeshealth.org
15	CHI St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital	1317 Lake Pointe Parkway	Sugar Land, TX 77478	281-637-7000	chistlukeshealth.org
16	Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital	6411 Fannin St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-704-5437	childrens.memorialhermann.org
17	CHRISTUS Dubuis Hospital of Houston	1919 La Branch St., #7	Houston, TX 77002	713-756-8660	christusdubuis.org
18	Clear Lake Regional Medical Center	500 W. Medical Center Blvd.	Webster, TX 77598	281-332-2511	clearlakermc.com
19	Conroe Regional Medical Center	504 Medical Center Blvd.	Conroe, TX 77304	936-539-1111	conroeregional.com
20	Cornerstone Hospital of Houston – Bellaire	5314 Dashwood Dr.	Houston, TX 77081	713-295-5300	chghospitals.com/ houston-bellaire
21	Cornerstone Hospital of Houston – Clear Lake	709 W. Medical Center Blvd.	Webster, TX 77598	281-332-3322	chghospitals.com/webster
22	Cypress Creek Hospital	17750 Cali Dr.	Houston, TX 77090	281-586-7600	cypresscreekhospital.com
23	Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center	10655 Steepletop Dr.	Houston, TX 77065	281-890-4285	cyfairhospital.com
24	Devereux Texas Treatment Network	1150 Devereux Dr.	League City, TX 77573	281-335-1000	leaguecity.devereuxt.org
25	East Houston Regional Medical Center	13111 East Freeway	Houston, TX 77015	713-393-2000	easthoustonrhc.com
26	First Street Hospital	4801 Bissonnet St.	Bellaire, TX 77401	713-275-1111	firststreethospital.com
27	Foundation Surgical Hospital of Houston	7501 Fannin St.	Houston, TX 77054	713-375-7000	fdnh.com

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28	Healthbridge Children's Hospital	2929 Woodland Park Dr.	Houston, TX 77082	281-293-7774	healthbridgehouston.com
29	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Cypress	13031 Wortham Center Dr.	Houston, TX 77065	832-280-2500	healthsouthcypress.com
30	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Humble	19002 McKay Blvd.	Humble, TX 77338	281-446-6148	healthsouthhumble.com
31	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of The Woodlands	18550 I-45 South	Conroe, TX 77384	281-364-2000	healthsouthnorthhouston.com
32	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital – Vision Park	117 Vision Park Blvd.	Shenandoah, TX 77384	936-444-1700	healthsouthvisionpark.com
33	HealthSouth Sugar Land Rehabilitation Hospital	1325 State Highway 6	Sugar Land, TX 77478	281-276-7574	healthsouthsugarland.com
34	Hospital for Surgical Excellence of Oak Bend	1211 Highway 6	Sugar Land, TX 77478	281-238-3900	oakbendmedcenter.org
35	Houston Methodist Hospital	6565 Fannin St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-790-3311	houstonmethodist.org
36	Houston Methodist St. John Hospital	18300 St. John Dr.	Nassau Bay, TX 77058	281-333-5503	houstonmethodist.org/locations/st-john
37	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	16655 Southwest Freeway	Sugar Land, TX 77479	281-274-7000	houstonmethodist.org/locations/sugar-land
38	Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital	18220 Tomball Parkway	Houston, TX 77070	281-737-1000	houstonmethodist.org/locations/willowbrook
39	Houston Northwest Medical Center	710 F.M. 1960 West	Houston, TX 77090	281-440-1000	hnmc.com
40	Houston Physicians' Hospital	333 N. Texas Ave.	Webster, TX 77598	281-557-5620	houstonphysicianshospital.com
41	ICON Hospital	19211 McKay Dr.	Humble, TX 77338	281-883-5500	iconhospitalonline.com
42	Intracare North Hospital	1120 Cypress Station Dr.	Houston, TX 77090	281-893-7200	intracare.org
43	Jennie Sealy Hospital	600 Texas Ave.	Galveston, TX 77550	409-772-1011	utmb.edu/jennie-sealy
44	John Sealy Hospital	301 Eighth St.	Galveston, TX 77550	409-772-1011	utmbhealth.com
45	Kindred Hospital Tomball	505 Graham Dr.	Tomball, TX 77375	281-255-5600	khtomball.com
46	Kindred Hospital Town and Country	1120 Business Center Dr.	Houston, TX 77043	713-932-2700	khtownandcountry.com
47	Kindred Hospital – Bay Area	4801 E. Sam Houston Parkway S.	Pasadena, TX 77505	281-991-5463	khbayareahouston.com
48	Kindred Hospital – Baytown	1700 James Bowie Dr.	Baytown, TX 77520	281-420-7800	khbaytown.com
49	Kindred Hospital – Clear Lake	350 Blossom St.	Webster, TX 77598	281-316-7800	khclearlake.com
50	Kindred Hospital – Houston Medical Center	6441 S. Main St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-790-0500	khhoustons.com
51	Kindred Hospital – Houston Northwest	11297 Fallbrook Dr.	Houston, TX 77065	281-517-1000	khhoustonnw.com
52	Kindred Hospital – Spring	205 Hollow Tree Ln.	Houston, TX 77090	832-249-2700	kindredspring.com
53	Kindred Hospital – Sugar Land	1550 First Colony Blvd.	Sugar Land, TX 77479	281-275-6000	khsugarland.com
54	Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital – Clear Lake	655 E. Medical Center Blvd.	Webster, TX 77598	281-286-1500	khrehabclearlake.com
55	Kingwood Medical Center	22999 U.S. Highway 59 N.	Kingwood, TX 77339	281-348-8000	kingwoodmedical.com
56	Kingwood Pines Hospital	2001 Ladbrook Dr.	Kingwood, TX 77339	281-404-1001	kingwoodpines.com
57	Liberty-Dayton Community Hospital	1353 N. Travis St.	Liberty, TX 77575	936-336-7316	libertydaytonnmc.com
58	Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital	5656 Kelley St.	Houston, TX 77026	713-566-5000	harrishealth.org
59	Mainland Medical Center	6801 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway	Texas City, TX 77591	409-938-5000	mainlandmedical.com
60	Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital	27800 Northwest Freeway	Cypress, TX 77433	346-231-4000	memorialhermann.org/locations/cypress



61	Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital	1635 North Loop W.	Houston, TX 77008	713-867-2000	memorialhermann.org/locations/northwest
62	Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital	23900 Katy Freeway	Katy, TX 77494	281-644-7000	memorialhermann.org/locations/katy
63	Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center	921 Gessner Rd.	Houston, TX 77024	713-242-3000	memorialhermann.org/locations/memorial-city
64	Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital	18951 N. Memorial Dr.	Humble, TX 77338	281-540-7700	memorialhermann.org/locations/northeast
65	Memorial Hermann Orthopedic & Spine Hospital	5410 West Loop South	Bellaire, TX 77401	713-314-4444	memorialhermann.org/locations/orthopedic-and-spine-hospital
66	Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital	16100 South Freeway	Pearland, TX 77584	713-413-5000	memorialhermann.org/locations/pearland
67	Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation Hospital Katy	21720 Kingsland Blvd.	Katy, TX 77450	281-579-5555	memorialhermann.org/locations/katy-rehab
68	Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital	11800 Astoria Blvd.	Houston, TX 77089	281-929-6100	memorialhermann.org/locations/southeast
69	Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital	7600 Beechnut St.	Houston, TX 77074	713-456-5000	memorialhermann.org/locations/southwest
70	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital	17500 W. Grand Parkway South	Sugar Land, TX 77479	281-725-5000	memorialhermann.org/locations/sugar-land
71	Memorial Hermann Surgical Hospital Kingwood	300 Kingwood Medical Dr.	Humble, TX 77339	281-312-4000	memorialhermannkingwood.com
72	Memorial Hermann Surgical Hospital Sugar Land	16906 Southwest Freeway	Sugar Land, TX 77479	281-243-1000	memorialhermann.org/locations/sugar-land-surgical-hospital
73	Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center	6411 Fannin St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-704-4000	memorialhermann.org/locations/texas-medical-center
74	Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital	9250 Pinecroft Dr.	The Woodlands, TX 77380	713-897-2300	memorialhermann.org/locations/the-woodlands

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76	Methodist West Pavilion Hospital	6447 Main St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-790-3311	houstonmethodist.org
77	Nexus Specialty Hospital – Shenandoah Campus	123 Vision Park Blvd.	Shenandoah, TX 77384	281-364-0317	nexusspecialty.com/shenandoah-campus
78	Nexus Specialty Hospital – The Woodlands Campus	9182 Six Pines Dr.	The Woodlands, TX 77380	281-364-0317	nexusspecialty.com/the-woodlands-campus
79	North Cypress Medical Center	21214 Northwest Freeway	Cypress, TX 77429	832-912-3773	ncmc-hospital.com
80	OakBend Medical Center	1705 Jackson St.	Richmond, TX 77469	281-341-3000	oakbendmedcenter.org
81	Park Plaza Hospital	1313 Hermann Dr.	Houston, TX 77004	713-527-5000	parkplazahospital.com
82	Plaza Specialty Hospital	1313 Hermann Dr.	Houston, TX 77004	713-285-1000	plazaspecialtyhospital.com
83	Promise Hospital of Houston	6160 South Loop E.	Houston, TX 77087	713-640-2400	promise-houston.com
84	Quentin Mease Community Hospital	3601 N. MacGregor Way	Houston, TX 77004	713-873-3700	harrishealth.org
85	Riverside General Hospital	3204 Ennis St.	Houston, TX 77004	713-526-2441	riversidegeneralhospital.org
86	San Jacinto Methodist Hospital	4401 Garth Rd.	Baytown, TX 77521	281-420-8600	houstonmethodist.org
87	Shriners Burns Hospital–Galveston	711 Seventh St.	Galveston, TX 77550	409-466-7361	shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
88	Shriners Hospital for Children	6977 Main St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-797-1616	shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
89	Solara Hospital Conroe	1500 Grand Lake Dr.	Conroe, TX 77034	936-523-1800	chghospitals.com
90	SPHIER Emergency Room	1560 S. Mason Road, Suite E	Katy, TX 77450	832-321-1000	sphier.com
91	St. Joseph Medical Center	1401 St. Joseph Parkway	Houston, TX 77002	713-757-1000	sjmctx.com
92	St. Joseph Medical Center in the Heights	1917 Ashland St.	Houston, TX 77008	713-969-5400	sjmctx.com
93	Surgery Specialty Hospitals of America	4301-B Vista Rd.	Pasadena, TX 77504	713-378-3000	ssha.us.com
94	Sweeny Community Hospital	305 N. McKinney St.	Sweeny, TX 77480	979-548-1500	sweenyhospital.org
95	Texas Orthopedic Hospital	7401 S. Main St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-799-8600	texasorthopedic.com
96	The Menninger Clinic	12301 S. Main St.	Houston, TX 77035	713-275-5000	menningerclinic.com
97	The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	1515 Holcombe Blvd.	Houston, TX 77030	713-792-2121	mdanderson.org
98	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	301 University Blvd.	Galveston, TX 77555	409-772-1011	utmb.edu
99	Woman's Hospital of Texas	7600 Fannin St.	Houston, TX 77054	713-790-1234	womanshospital.com
100	TIRR Memorial Hermann	1333 Moursund St.	Houston, TX 77030	713-797-5942	tirr.memorialhermann.org
101	Tomball Regional Hospital	605 Holderrieth Blvd.	Tomball, TX 77375	281-401-7500	tomballregionalmedicalcenter.com
102	TOPS Surgical Specialty Hospital	17080 Red Oak Dr.	Houston, TX 77090	281-539-2900	tops-hospital.com
103	United Memorial Medical Center – Tidwell	510 W. Tidwell Rd.	Houston, TX 77091	281-618-8500	ummc.care
104	Veterans Affairs Medical Center	2002 Holcombe Blvd.	Houston, TX 77030	713-791-1414	houston.va.gov
105	West Houston Medical Center	12141 Richmond Ave.	Houston, TX 77082	281-558-3444	westhoustonmedical.com
106	West Oaks Hospital	6500 Hornwood Dr.	Houston, TX 77074	713-995-0909	westoakshospital.com
107	Winnie Community Hospital	538 Broadway	Winnie, TX 77665	409-296-6000	ricelandhealthcare.com

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