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Area 268,581 square miles
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Founded in 1836, Houston is 179 years old, making it 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 2.1 million people living within the city limits and more than 6.5 million living within the 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 very start as an oil capital, Houston has valued and cultivated risk takers and big dreamers. It’s no wonder this city has produced such extraordinary and influential tours de force as 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 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

Although Houston is famous for its oil and natural gas, you might be surprised that of the more than 125,000 businesses that reside here, only about 3,700 are tied to the energy industry. In fact, energy, despite its extensive influence, accounts for less than half of the diverse employment found in Houston. 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, 26 of the Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters in Houston, and more than half of the world’s one hundred 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 2014, Houston has the third lowest cost of living among the nation’s 20 most populous metropolitan areas—far less than the national average. Likewise, in 2014 Forbes ranked Houston as the most competitive metro in America based on job growth with approximately 120,000 jobs created. It’s easy to see why so many can afford to call Houston home.

Because Houston opens its arms to all newcomers—after all, “Texas” originates from the Caddo Indian word for “friend”—the city is home to an amazingly diverse population from many countries and to more than 90 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. It’s home to the world’s first air-conditioned domed stadium, to the NFL’s first football stadium with a retractable roof, and now the 12-acre Discovery Green, the multi-use, eco-friendly downtown park and event venue situated in the middle of the city’s soaring skyscrapers. In fact, Houston was recently named one of the country’s top ten cities for green technology innovation. With more than 366 municipal parks and an additional 200 green spaces, the city ranks third in the nation in green space. 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, astonishing global hub. Read on and learn more about Houston’s history, neighborhoods, housing options, cultural scene, schools, health services, shopping and so much more.
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New office towers, entertainment venues, restaurants, retail outlets and residential lofts are redesigning the Houston skyline, creating an exciting community atmosphere for those who work or live downtown as well as for visitors. Bounded by Interstate 10 on the north, U.S. 59 on the east and Interstate 45 on the south and west, downtown Houston contains 1,178 acres and is the center of the nine-county Houston metropolitan area.

**Downtown Aquarium** (below)
This $38 million entertainment and four-hundred-seat restaurant complex is noteworthy for features not common to a restaurant—a 500,000-gallon aquarium, a shark tank, a ballroom, a Ferris wheel and a train.

**Minute Maid Park** (above)
This state-of-the-art, retractable-roof ballpark, situated where Houston’s Union Station once stood, is home to the 2005 National League Champions, the Houston Astros.

**Chase Tower**
Designed by I. M. Pei & Partners, Chase Tower is the tallest building in Texas and among the world’s tallest buildings. This 75-story tower has a public observation deck on the 60th floor and is connected to the Downtown Tunnel System.

**Market Square Historic District**
Bounded by Travis, Milam, Preston and Congress streets, Market Square has buildings dating back to 1860 and is considered the location where Houston was founded. The district is home to fine restaurants, entertainment and nightclubs and the historic Market Square Park. Surrounding the park are many of downtown’s coolest lofts as well as the University of Houston Downtown.

**Bayou Place** (left)
This 180,000-square-foot retail and entertainment complex has sparked downtown nightlife. Situated at the heart of the Theater District, it includes theaters, restaurants and clubs.

**BBVA Compass Stadium**
Opened in May 2012, the BBVA Compass Stadium is home to the Houston Dynamo soccer team, the 2006-2007 MLS Cup Champions. With a 22,000-seat capacity, the stadium has 35 main and party suites and a 5,000-square-foot stage. The 90,000-square-foot playing field can accommodate soccer, football, rugby and lacrosse.

**Warehouse District**
If your scene is funky and alternative art, then the Warehouse District is the place for you. With Mexican cafés that have live music, dancing in the sand and the best margaritas in town, this area is home to artists, architects, and photographers alike. Bring out your creative side in the Warehouse District.
**METRORail (below)**
Linking downtown to the Museum District, the Texas Medical Center, and Reliant Park, this $324 million light rail line on Main Street began operating in 2004.

**The Museum District (below)**
The Houston Museum District consists of 19 museums within a 1.5 mile radius of the Mecom Fountain. Among the world class museums visitors will find here are Asia Society Texas Center, Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, the Children’s Museum of Houston, the Holocaust Museum Houston, the Menil Collection (pictured below), the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, the Rothko Chapel, and The Health Museum, among many others.

**Downtown Historic District (above)**
Bounded by Buffalo Bayou, Texas Avenue and Louisiana and Austin streets, this district comprises most of Houston’s original town plat as it was laid out in 1836. Many restaurants, historical markers and landmarks are scattered across this original town center, such as Christ Church Cathedral, founded in 1839.

**Hobby Center for the Performing Arts (above)**
This $88 million venue in the Theater District contains two stages and is home to Theatre Under the Stars, the Broadway in Houston series, and Uniquely Houston.

**Houston Theater District**
Home to Houston’s nine world-class performing arts organizations, the city is one of few in the United States with resident companies in drama, ballet, opera and orchestra.

**Civic Center District**
Houston’s City Hall has called the Civic Center District home since 1939. If you want to learn more about the history of the city visit the Texas room in the Julia Ideson Library, part of Houston’s Central Library, next door. Civic Center is also home to the only outdoor museum in the city, curated by the Heritage Society.

**George R. Brown Convention Center**
In addition to offering more than one million square feet of meeting and exhibit space for business meetings and conferences, the center is the site of numerous annual shows, including ones that feature quilts, boats, bridal arrays, home improvement projects and collector items.
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ALL ABOUT HOUSTON

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE COUNTRY’S FOURTH-LARGEST CITY

To really get an accurate picture of the Houston region, you need to have a sense of how truly large it is. The city of Houston encompasses approximately 655 square miles, and the metropolitan area covers 9,444 square miles. The city of Houston lies in three counties: Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery. The population of the city of Houston is more than two million. The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land metropolitan area comprises some 6,490,180 residents, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census 2014 figures, making it the fifth-largest metro area in the country. Only New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Dallas are larger.

HOUSTON POPULATION

The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land metropolitan statistical area (MSA) breaks down as follows:

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GETTING AROUND HOUSTON’S METRO SOLUTIONS

The Houston region’s light rail service delivers safe, reliable, affordable and convenient public transit and mobility services.

HISTORY & FUTURE
The Texas State Legislature authorized the creation of local transit authorities in 1973. In 1978, Houston-area voters created METRO and approved a one-cent sales tax to support its operations. METRO opened for business in January 1979. The Authority has transformed a broken bus fleet into a regional multimodal transportation system.

Communities that are part of the METRO area include the cities of Houston, Bellaire, Bunker Hill Village, El Lago, Hedwig Village, Hilshire Village, Humble, Hunters Creek, Katy, Missouri City, Piney Point, Southside Place, Spring Valley, Taylor Lake Village, and West University Place. Major portions of unincorporated Harris County are also included.

METRO has 1,230 buses. With an extensive network of bus routes and convenient park-and-ride facilities helping to ease rush-hour commutes, the METRO Bus System keeps the Houston region moving. METRO is paving the way for a cleaner Houston with 443 transit diesel-hybrid buses in operation. Since 2003, METRO has been actively 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 current choice for vehicles, and each year, as part of its fleet replacement plan, METRO purchases 100 buses.

METRORail
There’s more to building a successful light-rail system than laying track and putting up stations. That’s why METRORail made an early commitment to not only serve and connect Houston communities, but to maintain their culture and integrity. METRORail has added more than 17 miles of new sidewalks and 45 miles of 12-foot traffic lanes. The expanded light-rail system is an essential element of the city’s plans to meet the transportation and environmental challenges of today and tomorrow, easing our growing traffic congestion, improving our air quality and changing the way Houston moves.

NORTH LINE
5.3 miles, 8 stations, 335 trees: The North Line extends the existing Red Line by 5.3 miles and runs through the heart of the historic Northside, a 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, 328 trees: 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, 5 stations, 252 trees: The 3.3 mile East End Line (Green Line) travels along Harrisburg from the Magnolia Park Transit Center through the historic East End to a variety of downtown entertainment and business destinations.
METRORAIL SYSTEM PLAN

Houston is on the move, in a big way. The North Line opened in December, and the East End and Southeast lines will open this fall. The three new lines triple light-rail’s footprint in Houston, adding more than 15 miles to the existing Main Street Line that went into service in 2004.

METRO SERVICES

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 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays to obtain eligibility materials or download from ridemetro.org.

HOV Lanes

A High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane is a barrier-protected lane—that is open to buses, vanpools/carpools, and motorcycles. The lanes, which are accessed via freeway or facility ramps, are reversible to accommodate commuters during peak periods of traffic flow. Users must observe the occupancy requirements, rules of the road, and hours of operation.

HOV lanes operate on the Southwest, Gulf, North, Eastex, and Northwest freeways.

HOV lanes are open 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound traffic, and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday for outbound traffic. A minimum occupancy of two people is required on the HOV lane system. (A minimum of three occupants is required during morning rush hours on the Northwest HOV lanes.)

Since 2001, METRO also has been operating 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. Diamond HOV Lanes in the METRO service area 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. METRO’s 20 Transit Centers serve as efficient “hubs” to allow bus and/or METRORail riders from various locations to assemble at a central point to take advantage of express trips or other route-to-route transfers. Our clean, safe and comfortable transit centers provide bus and/or METRORail patrons with a wider selection of destinations through greater transfer opportunities and offer their respective 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.

METRORAIL SYSTEM PLAN

30,000 passengers a day are projected to ride the three new lines by 2015.
AIRPORT AND HIGHWAY TRAVEL

The Houston area is served by two major airports: George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU). Houston’s largest airport, IAH, is located approximately 23 miles north of downtown Houston, and currently ranks 5th among U.S. airports with scheduled nonstop domestic and international services. More than 650 departures leave daily from IAH, which offers service to more Mexican destinations than any other U.S. airport, as well as 74 nonstop international cities, including Beijing, China. IAH was named the best airport in the country in a 2013 Executive Travel magazine poll. Hobby Airport is located approximately seven miles south of downtown, and offers nonstop flights to more than 50 destinations throughout the United States. It is 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. Check individual airlines to see which airports serve a particular carrier.

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 over 30 commissioned and donated works of art that are showcased throughout the airport facilities. The artwork, which includes sculptures, photographs, lighting installations, and more, provides cultural value to the identity of Houston as a truly international city and welcomes visitors and residents upon arrival. For more information about flying to and from Houston, visit the Houston Airport System’s website at fly2houston.com.

CONNECTING THE DOTS
Houston is the crossroads for interstate highways 10 and 45. Other major highways serving Houston are Interstate 610, 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 when driving throughout the city. TranStar uses state-of-the-art technologies to reduce congestion on
major 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 an accident scene, 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.
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In 1836, two New York real estate promoters, brothers J. K. and A. C. Allen, decided to start a new town. They paid the sum of $9,428 ($1,000 of it in cash), for 6,642 acres of land situated at the headwaters of navigation on the west bank of Buffalo Bayou. Houston was on its way. They named the community in honor of their hero and good friend, General Sam Houston, whose tattered army of Texians had defeated General Santa Anna’s Mexican army at San Jacinto, just a few miles away, on April 21 of the same year.
he Allens prophetically advertised, “The town of Houston is located at a point on the river which must ever command the trade of the largest and richest portion of Texas.” And they added, “When the rich lands of this country shall be settled, a trade will flow to it, making it, beyond all doubt, the great interior commercial emporium of Texas.”

It was in the mid-1800s that Houston began to realize the potential economic stimulus of its position as a port. Stephen F. Austin’s inland colonists needed the benefits of waterborne transport that could make its way to Houston on Buffalo Bayou. Transportation of all kinds played prime roles in the growth of Houston. The first railroad here—the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad—was organized in 1847. Following it came the Galveston and Red River Railway Company, later renamed the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company. With rail service and the Port of Houston gaining in importance, industry began to come to the fledgling city, bringing an iron foundry and a large warehouse for cotton, hides, and other commodities.

At the very beginning, the Allen brothers unknowingly provided their new town one of its greatest advantages for the future. They hired Gail Borden (publisher, surveyor and originator of condensed milk) and Thomas H. Borden to survey and map the site. Gail Borden laid out the city’s streets eighty feet wide, with the principal thoroughfare—Texas Avenue—a full one hundred feet wide. Early settlers jeered, hooted and criticized such wide streets—but Borden’s plan provided ample width for downtown traffic after the advent of the horseless carriage.

Houston’s early economy was based not only on trade but also on agriculture and natural resources such as timber. But 1901, with the discovery of oil at Spindletop, marked the beginning of a new era. Wooden derricks began to dot the prairies. When World War I erupted a few years later, it added to the rising momentum of the motor industry in this country, and Texas—Houston especially—became strongly identified with the oil industry.

Houston retains that identification with oil. In the 1920s and 1930s, oil refineries proliferated along the Houston Ship Channel, taking advantage of inexpensive waterborne shipping of their output. In the 1940s, petrochemical plants began to cluster here. At the same time, Houston rose to preeminence in offshore drilling and production worldwide. Still later, in the 1960s, Houston began to attract a growing concentration of headquarters operations of major oil companies. Houston today is known for the advanced technology of its oil industry, and that technology is exported to the world wherever there is exploration and production.

The 1960s ushered in an evolutionary stage in Houston’s economic maturation. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced to an enthralled crowd at Rice Stadium that the United States would “put a man on the moon by the end of this decade.” Within a few years, NASA’s Manned Space Center—now Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center—was a reality in Houston.

Development of the famed Texas Medical Center, founded in 1941, attracted brilliant minds, skilled physicians, and innovative researchers. This complex has grown over the years to encompass more than forty institutions that enjoy international reputations for work on the outermost frontiers of medical knowledge, and it is famed for its pioneering work in heart surgery and cancer treatment. With a massive volume of international patients, it is now one of the world’s most important and respected medical complexes.

Houston has also built a reputation as a city of culture. Despite its rowdy early years, the pioneer town soon began to bring noted artists to its primitive stages. From these rude beginnings has emerged a cosmopolitan city that supports world-renowned companies in opera, ballet, symphony and repertory theater, all of which tour internationally and enjoy widespread acclaim outside the United States. 

Houston also boasts a wealth of fine museums, galleries, art collections, and myriad theaters and arts-oriented groups. The world saw a new Houston in 1990, when the city hosted the annual meeting of the G7 countries, also known as the Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations, and again in 1992 when the Republican National Convention was held in Houston. By the year 2000, the U.S. Census found that the Houston metro area had no racial or ethnic majority. The Houston of today reflects the racial and ethnic mix project-ed for the United States fifty years hence.

Physically, the city has spread from the Allen brothers’ original 6,642 acres to about 640 square miles. But in spirit, Houston extends far beyond its 640 square miles. It embraces the world. Ask a Ugandan about heart transplants, and he says simply, “Houston.” Mention space exploration, and the reply is “Houston.” Broach the topic of rebuilding the Middle East, and you can’t avoid “Houston.” Whisper “energy,” and you’ll always hear “Houston.”
What makes living in Houston so special? Why does Houston continue
to grow faster than other cities? Perhaps it’s because—even though Houston is
big, diverse and multifaceted—it can be experienced on many
different levels, large or small, depending on what you’re looking for and how
you like to live. One thing’s for sure: there’s no shortage of things to do, places
to go, or events to experience.
Thousands of people move to Houston every year... and for good reasons. It ranks first among all U.S. cities in job creation, and has one of the nation’s most dynamic economies. Our vibrant community of arts, culture, food and commerce has the world’s attention.

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If you’re planning a move to Houston, let us open the door for you.
ENJOY THE PERFORMING ARTS

Houston is one of a few cities in the United States that can boast major symphony, ballet, opera and theater companies of worldwide acclaim. The downtown Theater District—which includes the Alley Theater, Jones Hall, the Hobby Center and the Wortham Center—is the vibrant heart of the city’s tremendous cultural assets. Thanks to the Society for the Performing Arts, Houstonians routinely have access to some of the world’s best musical, dance, and theatrical talent.

Cited by the New York Times as “one of the nation’s best ballet companies,” the Houston Ballet is the fourth-largest company in the United States. The ensemble of more than fifty dancers performs around the world and treats Houston’s ballet aficionados to more than 100 performances a year in the Wortham Center.

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.

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

Da Camera of Houston, founded in 1987, 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.

Other musical offerings in Houston are performed by such groups as the Houston Friends of Music, the Houston Masterworks Chorus, the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston and the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University.

CENTER STAGE

Houston’s rich theatrical tradition began in 1947 with the opening of the Alley Theatre 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. Performances are year-round in the Alley’s two-theater complex—the 824-seat Hubbard Stage and the 310-seat Neuhaus Stage.

Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS), one of the largest nonprofit producers of musical theater in the country, has cast more than 300 musicals in its 45-year history—to national acclaim. TUTS stages Broadway classics, world premieres and new works at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts downtown—also home to Broadway in Houston, featuring touring productions of Broadway hits.

HOUSTON SPORTS

The Houston region offers unlimited choices for sports and recreation enthusiasts year round.

PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

- Astros: houston.astros.mlb.com (Baseball)
- Texans: houstontexans.com (Football)
- Rockets: nba.com/rockets/ (Basketball)
- Dynamo: houston.mlsnet.com (Soccer)
- Houston Dash (National Women’s Soccer League)
- Houston Red Storm (American Basketball Assn.)
- Sugar Land Skeeters (Baseball) (Atlantic League)
- Houston Energy (Independent Women’s Football League)
- Texas City Rangers (American Basketball Association)
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SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- Houston collegiate teams compete in most major sports—in football: Rice in Conference USA; University of Houston in the American Athletic Conference; Texas Southern in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, and Houston Baptist University in the Southland Conference.
- The Shell Houston Open has been hosted at Redstone Golf Club since 2003. The Houston Golf Association (HGA) has conducted PGA Tour events since 1946, making Houston’s tournament the 10th oldest on the schedule.
- Racing facilities include Sam Houston Race Park (Class I Thoroughbred/Quarter horse racing), opened April 1994, and Gulf Greyhound Park, opened November 1992.
- The 22,000-seat, open-air BBVA Compass Stadium opened in May 2012 and is the first soccer-specific stadium in Major League Soccer located in a city’s downtown district. The stadium hosts Dynamo and Dash matches as well as additional sporting and concert events.

Source: GHP Research Department
Other local theater groups include Stages Repertory Theatre, A. D. Players, Main Street Theater and the Ensemble Theatre, as well as the Rice Players at Rice University and the University of Houston’s annual Houston Shakespeare Festival.

**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. Eighteen museums are located within the district.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH), which opened in 1924 as the first art museum in Texas, features a collection of more than 56,000 works. Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, the restored mansion of Houston philanthropist Ima Hogg, houses decorative arts and contains 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, including ceramics, furniture, paintings and sculpture.

The Houston Museum of Natural Science features more than a dozen permanent exhibit areas showcasing space science, Native Americans, paleontology, energy, chemistry, 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. The museum’s satellite facility, the George Observatory, is located in Brazos Bend State Park, southwest of the city. It houses the largest telescope available.
for public viewing in the Houston area: a 36-inch, 10-ton research telescope, as well as two smaller telescopes.

The Contemporary Arts Museum is a non-collecting museum for visual arts focusing on international, national and regional art of the last forty years. And the Menil Collection displays an immensely significant private collection of nearly 16,000 works dating from the Paleolithic period to present day. Other museums in the district include Cy Twombly Gallery and the Byzantine Fresco Chapel, which are parts of the Menil Collection, as well as the Rothko Chapel, the Children’s Museum of Houston and the Health Museum.

Historical museums of interest include the San Jacinto Museum of History, within the San Jacinto Monument at San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, featuring a wealth of artifacts and documents covering more than 400 years of early history. Within the Museum District are the Holocaust Museum, which tells the stories of Houston-area survivors of the Holocaust through film, photographs and exhibits, and the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, which preserves the history, tradition and contributions of African American soldiers since 1866.

SEEK SOMETHING DIFFERENT
South of Houston in Clear Lake is the Disney-designed Space

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**GETTING TO KNOW THE HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE**

Cutting-edge. Diverse. Energized. These words only just begin to describe Houston’s vibrant cultural landscape.

In a city known as the energy capital of the world, Houston Arts Alliance (HAA) believes there is a renewable resource with untapped potential—creativity. That is why HAA fuels Houston’s thriving creative community by cultivating business volunteers, commissioning the work of world-renowned artists for public spaces, showcasing Houston’s rich folklife traditions, and empowering arts organizations through direct funding and capacity building.

HAA engages Houstonians and visitors alike in the vast opportunities to experience the arts—from visual arts exhibitions to dance and theater performances—through its comprehensive online calendar of events, artshound.com.

While traversing Houston’s diverse neighborhoods, you may be pleasantly surprised to happen upon a temporary exhibition or sculpture in a public space. Perhaps you will do a double-take at a PODS® storage container transformed into a work of art as part of HAA’s Portable On Demand Art Project or a massive temporary sculptural exhibition by an internationally acclaimed artist.

HAA’s Civic Art + Design actively acquires new works for public spaces as well as manages Houston’s existing art collection of over 450 unique pieces.

Embracing Houston’s evolving cultural mix, HAA is also home to the only urban folklife program west of the Mississippi, namely its Folklife + Traditional Arts Program, which researches, documents, and engages the public in the most ethnically diverse metropolitan area in the nation. One of the program’s many ventures into Houston communities resulted in Fifth Ward Jam, a re-

imagining of a classic Houston bungalow in the heart of Fifth Ward.

If you’re interested in supporting the arts, a great way to apply your talents in support of Houston arts and culture is through Business Volunteers for the Arts (BVA), a pro-bono consulting service that matches your professional expertise with a nonprofit organization in need of support. Whether your passion is dance, theater, visual arts, music or film, the BVA program provides direct access to the behind-the-scenes world of Houston’s arts community.

Houston Arts Alliance’s goal is to create a richly diverse landscape for a global 21st century city—one that is ripe with opportunities for its citizens and visitors, thereby creating the city of tomorrow.

For more information, please visit houstonartsalliance.com.
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.

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 February and March, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo comes to town at Reliant Park. The largest livestock show and the richest regular-season Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo in the world, the event attracts more than 2.5 million visitors who come to view the animal exhibits, watch the cowboy competitions, and see their favorite music stars performing onstage. The Livestock Show and Rodeo provides millions of dollars in scholarships to area students. Each year a “Go Texan Day” and a spirited rodeo parade through downtown Houston kick off the main events.

NEED A BREATHE OF FRESH AIR?
Beyond the “true Texan” culture of the rodeo, various festivals throughout the year celebrate the heritage and traditions of the international community. Among these are the Original Greek Festival, Fiestas Patrias, the Asian American Festival, Festa Italiana and the Houston International Festival.

Of all the things that make living in Houston so enjoyable, high on the list are the city and county parks. Whether you’d like to relax beside a tranquil lake as ducks glide silently by, jog amid an urban forest of tall
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Memorial Park, encompassing nearly 1,500 acres, is about four miles west of downtown. It features a three-mile tree-lined jogging trail, eighteen-hole golf course, driving range, an eighteen-court tennis center, fitness center, 33-meter swimming pool, playing fields and picnic areas. The park area includes the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, a 155-acre preserve with more than five miles of quiet, self-guided trails.

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**DISCOVERY GREEN**

A twelve-acre park in downtown Houston, Discovery Green opened to the public in 2008. With its proximity to the George R. Brown Convention Center, Minute Maid Park and Toyota Center, Discovery Green is in an ideal location.

From the earliest stages of planning, Discovery Green has been designed to use the latest technology in “green” building methods, energy conservation, and sustainable, environmentally-friendly park operations. Among the features that make it so “green” are solar panels, sponsored by BP, which have been generating green energy for the park since their installation in late 2007, and a high-efficiency irrigation system. Indeed, Discovery Green has earned a Gold rating from the LEED Green Building Rating System, which is the national benchmark for the design, construction, and operations of high-performance green buildings.

“Discovery Green stands as a beaming example of environmental best practices applied to a public project that has become the centerpiece of Houston’s downtown,” said current Mayor Annise Parker.

Prominent features visitors can enjoy include a one-acre lake, a children’s playground, interactive water features, an amphitheater stage and slope, small and large dog runs, artworks, the HPL Express (a multipurpose Houston Public Library facility), open lawns and great restaurants (the Grove and the Lake House) operated by Schiller Del Grande Restaurant Group. In addition to surface lot and park perimeter parking, the Convention District Garage, operated by the City of Houston, lies beneath the park.

The Andrea and Bill White Promenade forms the heart of the park and offers a 360-degree view of Houston’s skyline. Kinder Lake, encompassing more than an acre of the park, features water gardens and a model-boat area, a shallow pool specifically designed to accommodate remote-controlled watercraft operated by parkgoers of all ages.

For more detailed information on all city and county parks, go to houstontx.gov/park and harriscountytx.gov/parks/asp

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**PARK FACTS**

You’ll find 366 developed city parks and more than 220 open spaces covering nearly 38,000 acres in the city of Houston, with many features to enjoy such as:

- 6 disc golf courses
- 7 golf courses
- 451 playgrounds
- 41 swimming pools
- 23 water spraygrounds
- 74 community centers
- 15 dog parks
- 219 tennis courts
- 213 baseball/softball fields
- 99 multipurpose sports fields
- 515 basketball hoops
- 8 skate parks
Overlooking the park’s live oaks, Schiller Del Grande’s restaurant, the Grove, and its rooftop bar, the Treehouse, offer patrons exceptional food, service, and views of the park. The Lake House offers fast, casual, family-friendly food, with views of Kinder Lake and the Jones Lawn.

The Anheuser-Busch stage hosts a variety of performances, such as music, theater, film and dance, and is oriented toward a sloped lawn for audience seating. When the stage is not in use, it is open to all parkgoers, as space for working, lounging or dining near the Lake House.

The Jones Lawn is the park’s largest green space, providing ample area for major events or pickup sports. The Brown Foundation Promenade is shaded by hundred-year-old oak trees, the largest of which is the Nancy G. Kinder Oak near Avenida de las Americas, one of four large live oaks that were moved to the park.

The John P. McGovern Children’s Playground is carved into an existing, tree-shaded hill, which shields youngsters from the surrounding streets and integrates the theme of the major migratory bird flyway over Houston. Individual species are represented in the play sets, and accompanying signs educate visitors.

Overlooking the Gateway Fountain and the children’s playground, the Alkek Building houses the park’s staff offices, information center and public restrooms. The fountain itself offers a visual entry to the park for visitors approaching from McKinney Street and is an extension of the playground area. Two systems of jets create a variety of water activity atop a gently sloping granite surface, with fourteen-foot-high arching jets serving as gateway landmarks and with smaller jets cycling on and off to invite visitors for a closer look or some fun in the spray.

Discovery Green features public art such as works by artists Margo Sawyer and Doug Hollis. Great care was taken to ensure that the installations would be visually prominent, yet at home in the park’s environment. In addition, Jean Dubuffet’s Monument au Fantôme, an iconic sculpture by the world-renowned artist, has been relocated to the park.

But Discovery Green is more than a beautiful green space; it is an experience waiting to be enjoyed. The park comes to life with active programming during its spring/summer and fall/winter seasons. Regularly scheduled music, dance and theater performances as well as films, exercise classes, children’s events and an urban market, constitute the backbone of park programming. Park spaces also may be reserved for private and public events.

Discovery Green is open daily from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. For more information and a list of events, visit discoverygreen.com.

**EMERALD CITY**

Pine trees in Houston? Newcomers to Houston are pleasantly surprised to discover the abundance of trees in the region. In addition to the extensive green space and parkland, a 2005 report from the Citizens’ Environmental Coalition (CEC) noted that the region has 663 million trees, with a replacement value of more than $205 billion.

According to the CEC report, Houston trees store $721 million
worth of carbon, generate $456 million worth of environmental benefits each year, and save $131 million in residential energy costs and avoided power emissions each year. Trees in Houston remove more than 60,000 tons of air pollution annually.

The region contains eight major and distinctly different ecosystems: the Big Thicket, the Sam Houston National Forest, coastal prairie and coastal marshes, the Columbia and Trinity bottomlands, the Galveston Bay estuary system, and the Gulf of Mexico. Over the course of the year, some five hundred bird species can be seen in a ten-county area that includes Galveston. Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico are important economic, ecological, and recreational resources, and outdoor recreation is accessible year-round.

Thanks to the region’s rich ecology, many of the colleges, universities and graduate schools in the area offer environmental studies and research programs. Among these are the University of Houston’s Environmental Institute of Houston, the Environmental Law and Justice Center at Texas Southern University’s law school and the Sealy Center for Environmental Health and Medicine at the nearby University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Harris County has numerous natural streams and human-made channels, that are referred to locally as bayous. A local initiative, the Buffalo Bayou Partnership—a nonprofit organization that oversees Buffalo Bayou improvements, preservation and restoration—serves as a regional and national role model.

The Buffalo Bayou Partnership coordinates the integration of major amenities and restoration projects into the bayou greenbelt and seeks ways to increase community involvement through pedestrian, boating and biking amenities; educational, volunteer and recreational activities and tours; permanent and temporary art installations; and other natural and built attractions. Among the partnership’s notable successes is the Sabine-to-Bagby Promenade, a 23-acre waterfront park downtown. With dramatic blue and white lighting, hike-and-bike trails, lush landscaping and public art, the park has been lauded as one of Houston’s best-designed public spaces.

Greater Houston Partnership is actively involved with public policy issues that enhance the nine-county region’s quality of life and quality of place. It is dedicated to creating a city that is clean, green and prosperous, a place that is aesthetically appealing and offers healthy recreational opportunities. The development of scenic enhancements will continue to have a direct positive impact on this area’s image as a quality place to live and do business, making Houston an even better place to live, work, earn and play. To learn more about the Partnership’s outreach efforts,

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**LIVE PERFORMANCE VENUES**

**A. D. Players**  
Inner Loop: 2710 W. Alabama  
Houston, TX 77098  
713-526-2721  
adplayers.org

**Alley Theatre**  
Theater District: 615 Texas Avenue  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-228-9341  
alleytheatre.org

**Arena Theatre**  
7326 Southwest Freeway  
Houston, TX 77074  
713-772-5900  
arenahouston.com

**Ars Lyrica Houston**  
4807 San Felipe, Suite 202  
Houston, Texas 77056  
713-315-2525  
arslyricahouston.org

**Bayou City Performing Arts**  
3815 Garrott Street  
Houston, TX 77006  
713-521-7464  
gmc.org

**Bobbindoctrin**  
Puppet Theatre  
1601 Vermont, Suite 150  
Houston, Texas 77006  
713-259-1304  
bobbindoctrin.org

**Broadway Across America Houston**  
(Broadway in Houston)  
Performances held at the Hobby Center  
713-622-7469  
broadwayacrossamerica.com/Houston

**Country Playhouse**  
12802 Queensbury  
Houston, TX 77024  
713-467-4497  
countryplayhouse.org

**Crighton Players**  
225 Metcalf  
Conroe, TX 77301  
936-539-4090  
crightonplayers.org

**Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion**  
2005 Lake Robbins Drive  
The Woodlands, Texas 77380  
281-363-3300  
woodlandscenter.org

**Cypress Creek FACE**  
(Foundation for the Performing Arts and Community Enrichment)  
6823 Cypresswood Drive  
Spring, Texas 77379  
281-440-4850  
cypresscreekface.org

**Da Camera of Houston**  
Performances held at the Wortham Center and other venues  
713-524-7601  
dacamera.com

**Dominic Walsh Dance Theater**  
Performances held at the Hobby Center  
713-652-3938  
dwdt.org

**Ensemble Theatre**  
3535 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-520-0055  
ensemblehouston.com

**Express Children’s Theatre**  
446 Northwest Mall  
Houston, TX 77092  
713-682-5044  
expresstheatre.com

**Gente de Teatro**  
Rice University  
Rice Boulevard, Entrance 20 or 21  
Houston, Texas 77251  
713-826-0445  
gentedeteatro.org

**Grand 1894 Opera House**  
2020 Post Office Street  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
409-765-1894  
thegrand.com

**HITS Theatre**  
311 W. Eighteenth Street  
Houston, Texas 77008  
713-861-7408  
hitttheatre.org

**Hobby Center for the Performing Arts**  
Theater District: 800 Bagby Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-315-2400  
thehobbycenter.org

**Houston Ballet**  
Performances held at the Wortham Center (summer performances at Miller Outdoor Theatre)  
713-227-2787  
houstonballet.org

**Houston Children’s Chorus**  
1015 Holman  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-650-3800  
houstonchildren.org

**Houston Friends of Music**  
Stude Concert Hall, Alice Pratt Brown Hall, Rice University  
6100 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77005  
713-348-5400  
houstonfriendsofmusic.org

**Houston Grand Opera**  
Performances held at the Wortham Center  
713-546-0200  
houstongrandopera.org

**Houston Masterworks Chorus**  
419 Montrose, Suite 260  
Houston, TX 77006  
713-529-8900  
houstonmasterworkschorus.org

**Houston Shakespeare Festival**  
Performances held at the Miller Outdoor Theatre  
713-743-3003  
houstonfestivalcompany.com/hsf

**Houston Symphony**  
615 Louisiana, Suite 102  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-224-4240  
houstonsymphony.org

**Houston Theater District**  
houstontheaterdistrict.org

**Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts**  
Theater District: 615 Louisiana  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-227-3974  
houstontx.gov/joneshall

**Kingwood Pops Orchestra**  
804 Russell Palmer  
Kingwood, TX 77339  
281-319-7677  
kingwoodpops.org

**Kuumba House Dance Theatre**  
3001 Cleburne  
Houston, Texas 77004  
713-524-1079  
kuumbahousedancetheatre.org

**Main Street Theater**  
Inner Loop: 2540 Times Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77005  
713-524-6706  
mainstreettheater.com
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<td>Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA)</td>
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<td>Musiqa</td>
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<td>Opera in the Heights</td>
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William Hobby Airport  
8325 Travelair Street  
Houston, TX 77061  
713-454-1940  
1940airterminal.org | |
| 2. | Alkek Velodrome  
Cullen Park, 19008 Saums Road  
Houston, TX 77084  
281-646-7790  
houstoncycling.org | |
| 3. | American Cowboy Museum at Taylor - Stevenson Ranch  
11822 Almeda Road  
Houston, TX 77045  
713-478-9677  
americancowboymuseum.org | |
| 4. | Asia Society Texas  
1370 Southmore Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-496-9901  
asiasociety.org/texas | |
| 5. | Art Car Museum  
140 Heights Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77007  
713-861-5526  
artcarmuseum.com | |
| 6. | Armand Bayou Nature Center  
8500 Bay Area Boulevard  
Pasadena, TX 77507  
281-474-2551  
abnc.org | |
| 7. | Ashton Villa  
2328 Broadway  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-762-3933  
galveston.com/ashtonvilla | |
| 8. | Battleship Texas  
3523 Battleground Road  
(Texas Highway 134)  
La Porte, TX 77571  
281-479-2431  
tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/battleship_texas | |
| 9. | Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens  
1 Westcott Street  
Houston, TX 77007  
713-639-7750  
mfah.org/bayoubend | |
| 10. | Bayou Place  
500 Texas Avenue  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-227-0957  
bayouplace.com | |
| 11. | Bayou Wildlife Park  
5050 FM 517  
Alvin, TX 77511  
281-337-6376  
bayouwildlifepark.com | |
| 12. | Bishop’s Palace  
1402 Broadway  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-762-2475  
galveston.com/bishopspalace | |
| 13. | Blaffer Art Museum  
Fine Arts Building, University of Houston  
4800 Calhoun Road  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-743-9521  
blaffergallery.org | |
| 14. | Brazos Bend State Park  
21901 FM 762  
Needville, TX 77461  
979-553-5101  
brazosbend.org | |
| 15. | Buffalo Bayou  
1113 Vine Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-752-0314  
buffalobayou.org | |
| 16. | Buffalo Soldiers National Museum  
3816 Caroline St.  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-942-8920  
buffalosoldiermuseum.com | |
| 17. | Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum  
4011 Yupon  
Houston, TX 77006  
713-521-3990  
menil.org/visit/byzantine.php | |
| 18. | Children’s Museum of Houston  
1500 Binz  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-522-1138  
cmhouston.org | |
| 19. | Contemporary Arts Museum Houston  
5216 Montrose  
Houston, TX 77006  
713-284-8250  
camh.org | |
| 20. | Custom House  
502 Twentieth Street  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-765-7834  
galveston.com/customhouse | |
| 21. | Czech Center Museum Houston  
4920 San Jacinto  
Houston, TX 77004  
713-528-2060  
czechcenter.org | |
| 22. | Discovery Green  
1500 McKinney  
Houston, TX 77010  
713-400-7336  
discoverygreen.com | |
| 23. | Downtown Aquarium  
410 Bagby  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-223-3474  
downtownaquarium.com | |
| 24. | Dunham Bible Museum  
Houston Baptist University  
7502 Fondren  
Houston, TX 77074  
281-649-3287  
hbu.edu/hbu/dunham__bible__museum.asp | |
| 25. | Dynamo Soccer Team  
BBVA Compass Stadium  
2200 Texas Avenue  
Houston, TX 77003 | |
| 26. | Fort Bend Museum  
500 Houston Street  
Richmond, TX 77469  
281-342-6478  
fortbendmuseum.org | |
| 27. | FotoFest  
1113 Vine Street, Suite 101  
Houston, TX 77002  
713-223-5522  
fotofest.org | |
| 28. | The Galleria  
5085 Westheimer  
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713-622-0663  
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31. **George Ranch Historical Park**  
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   281-343-0218  
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32. **George R. Brown Convention Center**  
   1001 Avenida de las Americas  
   Houston, TX 77002  
   713-853-8000  
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33. **Great Southwest Equestrian Center**  
   2501 S. Mason Road  
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   281-578-7669  
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34. **Gulf Greyhound Park**  
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   409-986-9500  
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35. **Harwin Drive Shopping District**  
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36. **Health Museum**  
   1515 Hermann Drive  
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37. **Heritage Society**  
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38. **Hermann Park**  
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39. **Holocaust Museum Houston**  
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40. **Houston Arboretum and Nature Center**  
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45. **Houston Motorsports Park**  
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   281-458-1972  
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46. **Houston Museum of Natural Science**  
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47. **Houston Public Library**  
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48. **Houston Raceway Park**  
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49. **Houston Visitors Center**  
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52. **John C. Freeman Weather Museum**  
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53. **Jung Center of Houston**  
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54. **Kemah Boardwalk**  
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55. **Lawndale Art Center**  
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56. **Lone Star Flight Museum**  
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57. **Memorial Park**  
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58. **Menil Collection**  
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59. **Michel B. Menard Home**  
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   409-762-3933  
   galveston.com/menard

60. **Minute Maid Park**  
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   Houston, TX 77002  
   713-259-8000  
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61. **Moody Gardens**  
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91. **Toyota Center**  
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713-758-7200  
houstontoyotacenter.com

92. **Traders Village**  
7979 N. Eldridge Road  
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281-890-5500  
tradersvillage.com/en/Houston

93. **Uptown Houston**  
1980 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1580  
Houston, TX 77056  
713-621-2011  
uptown-houston.com

94. **Uptown Park**  
1400 Post Oak Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77056  
713-850-1400  
uptownparkhouston.com

95. **Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site**  
1702 N. Thirteenth Street  
West Columbia, TX 77486  
979-345-4656  
ths.state.tx.us/hsites/hs_varner.aspx

96. **Water Wall**  
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713-850-8841

97. **The Woodlands Town Center**  
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Suite 600  
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281-363-2447  
thewoodlands.com

98. **Constellation Field**  
1 Stadium Drive  
Sugar Land, TX 77498  
sugarlandskeeters.com

99. **Houston Museum of Natural Science**  
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Anahuac, TX 77514  
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Katy, TX 77450-5990
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281-360-1065
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Kingwood Country Club
1700 Lake Kingwood Trail
Kingwood, TX 77339-3796
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Canongate at Magnolia Creek Golf Course
1501 Bay Area Boulevard
League City, TX 77573-3169
281-557-0555
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South Shore Harbour Country Club
4300 S. Shore Boulevard
League City, TX 77573-5808
281-334-0525
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Magnolia Ridge Country Club
100 Country Club Lane
Liberty, TX 77575
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2880 La Quinta Drive
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281-437-8277
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1 Waters Lake Boulevard
Missouri City, TX 77459-6553
281-778-4653
18 holes - Public
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12440 Eagle Pointe Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580
281-385-6666
18 holes - Public
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April Sound Golf Course
1000 April Sound Boulevard
Montgomery, TX 77356-5890
936-588-1101
27 holes - Private

Bentwater Country Club
800 Bentwater Drive
Montgomery, TX 77356-8256
936-597-6224
54 holes - Private

Blaketree National Golf Club
4430 S. FM 1486
Montgomery, TX 77316-1908
936-449-4907
18 holes - Public
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fmhouston.com
La Torretta Del Lago Resort
500 La Costa Drive
Montgomery, TX 77356
936-448-4400
18 holes - Private

The Players Course at
Grand Lake Estates
18411 Gary Player Road
Montgomery, TX 77316
936-447-4653
18 holes - Private

Walden Golf and Country Club
13101 Walden Road
Montgomery, TX 77356-5385
936-448-4668
18 holes - Private - Global Top 500

Woodforest Golf Club at Fish Creek
6201 Mulligan Drive
Montgomery, TX 77316-6857
936-588-8800
27 holes - Public

The Falls Resort
and Club
1750 N. Falls Drive
New Ulm, TX 78950-2301
800-992-3930
18 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

Baywood Country Club
5500 Genoa Red Bluff Road
Pasadena, TX 77505-5707
281-487-0050
18 holes - Public

Chemlake Golf Club
9502 Bayport Boulevard
Pasadena, TX 77507-1402
281-474-6402
9 holes - Private

San Jacinto College
Golf Course
8060 Spencer Highway
Pasadena, TX 77505-5903
281-476-1880
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Southwyck Golf Club
2901 Clubhouse Drive
Pearland, TX 77584-4841
713-436-9999
18 holes - Public
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Oakhurst Golf Club
20700 Mills Branch Drive
Porter, TX 77365-6325
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Country Place Golf Club
3123 Flower Field Lane
Pearland, TX 77584-4001
713-436-1533
18 holes - Private
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Golfcrest
Country Club
2509 Country Club Drive
Pearland, TX 77581-5030
281-485-4593
18 holes - Private

REDSTONE
GOLF CLUB
The Dave Williams Golf Academy, a
joint project of the University of Houston and
Redstone, which is now the official
home course of Houston Cougar
golf, will be open
to the public for
golfers of all ages
and skill levels
starting this fall.

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RENTING & LEASING

CHOOSE FROM A MULTITUDE OF OPTIONS WHEN YOU RENT 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, condominiums, garage apartments and single-family homes. Whether you prefer apartment living in the Galleria, Uptown Park, Downtown, or in the Museum District and beyond, Houston has a plethora of luxury high-rise rental properties featuring fabulous amenities and stunning views. For those looking for urban living with a bit of old-school flair, downtown Houston’s creative restoration has transformed several old city landmarks into luxury loft buildings, with the convenience of proximity to Houston’s nightlife scene and the central business district.
At Camden you will experience Living Excellence. What that means is, in addition to unique residential environments, our professional management teams understand the needs of our residents and provide them with exemplary levels of customer service. It is our promise and commitment to deliver excellence at every point of contact. Please visit or call one of our 25 Houston communities for your next apartment home.

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Camden Downs 866-424-1347
Camden Grand Harbor 866-380-4905
Camden Greenway 866-384-2399
Camden Heights 866-388-5721
Camden Holly Springs 866-389-7515
Camden Lakemont 866-379-0262
Camden Midtown 866-410-5492
Camden Northpointe 866-412-9590
Camden Oak Crest 866-412-9608
Camden Park 866-417-2451
Camden Piney Point 866-421-9778
Camden Plaza 866-421-9856
Camden Royal Oaks 866-422-3423
Camden Spring Creek 866-423-0572
Camden Steeplechase 866-424-1728
Camden Stonebridge 866-424-0639
Camden Sugar Grove 866-424-0667
Camden Travis Street 866-424-0769
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With the Houston economy continuing to grow, rental properties are in strong demand, particularly as you get closer to where the work is. Houstonians are deciding they’d like less time in their car and more time with the people in their life—so how close you prefer to live to work may have more effect on your rental savings than ever before. But no matter your geographic interest, there’s still something for everyone.

Whether you call it the Skyline or Theater District, downtown is hopping and, according to Scott Weaver, broker for Urban Leasing & Realty, it has 4000-6000 units slated for creation in the next year or two—good news for those who want the high-level entertainment and culture which this burgeoning area of nightlife can offer. Of course, there are already top rental locations built up. For example, One Park Place, honored by the Urban Land Institute Houston in 2010 for best practices in real estate development, offers nearby bike trails, complimentary valet service and the 28,000-square-foot Phoenicia Specialty Foods on the ground floor. The Post Rice Lofts feature studio-to-penthouse sized lofts and, like One Park Place, are just a short walk from Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros.

For those who love Midtown, which caters to the 25-40 set and new families, there are definitely top choices to consider. One example is the Bel Air Allen Parkway. Once a grand hotel resort, it displays two pools and starts at one-bedroom lofts and ends at three-bedroom townhomes. Another is Camden Travis Street, offering its own lengthy pool, a dog run for your little buddy and a convenient walk to the METRORail.

Then there’s the Galleria, the city’s top tourist attraction, which brings in shoppers from all over the world. With high-rises offering Houston skyline views, this area has a large concentration of apartments to choose from. Weaver also points out the large international company presence in the area—such as Bechtel—and the new office spaces, making it a considerable slice into many commute times.
Next up, the Medical Center is the largest of its kind in the world. It gives more choice in rentals, many times has special rates for employees of the Center and often has shuttle service to and from work. Look to Equinox and Domain at Kirby as particular standouts for enjoying the easy life.

**GO WEST**
Of course, the CITYCENTRE isn’t exactly hard on a resident either; so don’t forget about West Houston. Located at I-10W and Beltway 8, you may find yourself rarely leaving the CENTRE for, well, anything. “It’s based on a theory similar to New York—enjoy working, shopping and living all in one spot,” says Amber Carrillo, broker at Atlantic & Pacific Real Estate. For both traditional and loft living, look to places such as Domain at CityCentre and THE LOFTS CITYCENTRE. The energy corridor also has a dozen communities and apartments, providing that sought-after short commute so many crave. Apartment complex Newport on the Lake offers a private 15-acre lake and is near a velodrome—for bicycle racing enthusiasts—and tennis courts.

**JUST OUTSIDE**
If you want to take it outside of the city, The Woodlands continues to be a popular spot as one of America’s first master-planned communities. “The schools have a good reputation and you get more house or apartment for your money,” Weaver says. “We’re also seeing more businesses have locations out there to help with the commute. It’s becoming a standalone city in its way.” The Boardwalk At Town Center provides gourmet kitchens and views of The Woodlands Waterway Boardwalk, along with complimentary kayaks and cruiser bikes. It’s also walking distance from Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, Market Street and The Woodlands Mall. For the environmentally conscious, The Millennium, a LEED Silver Certified Green Property, offers strategic solar energy utilization and water reduction.

Another alternative is Bay Area Houston, sitting south of Downtown and just north of Galveston. Featuring desirable bedroom communities for families, League City has been one of the fastest growing cities in recent years. Known for having a large boating population and NASA’s Johnson Space Center, the Bay Area houses many large industries, including high-tech and marine/boating. An apartment complex to keep on the radar is Voyager at The Space Center, offering a clubhouse with pool and spa, along with both grocery and the Space Center within walking distance.

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### ★ RENTING 101

#### FOUR REASONS TO RENT INSTEAD OF BUY

- **More flexible living.** For one, you aren’t tied down to a mortgage. Most leases are for one year, so if you want to move closer to work or just to a different apartment or house in your neighborhood, you can do that. Furthermore, you can afford apartments with more luxurious amenities when you rent and homes in neighborhoods in which you might not be able to afford to purchase.

- **Fewer surprises.** When you own, there are hidden costs like homeowners insurance, large repairs like new roofs and washer/dryer units. When you rent, you know exactly how much you will be paying in rent each month, so its much easier to plan the rest of your monthly budget.

- **No repairs or maintenance.** Pesky overgrown lawn? That’s the landlord’s department. Hot water issue? The building management will deal with it. Front door giving you trouble? You won’t have to fix it yourself or pay someone to. That’s the beauty of renting.

#### HOW DO I FIND AN APARTMENT?

- **There are a number of apartment communities and apartment providers in Houston.** Many communities offer a variety of amenities such as swimming pools, business centers with Internet access, cable TV and other things to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. Many apartment companies have Web sites that will allow you to find out more about the company, a particular community, amenities, unit size and availability.

#### WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO TO QUALIFY TO RENT AN APARTMENT?

- **Apartment communities will have a set of rental criteria that states the guidelines for acceptance.** The rental criteria may ask for your credit history, employment history, rental history and criminal history. You should review the rental criteria before applying to rent. This will give you an idea of whether you will qualify. Keep in mind that many apartment communities restrict rental to persons who have not been convicted of certain types of crime and who have an acceptable rental history.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

- **Most apartment communities will require that you sign a rental application providing certain information.** The questions asked will be used to determine whether you are eligible for rental. Remember that the rental application is a contract between you and the owner of the property. The application contract will tell you what fees and deposits must be paid and whether or not they will be refundable. Many owners require that you pay a nonrefundable application fee, a nonrefundable administrative fee and an application deposit that may or may not be refundable. Read your application closely so that you will know what fees and deposits must be paid and whether you can get them back if you change your mind and decide not to rent.
According to a study by the Houston Downtown Management District and Urban Marketing Collaborative, almost 10,000 permanent residents are expected to be living in downtown Houston by 2015. There are many options for urban dwellers who wish to live downtown. The following is only a partial list.

**BALLPARK DISTRICT**

**Eller Wagon Works**
101 Crawford/100 Jackson
Renovated in 2004, the Wagon Works building houses art studios, commercial studios and residential lofts. The building itself dates back to 1910.

**Lofts at the Ballpark**
609 St. Emanual, 713-224-7770
Residents here enjoy spectacular skyline views and the latest lifestyle conveniences. The Lofts at the Ballpark cover three city blocks and are located next to the home of the Astros—Minute Maid Park.

**CONVENTION DISTRICT**

**One Park Place**
1400 McKinney Street, 713-868-5933
Live in luxury at this 37-story high-rise. Residents have access to over 35,000 square feet of cabanas, a fire pit, walking path and a two-tiered swimming pool.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**Bayou Lofts**
915 Franklin
Built in 1910 and located in the heart of downtown’s historic district, this unique building was once home to the Southern Pacific Railroad. Lofts range from 700 to 2,000 square feet.

**Byrd’s Lofts**
919 Prairie
This mixed-use development includes both residential and retail space. The loft condominiums are located on the second and third floors.

**Franklin Lofts**
201 Main
The Franklin Lofts are nestled within a historic neoclassical building whose exterior is virtually unchanged since it was built in 1904.

**Hermann Lofts**
204 Travis
Named after the great Houston philanthropist, George Henry Hermann, the converted building houses 32 residences. Built in 1917, the renovated building features a rooftop terrace, reserved parking and storage units.

**Hogg Palace**
401 Louisiana, 713-225-5638
With floor plans from 750 to 2,200 square feet, the eight-story art deco building retains much of its original architectural distinction.

**Houston House Apartments**
1617 Pannin, 713-659-4781
Live here and walk to the METRORail for easy access to the Museum District, Rice University, Hermann Park, Reliant Stadium and much more.

**MEDICAL DISTRICT**

**Beaconsfield Condos**
1700 Main
Old World charm with New World amenities is what you’ll find at the Beaconsfield Condos. Listed on the U.S. Interior Department’s National Register of Historic Places, this building is home to lofts outfitted with hardwood floors, large living rooms, and 2 or 3 bedrooms.

**SHOPPING DISTRICT**

**Commerce Towers**
914 Main, 713-650-3900
Featuring custom cabinetry, natural stone or wood floors, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, Commerce Towers is the definition of refinement.

**Four Seasons Private Residences**
1111 Caroline, 713-652-6290
Live atop the Four Seasons Hotel and gain access to its world-class facilities and staff—at your service around the clock. Residences occupy floors 21 through 25 and have a separate, secure entrance.
Humble Tower Apartments
1212 Main, 713-658-0305
The remodeled Humble Tower Apartments are a modern “multi-use”
community. Immaculately outfitted with hardwood floors and granite
countertops, the 82 luxury apartments are a perfect fit for those
wishing to live the urban life.

Kirby Lofts on Main
917 Main
Kirby Lofts on Main are located just off of the METRORail and in close
proximity to Discovery Green. Residents have direct access to the
downtown underground tunnel system, valet parking, and a private
fitness center.

SKYLINE DISTRICT

Capitol Lofts
711 Main
The Capitol Lofts were constructed in the early 1900s as the M.E.
Foster building. Renovated in 1998, the building is now known for its quality
finishes in bathrooms and kitchens and its imported wood floors from Brazil.

Keystone Lofts
1120 Texas
The 10-story Keystone building was originally designed by architect
Joseph Finger and built in the early 1920’s. The building features 34
units, with condos ranging from 1,350 sq. feet to 4,400 sq. feet.

Post Rice Lofts
909 Texas, 713-228-7423
The renovated historic Rice Hotel offers prime downtown living.
Residents can choose from one, two and three bedroom floor plans
and have access to the beautifully appointed lobby which exudes old
world charm.

St. Germain Lofts & Condos
705 Main
Located in the heart of downtown, St. Germain Lofts & Condos is on the
METRORail line. Building amenities include an exercise room, rooftop
deck, private parking garage, billiard parlor, free laundry, theater room,
guest quarters, and 24-hour valet parking.

THEATER DISTRICT

Sabine Street Lofts
106 Sabine, 713-221-3400
Between Allen Parkway and Memorial Drive, the Sabine Street Lofts
boast some of the best views of Buffalo Bayou and downtown.

WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

Dakota Lofts
711 William, 713-224-5638
The Dakota Lofts are located in the heart of the Warehouse District. From
wood floors and granite countertops to an art gallery in the lobby and
funky restaurants and bars within walking distance, this residence has
something for everyone.

San Jacinto Lofts
915 N. San Jacinto
This residential loft community was once a warehouse. All of the 15 units
have private balconies, exposed brick walls, and open floor plans with
fourteen-foot high concrete ceilings.

White Oak Lofts
1011 Wood
In its previous life, this nine-unit building was home to a furniture
factory. Renovated for residential living in 1997, White Oak Lofts boasts
hardwood floors, spacious floor plans, small community atmosphere
and an ideal downtown location.

For more information about downtown Houston, contact the
Houston Downtown Management District at houstondowntown.
com or 713-223-2003.

★ RENTERS INSURANCE

Renters insurance, sometimes
called tenant insurance, pays to
replace or repair a tenant’s
personal property if it’s stolen,
damaged or destroyed in a
home or apartment rented by
that tenant. The landlord’s
insurance policy covers the
house or apartment building
structure but not the tenant’s
personal property, such as
furniture, clothing and
electronics. Some rental
property managers may
require you to have renters
insurance as a condition
of your lease.

Renters insurance policies
typically include three
types of coverages: personal
property coverage, loss of
use and personal liability.

★ Personal property coverage
pays to repair or replace
your personal property, up
to your policy’s dollar limit. In
addition to a total dollar limit,
policies may limit payments
for certain kinds of property.
Common limits are $100 for
cash, $2,500 for personal
property used for business,
$500 for valuable papers,
and $500 for jewelry,
watch and furs. Renters
insurance also covers your
luggage and other personal
items when you travel. This
coverage is usually limited to
10 percent of the amount of
your policy or $1,000,
whichever is greater.

★ Loss of use pays for
additional living expenses,
such as food and housing, if
you must move from your
home or apartment because
of a covered loss. Loss of
use coverage is generally
limited to 20 percent of a
policy’s personal property
coverage. For example, if
you have $25,000 in
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★ Personal liability protects
you against a claim or
lawsuit if someone is injured
in your home. A renters
policy typically automatically
provides $25,000 in liability
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legal costs. Extra liability
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Source: Texas Department of Insurance
tdi.state.tx.us

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IN HOUSTON

A FEW OF THE BASICS ABOUT RELOCATING HERE

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 web site that can help with shopping for electrical service providers in the region at houstonconsumerchoice.com/home.asp.
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**CABLE SERVICES**
Water and sewer service for residents of the City of Houston is provided by the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department and is available by calling 713-371-1400. 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. The primary cable service provider in Houston is Comcast, which offers high-speed Internet, cable TV and phone service. Another option is AT&T U-verse, with digital TV, Internet and phone options. Satellite dish services are available in Houston through DISH Network and DIRECTV.

**TELEPHONE SERVICES**
The primary telephone service provider is AT&T, but there are more than three dozen local service providers, as well as most major brands of cell phone service providers.

The City of Houston and the immediate surrounding area have three area codes: 281, 713 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 ten-county Houston metropolitan area.

**TEXAS DRIVER’S LICENSES**
New residents must obtain a Texas driver’s license within thirty 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 fifteen or older can apply for an instruction permit, which enables the holder of the permit to drive with a licensed driver who is eighteen 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 eighteen 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 txdps.state.tx.us.

**AUTO REGISTRATION/TAGS**
Newcomers must register vehicles in Texas within thirty 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
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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 twelve months by mail, in person or online. In addition, all Texas vehicles must pass a safety inspection every twelve 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, just above or below the license sticker.

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.

**ESTABLISHING UTILITY SERVICE**

- Address of former utility company and letter of credit
- Name and identification of person with whom you live
- Place of employment
- Driver’s license number
- Social security number
- Home phone number and daytime phone number where you may be reached

For electrical service, 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.

**Cats and dogs in Houston must be licensed. Any veterinarian can vaccinate your pet and provide license tags.**

**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.

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PACKING AND MOVING TIPS

PACKING
Keep the following supplies handy for packing:

1. Boxes
2. Marking pen
3. Bubble wrap
4. Newspaper and tissue
5. Tape and scissors
6. Tape measure

Label each box and indicate the following:

(a) Which room it should go in
(b) Whether it is fragile
(c) If it should be loaded last so it will be unloaded first.

Use strong boxes and containers that can be secured tightly. Purchase special boxes for dishes, wardrobe and other special items.

Start packing early! Starting a couple of weeks in advance will help make packing more manageable and less stressful.

Pack audio-video equipment in their original boxes if possible. Label cables and tighten transit screws. If removing screws, tape them to the objects they are removed from.

Avoid loading more than 50 pounds into one box.

Heavy items such as books, record albums, canned food, etc. should be put in smaller boxes.

Cushion contents with packing material such as bubble wrap, newspaper or tissue. Save room and money by using towels and blankets to wrap fragile items whenever possible.

All breakable items should be wrapped individually in paper. Paper should be used to cushion the bottom, sides and top, of cartons.

Have rugs and draperies cleaned before moving and leave them in wrappings for the move.

Pack medicines in a leak-proof container.

Don’t forget to keep daily medications with you at all times during the move.

Make an inventory of all your valuable items and keep extremely sentimental or precious items with you.

Pack one room at a time (and stay with that room until it is fully packed). This has the effect of dividing the overall task into several smaller and more manageable tasks.

Tape the bottom of boxes before filling them to prevent the contents from spilling out the bottom during the move.

Place heavier items on the bottom and lighter items on top to prevent damage.

Firearms, along with serial numbers, must be registered with your van line representative before the move.

Plan for an alternate way to move plants and perishable foods. Your mover is prohibited from accepting these packed items when your shipment is being transported more than 150 miles and/or delivery will not be accomplished within 24 hours from the time of loading.

Check with your local U.S. Department of Agriculture for regulations regarding moving plants from one state to another. Many states have restrictions on certain plants to prevent importing bugs or pests that can destroy valuable cash crops.

MOVING OUT

1. First, even before talking with a mover, decide in advance which goods will be shipped and which will be sold or given away.
2. Consider whether or not you would like the mover to pack for you and what other type of additional services you may want. Remember that packing is always a separate bid from moving.
3. To check the reliability of the moving company you chose, contact the local Better Business Bureau (BBB) to inquire about the company’s complaint record and how these complaints were resolved. Ask your friends, family and neighbors for recommendations and advice on movers.
4. Notify your telephone, electric, gas, water, former employers and credit card companies of your new address.
5. Forward necessary mail to your new address.
6. Discontinue service on a specific date.
7. Be there and give direction. Let them know what you want loaded first and loaded last.
8. Accompany the driver during inventory. Check on the condition of your goods as they are loaded.
9. Make a final tour of your home. See that nothing is overlooked.
10. Sign the bill of lading and make sure your new address and phone number are correct.
11. Lock all windows and doors, and turn off all switches.

MOVING IN

1. If possible, arrive at your home a day ahead of time to make sure utilities are connected and to plan placement of major items in your home.
2. Be ready to pay the driver with cash, traveler’s check, certified check or money order prior to your goods being unloaded.
3. Get a copy of your inventory sheet from the foreman. Double check his notations about existing damage to your goods.
4. Have your insurance plan readily available. Hopefully you will have no use of this tip.
5. Devise a system. You should label your boxes with their destination in your new home. Hang numbered signs on the doorposts of each room and write the same numbers on the appropriate boxes. (Example: “2nd Fl./Room 4”) If you’re handy with a pencil, sketch a sample layout of your house, number the rooms on it, and post the layout on the truck for reference.
6. Load the rooms to be unloaded first to last. Whatever room is furthest from the entrance in your new home should be your starting point. In other words, unload back to front. The kitchen should be done at the very end though, because heavy appliances normally get packed in the truck first.
7. Don’t forget to have your tools ready when you start unloading. You should put your tool box in when everything else is loaded in the truck.

Source: moversdirectory.com
Automobile insurance pays for damages, injuries and other losses specifically covered by your policy. Many insurance companies use the Texas Personal Automobile Policy, a standardized policy form that offers the following eight types of coverages:

- **Liability insurance** pays the expenses of a person whose vehicle is damaged in an accident you cause. Expenses can include medical bills, car repair and car rental. It covers accidents that are caused by you or anyone covered by your policy, including a driver operating your car with your permission. Texas law requires minimum coverage of $25,000 for each injured person, up to a total of $50,000 per accident, and $25,000 for property damage. The limits will increase on January 1, 2011, to $30,000 for each injured person, up to a total of $60,000 per accident, and $25,000 for property damage per accident.

- **Collision coverage** pays for damage to your car regardless of who caused the accident. The company will pay up to the actual cash value of your vehicle, minus your deductible.

- **Comprehensive coverage** (physical damage other than collision) pays for damage to or loss of your car from causes other than collisions, such as hail, vandalism, flood, fire and theft.

- **Uninsured/underinsured motorist (UM/UIM) coverage** pays for your injuries and property damage caused by a hit-and-run driver or a motorist without liability insurance. UM/UIM also pays when your medical and car repair bills are higher than the other driver’s liability coverage.

- **Medical payments coverage** pays reasonable and necessary medical and funeral expenses if you, a family member or a passenger in your car is injured or killed in a car accident.

- **Personal injury protection (PIP)** pays the same as medical payments coverage, plus 80 percent of lost income and the cost of hiring a caregiver for an injured person.

- **Towing and labor coverage** reimburses you for towing charges when your car must be towed to a repair shop or other destination.

- **Rental reimbursement coverage** pays a set daily amount for a rental car if your car is being repaired because of damage covered by your auto policy.

**Factors That Affect Your Premium:**

Companies may use a number of criteria to establish your premium, including:

- Your age and, for younger drivers, your marital status. Male drivers under 25 and unmarried women under 21 have the highest rates. Drivers over 50 may get discounts.

- Your driving record and claims history. A good driving record can save you money. If you have accidents or tickets on your driving record, you’ll have to pay more for insurance. Companies may add surcharges to your premium for major convictions, some driving violations, and accidents that result in property damage. Some surcharges are mandatory and will apply to your premium for three years.

- Where you keep your car. Because drivers in urban areas have more accidents and auto thefts, their rates are typically higher than the rates for drivers in rural areas.

- The type of car you drive. Collision and comprehensive rates are highest for luxury, high-performance and sports cars. Rates may also be higher for cars that damage easily or cost more to repair.

- Your car’s primary use. Rates for cars driven solely for pleasure are lower than rates for cars driven to and from work or used for business.

- Your credit score. Companies may consider your credit score when deciding whether to sell you a policy and at what cost. A company cannot refuse to sell you a policy or cancel or non-renew your policy solely based on your credit.

**Whether you drove uninsured in Texas.** Companies may charge more if you drove uninsured in Texas for more than 30 days in the 12 months before you applied for insurance. If you didn’t, a company cannot otherwise charge you more for liability coverage because of your prior lack of coverage.

**ASK ABOUT DISCOUNTS**

Ask your agent whether you qualify for any discounts the company might offer. The amount will vary by company. Following are some of the auto insurance discounts commonly available in Texas:

- Defensive driving courses
- Driver education courses for young drivers
- Students with good grades
- A parent or family whose young driver is away at school without a car
- Airbags and automatic seatbelts
- Automatic daytime running lights
- Antilock brakes
- Two or more cars on a policy
- Driver age and annual mileage driven
- Policy renewal with good claims and driving records
- Antitheft devices
- A concurrent homeowners policy.

Source: Texas Department of Insurance tdi.state.tx.us
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MAKE A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO THE HOUSTON AREA

Relocating to a new city is an exciting time for families and singles alike, but without proper planning and time management, the move can become very stressful. Houston is home to a variety of neighborhoods and communities in every price range, giving you the confidence that you will find just what you are looking for. Whether you are moving from across town or from across the country, formulating a plan and following certain steps can mean the difference between a smooth move and an overwhelming fiasco. Buying a home in a new city can present some challenges, from finding a reputable Realtor® to hiring dependable movers. It is important to remember that you will probably be living in this home for a while, so you will want to take all of the necessary steps to ensure the smoothest transition possible in the present, and in the future. This section will provide you with resources that will help you make good decisions and give you comfort and confidence in calling Houston home.
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Deciding which part of the city you want to live in is one of the most important decisions in the relocation process. The first step is getting to know the city you're relocating to. Spend some time just driving around the city; this will help you get a feel for the size, layout and atmosphere of your new town. Decide which criteria mean the most to you. Is it the performance of the schools in an area? The commute to work? Perhaps you want to be in the thick of a particular social scene, or have always dreamt of a home on the beach. Whatever the case may be, exploring every option will help ensure that you have made the right decision for you and your family. It may help to make notes of the restaurants, shops and other attractions in each area, all tasks that will make it easier to narrow down which part of the city is best for you. Deciding whether to buy or rent in your new city will change the scope of your search, so making that decision early on will help you greatly in the long run.

Once you have decided where to live, the next crucial step is formulating a loan that best meets your lending needs. It is important to begin this process before bidding on a home, because if you bid on a home before the financing is cleared and are denied the loan, you run the risk of losing the home—which can result in more work for you and, above all, disappointment. There are several factors to consider when deciding how much to borrow. How much can you afford to pay each month? How much can you afford to put down up front? How good is your credit? How fast would you like to pay off your mortgage? These questions can all be answered with the help of one of Houston’s many credible lenders.

You will want to do some research to find the outlet that best suits your needs before deciding on a lender. Once you have chosen a lender and scheduled a meeting, you will want to gather the necessary paperwork, including recent pay stubs, any rental checks and tax returns from the last few years. Your loan officer will provide you with a list of required documents and paperwork.

The formalities of financing a home, which are detailed in the following pages, can be daunting—especially for first-time buyers. Decisions about realtors, loans, offers, counter-offers, insurance and the like are often challenging, and the options can be overwhelming. It is important to keep reminding yourself that it will all be worth the time and planning once you are approved and can refocus your energy into finding your dream home, or at least the pre-dream home, dream home. There is no reason to not take full advantage of the plethora of home buying experts here in Houston. From financing to decorating, there are teams of people waiting to assist you. Soon, you will get to the best part: living your life in your new home.
STEPS TO HOME OWNERSHIP

One of the keys to making the home-buying process easier and more understandable is 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?
Are you planning to move to a new community due to a lifestyle change or is buying an option and not a requirement? What would you like in terms of real estate that you do not now have? Do you have a purchasing timeframe?

2. Do You Have the Money?
Homes and financing are closely intertwined. The good news is that over the years new and innovative loan programs have evolved which require a 5 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 and much more. Those professionals are the local REALTORS® who serve the Houston area.

4. Finding a Realtor®
You can find agents at open houses, through local advertising, Web sites, referrals from other REALTORS®, recommendations from neighbors and suggestions from lenders, attorneys, financial planners and CPAs. The experiences and recommendations of past clients can be invaluable.

5. 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.

6. Look at Homes
A home is more than just a collection of bedrooms and bathrooms. Several similarly sized properties may well represent radically different designs, commuting distances, lot sizes, tax costs, interior dimensions, and exterior finishes. Consider such things as pricing, location, size, amenities and design. Decide what features are most important and adjust your search accordingly.

7. Choose a Home
How do you know if a house is THE one? The best approach is to look at as many homes as possible. Narrow down your choices, then collaborate with your REALTOR® to go over specifics and options.

8. Get Funding
There are thousands of loans available out there from a variety of lenders, but in general, the mortgage you choose will likely be determined by at least several factors. The amount you put down makes a difference. 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.

9. How Do You Get a Loan?
To obtain a loan you must complete a written loan application and provide supporting documentation including: recent pay stubs, rental checks and tax returns for the past two or three years if you are self-employed. During the prequalification procedure, the loan officer will describe the type of paperwork required.

10. Where Do You Get a Loan?
Mortgage financing can be obtained from mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, commercial banks, credit unions, insurance companies, and the growing number of REALTORS®.

11. 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.
HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

- Start shopping immediately.

- Use an insurance agent to help you shop. Some agents represent only a single company or company group. Independent agents may represent several companies. Including independent agents in your search can help you get quotes from multiple companies with a single call.

- Make sure your agent and company are licensed. Check agents’ and companies’ license status and buy only from licensed agents and companies.

- Understand homeowners policy types and coverages. Insurance companies may sell several types of homeowners policies in Texas, each with a different level of coverage. When comparing policies, make sure you compare policies with similar coverages.

- HO-A policies provide limited actual cash value coverage of your home and its contents. Only the types of damage specifically listed in the policy are covered. The HO-A is a standardized Texas policy. This means the coverages in the policy, unless endorsed otherwise, will be identical, regardless of the company selling it. Keep in mind that even though the coverages are identical in a standardized policy, the price can vary by company.

- HO-A amended policies provide more extensive coverage than the base HO-A policy but less

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**Inspections**
A number of inspections are common in residential realty transactions. They include checks for termites, surveys to determine boundaries, appraisals to determine value for lenders, title reviews and structural inspections. During these examinations, an inspector comes to the property to determine if there are material physical defects and whether expensive repairs and replacements are likely to be required in the next few years. It’s recommended that the buyer be present.

**Get Insurance**
The essential idea behind various forms of real estate insurance is to protect owners in the event of catastrophe. There are various forms of insurance associated with home ownership.

**Closing**
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.

**Settlement**
This is a brief process where all of the necessary paperwork needed to complete the transaction is signed. The buyer receives the keys and the seller receives payment for the home. From the amount credited to the seller, the closing agent subtracts money to pay off the existing mortgage and other transaction costs. Deeds, loan papers, and other documents are prepared, signed and filed with local property record offices.

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coverage than an HO-B. Coverage provided by these policies may differ by company.

- **HO-B policies provide replacement cost coverage for most types of damage, except those specifically excluded in the policy.** The HO-B is a standardized Texas policy.

- **Approved alternative policies offer varying levels of coverage.** Companies may only sell alternative policies approved by the Commissioner of Insurance. Coverage may differ considerably from one company to another. In general, HO-B policies provide the most coverage for the price, but not all companies sell them.

- **Named peril policies (also known as specified perils coverage) provide limited protection and cover only those perils specifically named in the policy.** A policy that offers named peril coverage will also contain exclusions to perils named in the policy.

- **All risk policies (also known as comprehensive coverage or open perils coverage) provide broad protection and cover all perils unless they are specifically excluded by the policy.** You should always carefully review the excluded causes of loss section of your policy. Even the most comprehensive policy will exclude certain types of loss (damage caused by flood, for example).

- **Decide whether you need wind/hail or flood coverage.** Homeowners policies sold in Texas’ 14 coastal counties and in certain parts of Harris County might not cover wind and hail damage. You may need to buy these coverages separately from the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA). Visit the TWIA Web site, twia.org, for more information. Homeowners policies do not cover damage caused by rising waters. You can buy a separate policy to cover most types of flooding from the National Flood Insurance Program. Call NFIP at 1-800-427-4661 or visit its Web site, floodsmart.gov.

- **Consider factors other than price.** A company’s complaint history and financial rating can indicate the level of service you will receive.

- **Get quotes from several companies.** Rates can vary significantly among companies, so shop around.

- **Ask about payment options.** Some insurance companies offer payment plans that allow you to pay your premium in installments. However, TWIA and some insurance companies require you to pay your full annual premium in a lump sum in advance. If you cannot afford to pay the entire premium at once, ask your agent about premium finance companies.

- **Ask about discounts.** Some companies offer discounts. The discounts offered and their amounts vary by company.

- **Answer questions truthfully.** Giving incorrect information when you apply for insurance could lead to an incorrect rate quote or a denial or cancellation of coverage. An insurance company may cancel your policy within the first 60 days if it gives you 30 days’ notice.

- **Choose the highest deductible you can afford.** Higher deductibles will lower your premium, but you’ll have to pay more out of pocket if you have a claim.

- **Know how your credit score affects you.** Insurance companies may consider your credit score when deciding whether to sell you a policy and the price to charge you. They cannot deny you coverage or refuse to renew your policy solely because of your credit score, however.

Factors that Affect Your Premium
Your premium will be based on several factors. These include:
- Where you live
- Availability of local fire protection
- Age and condition of your home
- Construction materials used in your home (brick or frame)
- Your claims history
- Your credit score
- The type of policy you purchase
- The amount of coverage you buy.

Replacement Cost vs. Actual Cash Value Coverage

**Replacement cost** is what you would pay to rebuild or repair your home, based on current construction costs. Replacement cost does not include the value of your land or landscaping features. If you are not sure of the amount it would cost to rebuild your home, your company or agent usually has construction cost tables to help you determine the cost. Construction costs change, so you should
update your coverage amounts annually. To receive full payment (minus your deductible) for a partial loss, such as a hail-damaged roof, most companies require you to insure your house for at least 80 percent of its replacement cost. If you insure your house for less, the insurance company will only pay a portion of the loss.

Actual cash value is the replacement cost of your property minus depreciation. If your home is destroyed and you only have actual cash value coverage, you may not be able to completely rebuild. Read your policy carefully to know whether it offers replacement cost coverage or actual cash value coverage.

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As you would 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, nearly 50 state-approved charter schools, and almost 200 private schools to choose from. The Houston Independent School District (HISD) is the largest public school district in Texas and the seventh largest in the nation.
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EDUCATION

From day care and preschools to community colleges and nationally ranked universities, Houston possesses a full range of educational opportunities for all ages. For assistance in choosing a local day care, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Web site at dfps.state.tx.us provides a search tool for child care centers and homes and identifies important standards such as the state-mandated ratio of caregivers to children within each age group, as well as CPR certification requirements for caregivers.

A trusted resource for parents needing information on early education options is Collaborative for Children. Serving the Houston region for more than 25 years, Collaborative for Children partners with families, teachers, care providers and community-based groups to build a strong educational foundation for young children to succeed in school and life. For more information on early education resources, visit collabforchildren.org.

To help you locate schools within a particular area, refer to the lists on the following pages. You’ll find Web site addresses, phone numbers and other details to help you become familiar with the educational options in the specific part of the metropolitan area you’re interested in. For information about private schools and their Web sites, log on to houstonprivate schools.org.

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 thirty-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 HISD, magnet programs are available for architecture and graphic design, aviation sciences, business administration, communications, computer technology, engineering, environmental science, foreign languages, health careers and many other fields. Houston

The Houston MSA contains 63 school districts and 49 charter schools with enrollment of 1,172,046 students, as well as a range of private and parochial schools. Houston Independent School District (HISD) is the 7th-largest school district in the country, with enrollment of 203,354 students.

HISD has a variety of programs to meet the area’s educational needs including:

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

Private Schools

1. More than 50,000 students attend 230 accredited private and parochial schools in the Houston area.
2. The area’s private schools are concentrated in Harris County, which has 185 private schools.

State of Texas

1. The core curriculum taught in Texas public schools consists of classes in English language arts, reading, mathematics, science and social studies. Additional courses are taught in foreign languages, fine arts, health, physical education and technology applications.
2. Career-oriented courses are also available in agricultural science, business, health sciences, home economics, industrial technology education and marketing.
3. Statewide Initiatives include Master Teacher Programs, Technology Applications, Texas Math Initiative, Texas Reading Initiative, Texas Reading First Initiative, and Texas-Spain Initiative.

Higher Education

1. More than a dozen community colleges educate 199,700+ Houston area students, along with 17 colleges and universities that educate more than 176,000 students.
2. In addition, Houston boasts about 100 trade, vocational, business and secretarial schools.

For more information about education in the Houston region, visit Houston.org.
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 BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Undergraduate enrollment: 2,288
Total Students: 3,128
Team name: Huskies

With a bold vision for the future—encompassing a rigorous academic curriculum, vibrant student life experiences, NCAA Division I athletics, and more—Houston Baptist University offers what few others can: a Christian university in a world-class city, with the highest academic standards, informed by a biblical perspective. Founded in November 1960, HBU has grown into a thriving community of faith and scholarship by providing a learning experience that instills in students a passion for academic, spiritual, and professional excellence.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, HBU’s exceptional academic programs and signature
courses based on an enduring classical liberal arts foundation help students gain wisdom and perspective. By focusing on works that have stood the test of time, HBU offers “A Higher Education” that prepares students not only to excel in their chosen field, but also to succeed at life in an ever-changing world.

With a diverse student body that reflects the demographics of the Houston metropolitan area, the HBU campus presents a virtually endless number of opportunities to engage with new cultures and ways of thinking. The university’s living spaces and student life experience foster the development of meaningful and long-lasting relationships. Students realize incredible personal growth by participating in a campus community infused with a combination of scholarship, friendship, and Christian fellowship.

**Points of distinction**

- HBU students engage with great thinkers of history and study texts that have shaped civilization’s understanding of life.
- HBU’s Community Life and Worship program presents students with opportunities to grow spiritually while developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility.
- HBU students beginning their undergraduate experience live and learn together in a campus community called Freshman Village, which features programs designed to encourage individual and collective growth.

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

*Undergraduate enrollment:* 6,905  
*Total Students:* 8,429  
*Team name:* Panthers

Prairie View A&M University is the second-oldest institution of higher learning in the state. With meager beginnings as an industrial school for minorities, the university has thrived for 137 years, dedicated to fulfilling its mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service.

PVAMU enjoys an established reputation for producing engineers, corporate leaders, nurses, and educators. The eight colleges and schools boast more than fifty degree programs including engineering, natural sciences, architecture, business, nursing, and criminal and juvenile justice. The newest doctoral degree program is slated to come from the college of nursing at Houston’s world-renowned Texas Medical Center to address the nursing shortage.

With an emphasis on the ever-changing world, the university is dedicated to preparing students not only to lead the nation, but also to succeed on an international level. Foreign language offerings have been expanded to welcome the addition of classes in Arabic and Mandarin Chinese. The classes support PVAMU’s goal of building the next generation of global leaders.

The overall success of the Prairie View A&M athletics department, including Southwestern Athletic Conference Championships in baseball, women’s basketball, and bowling,
shows that excellence is everywhere, even outside the classroom. The Marching Storm band has continued its tradition of show-stopping performances with members participating in the Super Bowl XLV halftime show with the Black-Eyed Peas.

**Points of distinction**
- Prairie View A&M University’s newest doctoral degree program is slated to come from its noted college of nursing, which is housed in the center of Houston’s world-renowned Texas Medical Center.
- Prairie View boasts one of the nation’s only doctoral programs in juvenile justice.
- Prairie View’s Undergraduate Medical Academy develops a nurturing mentor cooperative network among the students of the academy, faculty, and professionals in the medical community, thus strengthening a successful transition for gradu-
points going into medical professions.

* Prairie View is one of the top ten producers of minority engineers in the nation.

RICE UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate enrollment: 3,926
Total Students: 6,621
Team name: Owls

Rice University offers students the opportunity to be part of an exceptional community in addition to receiving 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 the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, a leading think tank, 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 of liberal studies program and one of the largest selections of noncredit arts and sciences courses in Texas.

Most of the 3,965 undergraduate students who attend Rice reside in one of eleven coed residential colleges. Based on similar models at Oxford and Cambridge, the residential college system encourages students to develop close relationships as they live, dine, and interact with one another and faculty advisers. Each college sponsors its own intramural teams, and students participate in self-government and other social activities unique to their college. The three-hundred-acre campus that features neo-Byzantine architecture is located next to the Texas Medical Center and Houston Museum District and is just a short light-rail train ride from downtown Houston.

Living and learning in Houston puts an array of cultural, athletic, and entertainment opportunities at students’ fingertips. Houston is home to numerous Fortune 500 companies, which provide students with valuable internship and full-time employment opportunities.

Points of distinction

* Rice is ranked number one nationally for happiest students and number two for best quality of life, best-run college, and students’ love of their school, based on student feedback by the Princeton Review.
* Students from 86 countries and all 50 states enjoy a median class size of thirteen and a six to one student-to-faculty ratio.
* Undergraduate students receive a “Passport to Houston” that provides free, unlimited use of the Houston bus and light-rail system and free or discounted admissions to museums, the opera, symphony, ballet, and theater.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,305
Team name: Sea Aggies

With more than two thousand students known as Sea Aggies, Texas A&M University at Galveston is an integral branch of the internationally acclaimed Texas A&M University. Celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, TAMUG has proven its status as a premier university for ocean and coastal studies. The university has a far-reaching impact on the state of Texas along with the nation’s businesses, industries, and enterprises in the Gulf of Mexico. At the 130-acre campus on Pelican Island, TAMUG creates a small college atmosphere, which offers remarkable marine and maritime academic and research experiences.

The university has ten undergraduate degrees, three graduate degrees, and one doctoral degree related to the oceans and coastal environments in the fields of science, engineering, business, and the humanities. The Texas Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets, which trains on the TAMUG campus, is designed for students who are pursuing a related degree and maritime license to work in commercial shipping or for those who are seeking a military commission. Students also enjoy the many beach and ocean activities—sailing, fishing, kayaking, and scuba diving—during their free time. Intramural sports are a big attraction, and many students belong to one of the sixty student organizations and clubs. Texas A&M traditions such as Yell Practice, a gathering of students before football games, and Muster, a moving tribute to Aggies, are alive and well at TAMUG. Graduates of the university are privileged to wear the Aggie Ring.

Points of distinction

* Awarded the prestigious LEED Gold Green Building Certification, the $53 million 110,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Ocean and Coastal Studies Building is the largest and best-equipped marine research facility on the Gulf Coast, and already, it stands among the finest facilities of its kind in the nation.
* An ocean-oriented academic program offers degrees with a marine or maritime emphasis, aided by floating classrooms and laboratories.
* The Texas Maritime Academy, one of six state maritime academies in the United States, prepares graduates for licensing as officers in the U.S. Merchant Marines or commissions in the U.S. Navy
* The university’s engineering program consistently excels in national rankings.

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate enrollment: 6,915
Total Students: 9,233
Team name: Tigers

Texas Southern University is one of the top ten producers of minority engineers in the nation.
Opportunity knows no limits at Texas Southern University. Located in central Houston, the nation’s fourth-largest city, TSU is one of the largest Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the country. As a premier urban institution, TSU provides access to cutting-edge careers through a wide range of distinctive programs. In addition to traditional undergraduate majors, TSU offers degrees in entertainment and the recording industry, aviation science, and maritime transportation management and security. Together the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College and the other colleges and schools on campus play an important role in supporting the mission of Texas Southern University: excellence in achievement.

TSU is known for educating a record number of the region’s most well-trained pharmacists through the college of pharmacy and health sciences. TSU also offers a master’s degree in urban planning and environmental policy, as well as online graduate degrees, including an executive MBA program and an online executive master of public administration.

Campus life at Texas Southern offers a wide array of more than eighty organizations and extracurricular choices to enhance students’ undergraduate experience. The school of communication offers student-produced TSU Television programming, the debate team has been recognized throughout the world, and the athletics program is on its way to becoming one of the best in the region.

**Points of distinction**

* Partnered with the Port of Houston Authority to offer both a bachelor of science degree and master of science degree in Maritime Transportation Management and Security.
* Home of the National Transportation Security Center of Excellence, bringing together leading experts to conduct research and educate transportation professionals for Homeland Security solutions.
* Offers a master’s and a doctoral program in urban planning and environmental policy, one of only a few programs in the country that combines the study of environmental issues with planning for urban communities.
* Launched the Urban Academic Village in fall 2011, a student-centered learning community for freshmen and sophomore students so that they enter their first year fully immersed in university life and maintain their academic focus throughout their second year.

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

**Undergraduate enrollment:** 33,037  
**Total Students:** 40,914  
**Team name:** Cougars

More than 40,700 students attend the University of Houston, which is known for its research facilities and acclaimed faculty. Located in Houston’s historic Third Ward neighborhood, students are in close proximity to internship opportunities with Fortune 500 companies, law firms, and arts organizations. More than 3,500 UH alumni head their own companies or are presidents or chief executives of businesses or corporations.

The Stadium Parking Garage, Cougar Woods Dining Facility, Health and Biomedical Sciences Building, University Classroom and Business Building, and the Energy Research Park—home to many of the UH energy research-related centers and institutes—are all recent additions to the 667-acre campus. Two new residences are scheduled to open in 2013, which will make UH the second-largest residential campus in Texas.

Home to the only space architecture graduate program, UH also has leading business and law programs. Its undergraduate entrepreneurship program is consistently ranked in the top three in the nation, and intellectual property and health law are among the top ten law programs in the country. UH highly values the arts: the Moores School of Music entertains some 130,000 people each year at more than three hundred events; the school of theater plays to more than 10,000; and the newly expanded Blaffer Art Museum on campus hosts 20,000 visitors annually.

UH is one of the most ethnically diverse metropolitan research universities in the country. More than three hundred student organizations add to the multitude of cultures and perspectives. Fourteen men’s and women’s athletic teams compete in the NCAA competition. A current member of Conference USA, UH will join the Big East conference in 2013.

Plans are also under way to construct a new football stadium on campus. Teams have won 17 NCAA national championships. A number of different UH athletes have won 71 NCAA individual national championships.

- Designated a Tier One public research university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- Designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education
- Twelve academic colleges and an interdisciplinary honors college.
- Second-most ethnically diverse major research university in the U.S., with students from more than 137 nations.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON–CLEAR LAKE

**Undergraduate enrollment:** 5,077  
**Total Students:** 8,665  
**Team name:** Hawks

Surrounded by 524 acres of wooded areas abundant with wildlife, University of Houston–Clear Lake’s park-like setting and strong educational offerings provide more than eight thousand graduate and undergraduate students with the opportunity to fulfill their dreams. UH–Clear Lake is an upper-level university built for undergraduate students who transfer from community colleges and other universities.

Approximately five thousand students work toward undergraduate degrees, choosing from approximately forty bachelor’s programs in UH–Clear Lake’s four schools: business, education, human sciences and humanities, and science and computer engineering. In 2011, UH–Clear Lake gained approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a four-year initiative, which means that freshman- and sophomore-level courses will begin in the fall of 2014.

Students are actively involved in a variety of campus life opportunities, with approximately seventy diverse organizations to choose from, including business and education, honor societies, leadership groups, and other special interests. During 2012, a two-year initiative officially named the Hawk as UH–Clear Lake’s mascot. A vibrant cultural arts season and an ongoing film and speaker series bring entertainment to the university.

Privately owned and managed on-campus apartment-style housing is available, with amenities that include a pool, Jacuzzi, volleyball court, and lounge areas. Students receive free memberships to the Fitness Zone, a state-of-the-art facility that provides cardiovascular and resistance training equipment. NASA’s Johnson Space Center is nearby, and Clear Lake, a popular boating area, offers plenty of outdoor recreation. In the fall of 2010, the university opened UH–Clear Lake Pearland Campus, a satellite campus that offers six undergraduate and five graduate programs.

**Points of distinction**

- An upper-level university into which undergraduate students transfer from community colleges and other schools.
- Undergraduate students who transfer to UH–Clear Lake may qualify for automatic transfer scholarships that total up to $1,000 ($500 for two consecutive semesters.)
- Approximately seventy student organizations help fulfill academic, social, and special interests
- Located near NASA’s Johnson Space Center, the campus is surrounded by a 524-acre natural environment.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON–DOWNTOWN

**Undergraduate enrollment:** 13,830  
**Total Students:** 14,439  
**Team name:** Gators

One of the most ethnically diverse four-year colleges in the Southwest, the University of Houston–Downtown offers 45 undergraduate and five graduate degrees in fields such as...
business, social work, insurance and risk management, computer science, and criminal justice. The university is a large four-year public institution, but maintains surprisingly small class sizes. Undergraduate research opportunities, real-world experiences, and excellent faculty all draw students to the university.

UHD is recognized nationally for its community-engagement programs that link classroom academics with opportunities to serve the people and agencies in the greater Houston area. Club sports teams, laptop checkout stations, an extensive library collection, and a recreational center are favorites among students. The campus, located on the north edge of Houston’s central business district, encourages students to complete internships at Fortune 500 corporations close to the university. Campus life encompasses nearly sixty student organizations that include special-interest groups, honor societies, and Greek organizations. The city’s light-rail delivers students to UHD’s front door, but the university also offers classes at suburban locations and online. UHD’s graduates excel in fields ranging from medicine and business to science and the humanities.

**Points of distinction**

- A federally designated minority- and Hispanic-serving institution in the fourth-largest city in the U.S.
- Offers a master’s degree in security management that attracts Fortune 500 executives.
- Bachelor’s degrees in safety and fire engineering technology; fine arts with a focus on the business side of operating galleries, museums, and theaters; criminal justice; and new degrees in insurance, risk management, and social work, and an evening MBA program.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON—VICTORIA**

**Undergraduate enrollment:** 2,660  
**Team name:** Jaguars

For forty years, the University of Houston—Victoria has given students quality higher-education opportunities at a great value from experienced faculty. UHV offers more than sixty bachelor’s and master’s degree programs and concentrations in the schools of arts and sciences, business administration, education and human development, and nursing. With face-to-face classes and online programs for students in the Gulf Coast region, UHV encourages student success through programs like the Degree in Three, which allows students to earn a bachelor’s degree in three years.

UHV’s main campus is located in the friendly, small town of Victoria, where students are part of a vibrant community with support services and class sizes that guarantee personal attention. Students enjoy affordable tuition, customized financial aid packages, and access to the latest in education technology. Undergraduates can participate in a growing number of student...
organizations, start a new one, or gain an international perspective through study-abroad programs and international student exchanges.

**Points of distinction**

- Affordable tuition rates compared with other state universities.
- Innovative programs include the option to earn a bachelor’s degree in three years and free tuition and fees for new Texas freshmen and sophomores from outside the Victoria area whose families meet certain income requirements.
- Located in Victoria, a safe community approximately two hours from Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Corpus Christi.
- Programs also offered in Sugar Land, Katy, and The Woodlands.

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS**

*Undergraduate enrollment: 1,604*
*Total Students: 3,448*
*Team name: Celts*

Founded in 1947 by the Basilian Fathers, the University of St. Thomas, in Houston, offers a Catholic liberal arts education that is accessible and affordable. The private school status allows St. Thomas to award merit scholarships. In the 2012 school year alone, St. Thomas awarded more than $11.9 million in scholarships and grants to deserving students.

Students choose from 32 undergraduate majors, 10 graduate degree programs, and engineering, law, and health pre-professional programs. The most popular majors include biology, business, communication, education, pre-health, and psychology.

More than 3,500 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.

St. Thomas has a family feel, and students who live on campus in the Guinan Residence Hall enjoy a fun and convenient atmosphere. Campus life is enhanced by more than sixty student organizations, a full slate of social events, ministry projects, and fitness activities. Intercollegiate athletics programs include women’s volleyball, men’s soccer, and men’s and women’s basketball and golf.

**Points of distinction**

- Eight out of every ten UST pre-law students who apply to law school gain admission.
- Seventy-eight percent of UST pre-med applicants are granted a medical school admissions interview.
- *U.S. News & World Report* named UST among “America’s Best Colleges” in the Western region; the *Princeton Review* named UST among the “Best Western Colleges.”
- The Cardinal Newman Society lists UST in the top 21 Catholic colleges and universities.
- Frequently ranked as one of the top twenty master’s schools in the U.S. for study-abroad programs.
TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

If a four-year college is not right for you, you may want to consider one of the technical schools in the area for a more occupation-focused education.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF HOUSTON
Located in the River Oaks Plaza in the nation’s fourth-largest city, the Art Institute of Houston provides a career-oriented education to two-thousand-plus students. Once known as the Houston School of Commercial Art, today the Art Institute of Houston offers degree programs in the fields of design, media arts, fashion, and culinary arts, with specializations in graphic design, photography, media arts and animation, interior design, fashion design, and baking and pastry. Students follow their chosen program in conjunction with a core curriculum based in the traditional liberal arts. The main campus is a 104,671-square-foot facility that features classrooms, laboratories, studios, computer labs, and an exhibition gallery. Those pursuing an education in the culinary arts have access to the five professional teaching kitchens and gain experience in meal preparation at the Courses Restaurant, a public eatery and training ground for aspiring chefs.

A variety of student organizations extend the learning experience beyond the classroom, test kitchen, or studio. Among the options are the Great Chefs Club, student government, and the Poetry Club. Houston’s Museum District and other cultural diversions provide downtime entertainment and inspiration just a short distance from the campus.

ITT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
With multiple Houston campuses, ITT Technical Institute offers courses in electronics, web development, computer programming, computer networking, computer drafting and design, criminal justice, business and health sciences. Students attend courses year-round, with convenient breaks provided throughout the year, which helps them complete their education and enter the workforce in a timely manner. Career preparation begins as soon as students sign up for classes, and advisors assist in teaching job-seeking and job-keeping skills.

Lone Star College turns hard workers into skilled workers

We are committed to student success and credential completion preparing students for careers in high-demand industries like energy, manufacturing, healthcare and technology.

No wonder 90,000 students choose us.
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

If a traditional four-year college isn’t for you, Houston has many options by way of community colleges. Offering 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. Below are a few.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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.

Since opening in 1971, HCC has educated and trained more than two million students who reflect Houston’s rich diversity. HCC offers more than 300 programs and 2,000 courses, which provide transfers to four-year institutions, terminal degrees and certificates in more than 70 fields of work, continuing education and corporate training.

One of the areas in demand throughout the Houston region is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Each of the six colleges and dozens of center locations provides a variety of coursework to set students on the path to exciting careers in engineering, oil and gas, construction, maritime industries and the medical field. A unique partnership with the University of Texas at Tyler provides a two-year program at HCC that is fully transferable to the UT Tyler program in engineering. All coursework can be completed on the HCC campus. Other partnerships such as these have become the hallmark of Houston Community College.

The HCC Foundation provides scholarships to many students, providing them the assurance that they will be able to launch into their chosen career field. Due to the generous support of business and industry, foundations, individuals, and community organizations, students young and old are able to train, retrain and continue training.

Houston Community College supports the Greater Houston Partnership Initiative UpSkill Houston, which addresses the growing need for skilled workers in Houston and training them for tomorrow’s jobs. For over four decades HCC has been a leader in workforce training to help students gain practical skills for important jobs. Instructors of the highest caliber and advisors work to guide students on a career path that will result in good outcomes for them, their families and the greater Houston community.

For the 2012-2013 academic year, Community College Week ranked HCC number one among the 1,200 two-year institutions in granting associates degrees in liberal arts and number three in granting associates degrees in all disciplines. Tuition and fees are 75-80% lower at Houston Community College than at public universities in Texas, making HCC an obvious choice for Houston’s growing workforce.

Houston Community College is composed of six colleges in and around the Houston-Metro area, supported by dozens of centers, Early College High School programs, dual credit programs, and a variety of options to fit the specific needs of employers. For more information on the programs and services of HCC, please visit hccs.edu.

LONE STAR COLLEGE

Located in the northwest Houston metropolitan area, Lone Star College (LSC) is the fastest-growing community college in the nation and the largest in the Houston area. Not only large in size, LSC’s $1.1 billion annual economic impact is a major and growing contributor to the local economy.

Lone Star College opens doors for more than 90,000 students each year, providing flexible and affordable classes close to home. LSC is committed to student success and credential completion, preparing students for careers in high-demand industries, such as energy, manufacturing, computer technology and healthcare. Along with the outstanding choices of associate degrees and certificates, LSC also provides students with a seamless transfer
process to achieve a four-year degree with one of its many university partners.

LSC consists of six state-of-the-art colleges: LSC-CyFair, LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Montgomery, LSC-North Harris, LSC-Tomball and LSC-University Park; nine centers; LSC-University Center at Montgomery and LSC-University Center at University Park; Lone Star Corporate College; and LSC-Online. To open a door near you, visit LoneStar.edu.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE
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. Whether you’re looking to pursue a career in IT, automotive technology, maritime, construction management, or a number of health care careers, San Jacinto College has a program for you.

The mission of San Jacinto College is to ensure student success, create seamless transitions, and enrich the quality of life. We want our students to graduate San Jacinto College with the certificate or degree they need to transfer to a four-year university, enter the workforce, or move up the ladder in their current career. Visit sanjac.edu.

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t should come as no surprise that Houston, home of the Texas Medical Center, is also home to some of the most prestigious medical schools in the nation. If a career in medicine is in your future, you’ve definitely 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. Whether you’re interested in practicing medicine or finding a cure for cancer, attending one of the following schools could be a big step in the right direction.

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Named one of the top 25 medical schools for research in 2015 by U.S. News & World Report, Baylor College of Medicine is known for excellence in areas of education, research, and patient care and is also the only private medical school in the greater Southwest. The college moved from Dallas to Houston in 1943 with just 131 students, and moved to its current location within the Roy and Lillie Cullen Building four years later, which was the first completed building in the new Texas Medical Center. The College boasts 25 departments and more than 90 research and patient care centers, as well as the second highest funding for research and development among all Texas colleges, universities and medical schools. For more information about Baylor College of Medicine, visit bcm.edu.

TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE
Located in the greater Houston area, Texas Chiropractic College provides students with a comprehensive course of study leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree. TCC boasts an innovative program with the University of Houston-Clear Lake in which a student can earn a Bachelor’s in Human Biology, Master’s in Fitness and Human Performance and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree in less than four years. Through the Moody Health Center, the on-campus chiropractic clinic, TCC also offers affordable preventative healthcare options for the community. TCC is committed to serving the needs of its students, the chiropractic profession, and the public through leadership, research, patient care and service activities. To learn more about Texas Chiropractic College, visit txchiro.edu.

TEXAS WOMEN’S UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCE—HOUSTON
The Texas Women’s University Institute of Health Science—Houston is a medical education institute that offers programs in health care administration, nursing, nutrition and food sciences, occupational therapy and physical therapy. These degree options include bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees, with some majors offering all three. Their occupational therapy program is the largest in the nation, with the health care administration program ranking fourth and the nursing program fifth. For more information about Texas Women’s University Institute of Health Science—Houston, visit twu.edu/houston.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON
Located in the world famous Texas Medical Center, the University Of Texas Health Science Center is the most comprehensive academic health center in the entire UT system. The university boasts twelve graduate programs, two professional and bachelor’s programs, nine joint/dual degree programs, and nearly 100 clinical training sites, including degrees in biomedical science, dentistry, health informatics, medicine, nursing and public health, to name a few. Its mission is “to educate health science professionals, discover and translate advances in the biomedical and social sciences, and model the best practices in clinical care and public health.” For more information about the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, visit uthouston.edu.
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

Celebrating its 70th birthday in 2011, the MD Anderson Cancer Center is one of the world’s most respected cancer centers, devoted exclusively to cancer patient care, research, education and prevention. It offers eight undergraduate programs including molecular genetic technology and radiation therapy, nine graduate programs including immunology and human and molecular genetics, and four post-graduate programs including observer and clinical programs. The university also offers nursing and research training programs. For more information about the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, visit mdanderson.org.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Among the top 10 schools of public health, the University of Texas School of
If your dream is to be a lawyer, there are many reputable law schools in the Houston area worth exploring. You can find both private and public options in Houston, as well as full- and part-time programs. Below are just a few of the many schools that Houston residents can choose from.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW
Houston’s oldest law school, South Texas College of Law, provides an excellent legal education to promising students focused on achieving a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. South Texas admits students in the fall and spring for both full-time and part-time programs. Full-time students typically finish the program in three years, while part-time students may take up to five years to complete the 90 hours required for graduation. Both part-time and full-time students have access to extracurricular opportunities designed to enhance the core curriculum of a legal education. Although the majority of the students come from the Southwest and Texas, a profile of the college shows a diverse array of students, representing dozens of undergraduate schools and backgrounds from across the nation. For more information about South Texas College of Law, visit stcl.edu.

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY—THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
Named after the distinguished former U.S. Supreme Court Justice, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law is an integral part of the Texas Southern University campus. Enriched by its culturally diverse faculty and students, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law ranks in the top 25 in the number of Mexican-American graduates. The Law School’s graduates have served in Congress, the state legislature and judiciary, and throughout the legal community in Texas.
and beyond. For more information about the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, visit tsulaw.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER
Established in 1974, the University of Houston Law Center enrolls more than 1,000 students in its degree programs each year, offering J.D., L.L.M. and “concurrent” degrees that allow students to obtain two degrees in less time than individual programs would require. The Law Center is a truly global school, with strong connections in the international legal and education communities. International activities of faculty include visiting professorships, publications in foreign journals and participation in international symposia and conferences. The Law Center’s tuition and fees compare favorably with peer schools in the region. Boasting more than 11,000 alumni, 56 percent of these graduates live in the Houston area. For more information about University of Houston Law Center, visit law.uh.edu.

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- Individualized curriculum through Pathways to Practice
- Named “Best Value” for affordable tuition

For more information, visit www.stcl.edu

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1303 San Jacinto Street • Houston, Texas 77002-7006
713.646.1810 • www.stcl.edu
1. Baylor College of Medicine
   bcm.edu

2. Concordia University
   Houston Campus
   adp.concordia.edu

3. DeVry University
   hou.devry.edu

4. Houston Baptist University
   hbu.edu

5. LeTourneau University
   letu.edu

6. Our Lady of the Lake University–Houston
   ollusa.edu

7. Prairie View A&M University
   pvamu.edu

8. Rice University
   rice.edu

9. Sam Houston State University
   shsu.edu

10. South Texas College of Law
    stcl.edu

11. Texas A&M University
    tamu.edu

12. Texas A&M University–Galveston
    tamug.edu

13. Texas A&M Health Science Center
    tamhsc.edu

14. Texas Southern University
    tsu.edu

15. Texas Woman’s University
    Institute of Health Science – Houston
twu.edu/Houston

16. The University Center
    lonestar.edu/universitycenter.htm

17. The University of Texas–Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston
    uthouston.edu/gsbs

18. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Dental Branch
    db.uth.tmc.edu

19. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Medical School
    med.uth.tmc.edu

20. The University of Texas – Houston Health Science Center
    uthouston.edu

21. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
    mdanderson.org

22. The University of Texas School of Public Health
    sph.uth.edu

23. The University of Texas – School of Health Information Sciences at Houston
    shis.uth.tmc.edu

24. The University of Texas – School of Nursing at Houston
    son.uth.tmc.edu

25. University of Houston
    uh.edu

26. University of Houston – Clear Lake
    uhcl.edu

27. University of Houston – Downtown
    dt.uh.edu

28. University of Houston Law Center
    law.uh.edu

29. University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch
    cincoranch.uh.edu

30. University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch Sugar Land
    uh.edu/Sugarland/

31. University of Phoenix – Houston Campus
    phoenix.edu/

32. University of St. Thomas
    stthom.edu

33. The University of Texas – Medical Branch at Galveston
    utmb.edu

COMMUNITY COLLEGES & OTHER INSTITUTIONS

34. Alvin Community College
    alvincollege.edu

35. Blinn College – Brenham
    blinn.edu/brenham

36. Brazosport College
    brazosport.edu

37. College of the Mainland
    com.edu

38. Galveston College
    gc.edu

39. Houston Community College–Central Campus
    central.hccs.edu

40. Houston Community College – Northeast Campus
    northeast.hccs.edu

41. Houston Community College – Northwest
    northwest.hccs.edu

42. Houston Community College – Southeast College
    hccs.edu/portal/site/southeast
Houston Community College
– Southwest College
southwest.hccs.edu/portal/site/southwest

Lee College
lee.edu

Lone Star College Kingwood
kingwood.lonestar.edu

Lone Star College – North Harris
northharris.lonestar.edu

San Jacinto College Central
sanjac.edu

San Jacinto College District
sanjac.edu

San Jacinto College North
sanjac.edu

San Jacinto College South
sanjac.edu

Wharton County Junior College
wcjc.edu

American College of Acupuncture
and Oriental Medicine
acaom.edu

American Intercontinental University
Houston.aiuniv.edu

Center for Advanced Legal Studies
paralegal.edu

College of Biblical Studies
cbshouston.edu

Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service
commonwealthinst.com

Houston Graduate School of Theology
hgst.edu

ITT Technical Institute
itt-tech.edu

ITT Technical Institute South
itt-tech.edu

ITT Technical Institute North
itt-tech.edu

ITT Technical Institute West
itt-tech.edu

Medvance Institute – Houston
medvance.edu

MTI College of Business Technology
mti.edu

Remington College
remingtoncollege.edu/north-houston-texas-colleges

Sanford Brown Institute
sbi-houston-programs.com

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Houston.swbts.edu

St. Mary’s Seminary
smseminary.com

Texas Chiropractic College
txchiro.edu

The College of Health Care Professions
chcp.edu

The Art of Institute of Houston
artinstitutes.edu

Universal Technical Institute
uts.edu

Westwood College of Technology
westwood.edu

Westwood College of Technology – HNS
westwood.edu

University of St. Thomas
This Catholic university, founded in 1947, is located in the middle of the Museum District and has a student population of more than 3,200 undergraduates.
# HOUSTON AREA ISD DATA 2013-2014

## AUSTIN COUNTY

**Bellville**  
bellville.k12.tx.us  
979-865-3133  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 2,121  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 94.9  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,479  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 61  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 92

**Brazos**  
brazosisd.net  
979-478-6551  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 822  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 96.0  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,384  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 52  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 100

**Sealy**  
sealyisd.com  
979-885-3516  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 2,766  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 93.7  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,358  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 54  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 93

## BRAZORIA COUNTY

**Alvin**  
alvinisd.net  
281-388-1130  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 19,677  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 90.3  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,428  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 56  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 94

**Angleton**  
angletonisd.net  
979-864-8000  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 6,549  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 94.1  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,378  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 52  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 97

**Brazosport**  
brazosportisd.net  
979-730-7000  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 12,364  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 85.5  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,501  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 53  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 93

## Columbia-Brazoria

cbisd.com  
979-345-5147  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 3,042  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 94.5  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,379  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 48  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 97

**Danbury**  
danburyisd.org  
979-922-1218  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 773  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 92.7  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,415  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 40  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 94

**Pearland**  
pearlandisd.org  
281-485-3203  
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS 19,964  
COMPLETION RATES (%) 96.4  
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) 1,483  
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) 63  
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) 97
### HOUSTON AREA ISD DATA 2013-2014

#### Chambers County

**Anahuac**
- anahuac.isd.esc4.net
- 409-267-3600
  - Total No. of Students: 1,228
  - Completion Rates (%): 97.6
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,390
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 61
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 96

**Barbers Hill**
- bhisd.net
- 281-576-2221
  - Total No. of Students: 4,676
  - Completion Rates (%): 97.6
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,451
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 67
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 99

**East Chambers**
- eastchambers.net
- 409-296-6100
  - Total No. of Students: 1,409
  - Completion Rates (%): 96.4
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,311
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 54
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 97

#### Fort Bend County

**Fort Bend**
- fortbend.k12.tx.us
- 281-634-1000
  - Total No. of Students: 70,512
  - Completion Rates (%): 91.6
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,524
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 69
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 96

**Lamar Consolidated**
- lcsisd.org
- 832-223-0000
  - Total No. of Students (As of 2013): 27,024
  - Completion Rates (%): 90.9
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,476
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 62
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 94

**Needville**
- needvilleisd.com
- 979-293-4309
  - Total No. of Students: 2,825
  - Completion Rates (%): 92.6
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,480

### Galveston County

**Clear Creek**
- ccsisd.net
- 281-284-0000
  - Total No. of Students: 39,808
  - Completion Rates (%): 95.9
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,574
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 73
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 98

**Dickinson**
- dickinsonisd.org
- 281-229-6000
  - Total No. of Students: 9,966
  - Completion Rates (%): 89.1
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,378
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 48
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 92

**Friendswood**
- fsd2k12.net
- 281-482-1267
  - Total No. of Students: 6,045
  - Completion Rates (%): 98.3
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,468
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 50
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 94

**Galveston**
- gisd.org
- 409-766-5100
  - Total No. of Students: 6,796
  - Completion Rates (%): 85.5
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,412
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 53
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 93

**High Island**
- highislandisd.com
- 409-286-5317
  - Total No. of Students: 148
  - Completion Rates (%): 100
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,301
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 39
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 86

**Hitchcock**
- hitchcockisd.org
- 409-316-6545
  - Total No. of Students: 1,528
  - Completion Rates (%): 72.2
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,293

### Harris County

**Aldine**
- aldineisd.org
- 281-449-1011
  - Total No. of Students: 67,204
  - Completion Rates (%): 78
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,259
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 44
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 93

**Alief**
- aliefisd.net
- 281-498-8110
  - Total No. of Students: 46,207
  - Completion Rates (%): 93.1
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,283
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 49
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 92

**Channelview**
- cvisd.org
- 281-452-8002
  - Total No. of Students: 8,933
  - Completion Rates (%): 90.5
  - Average SAT (Class of 2013): 1,319
  - College-Ready Graduates (%): 57
  - District TAKS Pass Rate (%): 91

**Crosby**
- crosbyisd.org
- 281-328-9200
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"EXEMPLARY" HIGH SCHOOLS

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victory.aldineisd.org

ALIFIN ISD
Kerr High School
kerr.alfisd.net/

FORT BEND ISD
Clements High School
campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/chs/

FRIENDSWOOD ISD
Friendswood High School
fsdk12.net/hs/

GOOSE CREEK CISD
Impact Early College High School
schools.gccisd.net/default.aspx?
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HOUSTON ISD
Carnegie Vanguard High School
vanguardian.org/
Challenge Early College High School
challengenh.org/
Debakey High School for Health Professionals
schools.houstonisd.org/DeBakey
East Early College High School
hs.houstonisd.org/eechs/
Eastwood Academy
eastwoodacademy.org/
Empowerment South
Early College High School
schools.houstonisd.org/empowerment
Houston Academy
for International Studies
houstoninternationalstudies.org/
North Houston
Early College High School
nhechs.org/
Performing & Visual
Arts High School
hspva.org/dhtml/

"RECOGNIZED" HIGH SCHOOLS

ALIDNE ISD
Aldine Ninth Grade School
aldine9.aldineisd.org
Carver High School for
Applied Technology & Engineering
carverhs.aldineisd.org
MacArthur Ninth Grade School
macarthur9.aldineisd.org

ALIFIN ISD
Aldif Early College
High School
aliefisd.net/groups/
aldief-early-college-high-school

ALVIN ISD
Manvel High School
alvinisd.net/education/
school/school.php?sectionid=19

BARRBER S HILL ISD
Barbers Hill High School
barbershill.isd.esc4.net/

BRAZOS ISD
Brazos High School
schools.brazosisd.net/
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CONROE ISD
The Woodlands High School
twhs.conroisd.net/

CYPRRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD
Cy-Fair High School
schools.cfisd.net/cyfair/

Cypress Falls High School
schools.cfisd.net/cyfalls/

Cypress Ranch High School
schools.cfisd.net/cyranch/

Cypress Woods High School
schools.cfisd.net/cywoods/

DEER PARK ISD
Deer Park High School
dpisd.org/Domain/873

EAST CHAMBERS ISD
East Chambers High School
eastchambersisd.esc4.net/
high._school/hs_general_info.htm

FORT BEND ISD
Dulles High School
campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/dhs/

Kempner High School
campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/khs/

Lawrence E. Elkins High School
campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/ehs/

Stephen F. Austin High School
hs.houstonisd.org/austinhs/main/home.htm

GALENA PARK ISD
North Shore Senior High School
galenaparkisd.com/campuspages/
nssh_campus/

HOUSTON ISD
Energized For Science Technology
Engineering High School
e-stemacacademy.org

Lamar High School
lamarhs.org/

Law Enforcement &
Criminal Justice High School
schools.houstonisd.org/hslc

HUMBLE ISD
Kingwood High School
humbleisd.net/khs

Kingwood Park High School
humbleisd.net/Domain/3571

Quest High School
humbleisd.net/qhs

KATY ISD
Seven Lakes High School
kisdwebs.katyisd.org/campuses/slhs/

Taylor High School
kisdwebs.katyisd.org/campuses/THS/

KLEIN ISD
Klein Collins High School
kleincollins.kleinisd.net/

LAMAR CISD
Foster High School
fosterhs.lcisd.org/en/HomeFosterHS.aspx

MONTGOMERY ISD
Montgomery High School
misd.org/sites/mhs

NEEDVILLE ISD
Needville High School
classroom.needvilleisd.com/webs/nhs/

PEARLAND ISD
Glenda Dawson High School
pearlandisd.org/GlendaDawson.cfm

Sheryl Searcy
Ninth Grade Center
pearlandisd.org/SSearcy.cfm

SPRING BRANCH ISD
Memorial High School
cms.springbranchisd.com/Default.
asp?alias=cms.springbranchisd.com/mhs

SWEENY ISD
Sweeny High School
hs.sweenyisd.org/

Source: Texas Education Agency,
Campus Rating by School Type,
November 2011
SELECT PRIVATE SCHOOLS & PRESCHOOLS

Abercrombie Academy
1702 Theiss Mall Rd.
Spring, TX 77379
K-8th
abercrombieacademy.com

Adventist Christian Academy of Texas
3601 S Loop 336 East
Conroe, TX 77301
Pre-K-12th
mychristianacademy.org

Alexander-Smith High School
10255 Richmond Ave.
Houston, TX 77042
9-12th

Al-Hadi School of Accelerated Learning
2313 S. Voss Rd.
 Houston, TX 77057
Pre-K-12th
ahadi.com

Angleton Christian School
3133 N. Valderas St.
Angleton, TX 77515
Pre-K-7th
angletonchristian.org

Annunciation Orthodox School
3600 Yoakum
Houston, TX 77006
Pre-K-8th
aoshouston.org

Ascension Episcopal School Houston
2525 Seagler
Houston, TX 77042
Early Education-5th
ascensionschool.net

Assumption Catholic High School
801 Rose Lane
Houston, TX 77037
6-8th
seatoncatholic.org

The Awty International School
7455 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055
Pre-K-12th
awty.org

The Banff School
13726 Cutten
Houston, TX 77069
Pre-K-12th
banffschool.org

Bay Area Christian School
4800 W. Main St.
League City, TX 77573
Pre-K-12th
bascchool.edu

Baytown Christ Academy
5555 North Main
Baytown, TX 77521
3-12th
gobca.org

The Briarwood School
12207 Whittington Dr.
Houston, TX 77077
K-12th
briarwoodschool.org

Christ Community School
1488 Wellman Rd.
Conroe, TX 77384
Pre-K-8th
christcommunityschool.org

Christian School of Kingwood
2901 Woodland Hills Dr.
Kingwood, TX 77339
K-9th
cskw.org

Clay Road Baptist School
9151 Clay Rd.
Houston, TX 77080
Pre-K-8th
clayroadbaptistschool.org

Clear Lake Christian School
14325 Crescent Landing Dr.
Houston, TX 77062
K-12th
clearlakechristianschool.com

Covenant Christian School
4503 Interstate 45 North
Conroe, TX 77304
K-12th
coventonline.com

Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston
6700 Mt. Carmel St.
 Houston, TX 77087
9-12th
cristoreyjesuit.org

Cross Point Preschool Katy
700 S. Westgreen Blvd.
Katy, TX 77450
Early Education
crosspt.org

Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart
10202 Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77024
Pre-K-12th
duchesne.org

Eagle Heights Christian Academy
3005 Pearland Parkway
Pearland, TX 77581
K-12th
eagle-heights.org

The Emery/Weiner School
9825 Stella Link
Houston, TX 77025
6-12th
emeryweiner.org

Episcopal High School Bellaire
P. O. Box 271299
Houston, TX 77277
9-12th
ehshouston.org

Esprit International School
4890 W. Panther Creek
The Woodlands, TX 77381
Pre-K-8th
espritinternationalschool

Faith Christian Academy
3519 Burke Road
Pasadena, TX 77504
K-12th
fcapasadena.com

Faith West Academy
2225 Porter Rd.
Katy, TX 77493
K-12th
faithwest.org

First Baptist Academy Houston
7450 Memorial Woods Drive
Houston, TX 77024
K-8th
fbahouston.org

First Baptist Christian Academy
7500 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena, TX 77505
K-12th
fbcapasadena.org

Fort Bend Christian Academy Elementary School
1201 Lakeview Dr.
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Pre-K-4th
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Key questions to ask:
1. What is the present enrollment? Is the district’s enrollment growing, stabilizing or declining?
2. What are the district’s educational philosophy, goals and objectives?
3. What type of parent involvement or community involvement is available?
4. What is the pupil ratio to the number of instructional staff? (How are the ratios figured: Do the ratios include classroom teachers only, or do they include other building-level instructional personnel?)
5. What is the per-student spending level?
6. Have facilities been updated lately?
7. What type of learning tools (computers, iPads) do the schools offer?
8. What costs to parents are involved (for sports, arts, busing, lunches, etc.)?

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

Student achievements:
1. Which standardized tests are used?
2. 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.)
3. What is the average SAT score? How does this compare to neighboring districts, the state average and the national average?
4. What is the dropout rate in the district?

Staff:
1. Are there guidance counselors in each school?
2. Are there school nurses available to assist with health services?
3. What is the average number of years of teaching experience of the staff?
4. Does the district offer staff development for its staff?

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Source: National Center for Education Statistics
PRIVATE SCHOOL FAQ

Private schools are unique in that each was founded by an individual or group with a clear and distinct approach to education—a mission. There are many different types of private schools, including early childhood schools, elementary schools, middle schools, secondary schools, PreK/K—12th grade programs, boys’ schools, girls’ schools, schools with religious affiliations, and schools with special programs. If you are considering sending your child to private school, the Houston region has plenty of wonderful options to choose from. Below are a few of the questions most frequently asked by families considering a private school education.

Why should I choose a private school for my child?
The National Public Opinion Poll of Perceptions of Independent Schools, commissioned by the National Association of Independent Schools, found that “independent schools are seen as the most different in offering a more personalized, customized education, and an environment that is civil and controlled. Small class sizes, individualized attention, values, manners, and discipline are the most important factors describing differences between public and independent schools.”

Private schools are different in that...

1. Students generally do more homework, watch less television, and read more than their public school counterparts (U.S. Department of Education study).
2. A greater percentage of students participate in the arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities.
3. Achievement, hard work and study are typically valued by all members of the community.
4. Teachers interact with students in all aspects of school life and not just in the classroom.
5. They promote critical thinking and a love of learning.
6. The schools emphasize ethical behavior and good citizenship.
7. Students are expected to be well-mannered and disciplined.

Emphasis is placed on communication between school and home.
Most are funded privately through tuition and charitable contributions.

How do I decide which school is the right choice for my child?
As a parent, you know that all children are not alike. Each child has his or her own special talents, interests, developmental patterns, and emotional needs. A school that is right for one may not be the best choice for another.

When you are selecting a school, ask yourself questions such as these:

- Is the curriculum appropriate for my child’s talents and goals?
- Will the school challenge without overwhelming?
- Will my child be comfortable in the school’s environment? Will I?
- Are there opportunities for my child to pursue special interests?
- Will my child learn the values that are important to our family?

Once you have heard from the schools that accepted your child, you will be given a certain amount of time to make your decision—usually two or three weeks. If you have not already visited the campus, you should schedule a visit immediately. Even if you have been on the campus before, you may want to visit again. Talking to other families in the school can also be helpful. Making the final decision is never easy, but listening to your instincts will help lead you to the right choice.

Whichever school you choose, be sure to inform all of the schools that accepted your child. Many schools have candidates on waiting lists, and these students are anxious to learn whether a space will become available. Once you return the enrollment contract with the tuition deposit, your family will be considered part of that school’s community.
How do I afford the tuition at a private school?
Private education is not cheap, but it doesn’t have to break your bank account. Try to plan ahead as much as possible so that you can keep the cost within reach. It is important to note that the family bears the primary responsibility for financing their child’s education to the extent that they are able.

Contact each school directly so that you can learn about the full range of financial options available. Most private schools offer financial aid to families that demonstrate need. The money for these grants comes directly from the school’s budget and demonstrates the school’s commitment to having a diverse student population. Another common option is a monthly payment plan. These plans allow families to spread out their tuition payments over a period of eight to ten months. Occasionally, schools offer a loan program. No matter which of these options you decide to pursue, following deadlines for submitting the necessary documentation is essential. Remember that the admissions officer is willing to help you navigate the process.

How do I find out what the admissions process is for each school?
Visit each school’s website and read the information about the admissions process. Or, call the office directly and ask for the information. The process is usually laid out in a step-by-step format. Most schools have a similar process, but you need to be responsible for paying attention to differing dates and requirements.

Will my child have to take a test to get into a private school?
Most private schools require some form of testing prior to admission. Many schools share their testing results with one another. Consult each school website for details. Schools admitting younger students may administer age-appropriate assessments. Schools admitting older students may require the ISEE (independent school entrance exam) or some other standardized test. You can visit the ISEE website at iseetest.org for further information. You may also be required to schedule an interview with the admissions office. Each school has their own requirements and it is your responsibility to be sure all of them are done during the admissions process.

For more information about private schools in Houston, visit houstonprivateschools.org.
The State of Texas is facing a major educational challenge—a growing shortage of qualified teachers. Whether you are a recent college graduate, a mid-career changer, a teacher from another state or country, or someone who does not yet have a college degree, the information below outlines how to become a teacher in Texas.

What are the basic requirements for becoming a teacher in Texas?
You must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. Every teacher must have an academic major, take teacher training courses, and complete the teacher certification tests for the subject and grade level he or she wishes to teach.

The only exemption from the degree requirement is for individuals seeking Career and Technology certification.

If I am certified in another state or country, how do I become certified in Texas?
Teachers from other states or countries who hold acceptable credentials from their home state or country can gain certification in Texas by passing the appropriate Texas certification tests.

What resources are available to help me pay for a teacher training program?
The programs and grants listed below are specifically designed to help individuals become teachers.

1. Teach for Texas offers conditional grants to help some future teachers with expenses if those individuals agree to teach in Texas public schools for a specified period of time.
2. Certified Educational Aid Exemption Program offers tuition exemptions for some educational aides seeking to become certified teachers.
Teach for America offers cash awards that can be applied to past student loans or future educational costs for recent college graduates who commit to teaching in urban and rural public schools for two years.

Troops to Teachers offers guidance and support for military veterans who wish to make the transition from active duty into the teaching profession.

G.I. Bill Benefits for preparation program costs/fees: Veterans Education Benefits (G.I. Bill) can be used for both university and alternative teacher certification programs. The program must request and receive approval from the Texas Workforce Commission Veterans Affairs Office in order for veterans to receive benefits while participating in a certification program. Once approved, the program will assign a staff person to process the required forms to request VA funding. The amount of money paid to eligible veterans will vary, depending on the type of GI Bill that they have and the type of program in which they are participating. If veterans have remaining GI Bill eligibility, they should ask the program director or university VA office for details on applying for benefits.

Other financial aid: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board administers a variety of grants for attending college. You may also qualify for other financial aid, student loans or scholarships. Contact the teacher training program you wish to attend for additional information.

What types of teaching positions are open?
SBEC has compiled a list of various job bank Web sites that list school job vacancies in the state of Texas.

Texas Workforce Commission: The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects teaching as one of the fastest growing occupations over the next 5-10 years and beyond, with demand and growth continuing to increase. The average teacher salary in Texas is $38,857. Special programs and incentives are available to help people become and remain teachers.

Who may I contact for additional information?
For a full list of programs, benefits, training courses and testing material, you may contact the SBEC Information and Support Center at (512) 936-8400 or go to the Web site tea.state.tx.us. You can also contact a teacher training program or school district in your area.

Source: Texas Education Agency

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Houston’s oldest neighborhoods lie near the central business district downtown. These include the Heights, where distinctively updated turn-of-the-century homes stand next to newly constructed Victorian- and Charleston-style cottages with all the modern conveniences. Montrose, an eclectic mix of homes, townhomes and restaurants, is nestled near the Museum District. In MacGregor–Riverside, just east of the Texas Medical Center near Brays Bayou, old homes are being refurbished and new construction is taking place. The historic Fifth Ward north of downtown is revitalized. The Greater Third Ward is home to such Houston landmarks as Texas Southern University and the University of Houston. The Second Ward and Magnolia Park areas on the east end are two of the city’s oldest Hispanic neighborhoods.

In Midtown, apartments, bungalows and townhomes are within easy reach of some of the city’s finest antique dealers, art galleries and interior design boutiques. River Oaks, one of the oldest and most exclusive neighborhoods, sports white-columned mansions dating from the 1920s and Houston’s oldest country club. West University Place, a “small-town” cottage neighborhood in the shadow of Rice University and the Texas Medical Center, is one of several incorporated cities that lie within Houston’s borders. South Side Place, situated along a portion of West University Place, is only one block wide and nine blocks long. Bellaire, its own city within the city and one of Houston’s first suburbs, is home to a varied mix of residences of all sizes. Braeswood and Stella Link, perched along and adjacent to the banks of Brays Bayou, have easy access to the Texas Medical Center and the Reliant Park complex.

Westward outside the 610 Loop, one of two major freeways that circle the city, neighborhoods take on personalities all their own. To the north, vibrant communities include Acres Homes, Aldine, Garden Oaks–Oak Forest, Greater Greenspoint and Inwood Forest. To the west, Galleria–Uptown Park (uptown-houston.com) reflects the excitement of Houston’s Galleria and Post Oak shopping hub and features soaring high-rises with magnificent city views. Memorial–Spring Branch features large tree-covered lots and ranch-style homes mixed with modern new construction, both north and south of Interstate 10. Tanglewood remains as one of Houston’s most exclusive and desirable close-in neighborhoods, with the Houston Country Club nearby. The Memorial Villages, a collection of some of Houston’s toniest addresses, include the incorporated municipalities of Piney Point Village, Bunker Hill Village, Hedwig Village, Hunters Creek Village, Spring Valley Village and Hilshire Village—each with its share of some of Houston’s most notable residents. Briargrove Park, just inside Beltway 8, is a picturesque, family-friendly neighborhood on the west side.

Further west, beyond Beltway 8 (the Sam Houston Tollway), more neighborhoods and communities stretch from the northwest to the southwest. The West Memorial area follows Memorial Drive past Wilcrest Drive and offers secluded, near-bayou living on tree-covered lots not far from Lakeside Country Club. Walnut Bend (walnutbend.org) is a quiet, tucked-away...
community bordering Beltway 8 to the east and Westheimer Road to the south. Royal Oaks is a gated community of luxury homes surrounding its own private country club (royaloakscc.com). And the Lakes of Bella Terra (lakesofbellaterra.com) offers resort-style living just thirty minutes from downtown Houston.

As one continues west along Interstate 10, the city of Katy (katytexas.com) offers the charm of a small town and the quality of life of a burgeoning suburb. Cinco Ranch (cincooran.com) provides exceptional master-planned community living on a grand scale. And the town of Fulshear is home to dynamic new developments for those who like the feel of country living with easy access to big-city amenities. Other communities in far west Houston include Firethorne (firethorne.info), Grayson Lakes (graysonlakes.com), the Lakes on Eldridge (thelakesoneldridge.net), Seven Meadows (sevenmeadows.com) and Weston Lakes (wlakes.com).

In northwest Houston, along the U.S. 290 and FM 1960 corridors, several compelling communities attract new families and young professionals alike who value the top-rated Cypress-Fairbanks (Cy-Fair) School District. The 11,400-acre Bridgeland community (bridgeland.com) embraces a lifestyle within a peaceful, natural setting. Coles Crossing (colescrossing-hoa.com) is a master-planned community with 175 acres devoted to recreation. Jersey Village is an incorporated city in the area with a population of almost 200,000. The Champions–FM 1960 area has stylish neighborhoods, many tucked away and hidden among tall pine trees. Fairfield (visitfairfield.com) is a Friendswood Development Company neighborhood full of lakes, parks, pools and greenbelts.

Other communities in the area include Gleannloch Farms (gleannlochfarms.com), Northpointe, High Meadow Estates (highmeadowranch.com), Riata Ranch, the town of Magnolia (cityofmagnolia.com), the Spring-Klein area (oldtownspringtx.com), WindRose (wind-roseca.org) and the city of Tomball (tomballtexas.com).

In northeast Houston, seven dynamic communities share an abundance of natural beauty near Lake Houston, as well as the highly acclaimed Humble Independent School District: Atascocita (humbleareachamber.org), Eagle Springs (eagle-springsonline.com), Fall Creek (fallcreekhouston.com), the city of Humble (cityofhumble.com), Kingwood (kingwoodonline.com), Summerwood (summerwoodonline.com) and Walden On LakeHouston (waldenonlakehouston.com).

To the north of Houston lie Montgomery County, home to the city of Conroe, population 43,000, and The Woodlands (thewoodlands.com), one of the most successful master-planned communities in the nation, with 28,000 acres of lush
In southwest Houston, neighborhoods include Fondren Southwest, Gulfton, Meyerland–South Post Oak, Sharpstown and Westbury.

Farther to the southwest, the major growth taking place in Fort Bend County has made it the site of more master-planned communities than any other county in the state. There, the cities of Alief, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Stafford (cityofstafford.com) and Sugar Land (sugarlandtx.gov) form a vibrant network fueling the area’s growth. Master-planned communities in Fort Bend County include First Colony (firstcolony.org), Greatwood (greatwood-online.com), Lake Olympia, New Territory (newterritory.org), Pecan Grove Plantation (pecangrovecc.com), RiverPark, Riverstone (riverstonecommunity.com), Telfair (telfair.com) and Sienna Plantation (siennaplantation.com).

A variety of lifestyle options exist just south of the Houston area via Interstate 45. Cities like Alvin (alvintexas.org), Pearland (ci.pearland.tx.us), Pasadena (pasadenachamber.org), Friendswood (ci.friendswood.tx.us), La Marque (ci.la-marque.tx.us), Texas City (texas-city-tx.org), Baytown (baytown.org) and Galveston (galveston.com) each offer a full range of city services and housing and employment options. The Bay Area between Houston and Galveston is home to NASA’s Johnson Space Center. Communities include Clear Lake (clearlakearea.com), Clear Lake Shores, El Lago, Kemah, League City, Nassau Bay, Seabrook, South Shore Harbor, Taylor Lake Village, Victory Lake and Webster.
The greater Houston region offers almost two dozen farmers markets that provide everything from fresh fruits and veggies, to homemade pottery and soaps, to ready-to-go meals. These farmers markets provide great food quality, better prices than most supermarkets, and a fun social atmosphere. The abundance of farmers markets reflects the open-community atmosphere all around Houston. Having direct contact and purchasing from the farmer or producer gives a welcoming and open vibe to the surrounding community and at the same time, fresh and locally grown food.

Whether you’re an experienced shopper at farmers markets or a newcomer to this kind of shopping, the produce will not disappoint. The shoppers who arrive the earliest have the best picks, but if you can’t show up that early, late shoppers may get better deals from vendors who don’t want to take any unsold goods home. This kind of shopping takes you back to traditional farming and selling so there is no need for credit or debit cards, small bills are welcomed and greatly appreciated. The vendors are very knowledgeable on all ingredients, so if you have a recipe with specific instructions they can help you out with any additions or substitutions to make your meal even better. Some markets, like the City Hall Farmers Market, offers cooking demonstrations by local chefs right in front of your eyes.

If shopping for fresh food and local arts and crafts isn’t entertainment enough, some of the markets, such as Grogan’s Mill Village Farmers Market and the Urban Harvest Farmers Market on Richmond have live music playing. Many of the locations are conducive to going with friends and family, buying the local food or some of the ready-made meals and enjoying a nice picnic together with live music in the background.

Urban Harvest, one of the more popular farmers markets, is a local charitable organization with the mission to educate others on how to live a healthy lifestyle respect the environment. They support local family farms as well as help the local economy. Their farmers markets offer a special booth, the Gardners’ Corner, which welcomes people from school groups to gardening clubs to sell their produce and learn about market gardening.

So whether you need a few fresh groceries or you’re just popping by for a quick lunch, Houston’s farmers markets offer a great opportunity to experience the tasty Texas food and the friendly people all over the city and surrounding communities. For any further details on specific markets, check their websites to find additional information on specific market days and events in the future.

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Canino’s Produce
2520 Airline Dr.
Houston, TX 77009
Open: every day
6:30-8:00 a.m.

Central City Co-Op
2515 Waugh Dr.
Houston, TX 77006
Open: Wednesdays
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

City Hall Farmers Market
901 Bagby St.
Houston, TX 77002
Open: Wednesdays
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Eco-Farmers Market
CityCentre, 800 Town and Country Blvd.
Houston, TX 77024
Open: Saturdays
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Farmers Market
at Clear Lake Shores
FM 2094
Houston, TX 77565
Open: First and third Sunday of each month,
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Farmers Market
at the Imperial
198 Kempenr St.
Sugar Land, TX 77498
Open: Saturdays
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Farmers Market
at LaCenterra
23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.
Katy, TX 77494
Open: Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (change to 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nov. 12)

Feast of Artisans
Farmer’s Market
26106 Oak Ridge
Spring, TX 77380
Open: Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(Oct. 1- Dec. 10)

Galveston West End Farmers’ Market
6511 Stewart Rd.
Galveston, TX 77551
Open: First and third Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Grogan’s Mill Village
Farmers Market
Grogan’s Mill Center,
7 Switchbud Place
The Woodlands, TX 77380
Open: Saturdays
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Highland Village
Farmers Market
2720 Suffolk Dr.
Houston, TX 77027
Open: Sundays
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Houston Farmers Market at Rice University
Visitors West Lot, 2100 University Blvd.
Houston, TX 77005
Open: Tuesdays
3:30-6:30 p.m.

Kemah Farmers & Open Air Market
204 FM 2094 at Hwy 146
Galveston, TX 77565
Open: Saturdays
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Kingwood Farmers Market
Town Center Park,
8 N. Main St.
Kingwood, TX 77339
Open: Thursdays
3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Magnolia Farmers Market
Intersection of FM 1488 and FM 1774
Magnolia, TX 77354
Open: Second and fourth Sunday of each month,
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pearland Old Townsite
Farmers Market
Zychlinkski Park,
2243 Grand Blvd.
Pearland, TX 77581
Open: Second and fourth Saturday,
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Spring Branch Farmers Market
1504 Wirt Rd.
Houston, TX 77055
Open: Wednesdays
2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Tomball Farmers Market
Corner of FM 2920 and Cherry Street
Tomball, TX 77377
Open: Saturdays
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. April-June, and fall season

Urban Harvest Farmers Market
3000 Richmond
Houston, TX 77246
Open: Saturdays
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Urban Harvest Farmers Market at Discovery Green
1500 McKinney
Houston, TX 77010
Open: Sundays
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Urban Harvest Farmers Market at HCC Southwest
5601 West Loop South Freeway
Houston, TX 77081
Open: Fridays
3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Urban Harvest Farmers Market at Sugar Land Town Square
2711 Town Center Boulevard
Houston, TX 77479
Open: Thursdays
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Wild West World Farmer’s Market
5005 FM 359
Richmond, TX 77406
Open: Sundays
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
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NEIGHBORHOODS

ALDINE
Aldine (pronounced “all-DEEN”) was named after a local farm family and was built on the International–Great Northern Railroad. Located near Houston’s George Bush Intercontinental Airport, the community is in central Harris County on the northern edge of Houston, off of Farm-to-Market Road 525, with easy access to the Hardy Toll Road. Aldine is serviced by the Aldine Independent School District (aldineisd.org) and is part of the Lone Star College System.

ALIANA
The community of Aliana® is a two-thousand acre master-planned community in Fort Bend County and a part of Aliana Development Company. The community is located west of Houston on the Grand Parkway and is convenient to the Galleria and downtown. Situated in the highly regarded Fort Bend Independent School District, Aliana offers finely crafted new homes from the $170,000s to the $600,000s. Residents have access to “The Club at Aliana,” which provides numerous amenities, such as exercise facilities, tennis courts, and a swim center. A new model home park is scheduled for completion next spring. For more information, visit alianahouston.com.

ALIEF
Alief is located in western Harris County along the Southern Pacific Railroad and Bray’s Bayou and was first settled in 1861. The area was originally named the town of Dairy, but was forced to change the name to avoid confusion with a town called Daisy. It was decided that the city would be named Alief, which honors the country’s first postmistress, Alief Ozelda Magee. Despite being located in Houston, Alief is served by the Alief Independent School District (aliefisd.net). The district offers a wide range of opportunities in academics, the arts, and career and technology education. Special education, gifted/talented, English as a second language (ESL), and an English-Spanish bilingual program are also available. Alief is the most ethnically diverse school district of all districts of comparable size in Texas. Virtually every culture of the modern world is represented in its 45,000 student enrollment; more than sixty languages and dialects are spoken. Guest speakers, culture clubs and ethnic fairs help promote multicultural appreciation.

ALVIN
Alvin is located approximately twelve miles southeast of Houston, in northeast Brazoria County, and is a community that is proud of its history and committed to preserving its heritage and uniqueness as a town. The past continues to be embraced today. This is made evident by historic structures such as the Alvin Depot, the “original town” neighborhoods, and the traditional downtown area. With two state highways, the BNSF and UP rail lines, two major airports, and Alvin Community College, the area also delivers value in both transportation and education. Alvin is served by the Alvin Independent School District (alvinisd.net) and is an accredited district with an Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency. Ten of the schools are rated Exemplary and nine are rated Recognized. Alvin ISD covers 250 square miles and serves the communities of Alvin, Manvel, Iowa Colony, Liverpool, Amsterdam, and parts of Rosharon, Arcola, and Pearland. Approximately 16,684 students make Alvin ISD the second-largest school district in Brazoria County.

ATASCOCITA
Atascocita is a relatively newer community that began construction in the seventies and quickly became one of the...
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fastest growing communities in the Houston area. The community is located in northeastern Harris County and is six miles east of Humble, eighteen miles northeast of downtown Houston, and runs along FM 1960. The community borders Lake Houston on the east and is home to many recreation facilities and golf courses, including the famed Tour 18. The Humble Independent School District (humble.k12.tx.us) serves Atascocita.

BAYTOWN
Located on the northern shore of Galveston Bay between the San Jacinto River to the west and the Trinity River to the east and seated along both Intestate 10 and Texas State Highway 146, Baytown is approximately thirty miles east of Downtown Houston. Major employers for the city include ExxonMobil Baytown Refinery, Exxon Chemical, Chevron Phillips, Bayer and Amoco. The city also boasts major regional warehouse and distribution centers for both Walmart and Home Depot.

Baytown is the fourth-largest city in the Houston Metropolitan area with an estimated population of 66,430. Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (gccisd.net) serves the students of Baytown. (baytown.org)

BELLAIRE
Founded in 1908, Bellaire is one of the original suburbs of Houston. Encompassed by Houston and West University Place, Bellaire is a mostly residential town with a population of more than 15,000. Bellaire is known for its quiet neighborhoods and highly ranked schools. Students are served by the Houston Independent School District (houstonisd.org). Bellaire Zindler Park features a neighborhood pool, tennis courts, a children’s playground, the Bellaire Recreation Center, and the Bellaire Civic Center. (ci.bellaire.tx.us)

BRAESWOOD PLACE
Braeswood Place offers its residents the opportunity to live in one of Houston’s most prestigious neighborhoods, surrounded by first-class amenities and designer features developed with a unique lifestyle in mind. Braeswood Place is in an inviting neighborhood located just steps from the mature trees and walking trails along Brays Bayou. Several parks, a public library and one of the area’s finest YMCA facilities are available within a short distance.

With interiors featuring 9- and 10-foot ceilings, granite countertops, stainless steel and black appliances, and designer kitchens and baths, every detail has been meticulously designed with comfort, convenience and enjoyment in mind. Open floor plans allow creativity and style to complement the high-end features and finishes of the apartment homes.

Residents will enjoy community amenities such as a resort-style pool, serene courtyards, a business center, a resident recreation room, a state-of-the-art fitness facility, and garage parking with direct access to every level.

In addition, the community boasts a limited number of three-story townhome residences with two-story living areas and private two-car garages, ensuring that there is a home in the community that fits any lifestyle.

For more information on Braeswood Place, which was developed and is managed by Grayco Partners, visit braeswoodplace.net.

BRIARGROVE PARK
Briargrove Park is a family-oriented neighborhood consisting of approximately 1,480 homes. It is located in west Houston between Gessner and the Sam Houston Tollway bordering Buffalo Bayou to the north and Westheimer Road to the south. Its location is just minutes from the Galleria shopping and business center. Students are served by the Houston Independent School District (houstonisd.org). (briargrovepark.org)

BRIDGELAND
With more than 3,000 acres dedicated to lakes, trails and parks, Bridgeland offers tranquility and relaxation by seamlessly blending nature into residents’ daily lives.

The community’s newest neighborhood, Hidden Creek, offers homes from eight different builders that are priced from the $280s to more than $1 million. Additionally, the section includes 142 acres of lakes and waterways, as well as Lakeland Village Park, a 20-acre green space that will feature a fenced dog park, a basketball court, canoe launch and a skate park. More tennis courts, picnic areas, walking trails and pavilions are also planned, as well as a splash pad, playground and year-round heated lap pool. Josey Lake, an expansive waterway that runs along the perimeter of Hidden Creek, will enable residents to canoe three miles from end to end or stop and explore the birding tower and boardwalk along the way.

In Bridgeland, parks and green space can be found no more than a quarter mile from each homesite and are connected through the community’s vast trail system. Other amenities include a resort-style pool, a disc-golf course, stocked lakes and complimentary use of kayaks, paddle boats and other recreational equipment.

For more information on Bridgeland, which is a project of The Howard Hughes Corporation and is managed by The Woodlands Development Company, visit bridgeland.com.

CHAMPIONS
Champions is located between Interstate 45 and Texas State Highway 249. Easy access to downtown Houston, as well as its abundance of golf courses and country clubs make this area a popular choice. The area derived its identity from the Champions Golf Club, which was established in 1958 by Jackie Burke and Jimmie Demaret. There are several communities to choose from in the area, including Olde Oaks, Northgate Forest, and Champions Forest, with home prices ranging from the $100,000s to more than $1 million. The Spring Independent School District (spring-isd.org) serves students in the area.
CINCO RANCH
Considered part of Greater Katy, Cinco Ranch is a Newland Communities master-planned community, roughly 10 miles southeast of Katy and approximately 32 miles west of downtown Houston. The community features an 18-hole, par-71 daily-fee course, and lakefront parks located along Lake Pointe Park and the fourteen-acre South Lake. Cinco Ranch is served by the Katy Independent School District (katyisd.org). (cincoranch.com)

CLEAR LAKE AREA
Known primarily as the home to NASA's Johnson Space Center, the Clear Lake area has grown into a robust and dynamic region and includes both Harris and Galveston counties and parts of the cities of Houston and Pasadena. There are nine distinct communities which distinguish the area: Clear Lake City, Clear Lake Shores, El Lago, Kemah, League City, Nassau Bay, Seabrook, Taylor Lake Village, and Webster. The area provides easy travel to both Houston and Galveston. Residents enjoy an abundance of activities, such as shopping, restaurants, boating, and more.

CLEAR LAKE CITY
Clear Lake City, which is adjacent to NASA’s Johnson Space Center, is Houston's second-largest master-planned community. The area is made up of several neighborhoods, including Meadowgreen, Clear Lake Forest, Brook Forest, Bay Forest, Bay Oaks, Bay Glen, Bay Knoll, Bay Pointe, Pinebrook, Brookwood, Camino South, Middlebrook, Northfork, Oakbrook, and Oakbrook West. Students are served by the Clear Creek Independent School District (ccisd.net).

CLEAR LAKE SHORES
Regarded as the “Yachting Capital of Texas,” Clear Lake Shores is approximately one mile west of Galveston Bay and is surrounded by water on three sides. The city is located about 22 miles northwest of Galveston and is approximately .6 square miles in size. Students attend the Clear Creek Independent School District (ccisd.net).

COLES CROSSING
Located just off Huffmeister at the junction of U.S. Highway 290 and Barker Cypress Road, Coles Crossing offers easy access to the Sam Houston Tollway, U.S. Highway 6, and FM 1960. Coles Crossing is a 1,200-acre, master-planned, heavily wooded community in close proximity to Willowbrook Mall, restaurants, and nearby medical centers. Students are served by the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District (cfisd.net).

CONROE
Conroe is located approximately forty miles north of Houston, in Montgomery County. Named after Isaac Conroe, a Southern Cavalry officer who founded a saw mill there in 1881, the city has a population of approximately 53,000 and covers an estimated 37.9 square miles. Students attend the Conroe Independent School District (conroeisd.net) (cityofconroe.org)

CROSBY/HUFFMAN
With 150 miles of pine forests and open grassland, Crosby and Huffman outline the east side of Lake Houston. Crosby and Huffman are satellite communities within 35 minutes of downtown Houston. State-of-the-art health care at the world-renowned Houston Medical Center is located nearby. Students in Crosby attend the Crosby Independent School District (crosbyisd.org) and Huffman students attend the Huffman Independent School District (huffmanisd.net). (crosbyhuffmancc.org)

CYPRESS FAIRBANKS
The Cypress Fairbanks region is located northwest of Houston. The two main crossroads, FM 1960 at U.S. Highway 290 and at Texas State Highway 249, are 21 miles from Houston’s central business district. This largely unincorporated Harris County region gains a strong sense of
community from an association with territory found within the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District (cfisd.net) boundaries. The school district has been one of the area’s major attractions. (cyfairchamber.com)

CROSS CREEK RANCH
Cross Creek Ranch, Trendmaker Development’s newest master-planned community, offers the perfect blend of everything you want in a new community. Located west of FM 1493 and north of 1093, Cross Creek Ranch is situated on 3,200 acres in Fulshear, Texas and features unique, native East Texas prairie landscaping, dedicated greenspace throughout the community as well as several miles of lakefront views. Home prices range from the $170s to $1 million-plus and include quality builders Ashton Woods, David Weekley, Newmark Homes, Perry Homes, Taylor Morrison, Trendmaker Homes, Village Builders and Kickerillo Custom Homes. For more visit CrossCreekTexas.com.

DEL WEBB SWEETGRASS
Since opening in February 2011, more than 15,000 Baby Boomers have descended upon the newest Del Webb community in Richmond, looking for their new home. Today, more than 200 active adult homeowners call Del Webb Sweetgrass home. The 27,000-square-foot amenity center has recently opened creating a hub of activity in the community. Whether your interests are swimming in the indoor swimming pool, relaxing in the outdoor resort style pool, taking a Zumba or Yoga class in the aerobics room, playing tennis or bocce ball with friends, there is something for everyone.

The community shares a boundary with the Fort Bend Country Club to the north and features 50 acres of water on site, including Rabb’s Bayou. The rolling topography also creates beautiful country-like views of the area with plenty of opportunities to view wildlife in its natural habitat.

Del Webb Sweetgrass is located at FM 762 and US 59 in Richmond. For more information about Del Webb Sweetgrass and the active adult lifestyle it fosters, visit delwebb.com/sweetgrass.

DOWNTOWN HOUSTON
In the ’60s and ’70s, most people left the city for the suburbs, but today an increasing number of people are coming back. Houston’s urban core has undergone a transformation during the past decade as investors have successfully committed to making downtown an attractive, clean and safe place for new investors, retailers and tenants. The core of downtown has a residential population of more than 4,000 and a rapidly increasing 380,000 people live within a five-mile radius. Downtown offers endless entertainment possibilities with its world class Theater District and a thriving nightlife scene centered in its Historic District. The Warehouse District is famous for its funky alternative art scene. As this city keeps expanding, opportunities to live, work and play in Downtown Houston are growing as well. (downtowndistrict.org), (downtown-houston.org)
**EAGLE SPRINGS**
A wooded master-planned community in the Humble Independent School District, Eagle Springs offers new homes and townhomes from the $150,000s to $500,000s, set amid a 1,361-acre master plan with 150 acres of recreational amenities.

Eagle Springs has new decorated model homes in many neighborhoods, with the selection ranging from low-maintenance townhomes in Newfield Park, to luxury move-up homes in Beringer Place, and everything in between.

Homebuilders include Brighton, Chesmar, D.R. Horton, Lennar, M/I Homes, Ryland, Taylor Morrison, Village Builders and Westin.

Amenities include the Eagle Springs Athletic Club and Sports Complex, the Island Club, and the new Valley Springs Spray Park and Clubhouse. The community has two onsite elementary schools, with other Humble ISD campuses nearby. Two new daycare centers will open in Eagle Springs in 2013, for a total of three onsite early learning facilities plus a growing number of nearby retail conveniences.

Eagle Springs is a development of Newland Communities, the largest private developer of planned residential and urban mixed-use communities in the United States. For more information, visit eaglespringstx.com.

**FAIRFIELD**
Fairfield is a 3,200-acre development by Friendswood Development Company, which opened in 1988. When complete, Fairfield will be home to 5,800 families. Fairfield’s 15,000-square-foot athletic club includes a full-size basketball court, fitness center, special events room and classroom areas. Outside the center are a competition-sized swimming pool, tennis courts and a 20-acre sports park with baseball and soccer fields. Currently, Fairfield has eight lakes, six neighborhood parks and six neighborhood pools, plus numerous pocket parks and greenbelts winding through the community. Builders in the community include: Frontier Custom Homes, Lennar, Perry Homes, Village Builders, Trendmaker Homes, Ryan Custom Homes, Triumph Homes, Highland Homes and Westin Homes. Fairfield is located in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District (cfisd.net). (visitfairfield.com)

**FALL CREEK**
Fall Creek is a 2,300-acre master-planned community that opened in 2003. Located 15 miles from downtown Houston and about eight minutes from Bush Intercontinental Airport, Fall Creek is the only master-planned golf community located within Beltway 8. Slated for 2,500 homes when development is complete, future residents can choose from several home builders, including: David Weekley Homes, Centex Homes, D.R. Horton, Highland Homes, Meritage Homes, Plantation Homes, Triumph Homes, Coventry Homes, Huntington Homes and Parkwood Builders. Fall Creek residents enjoy a broad spectrum of amenities, including hike-and-bike trails, three stocked community lakes (with a fourth planned), a resort-style aquatic center and tennis courts, two recreation centers and the Redstone Golf Club, which includes two 18-hole courses. The courses include the Jacobsen Hardy-designed Member Course and the Tournament Course, a public venue designed by Rees Jones and home to the Shell Houston Open. Fall Creek is part of the Humble Independent School District (humble.k12.tx.us). (fallcreekhouston.com)

**FIFTH WARD**
In 1866, following the Civil War, the Fifth Ward was created from portions of the First Ward and Second Ward, and is now one of six wards of Houston. The Fifth Ward’s boundaries are Lockwood Drive, Liberty Road, Jensen Drive and Buffalo Bayou. The Fifth Ward is part of the Houston Independent School District (houstonisd.org). The community has a rich musical, artistic and cultural history. The community boasts six churches that are over 100 years old, including Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, which was founded by former slave Reverend Toby Gregg in 1865. (fifthwardcrr.org)

**FIRETHORNE**
Located at the Katy/Fulshear area of northern Fort Bend County, just one mile south of I-10 on FM 1463, Firethorne is a 1,400-acre master-designed community that, upon completion, will feature approximately 3,600 single-family homes. The community offers open areas, green space, lakes and parks. New home prices range from the mid-$100s to the $800s and feature such builders as: Coventry Homes, Highland Homes, Parkwood Builders, Partners in Building, Perry Homes, David Weekley Homes, Highland Homes and Plantation Homes. Firethorne is part of the Katy Independent School District (katyisd.org). (firethorne.info)

**FIRST COLONY**
With convenient access to the Southwest Freeway, First Colony is a master-planned community in southwest Houston, less than 20 miles from downtown. Amenities include a golf course, ten pools, six lakes, lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball courts and a 40-acre Aquatic Center that features a playground, spray park, a 50-meter pool, two lighted volleyball courts, disc golf course, picnic tables, a 23-acre stocked lake and walking trails. Housing
includes single-family homes, apartments, condominiums and townhomes. First Colony is in the Fort Bend Independent School District (fortbend.k12.tx.us). (firstcolony.org)

FORT BEND COUNTY
Fort Bend County is proud to have been named one of the safest communities in the U.S. and the regional leader in household income. At 531,000 residents, the population of Fort Bend County is projected to grow to more than 1 million by 2030. On the education front, 38 percent of the work force earned a college degree or higher and the Katy ISD has become one of the fastest-growing school districts in the U.S. Besides shopping and 300 holes of championship golf, the community is home to the 23,000 acres at the George Ranch, the George Observatory and the 1,100 seat Stafford (cityofstafford.com), Sugar Simonton (simontontexas.org), Orchard (orchardtexas.org), and Clover Field. The city, which is approximately 30 minutes outside Houston, now stands where fig orchards, satsuma orange orchards and rice fields once flourished. In 2009, Friendswood was named one of the “Best, Most Affordable Suburbs” in the U.S. by Business Week. With an estimated population of 36,000, the community is roughly 21 square miles in size and sits in both Galveston and Harris counties. Depending on where they live, students are either served by the Friendswood Independent School District (fisdk12.net), or the Clear Creek Independent School District (ccisd.net). (ci.friendswood.tx.us)

FULSHEAR
The City of Fulshear is located in northwest Fort Bend County, at the crossroads of FM 359 and FM 1093. The city limits stretch across approximately 8.2 square miles along the banks of the Brazos River. Incorporated in 1977, the city has an estimated population of 1,400 city residents, which has almost doubled since the 2000 census. Primarily a farm and ranch, Fulshear is quickly becoming a polo destination. This area alone has four polo fields. In addition, it has added two new housing communities: Cross Creek Ranch and Fulshear Creek Crossing. Most of the area is zoned for the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (lcisd.org). (fulsheartx.com)

GALVESTON ISLAND
Galveston Island is a historic beach town located just 50 miles south of Houston on the Gulf of Mexico. The island is the most visited beach destination in Texas, with 32 miles of beaches, one of the largest collections of Victorian architecture in the country, and the fourth busiest cruise port in the nation. In addition, the island offers a wide variety of adventure attractions, such as the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier and Moody Gardens, historical sites, as well as museums and restaurants along the beachfront and within its historic downtown district. The charming architecture found in Galveston ranges from 19th and early 20th century homes to more traditional ranch-style homes built in the 1950s to 1980s. Students on Galveston Island and the neighboring Bolivar Peninsula are served by the Galveston Independent School District (gisd.org). Galveston is also home to the University of Texas Medical Branch, which is the island’s Number One economic driver followed by tourism and the Port of Galveston.

GLENNLOCH FARMS
Located on Spring-Cypress Road just east of Highway 249, this 2,100-acre master-planned community is part of the Klein Independent School District (kleinsisd.net). The community boasts over 40 acres of recreational lakes for canoeing and fishing, a 27-hole championship, daily-fee golf course, an equestrian center, children’s playground, extensive greenbelts with parks and trail systems, along with a state-of-the-art community...
recreation center. Builders in Gleannloch Farms include Darling Homes, Village Builders, Ryland Homes, Newmark Homes, David Weekly Homes, and Trendmaker Homes. Prices range from the high $100s to $1 million-plus.

GRAYSON LAKES
Grayson Lakes is a Newland Communities master-planned community located five miles west of Grand Parkway, two miles to the south of I-10 and five miles north of FM 1093, in the city of Katy. The community offers 30 acres of lakes, landscaped parks and trails, tennis courts and a swimming pool. Homes are priced in the upper $100s to the $600s and feature homes from Imperial Homes, David Powers Homes, David Weekley Homes, First Texas Homes, Meritage Homes and Partners in Building. Grayson Lakes is part of the Katy Independent School District (katyisd.org).

GREATER FONDREN SOUTHWEST
Located near the intersection of the Sam Houston Tollway and the Southwest Freeway, Greater Fondren Southwest residents enjoy easy access to downtown Houston. The area covers approximately 8.8 square miles with an estimated population of 60,100. Students in the Greater Fondren Southwest area attend the Houston Independent School District. (houstonisd.org)

GREATER GREENSPoint
The Greenspoint District, a 12-square-mile activity center in north Houston, is home to more than 18 million square feet of office, retail and industrial space, 70,000 employees and approximately 97,000 residents. Greenspoint is home to ExxonMobil, which occupies more than 1.6 million square feet of office space. Two school districts serve Greenspoint: Aldine Independent School District (aldine.k12.tx.us) and Spring Independent School District (springisd.org). (greenspoint.org)

GREATWOOD
Greatwood is a 2,050-acre master-planned golf community and home to the Carleton Gipson-designed Greatwood Golf Club, which opened in 1990. Featuring miles of paved hike-and-bike trails, acres of greenbelts, lakes, lighted tennis courts, three neighborhood recreation centers, two competition swimming pools and one resort-style swimming pool, the community is located approximately 28 miles southwest of downtown Houston at the intersection of Grand Parkway and U.S. 59 in the 77479 zip code. Home prices range from the low $200s to the low $600s and include builders such as Emerald Homes, Newmark Homes and Village Builders. Students are served by the Lamar Consolidated School District (lcisd.org).

GULFTON
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southeast of U.S. 59 and north of Bellaire Boulevard. Gulfton is a densely popula-
ted area with few sidewalks. Students are
served by the Houston Independent
School District. (houstonisd.org)

HARRISBURG/MANCHESTER
Harrisburg was established just prior to
1825 but was officially named in 1826,
when New York businessman John
Richardson Harris named the town after
himself. Located east of downtown
Houston, Harrisburg is west of Brady's
Island and south of the Brays Bayou and
Buffalo Bayou junction. The area covers
approximately 2.9 square miles with an
estimated population of 3,837 and is in
the zip codes 77012 and 77017. The area
is served by the Houston Independent
School District (houstonisd.org)

HAYDEN LAKES
Conveniently located west of Highway
249 on Boudreaux Road, Hayden Lakes
is a new 200-acre master planned com-
munity just minutes from the future
Grand Parkway, giving residents easy
access to the major employment, fine
dining and shopping centers in Tomball,
The Woodlands and Cypress. Children in
the community attend schools in the
highly acclaimed Tomball school district,
which includes the new Tomball
Memorial High School.

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system, and take in scenic views of the
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HIDDEN CREEK
With more than 3,000 acres dedicated to
lakes, trails and parks, Bridgeland’s newest
neighborhood, Hidden Creek, will host
1,000 home sites and 160 acres of lakes
and waterways, as well as Lakeland Village
Park, a 20-acre green space that will
feature an enclosed dog park, a basketball
court, canoe launch and a skate park.
Additional tennis courts, picnic areas,
walking trails and pavilions are also
planned, as well as a splash pad, play-
ground and year-round heated lap pool.
Josey Lake, an expansive waterway that
runs along the perimeter of Hidden Creek,
will enable residents to canoe three miles
from end to end or stop and explore the
birding tower and boardwalk along the way.

HIGH MEADOW ESTATES
High Meadow Estates features 1-to-10 acre
home sites amid beautiful rolling terrain,
with stands of large oak trees lining the
streets and covering the land. Amenities
include a proposed Towne Center with a
community pool, pavilion, tennis courts,
jogging and bike trails. Homeowners enjoy
easy access to shopping, recreation and
other amenities in nearby Magnolia,
Tomball and The Woodlands. Students are
served by the Magnolia Independent
School District (magnoliaisd.org). (high-
meadowtexas.com)

HUMBLE
Humble is in the northeast area of Harris
County and covers approximately 10
square miles. The median income for a
household is $37,834 and the median
income for a family is $46,399. The Humble
Independent School District (humble.k12.tx.us) consists of 38 schools,
more than 35,000 students and more than
2,800 teachers. Humble ISD is nationally
recognized for the outstanding education
it offers to students. Humble ISD is listed
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Humble is named after one of the area’s earliest settlers, Pleasant Smith “Plez” Humble. From his home, he opened and operated the city’s first post office and reportedly was an attorney, served as justice of the peace, operated a fruit stand and was a wood dealer.

**INWOOD FOREST**
Established more than 30 years ago, Inwood Forest is a community of more than 1,100 homes located in northwest Houston, surrounding the Inwood Forest golf courses and is 30 minutes from downtown Houston. The community has apartment complexes to the north and south, while many of the original homes that make up Inwood Forest were built for oil company executives. Many of these homes now occupy land that was once hunting grounds for Native Americans. Students are served by the Aldine Independent School District. (aldine.k12.tx.us)

**KEMAH**
Located on Galveston Bay, approximately 25 minutes south of Houston and 25 minutes north of Galveston, Kemah gets its name from the Indian word meaning “wind in my face.” Kemah was originally a small fishing town, and commercial fishing is still part of Kemah’s identity as is evident by the annual Blessing of the Fleet. The city is approximately 1.8 square miles with a 2000 census population of approximately 2,330. Kemah is a recreation and tourism destination, especially with Houston locals, who often visit the many attractions and restaurants in the Kemah Entertainment District. Clear Creek Independent School District (ccisd.net) serves students. (kemah-tx.gov)

**KINGWOOD**
Kingwood is a master-planned community created in 1970 by Friendswood Development Company. Known as the “livable forest,” Kingwood is famous for the 75 miles of greenbelt trails that comb the area where residents can enjoy hiking and biking through the woods along the lake and into the nature reserve. The city is divided into 25 neighborhoods called “villages.” Each village has its own distinct style, varying home prices, private neighborhood pools and other amenities. Located on U.S. Highway 59 North and Kingwood Drive, it is 24 miles northeast of downtown Houston. The community is situated on 15,000-plus acres and is home to the world’s largest country club, The Clubs of Kingwood, which offers six championship golf courses and more than 1,000 acres of fairways. Home prices range from $160,000 to over $1 million and include builders such as Lennar, Frontier Custom Builders, Village Builders, Highland Homes, Brickland Homes, Jaeger Homes and Rueby Custom Homes. Current population is estimated at 65,000 and is expected to climb to 70,000 once build-out of the community is complete, with approximately 20,000 new homes. The Humble Independent School District (humble.k12.tx.us) serves Kingwood. (kingwoodonline.com)

**LAKE HOUSTON AREA**
Located in the northeast quadrant of the Houston metropolitan area, just 21 miles from downtown on Highway 59, the greater Lake Houston Area includes Atascocita, the City of Humble, Kingwood...
and Spring, all of which are currently experiencing robust population and economic growth. Encompassing nearly 100 square miles of land in northeast Harris County, the area is largely forested. Due to its natural beauty, the recreation of Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River, the proximity of Bush Intercontinental Airport and the Port of Houston, and the quality of its many subdivisions, the area has proven to be a strong attraction to newcomers.

**LA MARQUE**
La Marque is an incorporated residential community on Interstate Highway 45, State Highway 3, and Farm roads 519, 1765 and 2004, about 12 miles northwest of Galveston in northwest Galveston County. The area encompasses approximately 14.3 square miles and had a 2012 census population of 14,873. Most of La Marque is served by La Marque Independent School District, however, some small portions are served by the Dickinson Independent School District (dickinsonisd.org), Hitchcock Independent School District (hitchcockisd.org), and the Santa Fe Independent School District (sfisd.org). (ci.lamarque.tx.us)

**LA PORTE/BAYSHORE**
Founded in 1889 by French settlers, La Porte means “the door” or “a gateway” in reference to what is now the Houston Ship Channel. La Porte is located on Galveston Bay and has an estimated population of 35,000. The city prides itself on its small town atmosphere, strong industry and economy, numerous parks and recreational activities. The newly renovated Sylvan Beach Park offers 2,000 linear feet of sandy beaches, as well as a fishing pier and boat launch. City parks include a wave pool and a bayside park with its own fishing pier. Students are served by the

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LAKE CONROE
With a slogan of “live and work, but mostly play,” the neighborhoods of Lake Conroe have become sources of the most sought-after residential real estate in the Houston metropolitan area. With a population of over 56,000, the city’s size has more than doubled since 2000. The lake extends about 21 miles in length and covers more than 20,000 acres.

Housing options range from traditional neighborhood homes to luxurious lake-front condominiums. Lake Conroe is located in Montgomery County, a recognized leader in the Gulf Coast area and throughout Texas for academic excellence and innovative learning concepts. (gcedc.org, lakeconroecvb.org)

LAKE OF BELLA TERRA
Conveniently situated in the nation’s second-fastest-growing county, Lakes of Bella Terra is a premier master-planned community that offers an excellent location, resort-style living and superb education that cannot be beat. Fast access via major highways to downtown and the energy corridor, exemplary schools, and a tranquil neighborhood feeling continue to attract more and more home buyers to this award-winning community.

While other communities may have suffered during the housing crunch, Lakes of Bella Terra has continued to flourish. Voted “Best New Community in Fort Bend” twice consecutively, their year-to-year home sales outpace even the exceptional overall growth rates of Fort Bend County. The Tuscan style architecture affords a lavish ambience, and residents enjoy premium amenities: lighted tennis courts, a Junior Olympic pool and water playground, a dog park, a volleyball court, fitness center, lakes, trails and catch-and-release fishing ponds. And when you have to venture out, there are 600,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space just up the street. Houston’s West Park Tollway & Grand Parkway make it easy and convenient for residents to commute and return home, leaving the stresses of the day behind.

One of Lakes of Bella Terra’s greatest assets is their excellent public schools. Some of the best in the nation, Lamar CISD schools proudly meet Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Without a doubt, Texans looking to live the good life today, and still satisfy their sense of responsibility for tomorrow, choose the Lakes of Bella Terra.

LEAGUE CITY
League City has experienced tremendous growth through the years. With a 2006 census estimate of 67,200, it surpassed Galveston as Galveston County’s largest city. Located approximately 23 miles southeast of Houston and the same distance from Galveston, League City is approximately 52.4 square miles and boasts the third-largest pleasure boat anchorage in the United States, with four marinas that host more than 7,000 boats. The city has been designated one of the 100 Best Small Cities in America, has more than 620 acres of public parks, three golf courses and the 11,343-square-foot Johnny Arolfo Civic Center. Depending on location, students are served by either the Clear Creek Independent School District (ccisd.net) or the Dickinson Independent School District (dickinsonisd.org). (leaguecity.com)

MEMORIAL
Memorial is a wealthy area of Houston located along the Buffalo Bayou on Interstate 610 and west of Downtown. The area is the home of Memorial Park, one of the largest urban parks in the U.S. The park is popular for its golf, running and cycle courses, and has upwards of three million visitors each year. Within Memorial is an area called “The Villages,” which includes the cities of Bunker Hill Village, Hedwig Village, Spring Valley Village, Hilshire Village, Piney Point Village and Hunters Creek Village. Popular attractions in the area are the Memorial City Mall, Town & Country Village, the lifestyle center and the City Centre.
MIDTOWN
Midtown is one of the most up-and-coming sectors of downtown Houston and a popular choice for young and middle-aged professionals to live. Priding itself as one of the most pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods of Houston, Midtown is packed with high-rise apartment buildings, restaurants and nightlife, all within walking distance of its residents. Situated directly between Downtown and the Texas Medical Center with three of its own METRORail stations, location is a big attraction and reason to live in Midtown. (houstonmidtown.com)

MONTROSE
Home to music venues, vintage shopping, historic residential architecture and the museum district, Montrose is one of the most eclectic areas in Houston. Established in 1911, this area has built up a strong identity over its long history. The Houston Museum District encompasses more than 50 cultural institutions, museums and art galleries; among them the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston which are located in south Montrose. In 2009 the American Planning Association named Montrose as one of the 10 “great neighborhoods” in the United States.

NASSAU BAY
Nassau Bay is a small suburban community approximately 1.7 square miles in size with an estimated population of about 4,200, whose history is deeply rooted in the space program. The community sits directly across from the Johnson Space Center and is surrounded on three sides by water, including Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Cow Bayou. With two marinas, three hotels with a combined total of 419 rooms and several popular retail and entertainment establishments, the city receives approximately 2,700 tourist visitors each day. Nassau Bay also plays host to the popular “Partners in Space” each year in March. Students attend the Clear Creek Independent School District (ccisd.net). (nassaubay.com).

OLD BRAESWOOD
Located inside the 610 Loop, west of the Texas Medical Center and Rice University, north of Reliant Park, east of West University Place and the neighborhood of Braeswood Place, lies the small but historic community of 314 private residences that make up Old Braeswood. Originally slated to be a country club-type district in the late 1920s, it was actually developed in stages over the following 30 years, which is evident in the architectural differences in the homes. Their POA continues to be very active to ensure that these unique neighborhood characteristics remain intact. Home styles range from “stately Tudor homes to architecturally significant ranches.” Old Braeswood should not be confused with Braeswood. (oldbraeswood.com)

PORCH STREET ON ADELE
Porch Street on Adele is a pristine collection of modern craftsman homes nestled in Sunset Heights East. Perched west of Airline Drive, the development is less than five miles from downtown Houston and just over one mile from the Metro Light Rail, I-45 and the 610 North Loop, offering easy access to destinations around the city. Motivated to continue the rich neighborhood history of the Heights, Southern Green Builders and Front Porch Properties thoughtfully designed Porch Street on Adele to offer homeowners an intimate urban neighborhood within the heart of the city bustle. “We designed the community to have a great synergy instead of addressing homes on an individual basis,” explained Drew Ondrey, principal partner of Porch Street.

With Texas Hill Country architecture serving as inspiration, Porch Street homes display charming exterior elements of exposed wood, metal roofs and conversational porches. The interior footprint of each home is maximized by open floor plans featuring overlapping living spaces that effortlessly merge into outdoor areas. The comfortable, modern design is supported by equally impressive building practices. Through a combination of high-reflectance metal roofs, spray foam insulation, Low E windows and advanced climate comfort systems that control humidity, Porch Street homes are 44% more energy-efficient than
standard residential construction. Prices start at $499,000 and phase one of construction, including a showcase home, is set for completion this fall. For more information visit porchstreet.com

RIVER OAKS
Well known as one the most affluent and exclusive residential areas in all of Houston, River Oaks is home to more than 14,000 residents. The community spans about 1,200 acres and is protected by very comprehensive building restrictions and high architectural standards. The median home has an appraised value of more than $1 million. River Oaks is south of Memorial Park/Rice Military, and just three miles west of downtown.

SPRING
Located in north Harris County, Spring is located approximately 20 miles north of Houston, just off I-45. The area was originally inhabited by the Orcoquiza Indians and later became a large farming community until Spring became an intersection for two railroad lines. The Spring Independent School District (springisd.org) serves Spring and the surrounding area.

SUGAR LAND
With a population of more than 80,000, Sugar Land is both one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas and one of the most economically strong suburbs of Houston. It is located approximately 20 miles southwest of downtown Houston, and it recently replaced Galveston as the second-most important city in the metropolitan area. Master-planned communities featuring golf courses, country clubs and lakes contribute to home values. The community offers exceptional schools, libraries, and civic organizations. Sugar Land was named “Fittest City in Texas” from 2004 to 2006. (ci.sugarland.tx.us)

SUMMERWOOD
Located at Sam Houston Tollway and W. Lake Houston Parkway, Summerwood is a 1,500-acre community offering new homes priced from the $150,000s to $400,000s by David Weekley, Lennar, M Street, Ryland, Taylor Morrison, Village Builders and Westin Homes.

For convenient one-stop shopping, model homes are showcased in the Summerwood Model Home Village, or you can see all available homes on summerwoodtx.com

In the highly rated Humble Independent School District, Summerwood has onsite elementary and middle schools, with Summer Creek High and Lakeshore Elementary only minutes away.

Summerwood is a development of Newland Communities. For more information, visit summerwoodtx.com.

THE GALLERIA/UPTOWN
Uptown Houston is an area of urban sophistication, style and cosmopolitan energy. Centrally located in the uptown district of Houston, the Galleria is comprised of upscale restaurants, shopping, hotels and high-rise offices that exceed more than 200,000 working professionals and visitors daily.

The Uptown/Galleria area features trendy shopping centers and upscale boutiques, as well as local high-fashion designers and stores. Uptown is also host to Houston’s largest hotels and boasts an array of housing options.

THE HEIGHTS
The Heights is Houston’s oldest planned community, located in northwest-central Houston. The Heights is known for its diverse population and small-town quality of life while still being in the heart of Houston. In addition to the older single-family homes, numerous high-rise and mid-rise condos are being developed in response to the tremendous population growth predicted in the years to come. The 19th Street Historic Business District offers a unique variety of specialty boutiques, antique shopping and family dining. (houstonheights.org)

THE VILLAGE OF TUSCAN LAKES
The Village of Tuscan Lakes is currently home to almost 200 active adults. Upon completion, the community will have a total of 392 single-family homes. Pulte Homes currently has two series of homes ranging from the $140,000s to the $180,000s.

“You often hear companies say it is the people that set them apart. Here at The Village of Tuscan Lakes it is the residents,” said Tanya Rizzo, Director of Sales and Marketing for Del Webb in Houston. “Our Lifestyle Director and Sales team work directly with the residents to make this a fun place to live whether it be planned cook-outs or beach parties to aerobics or dance classes, or anything else the residents are interested in doing or learning about.”

The 12,000-square-foot upscale amenity center includes everything from a ballroom, to a fitness center complete with locker rooms to a game room complete with a TV Lounge and Library to a catering kitchen and wellness room for massage. The activities continue outside with bocce ball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, a golf putting green, resort pool with beach entry and resistance area as well as a hot tub. “Having only 392 home sites accessing these amenities is unprecedented,” said Rizzo.

Located in League City, The Village of Tuscan Lakes is minutes from the Kemah Boardwalk and Galveston Island, both significant draws for the avid boater, fisherman or those seeking that resort feel every day, not just when on vacation. The community is also very close an abundant mix of shopping, dining and entertainment and of course the Texas Medical Center so the daily conveniences are taken care of as well.

The Village at Tuscan Lakes is located on League City Parkway and I-45 in League City. For more information about The Village at Tuscan Lakes lifestyle it fosters, visit pulte.com/houston.

THE WOODLANDS
Nestled in 28,000 acres of native forest, The Woodlands has been one of the
best-selling master planned communities in Texas since 1990. Located 27 miles north of downtown Houston on I-45, The Woodlands encompasses nine residential villages, commercial centers, a resort and conference center, a luxury hotel and convention center, hospitals and health care facilities, and exceptional shopping, dining, recreational amenities and entertainment, including The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.

The Woodlands is home to a total of 1,870 businesses and corporations. There is a total of 28.6 million square feet of commercial, industrial and institutional development here, providing jobs for nearly 52,000 employees.

One of the newest developments in The Woodlands is Hughes Landing, a 66-acre mixed-use development on 200-acre Lake Woodlands that will feature up to 11 office buildings; shopping, dining and entertainment; a specialty grocer; an upscale hotel; a fitness center, and up to 800 multi-family residences.

The Woodlands is a project of The Woodlands Development Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Howard Hughes Corporation. For more information, visit thewoodlands.com.

VINTAGE DI VITA

Vintage di Vita is a unique suburban retreat offering two- and three-story luxury townhomes within a gated community located immediately adjacent to Vintage Park Shopping Village.

Vintage di Vita residents can walk from where they live to several shopping and dining establishments. “Some of the most recognized companies have made Vintage Park home such as H-E-B, St. Luke’s Hospital, Lone Star College, El Tiempo, Brix Wine Cellars and Starbucks,” said Tanya Rizzo, Director of Sales and Marketing for Del Webb in Houston. “New additions to Vintage Park such as Whole Foods and Alamo Drafthouse, add to the appeal of the live, work, play concept experienced by the residents of Vintage Di Vita.”

Vintage di Vita is located at 249 and Vintage Preserve Parkway in Houston. For more information about Vintage di Vita and the resort feeling it fosters, visit pulte.com/houston.

WATERS EDGE ON LAKE HOUSTON

Less than 15 miles from downtown Houston, but a world away in terms of hustle and bustle, the peaceful shores of Lake Houston are home to the master planned community of Waters Edge on Lake Houston. Waters Edge on Lake Houston offers a collection of stylish, innovative single-family homes to suit your lifestyle. Home sites are available in a variety of sizes from 45-foot-wide to 110-foot-wide lots. Waters Edge on Lake Houston boasts a destination-style community with many choices, from heavily wooded lots to those with beautiful lake and lagoon views to corner and cul-de-sac lots. There is something for every lifestyle.

Waters Edge on Lake Houston is a great family-friendly location with an array of amenities. Residents enjoy the community recreation center, complete with a resort-style pool and splash pad, fitness facility, indoor and outdoor kitchens for all your entertaining needs, plus a private community stocked lake, private community fishing pier on Lake Houston and miles of walking and biking trails.

Waters Edge on Lake Houston is located at West Lake Houston Parkway and Edge Lake Boulevard in Houston. For more information about Waters Edge on Lake Houston and the resort feeling it fosters, visit pulte.com/houston.

WEBSTER

Despite its small size, the 6.7 square miles that comprise Webster are mighty in terms of commercial vibrancy. The city is home to more than 2,200 businesses. It came into prominence when NASA built the Johnson Space Center, and has served as home to several aerospace companies. Both the aerospace and medical fields continue to be two of the major growth industries for Webster, which also serves as the central business district of Clear Lake. Webster has become renowned as the retail, dining and entertainment capital of Bay Area Houston. Webster’s strategic location, key industry sectors, super-regional market and business-friendly credo contribute to the city’s commercial vibrancy. (cityofwebster.com)

WEST UNIVERSITY

The third most expensive neighborhood in Houston, West University Place (“West U”) is a community of upper-middle class families within the Houston metropolitan area. Often thought of as its own city inside of a city, West U operates its own fire department and police department. Currently, more than 14,000 residents live in this city that spans more than 1,200 residential acres. Every block includes unique bungalows, newly remodeled homes and an abundance of upscale, beautiful housing options under construction. Housing options range in price from the $200s to over $2 million. (gswhcc.org).

WIMBLEDON FALLS

Pulte Homes is proud to bring its Life Tested homes to Wimbledon Falls. Life Tested homes are built for the way you live. From the functional home designs and innovative features to the quality construction methods and community locations, every home is truly life tested. The Wimbledon Falls community was designed for savoring the wooded ambiance of greater northwest Houston, with many walking trails that wind past homes, greenbelts and a scenic waterfall and reservoir. The community pool is fun for the whole family, and the fitness center is great for those who want a challenging workout. The community center is available for residents who would like to use it for private parties or events and meetings. Wimbledon Falls offers a variety of floor plans, including three to five bedrooms, two to three bathrooms and media rooms. For more information on a well-crafted, affordable home in Wimbledon Falls, visit wimbledonfalls.com or pulte.com/Houston.
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Source: Houston Association of Realtors
HEALTH CARE
LIVE WITHIN MINUTES OF WORLD-CLASS CARE

From the world-renowned Texas Medical Center located south of downtown to fine 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.
WE HAVE HOUSTON COVERED

The breadth and depth of our care is matched only by our reach.

13 State-of-the-Art Hospitals • Affiliated Primary Care and Specialist Physicians
Women’s Memorial Hermann • Children’s Memorial Hermann • Mischer Neuroscience Institute
TIRR Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation and Research Hospital* • IRONMAN Sports Medicine Institutes
Texas Trauma Institute • Urgent Care • Convenient Care Centers • Cancer Centers
Heart & Vascular Institutes • 80+ Outpatient Centers • PaRC Prevention and Recovery Center

For a physician referral, call 713.272.1673 or visit us at memorialhermann.org

*TIRR is a registered trademark of TIRR Foundation.
With more than 7.2 million patient-visits last year and more square footage than downtown Dallas, the Texas Medical Center boasts the largest medical center in the world. It includes 54 member institutions that provide patient care, cutting-edge research, and education for medical and nursing students. Included in these are 17 hospitals, four medical schools and five schools of nursing. Beyond its impact on health care, the Texas Medical Center is Houston’s largest single-site employer, with more than 106,000 employees. The Medical Center is home to hospitals that specialize in many different areas, including cardiac care, cancer treatment, organ transplants and more.

While the Texas Medical Center is on the forefront of research and groundbreaking discoveries today, it also has a noteworthy past. According to the center’s Web site, Memorial Hermann began using Life Flight®, the first air ambulance of its kind, in 1976. By 2006, the Texas Heart Institute had completed over 1,000 heart transplants and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center began using proton therapy to avoid damaging the healthy tissue that surrounds tumors.

In 2012, the Medical Center reported impressive growth in size and scope of care and now occupies more than 1,300 acres. The Texas Medical Center has 16,000 annual international patient visits.
Welcome to Houston and St. Joseph Medical Center

You found the perfect home, and now it’s time to find the right hospital and physicians for you and your family.

St. Joseph Medical Center has been caring for families in the Greater Houston area for over 125 years. Each year we commit to providing quality healthcare and the latest technology for our patients. We offer two convenient locations in Downtown Houston and in the Heights, with 24-hour emergency care and a wide range of medical and surgical services.

To find a physician near you, call 713-757-7575 or visit sjmctx.com.
It is the fourth 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 Texas. The estimated population in 2013 was 2,195,914.

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

If Houston were an independent nation, it would rank as the world’s 25th largest economy.

It is home to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The largest rodeo in the world, it attracts more than 2.5 million visitors each year.

It boasts more than 50 colleges, universities and institutions.

It is home to the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical center in the world, with a total operating budget of $15 billion. More than 106,000 people work within its facilities, which encompass 45.8 million square feet. Altogether 7.2 million patients visit the Texas Medical Center each year.

The Houston metro area is home to 26 Fortune 500 headquarters, ranked third behind New York and Chicago.

The Port of Houston ranks first in the U.S. in volume of foreign tonnage and second in total tonnage.

More than 90 languages are spoken throughout the Houston area.

Houston was rated No. 15 on the 2014 Forbes list of “Best Places for Business and Careers.”
a community-supported not-for-profit. It provides both resident and in-home care. The Houston Hospice also offers bereavement counseling to family members and loved ones coping with loss. These services reinforce its mission to provide “uncompromising and compassionate end-of-life care to patients and families in our community.”

Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center
6411 Fannin St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 704-4000
memorialhermann.org
The Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center Campus includes the primary teaching hospital for UTHealth Medical School and 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 system operates 13 hospitals, including four in the Texas Medical Center with others in Katy, Sugar Land, The Woodlands, Memorial City and the northwest, southeast and southwest areas of Houston, as well as a network of specialty institutes, programs and services. Memorial Hermann continues to receive national recognition and awards for quality and patient safety.

The Methodist Hospital
6565 Fannin St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 790-3333
methodisthealth.com
The Methodist Hospital was once the home of internationally acclaimed heart surgeon Michael DeBakey. The health care system is among the country’s top centers for cancer, diabetes and endocrinology, ear, nose and throat, gastroenterology, geriatrics, gynecology, heart and heart surgery, kidney disorders, neurology, orthopedics, pulmonology and urology. The Methodist Hospital system has branches in Sugar Land, West Houston, Willowbrook and San Jacinto.

CHI St. Luke’s Health Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center
6720 Bertner Ave.
Houston, Texas 77030
(832) 355-1000
stlukeshouston.com
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 A. Cooley, THI Founder, Surgeon-in-Chief and President Emeritus. 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.

For more information, visit methodisthealth.com or call 713-790-3333.
Shriners Hospitals for Children®
6977 Main St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 797-1616
shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
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 known 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
2401 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77021
(713) 741-8700
stdominicvillage.org
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
6621 Fannin St., # A165
Houston, Texas 77030-2399
(832) 824-1000
texaschildrenshospital.com
Texas Children’s Hospital 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
1515 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77030
(800) 392-1611
mdanderson.org
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. MD Anderson states its vision for cancer treatment and research on its Web site, “We shall be the premier cancer center in the world, based on the excellence of our people, our research-driven patient care and our science. We are Making Cancer History.”

TIRR Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation and Research
1333 Moursund St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 799-5000
TIRR.memorialhermann.org
TIRR Memorial Hermann is a 119-bed non-profit rehabilitation hospital located in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Founded in 1959, TIRR Memorial Hermann has been named one of “America’s Best Hospitals” by U.S. News & World Report for 26 consecutive years. TIRR Memorial Hermann provides rehabilitation services for individuals with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries,
strokes, amputations and neuromuscular disorders. TIRR is a registered trademark of TIRR Foundation.

St. Joseph Medical Center Downtown
1401 St. Joseph Parkway
Houston, TX 77002
(713) 757-1000
sjmctx.com

St. Joseph Medical Center in the Heights
1917 Ashland Street
Houston, TX 77008
(713) 969-5400
sjmcheights.com

No other Houston hospital can claim over 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, 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.

St. Joseph Medical Center in the Heights opened in the fall of 2012 as an extension of the downtown location. The facility features a 24-hour physician-staffed emergency department, diagnostic imaging, 48 private rooms for inpatient care, surgical services and a non-invasive outpatient cardiology clinic.

Michael E. DeBakey
Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center in Houston (MEDVAMC)
2002 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 791-1414
houston.va.gov

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.

SPECIALTY HEALTH CARE
With Houston’s diverse medical field, it is easy to find renowned health care in each discipline. Surgical centers are a strong facet of the medical community in Houston, providing specialized care to patients.

Foundation Surgical Hospital
5410 West Loop South
Bellaire, Texas 77401
(713) 314-4444
surgicalhospital.com
Foundation Surgical Hospital, a physician-owned specialty hospital, focuses on orthopedics and neuro-spine care. The hospital has been awarded for its performance in various types of joint replacement surgeries numerous times. Foundation Surgical Hospital also caters to international patients, providing a concierge service to ease the stress involved with traveling to another country for medical care. The concierge service will assist with travel plans, international insurance communication and accommodations.
Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
(713) 442-0427
kelsey-seybold.com

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.

HEALTH CARE OUTREACH
Health Care for the Homeless-Houston (homeless-healthcare.org) serves the homeless community in Houston through comprehensive health care. “Our purpose is to provide long-term care for those who are unable to navigate a larger system of care; provide interim care for those who can transition into the public healthcare system; and provide medical street outreach to those who live on the streets and in single-night shelters,” states its Web site. Health Care for the Homeless-Houston serves more than 10,000 patients through clinics and outreach services. The most common ailments treated by Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston include mental disorders, dental-related disease, diabetes, substance-related disorders and upper respiratory infection. Dr. David Buck founded Health Care for the Homeless after serving with Mother Theresa and completing medical school at the Baylor College of Medicine. His desire was to provide the homeless with care in a dignified and compassionate way. Today, programs include shelter clinics, dental clinics, jail in-reach projects and medical research. For information on volunteering, call (713) 276-3058.

PET CARE
Houstonians take to pets in a big way, so it’s no surprise that you can find every pet service and activity imaginable, from doggie day spas to pet training, pet get-togethers (“yappy hour”) and dedicated rescue groups for countless breeds and all types of four-footed friends. Regardless of where they live, Houston pet lovers are never far from exceptional veterinary care. Many of Houston’s veterinarians are graduates of the renowned College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, one of the top veterinary schools in the country.

WOMEN’S CARE
From labor and delivery to women’s comprehensive care, Houston offers nationally recognized health care to women of all ages. Women’s health care can be divided into specific categories, such as gynecology, fertility, labor and delivery and breast care. Houston offers specialized clinics in each individual category, as well as a few centers for women’s comprehensive care.

For comprehensive care, Woman’s Hospital of Texas (womanshospital.com), located in the Texas Medical Center, has been providing Houston women with primary care since 1976. Woman’s Hospital of Texas offers gynecological surgery and other services including postpartum, infertility, breast care, radiation and gynecology.

St. Joseph Medical Center (sjmctx.com).
com) has specialized in women’s health-care since opening its doors as “the first freestanding women’s hospital west of the Mississippi,” in 1887. Today, St. Joseph Medical Center prides itself on offering health care to women during each stage of life. These services include “pregnancy-planning and maternity services, nutritional consultations, breast care, weight reduction, gynecological surgery, urology and so much more,” according to their Web site. Additionally, St. Joseph Medical Center provides a neonatal care intensive care unit, cosmetic surgery and inpatient and outpatient surgical services.

Specialized women’s health care is available in many avenues. The benefit to individual clinics with specialization is the independent focus patients receive regarding their treatment.

The Center for Reproduction and Women’s Health Care (houstonfertility-specialist.com) serves as a fertility clinic, providing fertility treatment to patients. The staff of fertility clinic is educated to specifically address the inability to become pregnant and offers multiple forms of treatment. Specifically, the Center for Reproduction and Women’s Health Care provides first-line fertility medication, in vitro fertilization (IVF), donation services and many more options. For breast care, Houston’s Lester & Sue Smith Breast Center (bcm.edu/breastcenter) provides breast cancer treatment and research. As a part of the Baylor College of Medicine, the Lester & Sue Smith Breast Center provides comprehensive care for patients undergoing treatment for breast cancer and disease. It provides surgeons, reconstructive surgical procedures, specialized oncologists and counselors to patients of the center.

CHILDREN’S CARE
Houston is home to some of the world’s best children’s hospitals. It is stocked with surgeons, specialists and educators in each field. There are a handful of top children’s hospitals, however the number of pediatricians and children’s physicians in the area can be overwhelming. In order to find a family pediatrician in your area, using a directory that provides ratings and comments may be helpful. The HealthGrades pediatric directory has more than 1,400 listings within 25 miles of Houston. (healthgrades.com/pediatrics-directory/tx-texas)

Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital (childrens.memorialhermann.org) has been caring for women and children under one roof longer than any other Houston hospital. It boasts the Gulf Coast region’s leading Level I pediatric trauma center, Levels III and IV neonatal intensive care. The hospital has been named “One of the Best” in pediatric care by U.S. News & World Report for the last five years.

TEXAS CHILDREN’S NATIONAL RANKINGS BY SPECIALTY 2014-2015

#2 in Neonatology
#2 in Cardiology & Heart Surgery
#4 in Pulmonology
#4 in Cancer
#4 in Nephrology
#5 in Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
#7 in Urology
#8 in Diabetes & Endocrinology
#34 in Orthopedics
care units (NICUs) and The Fetal Center, to ensure mothers with high-risk pregnancies and their babies receive comprehensive care featuring 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 UTHealth Medical School.

Children's Cancer Hospital at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (mdanderson.org) focuses on the treatment of cancer in children. MD Anderson is ranked as the top cancer center in the nation and the Children's Cancer Hospital is in the top 15 for children's cancer treatment. Doctors at MD Anderson and the Children's Cancer Hospital are familiar with rare types of cancer, because of the number of patients seen at each hospital. They believe in family-centered care, and the Anderson Network offers parents the connection to a network of adults going through similar situations, for one-on-one emotional support. There is a specific program for young adults with cancer, which provides psychosocial counseling. The Children’s Cancer Hospital also offers clinical trials, about which patients and doctors may discuss, with hopes of finding the best route to a cure.

Texas Children's Hospital (texaschildrens.org), 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,” states their official Web site. Texas Children's Hospital was named as one of U.S. News & World Report's Honor Roll Hospitals in the 2011-2012 Best Children's Hospital category. Texas Children's Hospital excelled in nine categories and was nationally ranked in all 10. According to the U.S. News & World Report, the Texas Children's Hospital's emergency room had 88,725 visits and the general facility recorded 21,681 admissions.

SENIOR CARE
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. Some of the notable facilities are the Buckingham (buckinghamhouston.com), Treemont (treemont.com), Clarewood House (clarewoodhouse.com), Terrace at West University (terraceliving.com) and Parkway Place (bucknerretirement.org/houston-home.shtml). Additionally, home health care is provided through a number of organizations, such as Sheltering Arms (shelteringarms.org).
CANCER CARE
Patients come from all over the world to seek cancer treatment in Houston. Our renowned facilities are consistently ranked as the highest in the nation. Cancer patients are ensured the most groundbreaking research results and recent discoveries in clinical trials when they seek treatment in Houston.

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (mdanderson.org) has a main campus in the Texas Medical Center. MD Anderson focuses on patient care, education, research and prevention as they work toward eliminating cancer. They are consistently ranked as the No. 1 hospital for cancer care in the nation. In the 2010 U.S. News & World Report they were also nationally ranked for five other fields.

MD Anderson’s Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences researches ways to prevent cancer. Research plays an integral role in fighting cancer at MD Anderson. 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.

Branches of M.D. Anderson’s local affiliates can be found in Bay Area, Bellaire, Fort Bend, Katy, Sugar Land and The Woodlands.

Memorial Hermann has been accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as the first Integrated Network Cancer Program in Houston. Memorial Hermann Cancer Centers provide a full continuum of services, including targeted anti-cancer drugs, intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and the most advanced linear accelerators. In addition, through MD Anderson Breast Care with Memorial Hermann, expert breast radiologists from MD Anderson Cancer Center are interpreting mammograms and performing diagnostic procedures at ten Memorial Hermann breast imaging locations.

TRANSPORTATION
MD Anderson ground shuttles:
Available for visitors traveling between the Main Building, Mays Clinic, Proton Therapy Center and Radiation Outpatient Center. The shuttles operate Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Rental cars:
MD Anderson patients and their travel companions are eligible for auto rental discounts from Enterprise Car Rental (in Houston only). Reservations may be made through Patient Travel Services by calling 1-888-848-9992 (5-2303 if calling from within MD Anderson). Enterprise can be reached directly by calling 800-593-0505 or 713-520-5558. Mention reference ID #06C2856.

Airport shuttle:
Supershuttle.com offers service to both Houston airports from the Jesse Jones Rotary House International Hotel. From MD Anderson, approximate one-way cost to Bush Intercontinental Airport is $24 per person. Cost to Hobby Airport is $20 per person. Reservations must be made. Call toll free 800-258-3826 or, in Houston, call 713-523-8888. Visit an information center or concierge desk for assistance.

HOUSING
Jesse H. Jones Rotary House International:
A full-service hotel owned by MD Anderson Cancer Center and managed by Marriott International. The hotel is dedicated to serving the needs of MD Anderson patients and their families while in Houston.

(Source: mdanderson.org/patient-and-cancer-information/guide-to-md-anderson/index.html)
HOSPITAL RANKINGS

Houston’s hospitals consistently rank among the nation’s top institutions. To qualify for U.S. News & World Report’s rankings, a hospital has to be affiliated with a medical school, belong to the Council of Teaching Hospitals or offer a wide array of advanced services, such as robotic surgery and image-guided radiation therapy.

The Texas Heart Institute at CHI St. Luke’s Health Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center has been listed as one of U.S. News & World Report’s top heart centers for 23 consecutive years. Additionally, TIRR Memorial Hermann has been ranked in the top 5 for rehabilitation hospitals for 26 consecutive years.

Indeed, these institutions and others make up the Texas Medical Center, which remains the largest medical center in the world, with 54 highly lauded research and treatment institutions.

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### URGENT CARE & WALK-IN PATIENT SERVICES

#### KATY
- **Katy Urgent Care Center**
  - 21700 Kingsland Blvd., Suite 104
  - Katy, TX 77450
  - (281) 829-6570

#### METROPOLITAN HOUSTON
- **River Oaks Emergency Center**
  - 2320 South Shepherd Drive
  - Houston, TX 77019
  - (713) 526-2320

- **St. Luke’s Community Emergency Center—Holcombe**
  - 2727 West Holcombe Blvd.
  - Houston, TX 77025
  - (832) 355-7525

- **St. Luke’s Community Emergency Center—San Felipe**
  - 6363 San Felipe St. (at Winrock)
  - Houston, TX 77057
  - (713) 972-8300

- **St. Michael’s 24-Hour Emergency Room**
  - 9000 Westheimer Road
  - Houston, TX 77063
  - (713) 343-0911

#### PEARLAND AND SOUTH HOUSTON
- **St. Luke’s Community Emergency Center—Pearland**
  - 11713 Shadow Creek Parkway
  - Pearland, TX 77584
  - (713) 793-4600

#### SUGAR LAND
- **St. Michael’s 24-Hour Emergency Room**
  - 16062 SW Freeway at Highway 6
  - Sugar Land, TX 77479
  - (281) 980-4357

#### THE WOODLANDS
- **St. Michael’s 24-Hour Emergency Room**
  - 26226 I-45 N
  - Spring, TX 77386
  - (281) 419-2911
LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Houston Museum District
houstonmuseumdistrict.org
4200 Montrose, Suite 425
Houston, Texas 77006
(713) 715-1939

The Houston Zoo
houstonzoo.org
6200 Hermann Park Drive
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 533-6500

IMAX theatre
hmns.org
5555 Hermann Park Drive
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 639-4629

Reliant Stadium
reliantpark.com
One Reliant Park
Houston, Texas 77054

Restaurants & Shopping

Alonti Café
alonti.com
6550 Fannin St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 796-8487

Au Bon Pain
aubonpainlesston.com
6400 Fannin St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 795-0144

Cliff’s Grill
cliffsmedcenter.com
6605 Main St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 383-0900

Le Donut
2803 Old Spanish Trail
Houston, Texas 77054
(713) 741-7170

Miller’s Cafe
6630 Main St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 528-7437

Murphy’s Deli - Scurlock Tower
6560 Fannin St., Suite 250
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 794-0300

Rice Village Shopping Center
ricevillageonline.com

Trevisio Restaurant
6550 Bertner St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 749-0400

Wan Fu
6609 Main St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 796-8188

Parks and Outdoor Activities

Rice Campus Running Trail
6100 Main St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 313-1515

Hermann Park
hermannpark.org
6001 Fannin St.
Houston, Texas 77054

Transportation

METRO & METRO Rail
ridemetro.org
(713) 635-4000

Volunteer Opportunities in the Texas Medical Center

Memorial Hermann
(713) 222-CARE (2273)
memorialhermann.org/volunteer

Shriners Hospitals for Children
(713) 793-3709
shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

CHI St. Luke’s Health Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center
(832) 355-2102
stlukeshouston.com

Texas Children’s Hospital
(832) 824-2945
waystogive.texaschildrens.org

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
(713) 792-JOIN (5646)
mdanderson.org/how-you-can-help/index.html

Methodist Hospital
(713) 441-3290
methodisthealth.com
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Webster, TX 77598

17. Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital  
281-286-1500  
655 E. Medical Center Blvd.  
Webster, TX 77598

18. Cleveland Regional Medical Center  
281-593-1811  
300 E. Crockett St.  
Cleveland, TX 77327

19. Conroe Regional Medical Center  
936-539-1111  
504 Medical Center Blvd.  
Conroe, TX 77304-2808

20. Cornerstone Hospital of Houston–Bellaire  
713-295-5300  
5314 Dashwood Drive  
Houston, TX 77081

21. Cornerstone Hospital of Houston–Clear Lake  
281-332-3322  
709 Medical Center Blvd.  
Webster, TX 77598

22. Cypress Creek Hospital  
281-586-7600  
17750 Cali Drive  
Houston, TX 77090-2700

23. Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center  
281-890-4285  
10655 Steepletop Drive  
Houston, TX 77065

24. Devereux Texas Treatment Network  
281-335-1000  
1150 Devereux Drive  
League City, TX 77573-2043

25. Doctors Diagnostic Hospital  
281-622-2900  
1017 S. Travis Ave.  
Cleveland, TX 77327

26. Doctors Hospital Parkway  
281-765-2600  
233 W. Parker Road  
Houston, TX 77076-2915

27. Doctors Hospital–Tidwell  
281-618-8500  
510 W. Tidwell Road  
Houston, TX 77091

28. Dubuis Hospital of Houston  
713-756-8660  
1919 La Branch St.  
Houston, TX 77002

29. East Houston Regional Medical Center  
713-393-2000  
13111 East Freeway  
Houston, TX 77015-5803

30. First St. Hospital  
713-665-1111  
4801 Bissonnet Blvd.  
Bellaire, TX 77401

31. Foundation Surgical Hospital  
713-314-4444  
5410 West Loop S.  
Bellaire, TX 77401

32. Healthbridge Children’s Hospital  
281-293-7774  
2929 Woodland Park Drive  
Houston, TX 77082-2687

33. HealthSouth Hospital for Specialized Surgery  
713-528-6800  
5445 La Branch St.  
Houston, TX 77004

34. HealthSouth Hospital of Houston  
281-580-1212  
17506 Red Oak Drive  
Houston, TX 77090
35. HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
   281-446-6148
   19002 McKay Drive
   Humble, TX 77338-5701

36. HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of North Houston
   281-364-2000
   18550 I-45 South
   Conroe, TX 77384

37. Houston Northwest Medical Center
   281-440-1000
   710 FM 1960 West
   Houston, TX 77090-3402

38. Houston Physicians’ Hospital
   281-335-1700
   333 N. Texas Ave.
   Webster, TX 77598

39. ICON Hospital
   281-883-5500
   19211 McKay Drive
   Humble, TX 77338

41. Intracare Medical Center
   713-790-0949
   7601 Fannin St.
   Houston, TX 77054

41. Intracare North Hospital
   281-893-7200
   1120 Cypress Station
   Houston, TX 77090

43. Jennie Sealy Hospital
   409-772-3584
   301 University Blvd.
   Galveston, TX 77555-0460

44. John Sealy Hospital
   409-772-1011
   301 University Blvd.
   Galveston, TX 77555-0144

45. SPHIER Emergency Room
   832-321-1000
   1560 S. Mason Rd., Suite E
   Katy, TX 77450

46. Kindred Hospital–Bay Area
   713-473-9700
   1004 Seymour St.
   Pasadena, TX 77506

47. Kindred Hospital–Houston
   713-790-0500
   644 S. Main
   Houston, TX 77030

48. Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest
   281-897-8114
   11297 Fallbrook Drive
   Houston, TX 77065

49. Kingwood Medical Center
   281-348-8000
   22999 U.S. Highway 59
   Kingwood, TX 77339

50. Kingwood Pines Hospital
   281-358-1495
   2001 Ladbrook Drive
   Kingwood, TX 77339

51. Kingwood Specialty Hospital
   281-312-4000
   300 Kingwood Medical Drive
   Humble, TX 77339

52. Liberty-Dayton Community Hospital
   936-336-7316
   1535 N. Travis St.
   Liberty, TX 77575

53. Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital
   713-566-5000
   5656 Kelley St.
   Houston, TX 77026

54. Mainland Medical Center
   409-938-5000
   6801 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway
   Texas City, TX 77590-2500

55. Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center
   713-704-4000
   6411 Fannin
   Houston, TX 77030

56. Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center
   713-242-3000
   921 Gessner Road
   Houston, TX 77024

57. Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital
   281-510-2000
   18951 Memorial North
   Humble, TX 77338

58. Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital
   713-867-2000
   1635 North Loop W.
   Houston, TX 77008

59. Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
   281-644-5555
   23900 Katy Freeway
   Katy, TX 77494

59a. Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation Hospital Katy
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    21220 Kingsland Blvd.
    Katy, TX 77450

60. Memorial Hermann Orthopedic & Spine Hospital
    713-314-4444
    5410 West Loop South
    Bellaire, TX 77401

60a. Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital
    281-929-6100
    11800 Astoria Blvd.
    Houston, TX 77089

61. Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital
    713-456-5000
    7600 Beechnut
    Houston, TX 77074

62. Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital
    281-725-5000
    17500 W. Grand Parkway South
    Sugar Land, TX 77479

63. Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital
    713-897-2300
    9250 Pinecroft Drive
    The Woodlands, TX 77380

65. Menninger Clinic
    713-275-5000
    2801 Gessner Dr.
    Houston, TX 77080

66. Methodist Hospital
    713-790-3311
    6560 Fannin St.
    Houston, TX 77030-2707

67. Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
    281-274-7000
    16655 Southwest Freeway
    Sugar Land, TX 77479-2343

68. Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
    281-477-1000
    18220 Tomball Parkway
    Houston, TX 77070-4347

69. Nexus Specialty Hospital–Shenandoah Campus
    281-364-0317
    123 Vision Park Blvd.
    Shenandoah, TX 77384

70. Nexus Specialty Hospital–The Woodlands
    281-364-0317
    9182 Six Pines Drive
    The Woodlands, TX 77380-3606

71. North Cypress Medical Center
    832-912-3773
    21214 Northwest Freeway
    Cypress, TX 77429
72. Oak Bend Medical Center  
281-341-3000  
1705 Jackson St.  
Richmond, TX 77469-3246

73. Park Plaza Hospital  
713-527-5000  
1313 Hermann Drive  
Houston, TX 77004

74. St. Luke’s Patients Medical Center  
713-948-7000  
4600 E. Sam Houston Parkway South  
Pasadena, TX 77505

75. Physical Rehabilitation Hospital of Bellaire  
281-207-8200  
11929 W. Airport Blvd.  
Stafford, TX 77477

76. Plaza Specialty Hospital  
713-285-1000  
1300 Binz St.  
Houston, TX 77004

77. Quentin Mease Community Hospital  
713-873-3700  
3601 N. MacGregor Way  
Houston, TX 77030

78. Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital–North Houston  
936-444-1700  
117 Vision Park Blvd.  
Conroe, TX 77384-3405

79. Renaissance Hospital  
713-697-7777  
2807 Little York Road  
Houston, TX 77093-3405

80. Riverside General Hospital  
713-526-2441  
3204 Ennis St.  
Houston, TX 77004-3213

81. St. Joseph Medical Center  
713-757-1000  
1401 St. Joseph Parkway  
Houston, TX 77002-8393

81a. St. Joseph Medical Center in the Heights  
713-969-5400  
1917 Ashland Street  
Houston, TX 77008

82. CHI St. Luke’s Health Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center  
832-355-1000  
6720 Bertner Ave.  
Houston, TX 77030-2697

83. St. Luke’s Sugar Land Hospital  
281-637-7000  
1317 Lake Point Parkway  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

84. CHI St. Luke’s Health  
The Woodlands Hospital  
936-266-2000  
17200 St. Luke’s Way  
The Woodlands, TX 77384

84a. CHI St. Luke’s Lakeside Hospital  
936-266-9000  
17400 St. Luke’s Way  
The Woodlands, TX 77384

85. San Jacinto Methodist Hospital  
281-420-8600  
4401 Garth Road  
Baytown, TX 77521-3160

86. Select Specialty Hospital–Houston Heights  
713-861-6161  
1917 Ashland St.  
Houston, TX 77008-3946

87. Select Specialty Hospital–Houston Medical Center  
713-861-6161  
6447 Main St.  
Houston, TX 77030-1595

88. Select Specialty Hospital – Houston West  
713-861-6161  
9430 Old Katy Road  
Houston, TX 77030

89. Shriners Burns Hospital–Galveston  
409-770-6600  
815 Market Street  
Galveston, TX 77550-2725

90. Shriners Hospital for Children  
713-797-1616  
6977 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77030-3701

91. Solaria Hospital Conroe  
682-831-9670  
1500 Grand Lake Drive  
Conroe, TX 77304

92. Spring Branch Medical Center  
713-467-6555  
8850 Long Point Road  
Houston, TX 77055

93. Sugar Land Rehabilitation Hospital  
281-276-7599  
1325 Highway 6  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

94. Sugar Land Surgical Hospital  
281-243-1000  
1211 Highway 6, Suite 70  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

95. Surgery Specialty Hospitals of America–Southeast Houston  
713-378-3069  
4301-B Vista Road  
Pasadena, TX 77504

96. Sweeny Community Hospital  
979-548-3311  
305 N. McKinney St.  
Sweeny, TX 77480-2801

97. Texas Children’s Hospital  
832-824-1000  
6621 Fannin St.  
Houston, TX 77030

98. Texas Orthopedic Hospital  
713-794-3498  
7401 S. Main St.  
Houston, TX 77030

99. Texas Specialty Hospital of Houston  
713-640-2400  
6160 South Loop E.  
Houston, TX 77087-1010

100. TIRR Memorial Hermann  
713-797-5942  
1333 Moursund Street  
Houston, TX 77030

100a. Tomball Regional Hospital  
281-401-7500  
605 Holderrieth St.  
Tomball, TX 77375

101. Tops Surgical Specialty Hospital  
281-539-2900  
17080 Red Oak Drive  
Houston, TX 77090

102. Triumph Hospital  
713-807-8686  
7333 North Freeway  
Houston, TX 77076

103. Triumph Hospital Baytown  
713-691-6556  
1700 James Bowie Drive  
Baytown, TX 77520

104. Triumph Hospital Central Houston  
713-529-8922  
105 Drew St.  
Houston, TX 77006

105. Triumph Hospital Clear Lake  
713-691-6556  
350 Blossom St.  
Webster, TX 77598

106. Triumph Hospital East Houston  
713-807-8686  
15101 East Freeway  
Channelview, TX 77530
When you move, so should your medical records. Yet one of the hardest parts of moving is often finding, and getting established with, a new “medical team” for yourself and your family. Here, some tips:

1. Call all current medical and dental care providers and let them know of your impending move. Ask for local referrals and let the offices know you would like to have your medical records transferred. Make sure you have plenty of your prescription medications on hand to tide you over until you establish your new medical “team.”

2. Finding new medical care providers. Transferees can ask their office relocation specialist or fellow employees for referrals, or ask new neighbors. You might be able to find new medical providers for your family using your insurance provider’s website. An online search for physicians, dentists and specialists in Houston can help you turn up several names of viable medical practitioners. Web sites such as healthgrades.com and healthfinder.gov are a good places to begin. Using the names of the most promising prospects and then searching for patient reviews and recommendations can also assist in narrowing down your choices. Make a list of several names of doctors to pick from in case your first choice is not taking new patients or does not participate in your health insurance plan. Meeting the health care provider is the best way to make your final decision and most will offer a “meet the doctor” opportunity to let you discuss your medical history and needs, appointment policies, insurance and other concerns.

3. Transfer your medical records to your new health care team. Medical records transfer requests need to be made by phone or in writing. You may need to sign a medical record release form. It is common for a previous medical provider to charge a fee when sending your records directly to you, but they are not permitted to charge a fee for sending your records to a new healthcare provider.

4. Keep copies of all important medical records with you in the move. Keep your records with you at all times in case of emergency. Never put your medical records in the moving van—they could be lost.

5. Children’s medical and immunization records should be obtained before your move. When enrolling children in their new schools you must have these records handy, as well as certified copies of their birth certificates and address and contact information from their previous schools.
Now that you’ve begun to settle into your new city, it’s time to discover the Houston lifestyle. The beautiful thing about being a Houstonian is that the choices are limitless, and the lifestyle here reflects that. Whatever activity tickles your fancy, rocks your boat, and gets you going, you’ll find it in Houston. Like to eat? We’ve got you covered with hundreds of different restaurants in every cuisine and price range imaginable. Like to keep fit? Not a problem with Houston’s plethora of fitness centers, jogging trails, public parks, pools, tennis, golf and intramural sports centers. Like to shop? You’ll feel like a kid in a candy store with so many incredible shopping destinations to choose from in Houston, from high-end boutiques to enormous antique stores. So what are you waiting for? With so much happening here in Houston, you don’t want to miss a thing!
FITNESS

Getting a workout and staying in shape just seem to be easier in Houston than in other cities. Being a southern city, Houston enjoys mild winters that allow for outdoor activities essentially 12 months of the year. To that end, there are hundreds of miles of hike-and-bike trails, and neighborhoods provide picturesque environments for early morning or evening walks, runs, or rides. Fitness centers abound as well, from exclusive private clubs like the Houstonian, the Houston City Club and the Houston Racquet Club and nationally franchised centers like 24 Hour Fitness and Bally Total Fitness to local YMCAs and independent fitness facilities. Many of these facilities offer a wide range of options for fitness and exercise, including yoga, pilates, racquetball, karate, jazzercise, spinning, swimming, basketball, weight training and more.

Two of the most popular jogging trails make their way around the outer perimeters of both Memorial Park and Rice University. The Seymour Lieberman Exercise Trail at Memorial Park is a 2.93-mile crushed granite and packed-earth, lighted jogging trail with restrooms and water fountains along the way. The trail around Rice University is also approximately three miles in length and follows a picturesque, oak-tree-shaded path within the vibrant area in which the campus lies—adjacent to West University neighborhoods, the Texas Medical Center and Hermann Park. The trail is not lighted and there are no restrooms or water fountains.

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 Web site (hctx.net/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.

It can be easy to forget that Houston is only an hour by car from Galveston Island, and around five hours from any other Texas beach. Along the Gulf of Mexico runs 624 miles of Texas shoreline, perfect for swimming, jogging, beach volleyball, surfing, and diving. Houston is also flourishing with public swimming pools, including Colonial Park swimming pool, Dezavala, Love, Independence Heights, and Memorial.

For those who enjoy dancing to keep fit, Houston houses many dance studios and workshops that range from salsa to ballroom, from hip-hop to country western. Some, like the Beginners Only Social Ballroom on Westheimer Road, teach casual and social dancing with a partner. Others, like Dance Passion Dance Studio near Richmond Avenue, offer intense and vigorous solo and partner lessons.

If tennis is your game, you’ll find three major tennis centers and more than 205 neighborhood courts. The city’s three main tennis centers are Homer Ford in MacGregor Park (5225 Calhoun Road, 713-842-3460); Memorial (1500 Memorial Loop in Memorial Park, 713-867-0440); and Lee LeClear in southwest Houston (9506 South Gessner, 713-272-3697). There are also an abundance of private and public golf courses and country clubs throughout Houston that maintain excellent greens and amenities.

Other private fitness and exercise facilities exist as resident amenities in many apartment complexes, high-rise condominiums, gated communities and private neighborhoods. Ask your realtor for specific details in the areas of the city you may be interested in.
DINING
With a population as ethnically diverse as Houston’s, it stands to reason that an eclectic restaurant scene would emerge to reflect that diversity. 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.”

The great restaurants in Houston come in all price ranges, shapes and sizes, and are found in all areas and neighborhoods around town. With such a vast and varied assortment of fine eateries from which to choose, many Houstonians rely on word of mouth and the recommendations of trusted friends to make their selections. Yet reliable restaurant guides are available throughout the city and online. As Houston continues to grow, new restaurants are sure to follow.

Local favorites for exceptional dining include Tony’s, Nino’s, Mockingbird Bistro, Brenner’s, Pappas Bros. Steakhouse, Carrabba’s, the Raven Grill, Ouisie’s Table and Prego. Popular national restaurants Houstonians enjoy include Smith and Wollensky, Morton’s, Vic and Anthony’s Steakhouse, the Capital Grille, Sullivan’s Steakhouse, P.F. Chang’s China Bistro and many more.

Other local establishments feature Gulf Coast seafood, Mexican, Chinese, Indian, French, Italian, Persian, Thai, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Hunan, Puerto Rican, Brazilian, Peruvian and Argentinean cuisine—a virtual smorgasbord of flavors you owe it to yourself to experience.

It seems that one word has been on the lips of foodies everywhere for a while now, and that word is brunch. Who doesn’t love waking up after 11 a.m. on
Saturday and Sunday and still getting a huge breakfast, not to mention mimosas and Bloody Marys? Hot spots for weekend brunch in Houston include Hugos, Baba Yega, Backstreet Café, Dharma Café and Farrago.

For those looking to get a little closer to their food, local farmers’ markets spring up around Houston on the weekends, where vendors proudly display their homegrown fare and homemade product. The Urban Harvest Farmers Market (urbanharvest.org) is held Saturdays and Sundays year-round and boasts more than 50 farmers and vendors selling everything from freshly harvested produce and artisan breads to grass-fed beef and emu eggs.

Now, if you are not quite sure how to prepare your grocery store or farmers’ market items, Houston also provides several cooking classes around the city that will teach you to be the chef in your own five-star restaurant! Well Done Cooking Classes (1208 E. 29th St., 832-782-3518) offers hands-on cooking classes in a cozy, intimate kitchen area. They provide one-on-one, personalized lessons as well as group lessons, ranging from cooking basics to how to throw a dinner party.

For large events, one of Houston’s many catering companies may be the way to go. TJ’s Catering (1100 W. Dallas St., 713-974-5442) has been regarded by the Houston Business Journal as one of Houston’s largest and most established catering companies for the last 16 years. Many of Houston’s top restaurants also offer private dining spaces for large events such as business meetings and rehearsal dinners. Arcodoro, Eddie V’s, Flemings, III Forks and Le Mistral all offer large, private dining spaces.

SHOPPING
Houston is indeed a shopping mecca. From lavish malls like the Galleria and Memorial City to “storefront neighborhoods” like Post Oak, Highland Village, Uptown Park, River Oaks Shopping Center and Rice Village, Houston’s shopping scene is as vibrant and diverse as the city itself.

The Galleria is the seventh-largest mall in the United States and is known worldwide for its vast array of shops. If you are looking for precious jewelry, the Galleria hosts Cartier, David Yurman, Kay Jewelers, Pandora, Swarovski Crystal and Tiffany & Co., to name a few. Designer labels at the Galleria include Chanel, Burberry, Armani, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, St. John and Versace. Department stores such as Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Macy’s and Saks Fifth Avenue all have stores here as well.

For everything you need to decorate your new Houston home, there’s Crate and Barrel, Williams-Sonoma, Restoration Hardware, IKEA, Pottery Barn and much more. The newly rebranded GreenStreet, formerly Houston Pavilions, offers more than just shopping, with great dining, entertainment and green space all in one convenient downtown spot.

Visit Katy Mill’s Outlet Mall on Interstate 10 in Katy for bargain shopping. Outlet

★ SOME OF HOUSTON’S TOP RESTAURANTS ★

Da Marco (Italian)
1520 Westheimer Rd
damarcohouston.com
713-807-8857

Caracol (Mexican)
2200 Post Oak Blvd #160
caracol.net
713-622-9996

Indika (Indian)
516 Westheimer Rd
indikausa.com
713-524-2170

Kata Robata (Japanese)
3600 Kirby Dr, Suite H
katarobata.com
713-526-8858

Oxheart (Eclectic)
1302 Nance St
oxhearthouston.com
832-830-8592

Pondicheri (Indian)
2800 Kirby Dr, Suite B132
pondichericafe.com
713-522-2022

The Pass (New American)
807 Taft
passandprovisions.com
713-628-9020

Tony’s (Italian)
3755 Richmond Ave
tonyshouston.com
713-622-6778

Uchi (Japanese)
904 Westheimer Rd
uchirestaurants.com
713-522-4808

Underbelly (Eclectic)
1100 Westheimer Rd
underbellyhouston.com
713-528-9800

Vic & Anthony’s (Steaks)
1510 Texas Ave
vicandanthonyhs.com
713-228-1111

Source: Texas Monthly
stores include Nine West, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike, Juicy Couture, GAP and Gymboree. Both Conroe and Cypress boast outlet malls with their own bargains.


Antique stores and art galleries abound in the Museum District along Bissonnet Street, the Upper Kirby area along Ferndale Street, the Montrose area along Hazard Street and in the Heights along both Yale Street and Heights Boulevard. For those antiquing on a budget, the Thompson Antique Center of Texas boasts 190 dealer spaces within 108,000 square feet and can be found at 9950 Hempstead Road, 600 Northwest Mall, Houston, TX 77012. Vintage boots, hats, most 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 each fall that attract the most discriminating collectors.

Most anything you could ever want or need to purchase can be found within the Houston city limits. Whether it’s exotic wine, the latest children’s toys, rock climbing equipment or a rare textile, no matter what you’re looking for and no matter how much or how little you want to spend, you’re bound to find it—and more—somewhere in Houston.

**HOUSTON-BASED BREW**

Saint Arnold Brewery
saintarnold.com

Located close to downtown Houston, Saint Arnold brews local beer and, in 1994, became the first microbrewery in the city. Founders Brock Wagner and Kevin Bartol set out to brew the best beer in Texas. Saint Arnold brews 23 different kinds of beer, nine year-round, seven seasonal, and seven specialty. “Our small crew does everything at the brewery: brew the beer, filter the beer, keg the beer, bottle the beer, sell the beer and drink the beer,” states the Saint Arnold Web site. The namesake of their brewery comes from the legends of Saint Arnold, most appropriately, “the Legend of the Beer Mug.” Today, Saint Arnold Brewing Company delivers fresh, renowned beer all over Texas and parts of Louisiana and Florida. When asked why the beer is only available in Texas, they reply, “Saint Arnold is available in Texas and only in Texas and it will always be that way. And in Louisiana too. And Florida!” according to the Web site. Saint Arnold offers brewery tours and open houses weekdays beginning at 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The brewery has become a Houston favorite through its sponsorship of local events and, of course, for its tasty brew.
The Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area is home to almost 2.8 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 ExxonMobil Corporation.
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heritagetexas.com
The Greater Houston Partnership and Workforce Solutions implemented an innovative approach to meet employers’ skill shortages through an initiative to align the region’s education and training offerings with employers’ immediate needs.

One major element of this initiative has focused on the shortage of registered nurses in the Gulf Coast region. The coalition’s Health Services Steering Committee was recognized with a national award in 2001 as an exemplary partnership.

Also, the Texas Workforce Commission awarded the Workforce Solutions a grant to expand the model program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for upgrading staff to registered nurse positions, including six area hospitals that chose to participate. That initiative resulted in a 20 percent increase in local nursing school enrollment and a corresponding increase in the number of nursing school facilities.

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.state.tx.us.

**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, at workintexas.com.

**Houston Chronicle**
The city’s morning newspaper, features an online listing of jobs at chroniclejobs.com.

**LARGEST HOUSTON AREA PRIVATE EMPLOYERS**

1. Memorial Hermann Health System*
   19,500 employees

2. The University of Texas MD Anderson*
   19,290 employees

3. United Airlines
   17,000 employees

4. Exxon Mobil Corporation*
   13,191 employees

5. Shell Oil Company*
   13,000 employees

6. The Methodist Hospital System*
   13,000 employees

7. Kroger Company*
   12,000 employees

8. National Oilwell Varco
   10,000 employees

9. Schlumberger Limited*
   10,000 employees

10. BP America, Inc.*
    9,537 employees

11. UTMB Health*
    9,318 employees

12. Baylor College of Medicine*
    9,232 employees

13. Chevron*
    9,000 employees

14. HP
    9,000 employees

15. ARAMARK Corp.*
    8,500 employees

16. Pappas Restaurants, Inc.*
    8,000 employees

17. HCA*
    7,855 employees

18. Macy’s
    7,000 employees

19. AT&T*
    6,900 employees

20. CHI St. Luke’s Health*
    6,800 employees

21. The Dow Chemical Company, Freeport*
    6,600 employees

22. Jacobs*
    6,220 employees

23. Baker Hughes Incorporated
    6,000 employees

24. H.E.B.*
    6,000 employees

25. Texas Children’s Hospital*
    6,000 employees

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Employee benefit consultation and administration; executive compensation and salary administration consultation; employee communication; and human resource strategy consultation.  
1,501 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Alberto Santos, Regional Manager  
2601 Research Forest Drive  
The Woodlands, TX 77381-4211  
PHONE (281) 363-0456  
FAX (281) 363-9049  
hewittassociates.com |
| **2. Insperity**  
A trusted advisor for more than 25 years, providing an array of human resources and business solutions designed to help improve business performance.  
900 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Richard G. Rawson, President  
19001 Crescent Springs Drive  
Kingwood, TX 77339-3802  
PHONE (800) 465-3800  
FAX (281) 348-3249  
insperity.com |
| **3. Clover Global Solutions LP**  
Provides facilities management, information management and contract workers primarily to the oil and gas industry.  
300 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Carolyn J. Sutton, President  
16225 Park Ten Place, Suite 420  
Houston, TX 77084  
PHONE (281) 994-5900  
FAX (281) 994-5901  
cloversgs.com |
| **4. HoustonWorks, USA**  
Provide skilled employees to Houston-area businesses through employment and training services.  
300 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Larry V. Green, Esq., CEO  
P.O. Box 667128  
Houston, TX 77266-7128  
PHONE (713) 654-1919  
FAX (713) 655-0715  
houstonworks.org |
| **5. LaneStaffing Inc.**  
Temporary staffing, contract staffing and direct hire.  
288 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE David Harris, CEO  
2211 Norfolk, Suite 150  
Houston, TX 77098  
PHONE (713) 522-0000  
FAX (713) 942-2007  
lanestaffing.com |
| **6. Corporate Staffing**  
Provide personnel on a temporary, temp-to-hire and permanent basis for executive, management, supervisory, staff or clerical levels in a multitude of industries.  
172 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Allan Finch, CPA, President  
1485 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 102  
Houston, TX 77042-2387  
PHONE (713) 789-1522  
FAX (713) 789-5788  
corpstaf.com |
| **7. JES Tech**  
Offer quality, cost-effective services such as program management, facilities management, staffing services, scientific, technical, and engineering solutions to government and private sector industries.  
150 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Bobbie Jessie, President and COO  
16870 Royal Crest  
Houston, TX 77058  
PHONE (713) 640-9424  
FAX (713) 640-9430  
jestechllc.com |
| **8. Mercer**  
Human resources consulting, outsourcing and investments.  
110 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Philip Tenenbaum, Houston Market Leader and Worldwide Partner  
1000 Main, Suite 2900  
Houston, TX 77002  
PHONE (713) 276-2100  
FAX (713) 276-2118  
mercer.com |
| **9. Carlton Staffing**  
Full service staffing firm with over 30 years' experience, specializing in temporary, temp-to-hire, and direct hire placements.  
100 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Annette Monks, CTS, President  
24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1207  
Houston, TX 77046-2421  
PHONE (713) 850-1352  
FAX (713) 621-1346  
carltonstaffing.com |
| **10. Burnett Staffing Specialists**  
Temporary and direct-hire staffing of accounting, administrative/clerical, engineering, human resources, information technology, legal, light industrial, sales, call center and customer services personnel.  
95 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Sue Burnett, President  
9800 Richmond Ave., Suite 800  
Houston, TX 77042-4548  
PHONE (713) 977-4777  
FAX (713) 977-5974  
burnettstaffing.com |
| **11. Richard, Wayne & Roberts**  
Personnel services, with fundamental strength in sourcing, identifying and recruiting qualified candidates to satisfy clients' needs.  
85 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Dick Weiss, Managing Partner  
24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1304  
Houston, TX 77046-2486  
PHONE (713) 629-6681  
FAX (713) 623-2740  
rwr.com |
| **12. G & A Partners**  
Provide customized, comprehensive administrative, human resource and risk management solutions, including payroll services, Workers Compensation and health insurance, accounting, and auditing/ bookkeeping services.  
80 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Antonio R. Grijalva, Sr., Chairman and CEO  
4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 210  
Houston, TX 77056  
PHONE (713) 784-1181  
FAX (713) 784-2704  
gnapartners.com |
| **13. Meador Staffing Services Inc.**  
Provides full-service personnel staffing for all of the Houston area from six office locations.  
80 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Ben F. Meador, Jr., President  
722A Fairmont Pkwy.  
Pasadena, TX 77504  
PHONE (713) 941-0616  
FAX (713) 941-3582  
meador.com |
| **14. Talent Tree**  
Temporary staffing services.  
80 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Brenda Harris, President and CEO  
9703 Richmond Ave., Suite 200  
Houston, TX 77042-4620  
PHONE (713) 361-7312  
FAX (713) 353-6607  
talenttree.com |
| **15. Associated Marine & Industrial Staffing Inc.**  
Temporary staffing agency.  
75 employees  
TOP EXECUTIVE Johnny Salinas, Director, Operations  
12345 Wood Forest Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77013  
PHONE (713) 450-1664  
FAX (713) 469-4716  
amistaffing.com |

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kwchamber.org

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ci.lamarque.tx.us

La Porte—Bayshore Chamber of Commerce
laportechamber.org

La Marque Chamber of Commerce
texascitychamber.com

League City Chamber of Commerce
leaguecitychamber.com

League City Economic Development Corporation
leaguecityedc.com

Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
libertydaytonchamber.com

Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce
magnoliatexas.org

Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation
mcedc.net

Missouri City
missouricitytx.gov

Needville Area Chamber of Commerce
cityofneedville.com

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce
northchannelarea.com

North Galveston County Chamber of Commerce
northgalvestoncountychamber.com

NuLight Economic Development
281-872-9594

Oak Ridge North Economic Development Corporation
oakridgenorthedc.com

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
pasadenachamber.org

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