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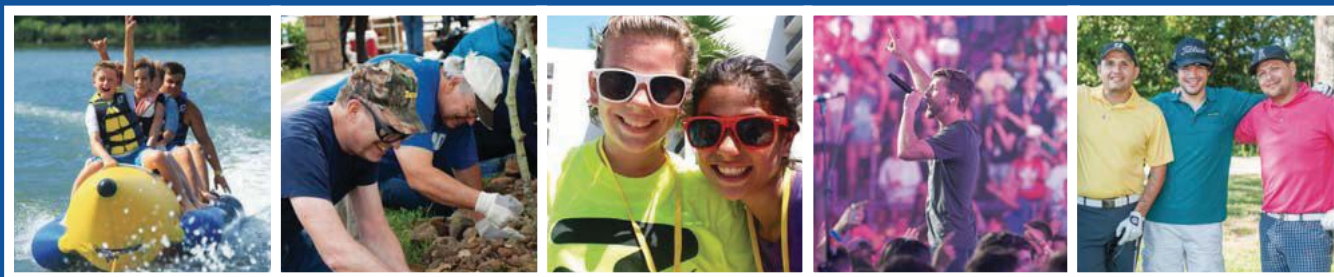
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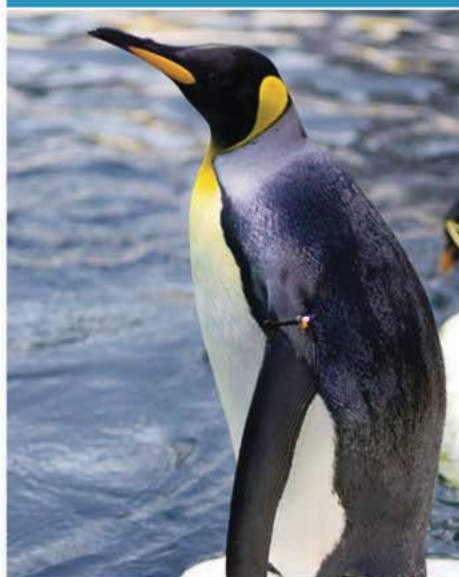


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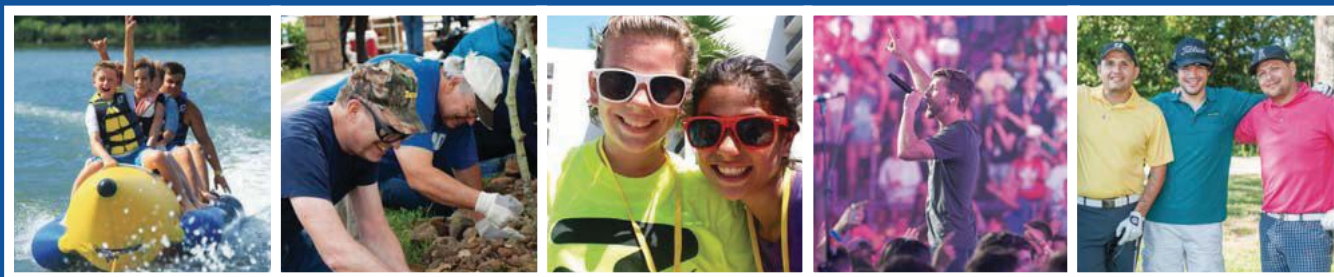
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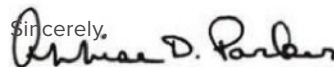
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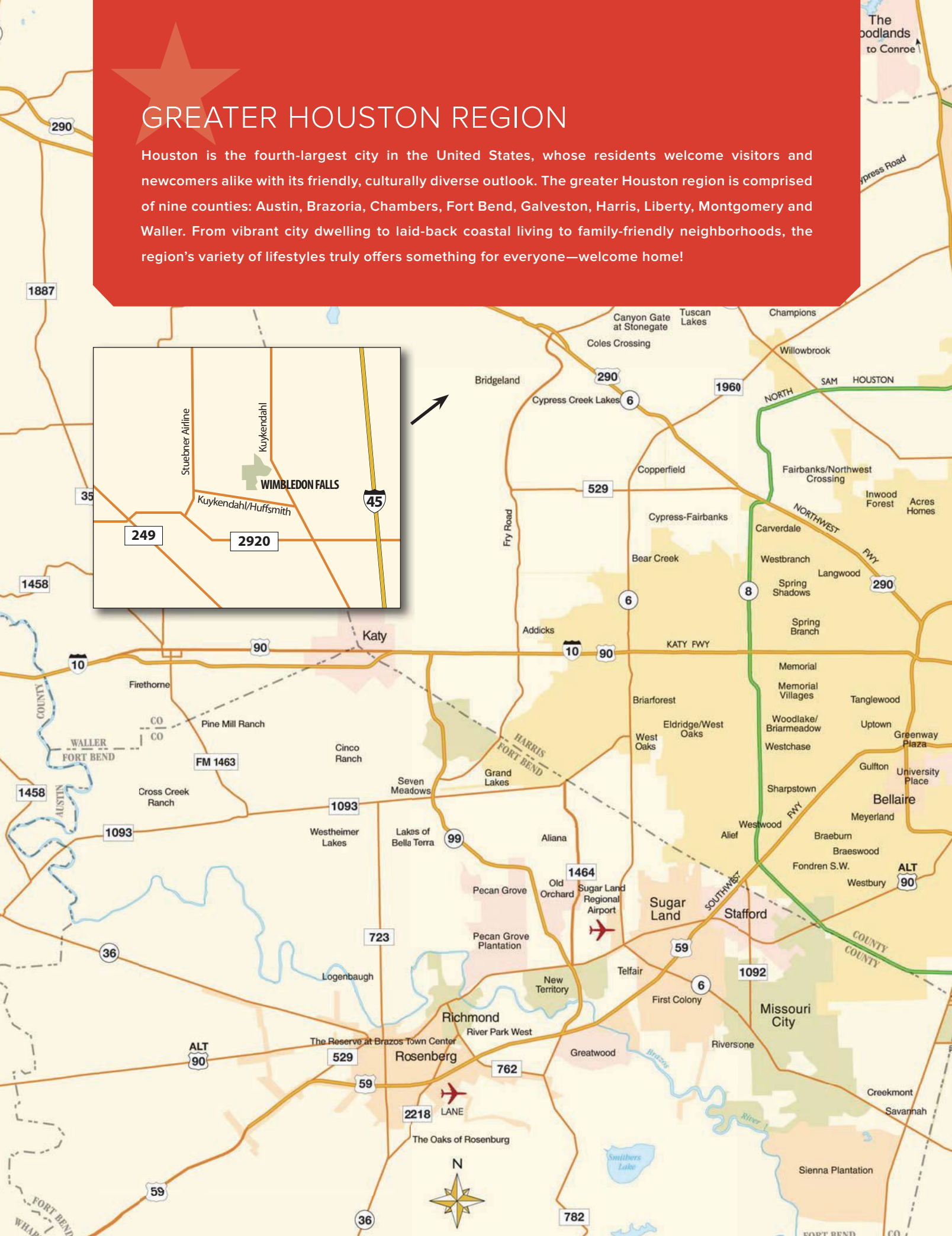
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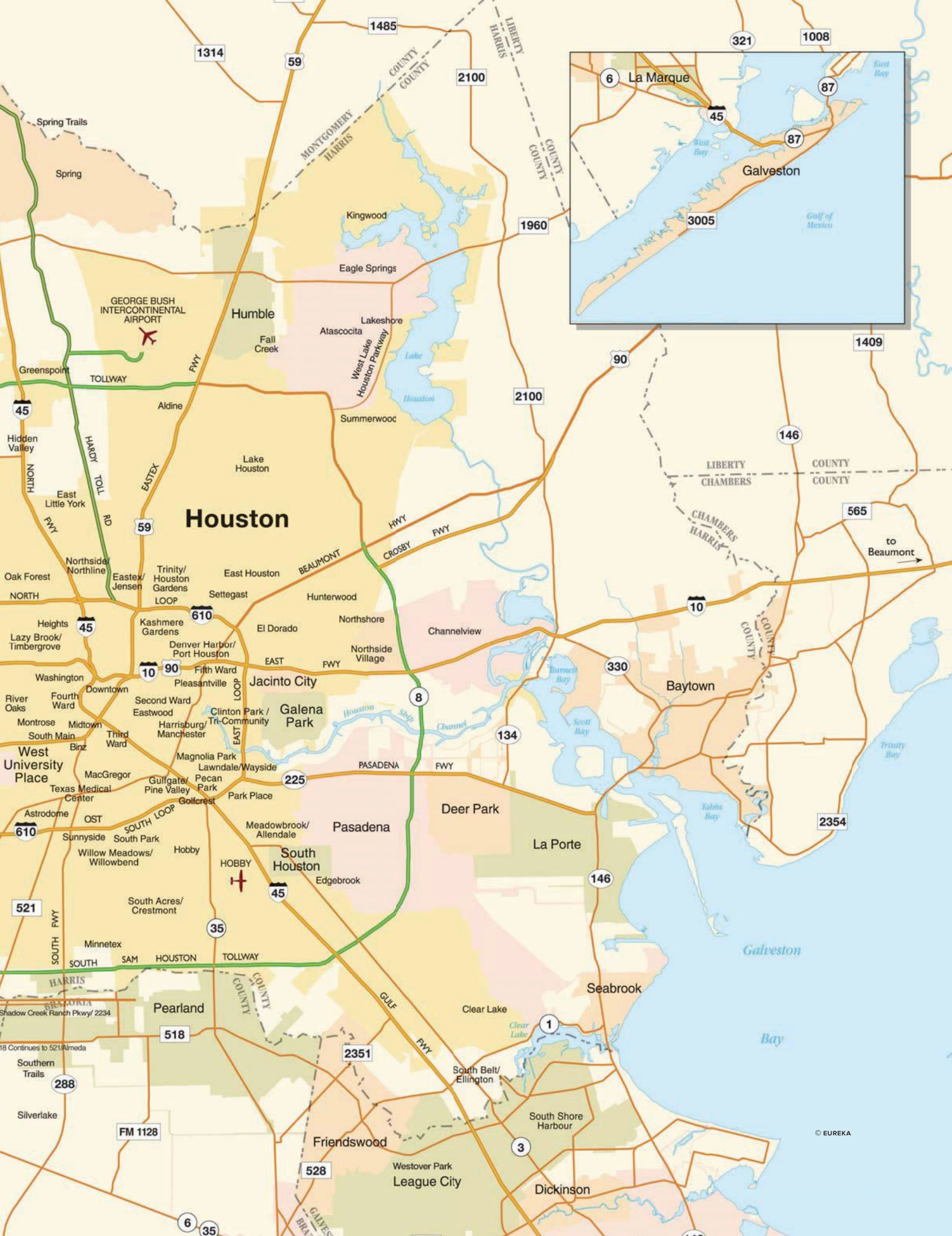
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Houston is the fourth-largest city in the United States, whose residents welcome visitors and newcomers alike with its friendly, culturally diverse outlook. The greater Houston region is comprised of nine counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller. From vibrant city dwelling to laid-back coastal living to family-friendly neighborhoods, the region's variety of lifestyles truly offers something for everyone—welcome home!





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Everyone's heard the stereotype: it's all cowboys, cactus and cattle. While those Texas roots are strong, Houston will surprise you with everything it has to offer. The nine-county region is the largest city not only in Texas, but the whole Southern United States. Here the grass is green, landscaping is lush and the tree canopy is thick and widespread. It's the perfect mix of Southern greenery and urban sophistication. Known as the Bayou City, the Houston metro area—the fifth largest in the nation—is criss-crossed by a number of bayous, many of them flowing into Buffalo Bayou, the site of the city's birthplace in the downtown area.

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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 business establishments 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.

MARKET SQUARE PARK

Anchoring downtown's Historic District, Market Square Park features beautiful green space and plays host to special events and concerts.



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★ A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN SCENE

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.



◆ 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.

◆ 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.



♦ 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.



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.



♦ 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.



♦ 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.

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.

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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.

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.



METRO Bus System

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 SYSTEM PLAN
 30,000 passengers a day are projected to ride the three new lines by 2015.

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—usually in the median of a freeway—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.

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.

HIGHWAY NICKNAMES

As in most cities, routes and freeways in Houston are designated by numbers, but natives usually refer to them by nicknames. Here are a few of the major freeways and their nicknames.

Beaumont Highway U.S. 90

Beltway 8 Sam Houston Parkway/The Beltway

East Freeway Interstate 10 East

Eastex Freeway U.S. 59 (north Houston to downtown)

Grand Parkway Texas 99

Gulf Freeway Interstate 45 (south of downtown)

Katy Freeway Interstate 10 West

The Loop Loop 610 (in all four directions)

North Freeway Interstate 45 North

Northwest Freeway U.S. 290

South Freeway Texas 288

Southwest Freeway U.S. 59 (Southwest Houston to downtown)

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shopping at both IAH
and HOU.



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 fly-2houston.com.

CONNECTING THE DOTS

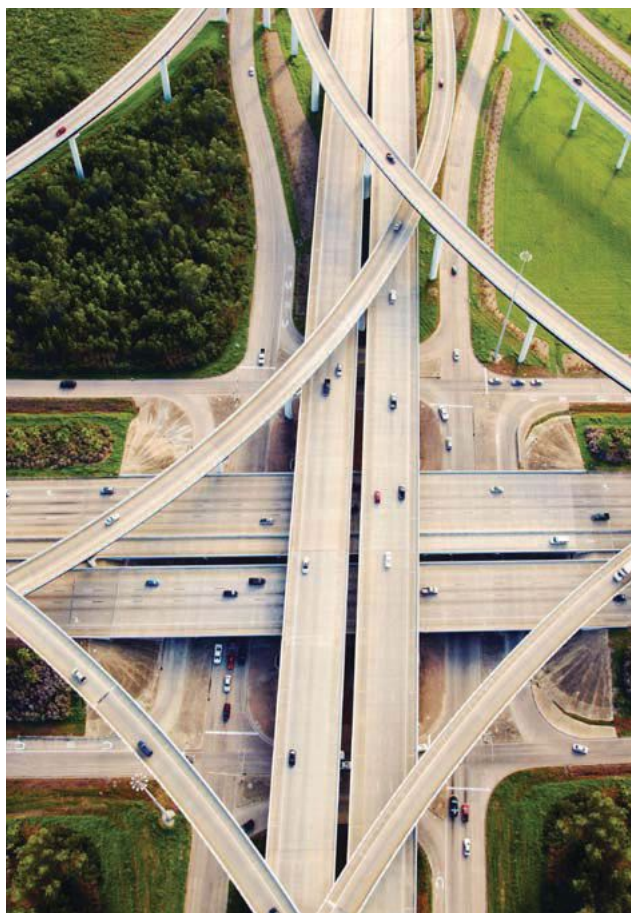
Houston is the crossroads for interstate highways 10 and 45. Other major highways serving Houston are Interstate 610, U.S. 59, U.S. 90, U.S. 290, Texas 99, Texas 146, Texas 225, Texas 249, Texas 288, Hardy Toll Road, Westpark Tollway, and Beltway 8.

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

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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.



SECOND TO NONE
Houston offers nonstop or direct flights to 69 international destinations.



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8501 W. Montgomery
Houston, TX 77088
832-393-1700
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Albert George Branch Library

9230 Gene Street
Needville, TX 77461
979-793-4270
fortbend.lib.tx.us/branches/ag.html

Alvin Library

105 S. Gordon Street
Alvin, TX 77511
281-388-4300
bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/alv/alvin.asp

Atascocita Branch Library

19520 Pinehurst Trails Drive
Humble, TX 77346
281-812-2162
hcpl.net/branchinfo/ata/atainfo.htm

Austin Memorial Library

220 S. Bonham Avenue
Cleveland, TX 77327
281-592-3920
austinememlib.org

Baldwin Boettcher Branch Library

22248 Aldine Westfield Road
Humble, TX 77338
281-821-1320
hcpl.net/branchinfo/bb/bbinfo.htm

Barbara Bush Branch Library

6817 Cypresswood Drive
Spring, TX 77379
281-376-4610
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Bellaire City Library

5111 Jessamine Street
Bellaire, TX 77401
713-662-8160
ci.bellaire.tx.us/index.asp?nid=10

Bracewell Neighborhood Library

10115 Kleckley
Houston, TX 77075
832-393-2580
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Brazoria County Library

401 E. Cedar Street
Angleton, TX 77515
979-864-1519

Brazoria Library

620 S. Brooks Street
Brazoria, TX 77422
979-798-2372
bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/bra/brazoria.asp

Carnegie Neighborhood Library

1050 Quitman
Houston, TX 77009
832-393-1720
houstonlibrary.org/home

Chambers County Library

202 Cummings Street
Anahuac, TX 77514
409-267-8263
chambers.lib.tx.us

Cinco Ranch Branch Library

2620 Commercial Center Boulevard
Katy, TX 77494
281-395-1311
fortbend.lib.tx.us/branches/cr.html

Clayton Library Center for Geneological Research

5300 Caroline
Houston, TX 77004
832-393-2600
houstonlibrary.org/home

Clute Library

215 Shanks Street
Clute, TX 77531
979-265-4582
bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/clu/clute.asp

Collier Regional Library

6200 Pinemont
Houston, TX 77092
832-393-1740
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Crosby Branch Library

135 Hare Road
Crosby, TX 77532
281-328-3535
hcpl.net/branchinfo/cy/cyinfo.htm

Deer Park Public Library

3009 Center Street
Deer Park, TX 77536
281-478-7208
catalog.library.deerparktx.org/polaris/

Dickinson Public Library

1837 FM 517 East
Dickinson, TX 77539
281-534-3812
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Dixon Neighborhood Library

8002 Hirsch
Houston, TX 77016
832-393-1760
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4014 Market Street
Houston, TX 77020
832-393-1770
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First Colony Branch Library

2121 Austin Parkway
Sugar Land, TX 77479
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Houston, TX 77003
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Fondren Library Rice University

6100 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005
713-348-5698
library.rice.edu

Frank Neighborhood Library

6440 W. Belfort
Houston, TX 77035
832-393-2410
houstonlibrary.org/home

Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library

4100 Montrose
Houston, TX 77006
832-393-1800
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Friendswood Public Library

416 S. Friendswood Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546
281-482-7135
friendswood.lib.tx.us

Galena Park Branch Library

1500 Keene Street
Galena Park, TX 77547
713-450-0982
hcpl.net/branchinfo/gp/gpinfo.htm

Genevieve Miller Hitchcock Public Library

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Hitchcock, TX 77563
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George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library

8125 Ashlane Way
The Woodlands, TX 77382
936-442-7728
countylibrary.org/www.htm

Harris County Library

Northwest Branch
11355 Regency Green Drive
Cypress, TX 77429
281-890-2665
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Heights Neighborhood Library

1302 Heights Boulevard
Houston, TX 77008
832-393-1810
houstonlibrary.org/home

Helen Hall Library

100 W. Walker Street
League City, TX 77573
281-554-1111
leaguecitylibrary.org

Henington-Alief Regional Library

7979 S. Kirkwood
Houston, TX 77072
832-393-1820
houstonlibrary.org/home

Houston Public Library

500 McKinney Street
Houston, TX 77002
832-393-1313
houstonlibrary.org/home

HPL Express Discovery Green

1300 McKinney, R2
Houston, TX 77010
832-393-1375
houstonlibrary.org/home

HPL Express Southwest

6400 High Star
Houston, TX 77074
832-393-2660
houstonlibrary.org/home

Johnson Neighborhood Library

3517 Reed Road
Houston, TX 77051
832-393-2550
houstonlibrary.org/home

Jones Public Library

307 W. Houston Street
Dayton, TX 77535
936-258-7060

Katherine Tyra Branch Library at Bear Creek

16719 Clay Road
Houston, TX 77084
281-550-0885
hcpl.net/branchinfo/bc/bcinfo.htm

Kendall Neighborhood Library

14330 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
832-393-1880
houstonlibrary.org/home

Kingwood Branch Library

4102 Rustic Woods Drive
Kingwood, TX 77345
281-360-6804
hcpl.net/branchinfo/kw/kwinfo.htm

Knox Memorial Library

6730 Railroad Street
Wallis, TX 77485
979-478-6813
knoxmemoriallibrary.org

Lake Jackson Library

250 Circle Way
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
979-415-2590
bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/lak/lakejackson.asp

Lakewood Neighborhood Library

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Houston, TX 77028
832-393-2530
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La Marque Public Library

1011 Bayou Road
La Marque, TX 77568
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lamarquelibrary.org

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La Porte, TX 77571
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Liberty Municipal Library

1710 Sam Houston Avenue
Liberty, TX 77575
936-336-8901
cityofliberty.org

Looscan Neighborhood Library

2510 Willowick
Houston, TX 77027
832-393-1900
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Mae S. Bruce Library

13302 Sixth Street
Santa Fe, TX 77510
409-925-5540
maebrucelibrary.org

Malcom Purvis Library - Magnolia

510 Melton Street
Magnolia, TX 77354
936-442-7704
countylibrary.org/mag.htm

Mamie George Branch Library

320 Dulles Avenue
Stafford, TX 77477-4799
281-491-8086
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Mancuso Neighborhood Library

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Houston, TX 77087
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Manvel Library

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Manvel, TX 77578
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Mares Memorial Library

4324 Highway 3
Dickinson, TX 77539
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McCrane - Kashmere Gardens Neighborhood Library

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832-393-2450
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Melcher Neighborhood Library

7200 Keller
Houston, TX 77012
832-393-2480
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Meyer Neighborhood Library

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832-393-1840
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Missouri City Branch Library

1530 Texas Parkway
Missouri City, TX 77489
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Montgomery County Memorial Library

104 I-45 North
Conroe, TX 77301
936-788-8377
countylibrary.org

Moody Neighborhood Library

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Houston, TX 77076
832-393-1950
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Moore Memorial Public Library

1701 Ninth Avenue N.
Texas City, TX 77590
409-643-5970
texascity-library.org

Oak Forest Neighborhood Library

1349 W. Forty-third Street
Houston, TX 77018
832-393-1960
houstonlibrary.org/home

Octavia Fields Branch Library

1503 S. Houston Avenue
Humble, TX 77338
281-446-3377
hcpl.net/branchinfo/of/ofinfo.htm

O'Quinn Law Library

12 Law Library
Houston, TX 77204
713-743-2000
law.uh.edu/libraries/

Parent Resource Library in the Children's Museum

1500 Binz
Houston, TX 77004
713-535-7264
houstonlibrary.org/home

Park Place Regional Library

8145 Park Place
Houston, TX 77017
832-393-1970
houstonlibrary.org/home

Pasadena Public Library

1201 Jeff Ginn Memorial Drive
Pasadena, TX 77506
713-477-0276
ppltx.net

Pearland Library

3522 Liberty Drive
Pearland, TX 77581
281-485-4876
bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pea/pearland.asp

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1520 Gellhorn
Houston, TX 77029
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New Caney, TX 77357
281-577-8968
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832-393-2000
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Robinson - Westchase Neighborhood Library

3223 Wilcrest
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832-393-2011
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Rosenberg Library

2310 Sealy Avenue
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409-763-8854
rosenberg-library.org

Scenic Woods Regional Library

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832-393-2030
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**Shepherd
Public Library**
30 N. Liberty Street
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936-628-3515
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3624 Scott Street
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**South Houston
Branch Library**
607 Avenue A South
Houston, TX 77587
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hcpl.net/branchinfo/sho/shoinfo.htm

South Regional Library
2101 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380
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**Stanaker
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Houston, TX 77011
832-393-2080
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**Sterling
Municipal Library**
Mary Elizabeth Wilbanks Avenue
Baytown, TX 77520
281-427-7331
baytownlibrary.org

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7007 W. Fuqua
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832-393-2370
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**Sugar Land
Branch Library**
550 Eldridge
Sugar Land, TX 77478
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Sweeny Library
205 W. Ashley Wilson Road
Sweeny, TX 77480
979-548-2567
bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/swe/sweeny.asp

**Tarkington
Community Library**
3032 FM 163 Road
Cleveland, TX 77327
281-592-5136
tarkingtoncommunitylibrary.org

Tomball Branch Library
701 James Street
Tomball, TX 77375
832-559-4200
hcpl.net/branchinfo/tb/tbinfo.htm

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Houston, TX 77020
832-393-2100
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Vinson Neighborhood Library
3100 W. Fuqua
Houston, TX 77045
832-393-2120
houstonlibrary.org/home

Waller County Library
2331 Eleventh Street
Hempstead, TX 77445-6799
979-826-7658
wallercolibrary.com

**Walter
Neighborhood Library**
7660 Clarewood
Houston, TX 77036
832-393-2500
houstonlibrary.org/home

**West Chambers
County Library**
10616 Eagle Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580
281-576-2245
co.chambers.tx.us/offices/library.html

West Columbia Branch Library
518 E. Brazos
West Columbia, TX 77486
979-345-3394
bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/wes/westcolumbia.asp

West End Library
1646 N. Main
Industry, TX 78944
979-357-4434
welibrary.org

Young Neighborhood Library
5260 Griggs Road
Houston, TX 77021
832-393-2140
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HOUSTON'S HISTORIC PAST

THE DREAM OF TWO ENTREPRENEURS BECOMES
A WORLD-CLASS CITY **BY** Mary M. Midkiff

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.

The 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

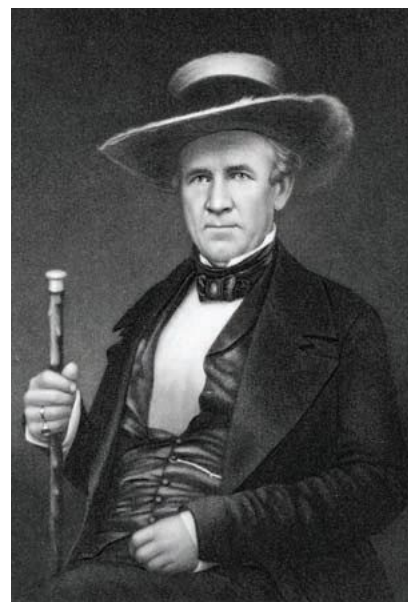
motor industry in this country, and Texas—Houston especially—became strongly identified with the oil industry.

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 now is 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.



◆ PORTRAIT OF SAM HOUSTON

This fantastic vintage engraving depicts the portrait of Sam Houston (1793 - 1863), the colorful American politician who went from Governor of Tennessee to the first President of the Republic of Texas, and later the Senator and Governor of Texas.

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 projected 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.”

HOUSTON LIFE

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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.

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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)

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.

- Rice won the baseball College World Series in 2003 and the C-USA baseball championship in 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013. University of Houston was 2006 C-USA football champion and 2009-2010 C-USA men’s basketball champion.
- 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



HOUSTON DYNAMO
Stop by BBVA Compass Stadium to watch the Houston Dynamo soccer team take the field. Season runs March through October.

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



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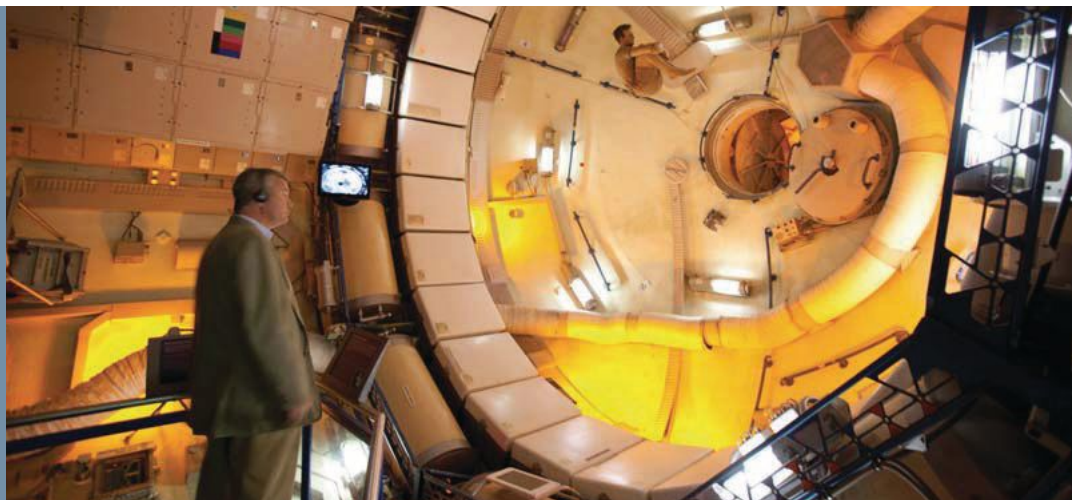
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SPACE CENTER HOUSTON

As the official visitors center for Johnson Space Center, this theme park for space fans features actual spacecraft and a guided tram tour of NASA and Mission Control.



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

★ 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 BREATH 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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ART LOVERS

You're never too young or too old to appreciate beautiful artworks. Be sure to visit the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.



pinetrees, kayak down a freshwater bayou with glistening skyscrapers as a backdrop, or take the family for a picnic and listen to live music, you can do it all in Houston—practically year-round.

According to the Trust for Public Land, in 2015 Houston was ranked first in the nation for total green space among cities of comparable density and fourth in the nation for total land devoted to parks. The watersheds that drain Harris County contain more than 800 miles of natural streams and 3,000 miles of human-made waterways.

Major city parks include the 445-acre Hermann Park nestled between the Museum District, the Texas Medical Center and Rice University. Hermann Park is the home of a Sam Houston statue, the Houston Zoo, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Lake McGovern, Miller Outdoor Theatre, a miniature train, the Houston

Cultures from all over the world come together in Houston, and the city celebrates this diversity with exciting annual festivals and one dazzling rodeo.

Garden Center, an eighteen-hole golf course, and more.

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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★ HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO™

What is the mission of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™?

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo was organized for charitable, educational and scientific purposes to encourage and promote the breeding, raising and marketing of better livestock and farm products at public fairs and to promote and maintain research and educational functions within the livestock industry. The funds of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are used exclusively to meet necessary expenses for its upkeep and operation and in furtherance of the exempt purpose of the organization.

What makes RODEOHOUSTON™ special?

Only the top cowboys and cowgirls are invited to compete at RODEOHOUSTON.

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RODEOHOUSTON is the world's largest rodeo, with more than 2.5 million visitors in 2014.

RODEOHOUSTON features seven events: bareback riding, barrel racing, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping and tie-down roping.

How does RODEOHOUSTON compare to other rodeos?

RODEOHOUSTON is the largest indoor rodeo in the world, offering a purse of more than \$2 million.

How does RODEOHOUSTON support the community?

RODEOHOUSTON has committed more than \$24 million to education in 2015. Since the first scholarship was presented in 1957, RODEOHOUSTON has presented more than 15,500 scholarships.

What are the future dates for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo?

Future tentative dates:
Tue., March 3 – Sun., March 22, 2015

For more information about the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit rodeohouston.com.



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Chevron Houston Marathon
713-957-3453
chevronhoustonmarathon.com

Houston Auto Show
832-667-1400
Houstonautoshow.com

The Sounds of Texas Music Series
936-441-7469 ext. 201
thesoundsoftexasmusicseries.com

FEBRUARY

Mardi Gras! Galveston
888-425-4753
mardigrasgalveston.com

The Chinese Lunar New Year Festival
713-271-6100
ccchouston.org

MARCH

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
832-677-1000
hlrs.com

Buffalo Bayou Regatta
713-752-0314
buffalobayou.org/regattabayou.html

The River Oaks Garden Club's Azalea Trail
713-523-2483
Riveroaksgardenclub.org

Shell Houston Open
281-454-7000
shellhoustonopen.com

APRIL

Art Car Weekend
713-926-6368
orangeshow.org

Japan Festival
713-963-0121
japan-fest.info

San Jacinto Day Festival & Battle Reenactment
281-479-2421
sanjacinto-museum.org

Sugar Land Wine & Food Affair
713-202-8250
sugarlandwineandfoodaffair.com

WorldFest: Houston International Film Festival
713-956-9955
worldfest.org

MAY

Cinco de Mayo Celebration
281-373-3386
houstontx.gov

Galveston Historic Homes Tour
409-765-7834
Galvestonhistory.org

Pasadena Strawberry Festival
281-991-9500
strawberryfest.org

JUNE

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival
capaonline.org

Juneteenth Celebration
houstonculture.org/juneteenth
409-765-7834

Pride Houston
713-529-6979
pridehouston.org

JULY

ArtHouston
713-522-9116
arthouston.com

BP Power of Freedom Festival
713-522-9723
houstoneventguide.com

Fourth of July at Miller Outdoor Theatre
281-373-3386
houstonparks.org

Red, Hot and Blue Festival
281-363-2447
thewoodlandscvb.com

Reliant World Series of Dog Shows
reliantdogshows.com

AUGUST

Houston International Jazz Festival
713-839-7000
jazzeducation.org

Houston Shakespeare Festival
713-743-1841
houstonfestivalscompany.com

SEPTEMBER

Ballunar Liftoff Festival
281-488-7676
Ballunarfestival.com

Fiestas Patrias
713-926-2636
fiestaspatrias.org

Fort Bend County Fair
281-342-6171
fortbendcountyfair.com

OCTOBER

Festa Italiana
713-524-4222 ext. 3
houstonitalianfestival.com

Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta
832-248-3655
texasdragonboat.com

Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival
936-539-6009
conroecajuncatfishfestival.com

International Quilt Festival
713-781-6864
quilts.com

The Komen-Houston Race for the Cure
713-783-9188
komen-houston.org

The Original Greek Festival
713-526-5377
greekfestival.org

Texas Renaissance Festival
800-458-3435
texrenfest.com

Texian Market Days
281-343-0218
georgeranch.org

The Wings Over Houston Airshow
713-266-4492
Wingsoverhouston.com

NOVEMBER

Home for the Holidays
281-353-9310
oldtownspring.com

Lighting of the Doves
877-963-2447
Lightingofthedoves.com

Uptown Holiday Lighting
713-621-2011
Uptown-houston.com

DECEMBER

Christmas Boat Lane Parade on Clear Lake
281-488-7676
clearlakearea.com

Dickens on the Strand
409-765-7834
dickensonthestrand.org

The Mayor's Official Downtown Houston Holiday Celebration
832-393-0860
Houstonspcialevents.org

Sugar Land New Year's Eve at Town Square
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sugarlandtx.gov/nye



DISCOVERY GREEN

Discovery Green, a 12-acre park located in downtown Houston, features sculpted gardens, public art pieces, an amphitheater, fenced dog runs, lake, flea market, free exercise classes, two restaurants and free Wi-Fi access.

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, art-works, 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 houston.tx.gov/park and harriscountytx.gov/parks/asp

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

15 dog parks

7 golf courses

219 tennis courts

451 playgrounds

213 baseball/softball fields

41 swimming pools

99 multipurpose sports fields

23 water spraygrounds

515 basketball hoops

74 community centers

8 skate parks

DISCOVERY GREEN
water access includes, in warmer weather, kayak rides on Kinder Lake and remote-controlled sailboats for rent at the Model Boat Basin. In winter, the boat basin is turned into the outdoor ICE skating rink.



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

HOUSTON ANNUAL WEATHER

MONTH	LOW	HIGH
January	37°F	62°F
February	45°F	64°F
March	48°F	70°F
April	59°F	79°F
May	66°F	85°F
June	74°F	95°F
July	75°F	94°F
August	76°F	95°F
September	68°F	89°F
October	61°F	82°F
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Source: National Weather Service (Average maximum and minimum temperatures from May 2003 to April 2014).

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,



ART IN HERMANN PARK
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Houston, TX 77002
713-228-9341
alleytheatre.org

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

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4807 San Felipe, Suite 202
Houston, Texas 77056
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Houston, Texas 77006
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gmch.org

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713-622-7469
broadwayacrossamerica.com/Houston

Country Playhouse

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

Crighon Players

225 Metcalf
Conroe, TX 77031
936-539-4090
crighonplayers.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
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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
hitstheatre.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

4119 Montrose, Suite 260
Houston, TX 77006
713-529-8900
houstonmasterworkschorus.org

Houston Shakespeare Festival

Performances held at
the Miller Outdoor Theatre
713-743-3003
houstonfestivalscompany.com/hsf

Houston Symphony

615 Louisiana, Suite 102
Houston, TX 77002
713-224-4240
houston_symphony.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
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713-533-0080
mercurybaroque.org

Miller Outdoor Theatre

Hermann Park: 100 Concert Drive
Houston, TX 77030
281-FREE-FUN
milleroutdoortheatre.com

Moore's School of Music

University of Houston
120 School of Music Building
Houston, Texas 77204
713-743-3009
music.uh.edu

Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA)

900 Kane
Houston, TX 77007
713-802-9370
meca-houston.org

Musiq

3201 Allen Parkway, Suite 150
Houston, TX 77019
713-524-5678
musiqahouston.org

Opera in the Heights

Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Boulevard
Houston, TX 77008
713-861-5303
operaintheheights.org

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Performances held at Hamman Hall
Rice University, 6100 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005
713-348-7529
players.rice.edu/home

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Houston, TX 77005
713-348-4854
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theaterlabhouston.com

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tuts.com

Wortham Center

Theater District: 501 Texas
Houston, TX 77002
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houston.tx.gov/worthamcenter

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William Hobby Airport
8325 Travelair Street
Houston, TX 77061
713-454-1940
1940airterminal.org
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Cullen Park, 19008 Saums Road
Houston, TX 77084
281-646-7790
houstoncycling.org
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Houston, TX 77045
713-478-9677
americancowboymuseum.org
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Houston, TX 77004
713-496-9901
asiasociety.org/texas
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713-861-5526
artcarmuseum.com
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409-762-3933
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parks/battleship_texas
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713-639-7750
mfah.org/bayoubend
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Houston, TX 77002
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bayouplace.com
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Alvin, TX 77511
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bayouwildlifepark.com
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409-762-2475
galveston.com/bishopspalace
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713-743-9521
blaffergallery.org
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713-522-1138
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5216 Montrose
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Galveston, TX 77550
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Houston, TX 77004
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Houston, TX 77010
713-400-7336
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Houston, TX 77002
713-223-3474
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Richmond, TX 77469
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fortbendmuseum.org
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fotofest.org
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5085 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77056
713-622-0663
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29. **Galveston County Historical Museum**
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409-766-2340
galvestonhistory.org/1921_galveston_county_historical_museum.asp
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409-762-3933
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31. **George Ranch Historical Park**
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1100 Bagby
Houston, TX 77002
713-655-1912
heritagesociety.org
38. **Hermann Park**
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Houston, TX 77030
713-524-5876
hermannpark.org
39. **Holocaust Museum Houston**
5401 Caroline
Houston, TX 77004
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hnh.org
40. **Houston Arboretum
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Houston, TX 77006
713-524-2526
houstonfiremuseum.org
44. **Houston Maritime Museum**
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713-666-1910
houstonmaritimemuseum.org
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11620 N. Lake Houston Parkway
Houston, TX 77044
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houstonmotorsportspark.com
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of Natural Science**
5555 Hermann Park Drive
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hmns.org
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500 McKinney Street
Houston, TX 77002
832-393-1313
houstonlibrary.org
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South Baytown, TX 77520
281-383-2666
houstonraceway.com
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901 Bagby, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77002
713-437-5200
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50. **Houston Zoo**
1513 N. MacGregor
Houston, TX 77030
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houstonzoo.org
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lonestarflight.org
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69. **Old Town Spring**
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galvestonrrmuseum.com
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Houston, TX 77005
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sanjacinto-museum.org
81. **Schlitterbahn Galveston Island**
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409-770-WAVE
schlitterbahn.com/gal
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tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/seacenter
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100 Seawolf Parkway
Galveston, TX 77550
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galveston.com/seawolfpark
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15315 Beaumont Highway
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91. Toyota Center
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92. Traders Village
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thc.state.tx.us/hsites/
hs_varner.aspx

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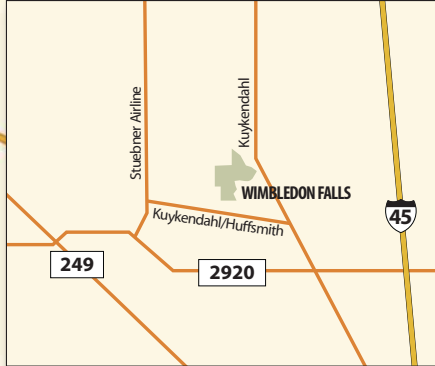
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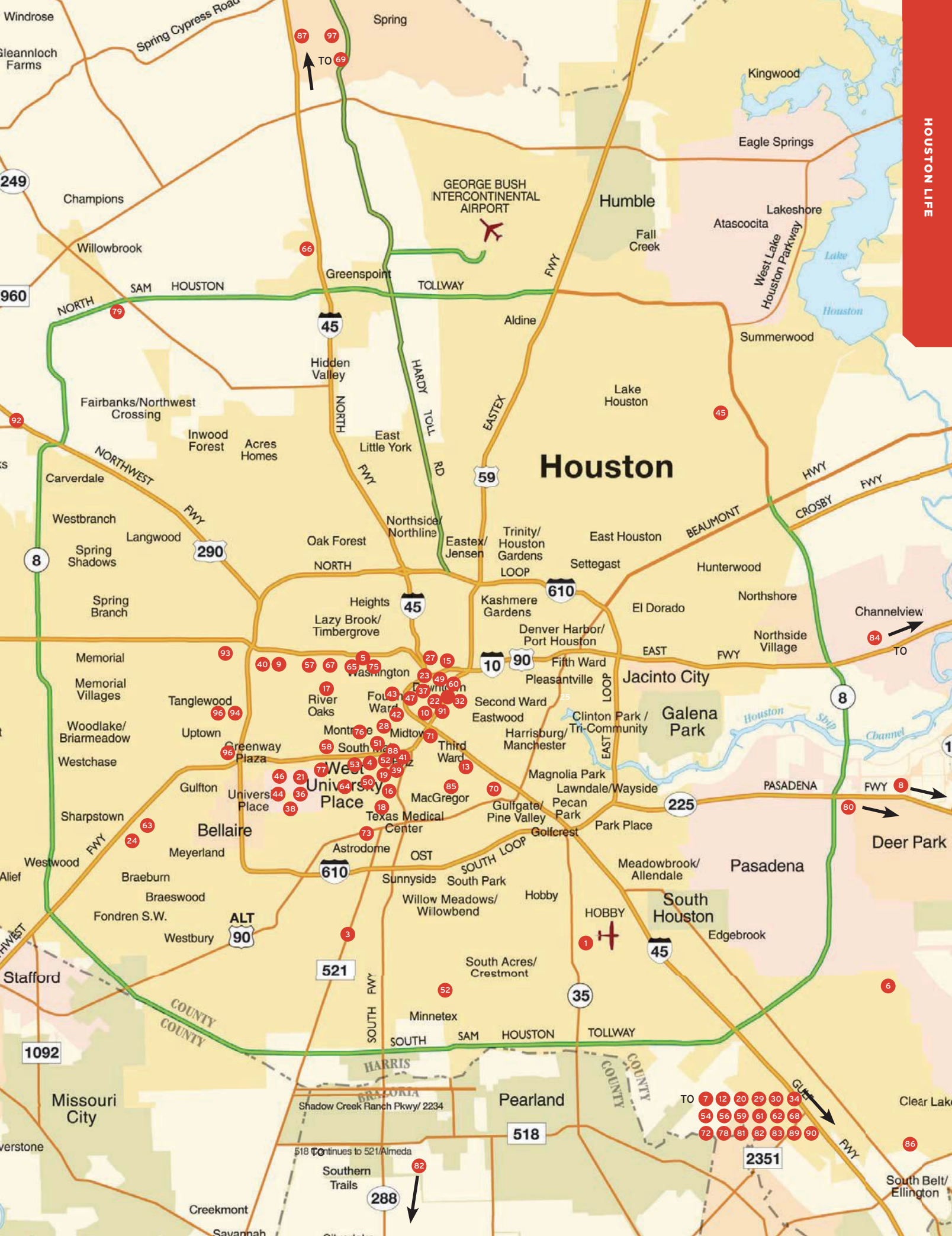
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9 holes - Public

Kirbywood Golf Club

904 Kirbywood Drive
Cleveland, TX 77327-4358
281-593-3303
9 holes - Public

Conroe Country Club

3051 N. Loop 336 West
Conroe, TX 77304-3626
936-756-5222
9 holes - Private
★★★★

The Links at West Fork

1 Golfridge Drive
Conroe, TX 77304-1111
936-441-6193
18 holes - Public
★★★★

River Plantation Country Club

550 Country Club Drive
Conroe, TX 77302-3036

936-321-5833
27 holes - Private

The Village Golf Club

73 Greenbriar Drive
Conroe, TX 77304-1104
936-856-5531
27 holes - Public
★★★★★

Wedgewood Golf Course

5454 Highway 105 West
Conroe, TX 77304-1352
936-441-4653
18 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

Indian Shores

Recreation Association
2141 White Feather Trail
Crosby, TX 77532-3274
281-324-2592
9 holes - Public
★★★

Newport Golf Club and Conference Center

16401 Country Club Drive
Crosby, TX 77532-5048
281-328-3576
18 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

BlackHorse Golf Club

12205 Fry Road
Cypress, TX 77433-3315
281-304-1747
36 holes - Public - Awards
★★★

Weston Lakes Country Club

32611 FM 1093
Fulshear, TX 77441-3901
281-346-1967
18 holes - Private
★★★

Galveston Country Club

14228 Stewart Road
Galveston, TX 77554-7710
409-737-9800
18 holes - Private
★★1/2

Moody Gardens Golf Course

1700 Sydnor Lane
Galveston, TX 77554-6306
409-683-4653
18 holes - Public

Fox Creek Golf Club

15120 FM 359
Hempstead, TX 77445-3424
866-290-3997
18 holes - Public
★★★

Legendary Oaks Golf Course

43279 Urban Road
Hempstead, TX 77445-9135
866-821-4653
18 holes - Public

Houston Oaks

22602 Hegar Road
Hockley, TX 77447-9751
713-888-0000
18 holes - Public
★★★

Bay Oaks Country Club

14545 Bay Oaks Boulevard
Houston, TX 77059-4412
281-488-9753
18 holes - Private
★★★★1/2

Bear Creek Golf World

16001 Clay Road
Houston, TX 77084-4201
281-859-8188
54 holes - Public
★★★

BraeBurn Country Club

8101 Bissonnet
Houston, TX 77074-3999
713-774-2586
18 holes - Private
★★★

Brock Park Golf Course

8201 John Ralston Road
Houston, TX 77044-2117
281-458-1350
18 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

Champions Golf Club

13722 Champions Drive
Houston, TX 77069-1330
281-444-6449
36 holes - Private - Awards
★★★★

Classic 3 Golf Course

6224 Theall Road
Houston, TX 77066-1312
281-440-1308
9 holes - Public
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Clear Creek Golf Club

3902 Fellows Road
Houston, TX 77047-6702
713-738-8000
18 holes - Public
★★1/2

The First Tee Junior Golf Facility at FM Law Park

8400 Mykawa Road
Houston, TX 77048-1309
713-264-2100
9 holes - Public

Glenbrook Golf Course

8205 N. Bayou Drive
Houston, TX 77017-3799
713-649-8089
18 holes - Public
★★1/2

Gus Wortham Park Golf Course

7000 Capitol Street
Houston, TX 77011-4644
713-928-4260
18 holes - Public
★★★

Hearthstone Country Club

7615 Ameswood Road
Houston, TX 77095-3301
281-463-2204
27 holes - Private
★★★

Hermann Park Golf Course

2155 N. MacGregor Drive
Houston, TX 77030-1717
713-526-0077
18 holes - Public
★★★

Heron Lakes Golf Course

7900 N. Sam Houston Parkway W.
Houston, TX 77064-3425
281-807-0207
18 holes - Public
★★

Houston Country Club

1 Potomac Drive
Houston, TX 77057-1299
713-465-8381
18 holes - Private
★★★★★

Houston National Golf Club

16500 Houston National Boulevard
Houston, TX 77095-6908
281-304-1400
36 holes - Public
★★★★

Jersey Meadow Golf Course

8502 Rio Grande Street
Houston, TX 77040-1100
713-896-0900
27 holes - Public
★★1/2

Lakeside Country Club

100 Wilcrest Drive
Houston, TX 77042-1099
281-497-2222
18 holes - Private

Lochinvar Golf Club

2000 Farrell Road
Houston, TX 77073-4099
281-821-0220
18 holes - Private
★★★★

Melrose Golf Course

401 Canino Road
Houston, TX 77076-1140
281-931-4666
18 holes - Public
★★

Memorial Park Golf Course

1001 E. Memorial Loop
Houston, TX 77007-2049
713-862-4033
18 holes - Public - Awards
★★★★

Mulligans Golf

11010 Jones Road
Houston, TX 77070-6302
281-890-6026
9 holes - Public
★★★

Northgate Country Club

17110 Northgate Forest Drive
Houston, TX 77068-1445
281-440-1223
27 holes - Private

Pasadena Municipal Golf Course

1000 Duffer Lane
Houston, TX 77034-4139
281-481-0834
18 holes - Public
★★★

Pine Crest Golf Club

3080 Gessner Drive
Houston, TX 77080-2508
713-462-4914
18 holes - Public
★★1/2

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Hole Tournament
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Pine Forest Country Club

18003 Clay Road
Houston, TX 77084-3999
281-463-1234
27 holes - Private

River Oaks Country Club

1600 River Oaks Boulevard
Houston, TX 77019-1299
713-529-4321
18 holes - Private - Awards
★★★★★

River Terrace Golf Course

16777 Wallisville Road
Houston, TX 77049
281-452-2183
18 holes - Public

Royal Oaks Country Club

2910 Royal Oaks Club Drive
Houston, TX 77082-6855
713-914-0014
18 holes - Private
★★★★1/2

**Sharpstown Park
Golf Course**

6600 Harbor Town Drive
Houston, TX 77036-4052
713-988-2099
18 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

Sugar Hill Golf Course

12000 Bissonnet
Houston, TX 77099-1412
281-561-5252
18 holes - Public
★★

Texaco Golf Club

12800 Texaco Road
Houston, TX 77013-4221
713-453-7501
18 holes - Public

Westwood Golf Club

8888 Country Creek Drive
Houston, TX 77036-7216
713-774-2521
18 holes - Private
★★★★1/2

Wildcat Golf Club

12000 Almeda Road
Houston, TX 77045-2601
713-413-3400
36 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

**World Houston
Golf Course**

4000 Greens Road
Houston, TX 77032-2300
281-449-8384
18 holes - Public

Sanctuary Golf Resort

27350 Afton Way
Huffman, TX 77336-3796
281-324-1842
18 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

**Atascocita Country Club
at Kingwood**

20114 Pinehurst Drive
Humble, TX 77346-1743
281-852-8111
27 holes - Private

**Humble Oil Patch
Golf Center**

2107 N. Houston Avenue
Humble, TX 77338-2556
281-548-7273
9 holes - Public
★1/2

Redstone Golf Club

5860 Wilson Road
Humble, TX 77396-2488
281-454-6590
36 holes - Private - Awards
★★★★

Tour 18 Houston

3102 FM 1960 East
Humble, TX 77338
281-540-1818
18 holes - Public - Awards
★★★★

Walden on Lake Houston

18100 Walden Forest Drive
Humble, TX 77346-6099
281-852-3551
18 holes - Private

Golf Club at Cinco Ranch

23030 Cinco Ranch Boulevard
Katy, TX 77450-5997
281-395-4653
18 holes - Public
★★★★

Green Meadows Golf Club

6450 Franz Road
Katy, TX 77493-1829
281-391-3670
18 holes - Public
★★

Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club

23230 Meadowbrook Farms Club Dr.
Katy, TX 77494-6580
281-693-4653
18 holes - Public
★★★1/2

The Club at Falcon Point

24503 Falcon Point Drive
Katy, TX 77494-1399
281-392-7888
18 holes - Private
★★★★

Willow Fork Country Club

21055 Westheimer
Katy, TX 77450-5990
281-579-6262
18 holes - Private
★★★1/2

The Deerwood Club of Kingwood

1717 Forest Garden Drive
Kingwood, TX 77345-1600
281-360-1065
18 holes - Private - Awards

Kingwood Country Club

1700 Lake Kingwood Trail
Kingwood, TX 77339-3796
281-358-2171
72 holes - Private
★★★★

Kingwood Cove Golf Club

805 Hamblen Road
Kingwood, TX 77339-4006
281-358-1155
18 holes - Public
★★★

Bay Forest Golf Course

201 Bay Forest Drive
La Porte, TX 77571-6311
281-471-4653
18 holes - Public
★★★1/2

Canongate at Magnolia Creek Golf Course

1501 Bay Area Boulevard
League City, TX 77573-3169
281-557-0555
27 holes - Private
★★★★1/2

South Shore Harbour Country Club

4300 S. Shore Boulevard
League City, TX 77573-5808
281-334-0525
27 holes - Private
★★★★

Magnolia Ridge Country Club

100 Country Club Lane
Liberty, TX 77575
936-336-3551
9 holes - Public

Canongate at Lake Windcrest Golf Club

10941 Clubhouse Circle
Magnolia, TX 77354-6852
281-259-2279
18 holes - Public
★★★★

High Meadow Ranch Golf Club

37300 Golf Club Trail
Magnolia, TX 77355-2817
281-356-7700
18 holes - Public
★★★★

Quail Valley Golf Course

2880 La Quinta Drive
Missouri City, TX 77459-3147
281-437-8277
45 holes - Public
★1/2

Sienna Plantation Golf Club

1 Waters Lake Boulevard
Missouri City, TX 77459-6553
281-778-4653
18 holes - Public
★★★★

Eagle Pointe Golf Club

12440 Eagle Pointe Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580
281-385-6666
18 holes - Public
★★★★

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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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
★★★★1/2

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
9 holes - Public
★★★★1/2

Country Place Golf Club

3123 Flower Field Lane
Pearland, TX 77584-4001
713-436-1533
18 holes - Private
★★1/2

Golfcrest Country Club

2509 Country Club Drive
Pearland, TX 77581-5030
281-485-4593
18 holes - Private

Southwyck Golf Club

2901 Clubhouse Drive
Pearland, TX 77584-4841
713-436-9999
18 holes - Public
★★★1/2

Oakhurst Golf Club

20700 Mills Branch Drive
Porter, TX 77365-6325
281-354-4653
18 holes - Public
★★1/2

Fort Bend Country Club

2627 FM 762
 Richmond, TX 77469
 281-342-8368
 18 holes - Private
 ★1/2

Houstonian Golf and Country Club

12600 Houstonian Drive
 Richmond, TX 77407-9221
 281-494-4246
 18 holes - Private

Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club

3000 Plantation Drive
 Richmond, TX 77406-1255
 281-342-9940
 27 holes - Private
 ★★★★★

River Pointe Golf Club

11333 FM 2759
 Richmond, TX 77469
 281-343-9995
 18 holes - Public
 ★★★

Shadow Hawk Golf Club

4100 Shadow Hawk Drive
 Richmond, TX 77407-9223
 281-340-7205
 18 holes - Private - Awards

Stephen F. Austin Country Club

Park Road 38
 San Felipe, TX 77473
 979-885-2811
 18 holes - Public
 ★★1/2

River Ridge Golf Club

3133 Brazos Oak Lane
 Sealy, TX 77474-7342
 979-885-3333
 18 holes - Public
 ★★★★★1/2

Augusta Pines Golf Club

18 Augusta Pines Drive
 Spring, TX 77373-8700
 832-381-1000
 18 holes - Public
 ★★★★★1/2

Cypresswood Golf Club

21602 Cypresswood Drive
 Spring, TX 77373-8700
 281-821-6300
 54 holes - Public - Awards
 ★★1/2

Gleannloch Pines Golf Club

19393 Champion Forest Drive
 Spring, TX 77379-8519
 281-225-1200
 27 holes - Public
 ★★★★★1/2

Raveneaux Country Club

9415 Cypresswood Drive
 Spring, TX 77379-6999
 281-370-6370
 18 holes - Private
 ★★★★★

Spring Valley Golf Club

25110 Gosling Road
 Spring, TX 77389-3225
 877-742-3020
 9 holes - Public
 ★★1/2

Willow Creek Golf Club

24525 Northcrest Drive
 Spring, TX 77389-4917
 281-376-4061
 18 holes - Private
 ★★★★★

Windrose Golf Club

6235 Pinelakes Boulevard
 Spring, TX 77379-2599
 281-370-8900
 18 holes - Public
 ★★★★★1/2

Greatwood Golf Club

6767 Greatwood Parkway
 Sugar Land, TX 77479-6398
 888-343-4001
 18 holes - Public
 ★★1/2

Riverbend Country Club

1214 Dulles Avenue
 Sugar Land, TX 77478-4099
 281-491-2500
 18 holes - Private
 ★★★★★1/2

Sugar Creek Country Club

2400 Country Club Boulevard
 Sugar Land, TX 77478-3618
 281-494-9131
 27 holes - Private

Sweetwater Country Club

4400 Palm Royale Boulevard
 Sugar Land, TX 77479-2599
 281-980-4653
 36 holes - Private
 ★★★

Bayou Golf Club

2800 Ted Dudley Drive
 Texas City, TX 77590
 409-643-5850
 18 holes - Public
 ★★1/2

Canongate at The Woodlands

2311 N. Millbend Drive
 The Woodlands, TX 77380-1360
 800-433-2624
 36 holes - Private
 ★★★★★

Grand Lake Estates

Players Course
 8900 Sterling Ridge Drive
 The Woodlands, TX 77382-2748
 281-863-1490
 18 holes - Public - Global Top
 500 holes

The Club at Carlton Woods

1 Carlton Woods Drive
 The Woodlands, TX 77382-2563
 281-863-5820
 36 holes - Public - Awards

The Woodlands Country Club

Palmer Course
 100 Grand Fairway
 The Woodlands, TX 77381-5154
 281-863-1440
 27 holes - Private

The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course

1730 S. Millbend Drive
 The Woodlands, TX 77380-1474
 281-863-1540
 18 holes - Private

Tomball Country Club

22303 Walden Way
 Tomball, TX 77375-6985
 281-351-5102
 18 holes - Private

Waller Country Club Estates

15357 Penick Road
 Waller, TX 77484-9038
 936-931-3335
 9 holes - Public

Texas National Golf Club

8720 Club House Drive
 Willis, TX 77378-5988
 936-856-4233
 18 holes - Public
 27 holes - Private
 ★★★★★

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.



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Camden Cypress Creek
866-372-7178

Camden Lakemont
866-379-0262

Camden Plaza
866-421-9856

Camden Travis Street
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Camden Vanderbilt
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Camden Grand Harbor
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Camden Northpointe
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866-424-1728

Camden Woodson Park
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RENTING IN HOUSTON

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.

★ 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 it's 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. Emanuel, 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 Fannin, 713-659-4781

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MEDICAL DISTRICT

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SHOPPING DISTRICT

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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, watches 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 personal property coverage, your policy would have \$5,000 for temporary additional living expenses.

- ★ 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 coverage and pays your legal costs. Extra liability coverage is available for additional premium.

Source: Texas Department of Insurance
tdi.state.tx.us

AT HOME 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

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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 Web site 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 Web site 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.

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.

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.

HOUSTON DOG PARKS
Houston boasts more than 20 fenced, off-leash dog parks.

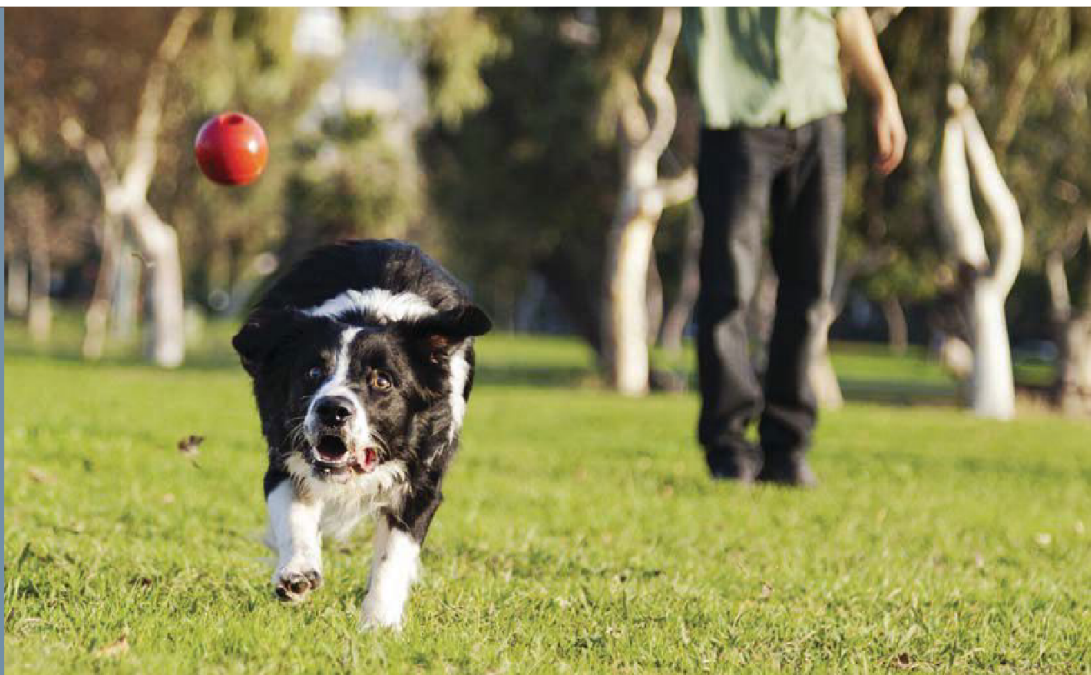


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★ PACKING AND MOVING TIPS

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

- ☐ First, even before talking with a mover, decide in advance which goods will be shipped and which will be sold or given away.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Notify your telephone, electric, gas, water, former employers and credit card companies of your new address.
- ☐ Forward necessary mail to your new address. Discontinue service on a specific date.
- ☐ Be there and give direction. Let them know what you want loaded first and loaded last.
- ☐ Accompany the driver during inventory. Check on the condition of your goods as they are loaded.
- ☐ Make a final tour of your home. See that nothing is overlooked.
- ☐ Sign the bill of lading and make sure your new address and phone number are correct.
- ☐ Lock all windows and doors, and turn off all switches.

MOVING IN

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Be ready to pay the driver with cash, traveler's check, certified check or money order prior to your goods being unloaded.
- ☐ Get a copy of your inventory sheet from the foreman. Double check his notations about existing damage to your goods.
- ☐ Have your insurance plan readily available. Hopefully you will have no use of this tip.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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

★ AUTO INSURANCE

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.

MAKE SURE YOUR COVERAGE FITS YOUR NEEDS

Don't buy more coverage than you need. Compare the cost of your annual premium against your car's Blue Book value, minus your deductible. If you're paying more in premiums than it would cost to replace your car, consider dropping collision and comprehensive coverage. If you still owe money on your car, your lender will require you to maintain collision and comprehensive coverages.

You may be able to drop some coverages and lower your premium. You may not need PIP and medical payments coverage if you have health and disability insurance. Remember that PIP and medical payments also cover other people if they are injured while in your car. If you belong to an automobile club, you may already have towing and labor coverage and don't need it in your 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

★ DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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City of Houston

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Greater Houston Builders Association

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Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau

visithoustontexas.com

Greater Houston Partnership

houston.org

Harris County

co.harris.tx.us

Harris County Appraisal District

hcad.org

Harris County Public Library

hcpl.net

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George Bush Intercontinental Airport

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Houston Association of Realtors

har.com

Houston Business Journal

houston.bizjournals.com

Houston Chronicle

houstonchronicle.com

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downtownhouston.org

Houston Independent School District

houstonisd.org

Houston Museum District

houstonmuseumdistrict.org

Houston Public Library

hpl.lib.tx.us

Houston Theater District

houstontheaterdistrict.org

HR Houston

hrhouston.org

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)

ridemetro.org

NASA's Johnson Space Center

nasa.gov/centers/johnson/home

One-Stop Business Center, City of Houston

houstontx.gov/onestop

State of Texas

state.tx.us

Texas Department of Insurance

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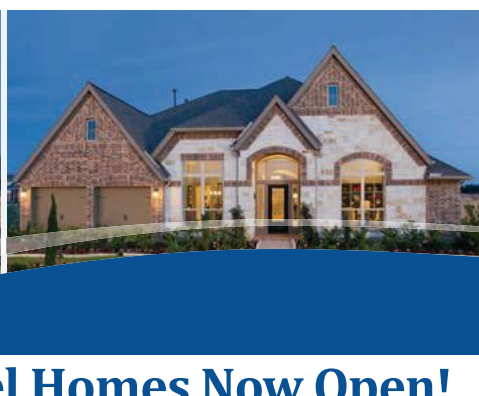
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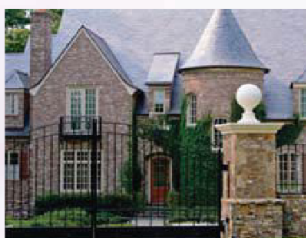
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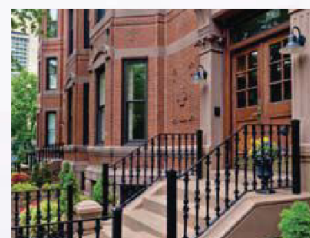
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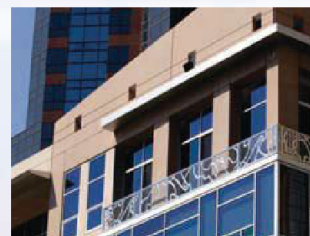
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Once you have decided where to live, the next crucial step is formulating a loan that best meets your lending needs. It is important to begin this process before bidding on a home, because if you bid on a home before the financing is cleared and are 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.

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12 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.

13 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.

14 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.

15 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.

Source: National Association of Realtors® realtor.com/home-finance/buyers-basics/home-buyers-basics.aspx?source=web

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**

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 perils coverage will also contain exclusions to perils named in the policy.
- **All risk policies (also known as a 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

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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

★ HOUSTON EDUCATION FACTS

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.

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



SAN JACINTO COLLEGE
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is a very large city, but located within the city are many neighborhoods, suburbs and master-planned communities that give a small-town feeling. Some tips to learn more about potential schools can be found within this chapter.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

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

Part of your background research should include reading available information on prospective schools and talking to administrators on the phone.

PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS

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

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

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

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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.

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Undergraduate enrollment: 2,288

Total Students: 3,128

Team name: Huskies

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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-



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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Timothy Broadus III credits TSU professors with encouraging his success—both as a student and a leader. A finance major and Ronald C. McNair Scholar, Timothy has interned at NASA as a budget analyst and serves as president of his fraternity.

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ates 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

Ranked as one of the top twenty universities in the country, 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

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



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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, busi-

ness, 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.



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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 learning.

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

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- ☐ Learn a new skill or gain a hobby for personal use

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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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Associate Degree	5.4%	\$777
Some College	7.0%	\$727
High School Diploma	7.5%	\$651
No Diploma	11.0%	\$472

Data based on persons 25 years of age and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS

It 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

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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.



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HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The Dental Hygiene program at Coleman College Health Sciences at HCC strives to ensure an environment which supports student learning.

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



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL—DOWNTOWN

Public Health is highly ranked for its top-notch degree programs and low tuition. For the last 40 years, the university has been at the forefront of research, education and prevention of local, state and global public health issues, and more than 5,700 students have graduated with master's or doctoral degrees. Professional degrees include Master of Public Health (MPH), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). For more information about the University of Texas School of Public Health, visit sph.uth.tmc.edu.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF NURSING AT HOUSTON

As part of the University of Texas Health Science Center, the School of Nursing is part of the most comprehensive academic health care center in Texas and is nationally recognized for developing innovative programs, including the first Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in Texas. The School of Nursing is highly regarded by professionals in the health care industry for producing some of the best-qualified and most well trained nurses available anywhere. For more information about the University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston, visit son.uth.tmc.edu.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON

Options abound at UTMB, where it offers degrees in the schools of health professions, medicine and nursing, graduate schools of biomedical sciences and medical education, and MD and PhD programs. The campus prides itself as an inclusive community of forward-thinking educators, scientists, clinicians, staff and students dedicated to one thing: improving health. The 84-acre campus includes four schools, three institutes for advanced study, a major medical library, a network of hospitals and clinics and numerous research facilities. For more information about the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, visit utmb.edu.

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
North of Houston, SHSU's theater and dance programs are among the top twenty-five in the nation.



LAW SCHOOLS

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.

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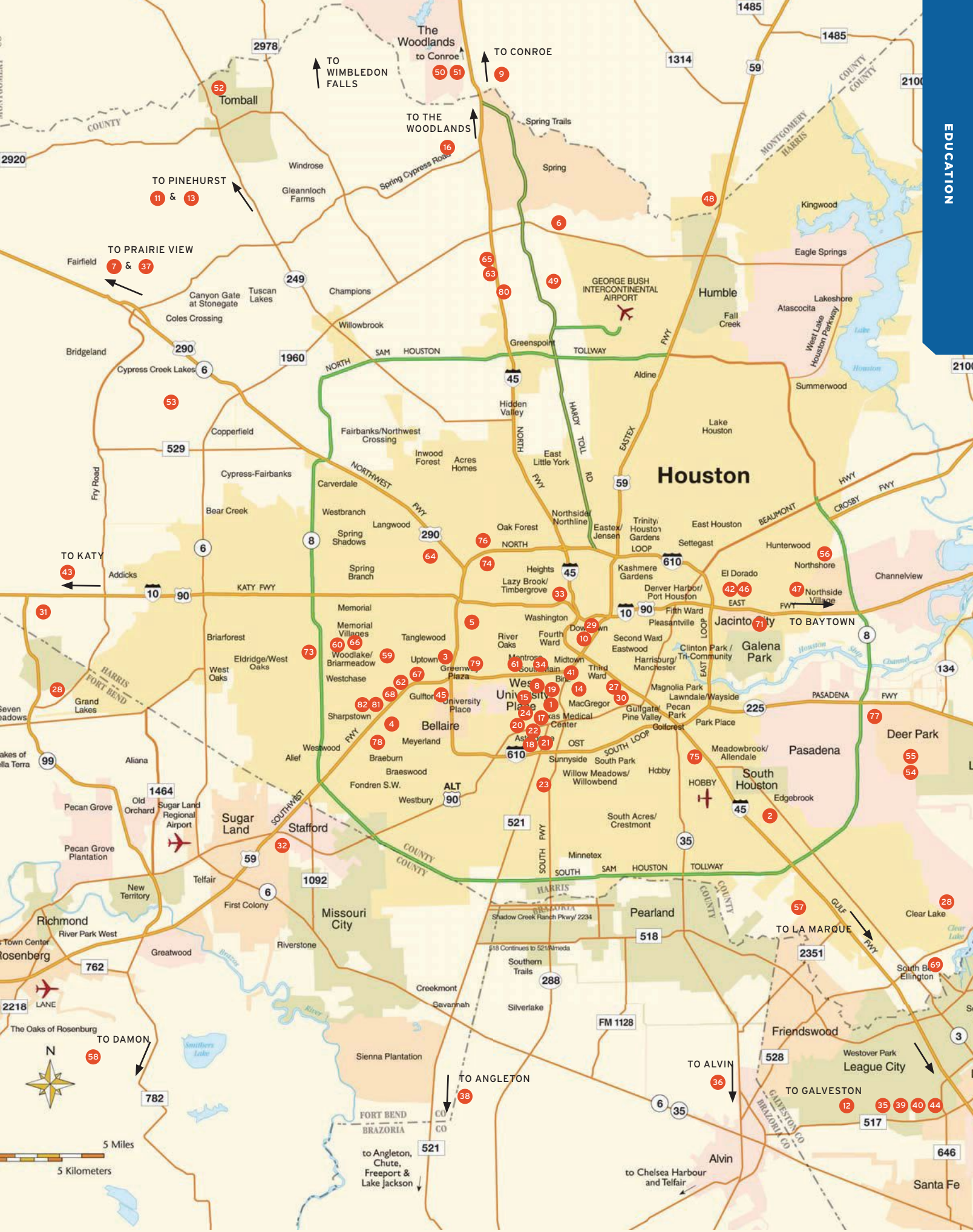


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bcm.edu | 13. Texas A&M Health Science Center
tamhsc.edu | 22. The University of Texas School of Public Health
sph.uth.edu | 34. University of St. Thomas
stthom.edu |
| 2. Concordia University Houston Campus
adp.concordia.edu | 14. Texas Southern University
tsu.edu | 23. The University of Texas – School of Health Information Sciences at Houston
shis.uth.tmc.edu | 35. The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
utmb.edu |
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hou.devry.edu | 15. Texas Woman's University Institute of Health Science – Houston
twu.edu/Houston | 24. The University of Texas – School of Nursing at Houston
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alvincollege.edu |
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db.uth.tmc.edu | 29. University of Houston –Downtown
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rice.edu | 20. The University of Texas – Houston Health Science Center
uthouston.edu | 31. University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch
cincoranch.uh.edu | 40. Galveston College
gc.edu |
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shsu.edu | 21. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
mdanderson.org | 32. University of Houston Sugar Land
uh.edu/sugarland/ | 41. Houston Community College–Central Campus
central.hccs.edu |
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stcl.edu | | 33. University of Phoenix –Houston Campus
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northeast.hccs.edu |
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tamu.edu | | | 43. Houston Community College – Northwest
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site/southwest](http://southwest.hccs.edu/portal/site/southwest)

**46. Houston Community College
System**

hccs.edu

47. Lee College

lee.edu

48. Lone Star College Kingwood

kingwood.lonestar.edu

**49. Lone Star College –
North Harris**

northharris.lonestar.edu

50. Lone Star College System

lonestar.edu

**51. Lone Star College–
Montgomery**

montgomery.lonestar.edu

52. Lone Star College – Tomball

tomball.lonestar.edu

53. Lone Star College– Cy-Fair

cyfair.lonestar.edu

54. San Jacinto College Central

sanjac.edu

55. San Jacinto College District

56. San Jacinto College North

sanjac.edu

57. San Jacinto College South

sanjac.edu

**58. Wharton County
Junior College**

wcjc.edu

**59. American College of
Acupuncture**

and Oriental Medicine
acaom.edu

**60. American Intercontinental
University**

Houston.aiuniv.edu

**61. Center for Advanced
Legal Studies**

paralegal.edu

62. College of Biblical Studies

cbshouston.edu

**63. Commonwealth Institute of
Funeral Service**

commonwealthinst.com

**64. Houston Graduate
School of Theology**

hgst.edu

65. ITT Technical Institute

itt-tech.edu

66. ITT Technical Institute South

itt-tech.edu

**67. ITT Technical
Institute North**

itt-tech.edu

68. ITT Technical Institute West

itt-tech.edu

**69. Medvance Institute–
Houston**

medvance.edu

**70, 71, 72. MTI College of
Business Technology**

mti.edu

73. Remington College

remingtoncollege.edu/
[north-houston-texas-
colleges](http://north-houston-texas-colleges)

74. Sanford Brown Institute

sbi-houston-programs.com

**75. Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary**

Houston.swbts.edu

76. St. Mary's Seminary

smseminary.com

77. Texas Chiropractic College

txchiro.edu

**78. The College of Health
Care Professions**

chcp.edu

**79. The Art of
Institute of Houston**

artinstitutes.edu

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uti.edu

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of Technology**

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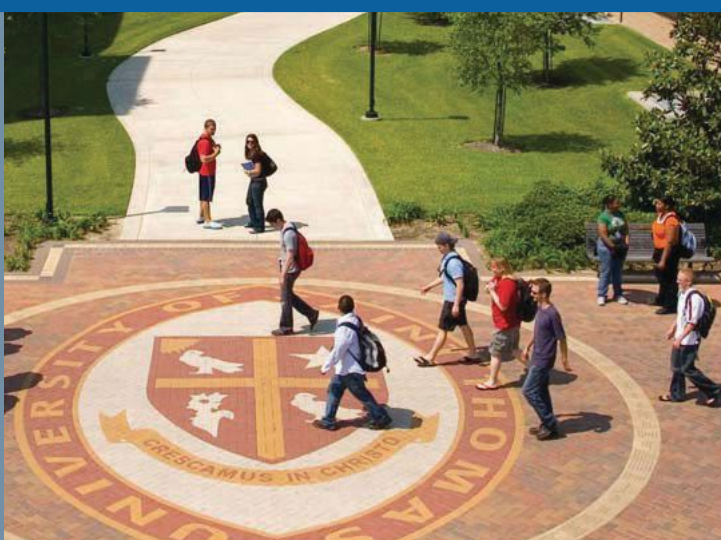


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AUSTIN COUNTY

Bellville

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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**

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TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **1,886**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **96.6**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,390**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **61**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **96**

CHAMBERS COUNTY**Anahuac**

anahuac.isd.esc4.net
409-267-3600
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **1,228**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **100**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,313**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **51**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **98**

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

lcisd.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
979-793-4308
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **2,825**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **92.6**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,480**

COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **80**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **97**

Stafford MSD

stafford.msd.esc4.net
281-261-9200
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **3,479**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **89.7**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,332**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **44**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **93**

GALVESTON COUNTY**Clear Creek**

ccisd.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

fisd.k12.net
281-482-1267
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **6,045**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **98.3**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,641**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **80**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **100**

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**

COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **48**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **81**

La Marque

lmisd.net
409-938-4251
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **2,523**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **65.0**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,166**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **41**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **90**

Santa Fe

sfisd.org
409-925-3526
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **4,606**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **86.2**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,464**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **43**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **89**

Texas City

tcisd.org
409-942-2810
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **6,069**
COMPLETION RATES (%) (2013) **85.2**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,339**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **48**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **91**

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) **1,313**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **57**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **91**

Crosby

crosbyisd.org
281-328-9200
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **5,199**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **93.4**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,452**



TRINITY
LUTHERAN
SCHOOL—
DOWNTOWN

COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **48**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **93**

Cypress-Fairbanks

cfisd.net
281-897-4000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **109,733**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **95.5**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,496**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **71**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **95**

Deer Park

dpisd.org
832-668-7000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **12,790**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **97.7**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,472**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **69**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **97**

Galena Park

galenaparkisd.com
832-386-1000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **22,012**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **94.3**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,295**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **52**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **94**

Goose Creek

gccisd.net
281-420-4800
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **21,743**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **95.6**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,370**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **59**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **92**

Houston

houstonisd.org
713-556-6005
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **202,586**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **88.9**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,253**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **59**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **90**

Huffman

huffmanisd.net
281-324-1871
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **3,272**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **95.3**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,472**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **69**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **95**

Humble

humble.k12.tx.us
281-641-1000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **36,867**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **97.5**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,473**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **68**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **96**

Katy

katyisd.org
281-396-6000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **64,403**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **96.9**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,577**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **74**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **98**

Klein

kleinisd.net
832-249-4000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **46,778**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **95.6**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,500**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **70**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **96**

La Porte

lpisd.org
281-604-7000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **7,723**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **98.4**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,426**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **70**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **97**

North Forest

nfisd.org
713-633-1600
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **6,690**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **57.6**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **738**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **N/A**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **N/A**

Pasadena

pasadenaisd.org
713-740-0000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **53,449**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **93.8**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,317**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **60**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **92**

Sheldon

sheldonisd.com
281-727-2000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **7,745**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **89.2**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,149**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **40**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **90**

Spring

springisd.org
281-891-6000
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **36,358**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **85.7**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,281**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **39**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **87**

Spring Branch

springbranchisd.com
713-464-1511
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **35,218**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **88.4**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,516**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **67**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **93**

Tomball

tomballisd.net
281-357-3100
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **12,444**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **95.1**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,519**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **62**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **97**

LIBERTY COUNTY**Cleveland**

clevelandisd.org
281-592-8717
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **3,818**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **77.4**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,347**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **37**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **87**

Dayton

daytonisd.net
936-258-2667
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **5,069**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **94.9**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,372**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **56**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **95**

Devers

deversisd.net
936-549-7591
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **174**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **N/A**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **N/A**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **N/A**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **N/A**

Hardin

hardinisd.net
936-298-2112
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **1,297**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **93.8**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,300**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **48**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **96**

Hull-Daisetta

hdisd.net
936-536-6321
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **499**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **100**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,231**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **44**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **96**

Liberty

libertyisd.net
936-336-7213
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **2,067**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **96.6**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,408**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **59**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **94**

Tarkington

tarkingtonisd.net
281-592-8781
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **1,880**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **92.9**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,484**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **47**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **92**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY**Conroe**

conroeisd.net
936-709-7751
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **54,808**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **91.7**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,563**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **68**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **95**

Magnolia

magnoliaisd.org
281-356-3571
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **12,176**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **89.6**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,498**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **60**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **95**

Montgomery

misd.org
936-582-1333
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **7,527**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **93.9**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,527**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **66**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **96**

New Caney

newcaneyisd.org
281-577-8600
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **12,282**
COMPLETION RATES (%) (2013) **91.4**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,399**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **45**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **89**

Splendora

splendoraisd.org
281-689-3128
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **3,565**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **93.4**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,411**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **32**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **93**

Willis

willisisd.org
936-856-1200
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **6,769**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **90.3**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,386**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **23**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **93**

WALLER COUNTY**Hempstead**

hempstead.isd.esc4.net
979-826-3304
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **1,551**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **94.3**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,273**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **25**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **85**

Royal

royal-isd.com
281-934-2248
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **2,174**
COMPLETION RATES (%) (2013) **94**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,422**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **57**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **95**

Waller

wallerisd.net
936-931-3685
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS **5,895**
COMPLETION RATES (%) **97.5**
AVERAGE SAT (Class of 2013) **1,418**
COLLEGE-READY GRADUATES (%) **50**
DISTRICT TAKS PASS RATE (%) **94**

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victory.aldineisd.org

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kerr.aliefisd.net/

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Clements High School
campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/chs/

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Friendswood High School
fisdk12.net/hs/

GOOSE CREEK CISD

Impact Early College High School
schools.gccisd.net/default.aspx?
name=echs.home

HOUSTON ISD

Carnegie Vanguard High School
vanguardian.org/

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challengehs.org/

Debakey High School for Health Professionals
schools.houstonisd.org/DeBaKey

East Early College High School
hs.houstonisd.org/eechs/

Eastwood Academy
eastwoodacademy.org/

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schools.houstonisd.org/empowerment

**Houston Academy
for International Studies**
houstoninternationalstudies.org/

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nhechs.org/

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hspva.org/dhtml/

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ALDINE ISD

Aldine Ninth Grade School
aldine9.aldineisd.org

**Carver High School for
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carverhs.aldineisd.org

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macarthur9.aldineisd.org

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**Alief Early College
High School**
aliefisd.net/groups/
alief-early-college-high-school

ALVIN ISD

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

BARBERS HILL ISD

Barbers Hill High School
barbershill.isd.esc4.net/

BRAZOS ISD

Brazos High School
schools.brazosisd.net/
default.aspx?name=bhs.homepage

CONROE ISD

The Woodlands High School
twhs.conroeisd.net/

CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD

Cy-Fair High School
schools.cfsid.net/cyfair/

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

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

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

DEER PARK ISD

Deer Park High School
dpisd.org/Domain/873

EAST CHAMBERS ISD

East Chambers High School
eastchambers.isd.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-stemacademy.org

Lamar High School
lamarhs.org/

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

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.
aspx?alias=cms.springbranchisd.com/mhs

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Sweeny High School
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aoshouston.org

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Early Education-5th
ascensionschool.net

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Houston, TX 77037
6-8th
seatoncatholic.org

The Awty International School

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

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gobca.org

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clayroadbaptistschool.org

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cristoreyjesuit.org

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Early Education
crosspt.org

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legacypca.org

Lifestyle Christian School
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K-12th
lifestyleconroe.org

Lutheran High School Houston
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Houston, TX 77018
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12555 Ryewater
Houston, TX 77089
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★ SELECTING THE RIGHT SCHOOL

START BY VISITING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WEB SITE. CHECK WEB SITES SUCH AS GREATSCHOOLS.NET AND TEXASTRIBUNE.ORG/PUBLIC-ED/EXPLORE. BE SURE TO VISIT THE SCHOOLS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AND ASK IF THEY CAN CONNECT YOU WITH OTHER PARENTS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES.

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.

- 8** Emphasis is placed on communication between school and home.

- 9** 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 admittance. 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.



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HOW TO BECOME A TEACHER IN TEXAS

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.



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.

- 6** 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

- 3** 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.

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

- 5** G.I. Bill Benefits for preparation program costs/fees: Veterans Education Benefits (GI 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

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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 exclu-

sive 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 (royaloaksc.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 (katytx.com) offers the charm of a small town and the quality of life of a burgeoning suburb. Cinco Ranch (cinco ranch.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 (colesc crossing-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 (tomballtx.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

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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 (alvintex.as.org), Pearland (ci.pearland.tx.us), Pasadena (pasadenachamber.org), Friendswood (ci.friendswood.tx.us), La Porte–Bayshore (laportechamber.org), 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.

HOUSTON AREA COMMUNITIES



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Alianahouston.com

Auburn Lakes

Auburnlakes.com

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★ GREATER HOUSTON FARMERS' MARKETS

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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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,
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Farmers Market at the Imperial

198 Kempner St.
Sugar Land, TX 77498
Open: Saturdays
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Farmers Market at LaCenterra

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Galveston, TX 77551
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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
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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.

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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 Interstate 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 floorplans 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 (springisd.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). (crosby-huffmancc.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

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.



BRIDGELAND
With more than 900 acres of lakes and meandering waterways in Bridgeland, residents not only enjoy picturesque views from their home, but also spend their leisure time on the water.



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.

DEER PARK

Deer Park, often referred to as the "birth place of Texas," is the site where initial treaty documents securing Texas' independence from Mexico were drafted following the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Named "Best Affordable Suburb in Texas

for 2010" by *Bloomberg Business Week*, and awarded a contender spot on the CNN list of "100 Best Places to Live" in 2009, Deer Park is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Houston. The city provides easy access to the Houston region, Clear Lake/Bay Area and the sand and surf of Galveston Island. The 2010 estimated population of 29,866 is expected to grow to 31,355 by 2015. The Deer Park Independent School District (dpisd.org) serves the approximately 12,300 students of the area. (deerparktx.gov)

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 night life 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 eaglespringtx.com.

EL LAGO

The city of El Lago ("the lake") gets its name because it is bounded by lakes on two sides. Once the home and hideout of pirate Jean Lafitte, the city would later become a home for many astronauts, including Neil Armstrong and "Buzz" Aldrin. With a 2000 census population of approximately 3,075, El Lago consists mainly of some 900 single-family residences in the subdivisions of El Lago, El Lago Estates and Taylorcrest. The city is approximately 0.7 square miles and is served by the Clear Creek Independent School District (ccisd.net). (ellago-tx.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. (fifthwardcrc.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 Centre, home to great performances. Fort Bend County includes: Arcola (arcola-tx.com), Beasley, Fairchilds, Fulshear (fulsheartx.com), Katy (cityofkaty.com), Kendleton, Meadows Place (cityofmeadowsplace.org), Missouri City (missouricitytx.gov), Needville (cityofneedville.com), Orchard (orchardtexas.org), Pearland (cityofpearland.com), The Village of Pleak (villageofpleak.com), Richmond (ci.richmond.tx.us), Rosenberg (rosenbergecodev.com), Simonton (simontontexas.org), Stafford (cityofstafford.com), Sugar Land (sugarlandtx.gov).

FRIENDSWOOD

Friendswood is conveniently located between central Houston and Galveston, with easy access to Hobby Airport, George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Ellington Field 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 (fisd.k12.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.net)

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.

For visitors, Galveston Island provides a passport to adventure and savings with the new Galveston Island Pass, which allows visitors to experience multiple Galveston attractions on one ticket and save up to 40 percent on regular admission prices. The Island Pass can be purchased online at galvestonislandpass.com, where guests can select four or more participating attractions to include on their pass, then purchase and print their passes. After purchase, the pass is good for 30 days. Participating attractions include: Artist Boat Kayak Tours, Cool Tours, Galveston Railroad Museum, Haunted Mayfield Manor, Lone Star Flight Museum, the Moody Gardens Aquarium and Rainforest Pyramids, Moody Mansion, Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum, Pirates! Legends of the Gulf Coast and The Grand 1894 Opera House Tour.

GARDEN OAKS

Established in 1937 by Edward L. Crain, Garden Oaks is located just north of the North Loop (610), bordered by Ella Boulevard to the west and Yale Street to the east and sits in the 77018 zip code. Known for its pine trees, grand magnolias and large lots, Garden Oaks is an architecturally unique neighborhood of approximately 1,400 homes. From quaint cottages and charming bungalows to plantation, ranch and traditional style homes, Garden Oaks supports diverse updates while maintaining its charm and sense of history. Students are served by the Houston Independent School District (houstonisd.org). (gardenoaks.org)

GLEANNLOCH 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 (kleinisd.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 GREENSPPOINT

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

Located approximately ten miles southwest of downtown Houston, Gulfton is about two miles west of Bellaire, and is between Beltway 8 and the 610 Loop,



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NEIGHBORHOOD/ COMMUNITY	MINUTES TO DOWNTOWN	MINUTES TO BUSH AIRPORT	MINUTES TO HOBBY AIRPORT	NEIGHBORHOOD/ COMMUNITY	MINUTES TO DOWNTOWN
Aldine	23	15	30	Greater Greenspoint	24
Alief	23	44	30	Greatwood	37
Alvin	39	62	30	Greenway Plaza	14
Atascocita	38	23	45	Gulfton	16
Baytown	34	49	31	Harrisburg / Manchester	16
Bear Creek	29	44	40	Hayden Lakes	40
Bellaire	15	35	21	High Meadow Estates	64
Braeswood Place	18	41	22	Humble	29
Briargrove Park	23	37	30	Inwood Forest	26
Bridgeland	41	47	52	Katy	37
Champions	38	32	46	Kemah	41
Cinco Ranch	38	52	45	Kingwood	42
Clear Lake City	33	55	24	Lake Houston Area	48
Clear Lake Shores	46	64	38	La Marque	46
Coles Crossing	37	42	48	La Porte/Bayshore	30
Conroe	53	44	61	Lake Conroe	66
Crosby/Huffman	37	40	39	League City	34
Cypress Fairbanks	22	32	32	Memorial	25
Deer Park	25	44	22	Midtown	10
Downtown	0	32	19	Montrose	11
Eagle Springs	39	23	46	Nassau Bay	37
El Lago	42	61	36	Old Braeswood	15
Fairfield	36	41	47	Porch Street on Adele	11
Fall Creek	32	18	39	River Oaks	13
Fifth Ward	10	28	17	Spring	35
Firethorne	45	59	55	Sugar Land	31
First Colony	35	55	42	Taylor Lake Village	43
Fort Bend County	46	65	52	The Galleria/Uptown	15
Friendswood	34	56	25	The Heights	10
Fulshear	43	63	49	The Woodlands	42
Galveston Island	64	86	55	Third Ward	11
Garden Oaks	19	30	27	Webster	32
Gleannloch Farms	46	40	54	West University	15
Grayson Lakes	43	58	54	Wimbledon Falls	40
Greater Fondren Southwest	26	46	28		

Source: Google Maps

MINUTES TO BUSH AIRPORT	MINUTES TO HOBBY AIRPORT
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16	32
56	43
37	20
37	23
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35	50
58	72
14	36
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52	48
60	39
27	49
31	51
68	38
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57	74
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38	21
20	21
36	24
24	42
50	38
62	39
34	22
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54	23
38	22
30	55

southeast of U.S. 59 and north of Bellaire Boulevard. Gulfton is a densely populated 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 community 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.

Take a vacation without ever leaving your community! Residents will enjoy full access to resort-style amenities, including a future recreation center, pool, playground, pocket parks, and dog park. Enjoy an evening stroll or a morning jog on the community trail system, and take in scenic views of the community's meandering lake system.

Hayden Lakes is not only building a great community, but great homes too. Spacious 50-, 60-, and 70-foot home sites, with homes ranging from 2,000 to over 5,000 square feet, will feature the latest design trends and free-choice options. All Beazer Homes are Energy Star qualified, and all homes in Houston include spray foam insulation for dramatic energy savings. Whether you're just starting out or searching for your

family's next home, you're sure to find a plan that suits your needs and lifestyle. For more, visit beazer.com

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, 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.

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 among the 25 fastest-growing school districts in Texas.



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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).

KATY

Katy is located on Interstate Highway 10 and U.S. Highway 90 at the intersection of Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties. Conveniently located 30 miles from the hustle and bustle of downtown Houston, Katy offers the appeal of small-town suburbia and close distance to Houston area businesses and recreational destinations. Housing options range from apartments

and condominiums to complete-living communities with water front and golf course properties. School districts in the area are nationally recognized for their educational programs. Students in Katy are zoned for the Katy Independent School District (katyisd.org), which, in 2010, had an enrollment of 60,977 students over a 181-square-mile area. Katy has a growing population of approximately 14,000. (katytx.com)

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.la-marque.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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GALVESTON ISLAND

is a historic beach town located 50 miles south of Houston on the Gulf of Mexico, and boasts one of the country's largest collections of Victorian architecture.



La Porte Independent School District (sc.lpsd.org). (ci.la-porte.tx.us)

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)

LAKES 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.



WIMBELDON FALLS is a community that was designed for savoring the wooded ambiance of greater northwest Houston.

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 approximated 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, horse-shoes, 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. (gswbcc.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.

★ MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITIES

Aliana

Fort Bend
2,000 acres
\$180,000-\$1,000,000+
alianahouston.com/
residential/?SID

Auburn Lakes

Montgomery
500 acres
\$190,000-\$1,000,000+
auburnlakes.com

Bentwater

Montgomery
1,400 acres
\$300,000-\$1,000,000+
bentwater.com/
HomeBuilder/default.aspx

Bridgeland

Harris
11,400 acres
\$250,000-\$1,000,000+
bridgeland.com

Canyon Gate at the Brazos

Fort Bend
600 acres
\$140,000-\$400,000
canyongate.com/
communities

Canyon Lakes at Stone Gate

Harris
1,800 acres
\$130,000-\$300,000
canyongate.com/
communities/clwest

Cinco Ranch Fort Bend

Harris
7,600 acres
\$170,000-\$1,000,000+
cincoranch.com

Clear Lake

Harris
16,100 acres
\$130,000-\$1,000,000
clearlakearea.com/

Coles Crossing

Harris
1,500 acres
\$250,000-\$1,000,000+
colescrossinghoa.com

Copperfield

Harris
2,000 acres
\$80,000-\$250,000
copperfield.org

Cross Creek Ranch

Fort Bend
400 acres
\$200,000+
crosscreektexas.com

Crown Ranch

Montgomery
7,100 acres
\$300,000-\$1,000,000+
crownranch.com

Cypress Creek Lakes

Harris
1,600 acres
\$190,000-\$600,000
cypresscreeklakes.com

Del Webb Sweetgrass

Fort Bend
\$140,000 - \$260,000
delwebb.com/sweetgrass

Discovery at Spring Trails

Montgomery
1,150 acres
\$170,000-\$400,000
discoveryatspringtrails.com

Eagle Springs

Harris
1,300 acres
\$140,000-\$500,000
eaglespringstx.com

Fairfield

Harris
3,200 acres
\$140,000-\$700,000
visitfairfield.com

Falcon Ranch

Fort Bend
265 acres
\$166,000-\$306,000
falconranchhoa.com

Fall Creek

Humble
2,300 acres
\$150,000-\$2,000,000
fallcreekhouston.com

Fieldstone

Fort Bend
390 acres
\$170,000-\$210,000
gehanhomes.com/
Houston/communities/
comm_fieldstone_c.html

Firethorne

Fort Bend
1,400 acres
\$140,000-\$800,000
firethorne.info

First Colony

Fort Bend
10,000 acres
\$150,000-\$1,000,000+
firstcolony.org

Grand Lakes

Harris
1,250 acres
\$150,000-\$500,000
grandlakeslife.com

Grand Mission

Fort Bend
\$130,000-\$340,000
grandmissiontexas.com

Graystone Hills

Montgomery
331 acres
\$190,000-\$600,000
graystonehills.com

Greatwood

Fort Bend
\$200,000-\$500,000
greatwoodcommunity.com

Harborwalk

Galveston
\$500,000-\$1,000,000+
harborwalk.cc/home

Hayden Lakes

Harris
\$240,000-\$470,000
beazer.com

Imperial Sugar Land

Fort Bend
716 acres
\$300,000-\$700,000+
imperialsugarland.com

Imperial Oaks

Montgomery
1,400 acres
\$320,000+
imperialoaks.com

Kingwood

Harris & Montgomery
15,000 acres
\$160,000-\$1,000,000+
kingwoodonline.com

Lake Olympia

Fort Bend
\$150,000-\$1,000,000+
lakeolympia.boatx.org

Lakemont

Fort Bend
900 acres
\$150,000-\$400,000
visitolakemont.com

Lakes of Bella Terra

Fort Bend
670 acres
\$160,000-\$1,000,000+
lakesofbellaterra.com

Lakes of Mission Grove

Fort Bend
676 acres
missiongrove
community.com

Lakes of Savannah

Brazoria
1,425 acres
\$140,000-\$300,000
lakesofsavannah.com

Long Meadow Farms

Fort Bend
1,400 acres
\$140,000-\$500,000+
longmeadowfarms.net

★ MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITIES

New Territory

Fort Bend
3,200 acres
\$150,000-\$500,000
newterritory.org

Park Lakes

Harris
1,500 acres
\$100,000-\$400,000
canyongate.com/
communities/park

Porch Street on Adele

Harris
\$499,000+
porchstreet.com

Quail Valley

Fort Bend
2,350 acres
\$100,000-\$350,000
quailvalleyproud.com

River Park West

Fort Bend
545 acres
\$200,000-\$400,000
river-park-west.com

Riverstone

Fort Bend
3,700 acres
\$200,000-\$1,000,000+
riverstone.com

Rodeo Palms

Brazoria
600 acres
\$120,000-\$250,000
texasexplorer.com/
RodeoPalms.htm

Seven Meadows

Fort Bend
1,050 acres
\$200,000-\$600,000
sevenmeadowslive.com

Shadow Creek Ranch

Brazoria
3,500 acres
\$150,000-\$1,000,000+
shadowcreekranch.net

Sienna Plantation

Fort Bend
10,560 acres
\$160,000-\$1,000,000+
siennaplantation.com

Silver Lake

Brazoria
1,800 acres
\$150,000-\$1,000,000
silverlakeonline.com

Silvercreek

Brazoria
290 acres
\$180,000-\$350,000
trendmakerhomes.com/
communities/silvercreek

South Shore Harbour

Harris
2,200 acres
\$150,000-\$1,000,000+
southshoreharbour.com/
home.html

Southern Trails

Brazoria
523 acres
\$150,000-\$500,000
southern-trails.com

Spring Lakes

Montgomery
250 acres
\$130,000-\$270,000
springlakes.net

Spring Trails

Montgomery
400 acres
\$150,000+
springtrails.com

Sterling Lakes

Brazoria
274 acres
\$130,000-\$300,000
canyongate.com/
communities/sterling

Stone Gate

Harris
1,800 acres
\$130,000-\$400,000
canyongate.com/
communities/stonegate/

Summerwood

Harris
1,500 acres
\$140,000+
summerwoodtx.com

Telfair

Fort Bend
2,000 acres
\$250,000-\$1,000,000+
telfair.com

The Falls at Imperial Oaks

Harris
1,516 acres
\$160,000-\$300,000
fallsatimperialoaks.com

The Village at Tuscan Lakes

Galveston
\$140,000 - \$190,000
pulte.com/houston

The Woodlands

Harris & Montgomery
28,000 acres
\$120,000-\$2,000,000+
thewoodlands.com

Towne Lake

Harris
2,400 acres
\$200,000-\$600,000
townelaketexas.com

Tuscan Lakes

Galveston
870 acres
\$150,000-\$1,000,000
tuscanlakes.com

Vintage Di Vita

Harris
\$210,000 - \$280,000
pulte.com/houston

Waters Edge on Lake Houston

Harris
\$150,000 - \$330,000
pulte.com/houston

West Ranch

Galveston
766 acres
\$290,000-\$800,000
visitwestranch.com

Westheimer Lakes

Fort Bend
592 acres
\$130,000-\$300,000
canyongate.com/
communities/west

Weston Lakes

Fort Bend
1,400 acres
\$200,000-\$3,000,000
wlakes.com

Windrose

Harris
1,121 acres
\$150,000-\$700,000
windroseca.org

Wimbledon Falls

Harris
\$180,000 - \$260,000
pulte.com/Houston

WoodCreek Reserve

Harris
500 acres
\$250,000-\$1,000,000+
woodcreekreserve.com

Woodforest

Montgomery
3,000 acres
\$200,000-\$1,000,000+
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Woodson's Reserve

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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

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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.

PATIENT CARE INSTITUTIONS IN THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

Baylor Clinic

6620 Main St.
Houston, Texas 77030
(713) 798-1000
baylorclinic.com

Baylor College of Medicine Medical Center

7200 Cambridge
Houston, Texas 77030
Baylor Clinic, an adult outpatient health care system, applies the research and advances made by the Baylor College of Medicine in a clinical setting.

The Baylor College of Medicine joined the Texas Medical Center in 1943, by invitation of the M.D. Anderson Foundation.

Harris County Hospital District

hchdonline.com
According to the American Hospital Association, Harris County Hospital District ranks fifth in the nation for the size of the

metropolitan health care system they provide in Houston. The Harris County Hospital District is a tax-supported health care system, providing service to the Harris County community. The district includes hospitals, community health care fairs, school district medical aid and more.

Ben Taub, a hospital with full medical services, is an integral part of the Harris County Hospital District. Ben Taub's services include inpatient and outpatient surgical operations, specialty health care and an emergency center. The emergency center is a Level I trauma unit, with more than 100,000 visits each year.

"The Harris County Hospital District (HCHD) consists of three hospitals, 11 community health centers, five school-based clinics and three specialty centers," states the HCHD official Web site.

The Houston Hospice and Palliative Care Systems

1905 Holcombe Blvd.
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HOUSTON FACTS & FIGURES

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-
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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.

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MEMORIAL HERMANN serves the Greater Houston area through a network of 13 hospitals and numerous specialty programs, services and institutes, including three IRONMAN Sports Medicine Institute locations.



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,



LIFE FLIGHT
Since its inception in 1976, Memorial Hermann Life Flight has completed more than 140,000 missions.

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.

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Humane Society
Clinic offers a
full spectrum of
veterinary care.



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).



TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
Texas Children's Hospital in the Texas Medical Center is one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the United States.

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

★ 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

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

ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER
 Located in the heart of Downtown Houston, St. Joseph Medical Center has been an essential part of the Houston healthcare community for more than 125 years.



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).

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BAYLOR CLINIC
Baylor Clinic is Baylor College of Medicine's approach to adult outpatient healthcare.



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.

★ TRAVELING TO MD ANDERSON

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 #06C2863.

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.

Cancer

- 2** University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 42** Houston Methodist Hospital

Cardiology & Heart Surgery

- 14** Texas Heart® Institute at CHI St. Luke's Health Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
- 18** Houston Methodist Hospital

Diabetes & Endocrinology

- 25** Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital
- 26** CHI St. Luke's Health Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
- 35** Houston Methodist Hospital

Ear, Nose & Throat

- 5** University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Gastroenterology

- 13** Houston Methodist Hospital
- 35** CHI St. Luke's Health Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center

Geriatrics

- 31** Houston Methodist Hospital

Gynecology

- 8** University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 43** Houston Methodist Hospital

Nephrology

- 31** Houston Methodist Hospital

Neurology & Neurosurgery

- 14** Houston Methodist Hospital

Ophthalmology

- 13** Cullen Eye Institute—Baylor

Orthopedics

- 31** Houston Methodist Hospital

Psychiatry

- 5** The Menninger Clinic

Pulmonology

- 22** Houston Methodist Hospital

Rehabilitation

- 3** TIRR Memorial Hermann

Urology

- 18** Houston Methodist Hospital

Source: *U.S. News & World Report*, 2014-2015

PHYSICIAN REFERRAL SERVICE

Baylor Family Medicine Clinic

baylorfamilymedicine.org
713-798-7700

Baylor-Methodist Primary Care

Associations
methodisthealth.com
713-790-3333

CHI St. Luke's Health

Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
stlukeshouston.com
832-355-4343

HCA Houston

hcahouston.com
713-852-1500

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic

kelsey-seybold.com
713-442-0000

Memorial Hermann Health System

memorialhermann.org
713-222-CARE (2273)

The Methodist Hospital System

methodisthealth.com
713-790-3333

St. Joseph Medical Center

sjmctx.com
713-757-7575

Tenet Health

tenethealth.com
800-743-6333

Texas Children's Hospital

texaschildrenshospital.org/
findadoctor/default.asp
832-824-1111

Texas Children's Pediatric Associates

texaschildrenspediatrics.org
832-824-2999

TIRR Memorial Hermann

tirr.memorialhermann.org
713-799-5000

University of Texas MD

Anderson Cancer Center
mdanderson.org/patients_public
800-392-1611

UT Physicians

utphysicians.com
888-4UT-DOCS

UTMB Hospitals

utmbhealthcare.org/directory
409-772-1011

★ 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



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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

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 77030
(713) 284-8555

Hermann Park Golf Course

hermannparkgc.com
2155 North MacGregor Drive
Houston, Texas 77030-1717
(713) 526-0077

RESTAURANTS & SHOPPING

Alonti Café

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

Au Bon Pain

aubonpainhouston.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

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



1. **Acuity Hospital of Houston**
281-921-5300
2001 Hermann Drive
Houston, TX 77004
2. **Alvin Diagnostic & Urgent Care Center**
281-331-6141
301 Medic Lane
Alvin, TX 77511
3. **Angleton Danbury Medical Center**
979-849-7721
132 Hospital Drive
Angleton, TX 77515
4. **Apex Hospital-Katy**
281-392-5700
25660 Kingsland Blvd.
Katy, TX 77494
5. **Bayshore Medical Center**
713-359-2000
4000 Spencer Highway
Pasadena, TX 77504
6. **Bayside Community Hospital**
409-267-3143
200 Hospital Drive
Anahuac, TX 77514
7. **Behavior and Rehabilitation Hospital of Bellaire**
713-600-9509
5314 Dashwood
Houston, TX 77081
8. **Bellville General Hospital**
979-865-3141
44 N. Cummings
Bellville, TX 77418
9. **Ben Taub General Hospital**
713-873-2000
1504 Taub Loop
Houston, TX 77030
10. **Brazosport Regional Health System**
979-297-4411
100 Medical Drive
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
11. **Cambridge International Management, Inc.**
713-790-1153
7505 Fannin St., Suite 510
Houston, TX 77054-191
12. **Children's Hospital**
409-772-1011
820 Market St.
Galveston, TX 77555
13. **Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital**
713-704-(KIDS) 5437
6411 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030
14. **CHRISTUS St. Catherine Health and Wellness Center**
281-599-5700
701 S. Fry Road
Katy, TX 77450
15. **CHRISTUS St. John Hospital**
281-333-5503
18300 St. John Drive
Nassau Bay, TX 77058-6302

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Initiatives (CHI), which
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third largest faith-
based health system.



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281-332-2511
500 Medical Center Blvd.
Webster, TX 77598</p> <p>17. Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital
281-286-1500
655 E. Medical Center Blvd.
Webster, TX 77598</p> <p>18. Cleveland Regional Medical Center
281-593-1811
300 E. Crockett St.
Cleveland, TX 77327</p> <p>19. Conroe Regional Medical Center
936-539-1111
504 Medical Center Blvd.
Conroe, TX 77304-2808</p> <p>20. Cornerstone Hospital of Houston—Bellaire
713-295-5300
5314 Dashwood Drive
Houston, TX 77081</p> <p>21. Cornerstone Hospital of Houston—Clear Lake
281-332-3322
709 Medical Center Blvd.
Webster, TX 77598</p> <p>22. Cypress Creek Hospital
281-586-7600
17750 Cali Drive
Houston, TX 77090-2700</p> | <p>23. Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center
281-890-4285
10655 Steepletop Drive
Houston, TX 77065</p> <p>24. Devereux Texas Treatment Network
281-335-1000
1150 Devereux Drive
League City, TX 77573-2043</p> <p>25. Doctors Diagnostic Hospital
281-622-2900
1017 S. Travis Ave.
Cleveland, TX 77327</p> <p>26. Doctors Hospital Parkway
281-765-2600
233 W. Parker Road
Houston, TX 77076-2915</p> <p>27. Doctors Hospital—Tidwell
281-618-8500
510 W. Tidwell Road
Houston, TX 77091</p> <p>28. Dubuis Hospital of Houston
713-756-8660
1919 La Branch St.
Houston, TX 77002</p> | <p>29. East Houston Regional Medical Center
713-393-2000
13111 East Freeway
Houston, TX 77015-5803</p> <p>30. First St. Hospital
713-665-1111
4801 Bissonnet Blvd.
Bellaire, TX 77401</p> <p>31. Foundation Surgical Hospital
713-314-4444
5410 West Loop S.
Bellaire, TX 77401</p> <p>32. Healthbridge Children's Hospital
281-293-7774
2929 Woodland Park Drive
Houston, TX 77082-2687</p> <p>33. HealthSouth Hospital for Specialized Surgery
713-528-6800
5445 La Branch St.
Houston, TX 77004</p> <p>34. HealthSouth Hospital of Houston
281-580-1212
17506 Red Oak Drive
Houston, TX 77090</p> |
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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
42. **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
6441 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 Ladbroke 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
1353 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**
281-540-7700
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**
281-579-5555
21720 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 Drive
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**
713-948-7050
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 77384-3606
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 77055
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. **Solara Hospital Conroe**
682-831-9670
1500 Grand Lake Drive
Conroe, TX 77034
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

MOVING YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS



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 Childrens’ 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.

107. Triumph Hospital North Houston

713-691-6556
7407 North Freeway
Houston, TX 77076-2999

108. Triumph Hospital Northwest

832-249-2700
205 Hollow Tree Lane
Houston, TX 77090-2801

109. Triumph Hospital Southwest

281-275-6000
1550 First Colony Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77479

110. Triumph Hospital Tomball

281-255-5600
505 Graham Drive
Tomball, TX 77375

111. Triumph Hospital Town and Country

281-275-6000
1120 Business Center Drive
Houston, TX 7704

112. University General Hospital

713-375-7100
7501 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030

113. The University of Texas

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
713-792-2121
1515 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77030-4095

114. The University of Texas

Medical Branch at Galveston
409-772-1902
301 University Blvd.
Galveston, TX 77555-5302

115. Veterans Affairs Medical Center

713-791-1414
2002 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77030

116. Vista Medical Center Hospital

713-378-3000
4301-B Vista Road
Pasadena, TX 77504-2117

117. West Houston Medical Center

281-558-3444
12141 Richmond Ave.
Houston, TX 77082-2408

118. West Oaks Hospital

713-995-0909
6500 Hornwood Drive
Houston, TX 77074

119. West Pavillion

713-790-0790
6447 Main St.
Houston, TX 77030

120. Winnie Community Hospital

409-296-6000
538 Broadway
Winnie, TX 77665

121. The Woman’s Hospital of Texas

713-790-1234
7600 Fannin St.
Houston, TX 77054

121a. CHI St. Luke’s Hospital at The Vintage

832-534-5000
20171 Chasewood Park Drive
Houston TX 77070

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HEALTH CARE

LEISURE & LIFESTYLE

ONCE YOU'RE SETTLED IN, IT'S TIME FOR FUN!

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!



BUFFALO BAYOU PARK
Buffalo Bayou Park near downtown is a popular spot for joggers.



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 (houston.tx.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, De Zavala, 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.

**GALVESTON ISLAND**

Originally built in the 1940s, the historic Pleasure Pier was a popular destination for decades. Rebuilt in 2012 after Hurricane Ike damage in 2008, today, the Pleasure Pier offers families a fun day out, with rides, an array of popular restaurants and plenty of waterfront fun.

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

★ HOUSTON-BASED RESTAURANT CHAINS

These are just a few of the major restaurant chains that began in Houston.

Carrabba's Italian Grill
carrabbas.co

Berryhill Baja Grill
berryhillbajagrill.com

Kim-Son Vietnamese Restaurant
kimson.com

Landry's Seafood House
landrysinc.com

Lupe Tortilla
lupetortilla.com

Niko Niko's Greek & American Café
nikonikos.com

Pappas Restaurants
pappas.com

Perry's Steakhouse & Grille
perryssteakhouse.com

Shipley Do-Nuts
shipleydonuts.com

★ 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
vicandanthony's.com
713-228-1111

Source: *Texas Monthly*

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, Ill 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



SHOPPING MECCA

Houston has tremendous shopping opportunities, including the River Oaks Shopping Center (left) just minutes from downtown. From specialty stores and unique boutiques to designer enclaves and great Western wear, Houston has plenty of opportunities to shop 'til you drop.

stores include Nine West, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike, Juicy Couture, GAP and Gymboree. Both Conroe and Cypress boast outlet malls with their own bargains.

For groceries, many Houstonians like Central Market, Whole Foods, H-E-B, Costco, Rice Epicurean, Fiesta Mart and Phoenicia Specialty Foods.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES & HIRING TRENDS

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

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 Exxon Mobil Corporation.



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EMPLOYMENT

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.

JOB SEARCH

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

Workforce Solutions

This network of 29 career centers located throughout the Gulf Coast region provides free job services. Locations and a variety of information can be found at wrksolutions.com.

Texas Workforce Commission

This state-sponsored coalition of 28 local workforce development boards can be reached at twc.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

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| 1. Memorial Hermann Health System*
19,500 employees | 16. Pappas Restaurants, Inc.*
8,000 employees |
| 2. The University of Texas MD Anderson*
19,290 employees | 17. HCA*
7,855 employees |
| 3. United Airlines
17,000 employees | 18. Macy's
7,000 employees |
| 4. Exxon Mobil Corporation*
13,191 employees | 19. AT&T*
6,900 employees |
| 5. Shell Oil Company*
13,000 employees | 20. CHI St. Luke's Health*
6,800 employees |
| 6. The Methodist Hospital System*
13,000 employees | 21. The Dow Chemical Company, Freeport*
6,600 employees |
| 7. Kroger Company*
12,000 employees | 22. Jacobs*
6,220 employees |
| 8. National Oilwell Varco
10,000 employees | 23. Baker Hughes Incorporated
6,000 employees |
| 9. Schlumberger Limited*
10,000 employees | 24. H.E.B.*
6,000 employees |
| 10. BP America, Inc.*
9,537 employees | 25. Texas Children's Hospital*
6,000 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 | |

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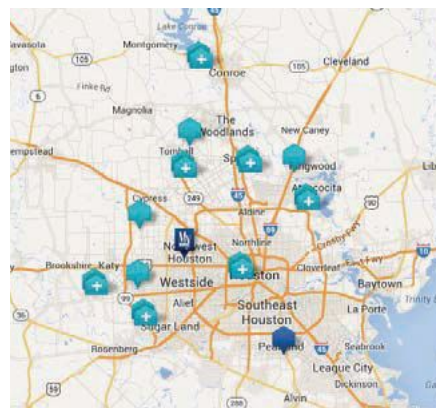


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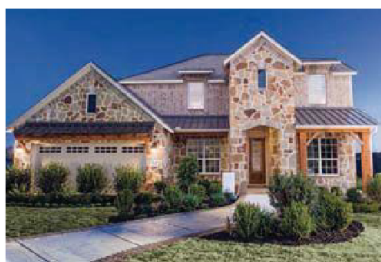
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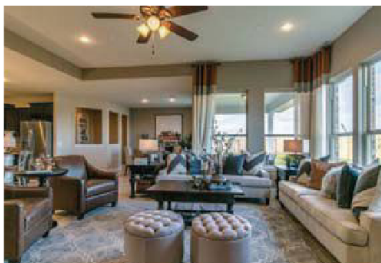


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