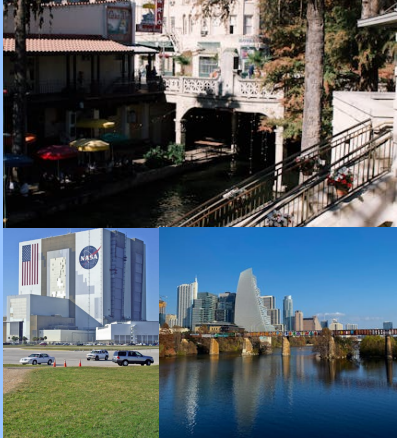


Texas

The Lone Star State



Texas weather ranges from hot and dry deserts to humid coastal climates,
Summer 90–105°F; Winter 30-50°F

Snapshot

Texas, the second-largest U.S. state by both area and population, is a dynamic blend of vast landscapes, booming metros, and diverse cultures, driven by domestic migration and a growing immigrant population.

Metropolitans	Population	Demographics
Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, and Corpus Christi	31.7 million, rank #2 in the United States	White 38.7% - Hispanic or Latino 40.3% - African American 13.7% - Asian 6.4%

Economic Indicators

Gross State Product	\$2.2 Trillion (2024)
Major industries	Major industries include oil and gas, technology, agriculture, and manufacturing. The state is known for its energy sector, being the leading producer of oil and natural gas in the U.S.
Job sectors with highest growth and pay	Texas has a robust job market, with significant employment in technology (particularly in cities like Austin) and healthcare.
State Taxes	No PIT, Combined sale tax 8.2%
Median house value	\$260,400
Income/Wage	Average annual pay (\$75,394), Per Capita Income (\$69,823)
Minimum wages	remains at the federal minimum wage level from 2009, which is \$7.25 per hour.
Cost of living	From \$2,725 to \$3,125 per month for a single person.
Child Care (Center-based)	Infant \$10,078, Toddler \$9,180

Top Colleges and Universities



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Rice University

Trinity University - top liberal arts college

Texas A&M University

University of Texas at Austin (UT system)

On average, it costs \$4,800 for in-state tuition and \$11,800 for out-of-state tuition at public institutions, \$24,800 for private not-for-profits, and \$15,800 for private for-profit institutions.

Health Insurance Coverage

Texas Medicaid	Very low-income adults & families
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Low income children, undocumented not eligible
ACA Marketplace	Low-income adults who don't qualify for Medicaid
Safety-net providers and local programs	Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide sliding-scale or low-cost primary care regardless of status. County hospital systems and nonprofit clinics often offer charity care/financial assistance (varies by county).
Emergency Medicaid	Emergency care for anyone regardless of status

Other things to know about Texas

The state has strong job growth and business climate; recent booming job markets in Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio. In recent years, Texas has pursued some of the most aggressive immigration-related state policies in the country, primarily through: Senate Bill 4 — a sweeping immigration enforcement statute (blocked in federal court); Requiring 287(g) local law enforcement cooperation with ICE, and H-1B visa petition pause for state/university hiring.

Top places to visit in Texas:

Live Music Capital of the World in Austin.

River Walk along San Antonio river lined with shops, restaurants, and bars.

NASA's Visitor Space Center in Houston.