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2019 QUICK GUIDE TO TEXAS



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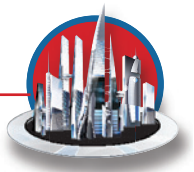
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1 TEXAS STATE OVERVIEW



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

Major industries:

- Agriculture
- Petrochemicals
- Energy
- Computers
- Electronics
- Aerospace
- Biomedical Sciences

State Motto: Friendship

State Nickname(s): The Lonestar State

State Bird: Northern Mockingbird

State Anthem: “Texas, Our Texas”

State Flower: Bluebonnet

State Capitol: Austin

Population:

Total Population: 28,701,845 (2018 est.)

Population Density: 108/square mile



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2 GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW

Governor: Greg Abbott (R)

Senators:

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

Secretary of State:

James E. Rudder Building, 1019 Brazos St | Austin, TX 78701

Phone Number: (512) 463-5555

[State Department Phone Numbers](#)

[Website](#)



3 ENTERTAINMENT

National & State Parks (Top 5):

- BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK**
 Big Bend National Park, TX
 Phone Number: (432) 477-2251
[Website](#)
- PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE**
 20420 Park Rd 22 | Corpus Christi, TX 78418
 Phone Number: (361) 949-8068
[Website](#)
- LYNDON B. JOHNSON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**
 199 Park Road 52 | Stonewall, TX 78671
 Phone Number: (830) 644-2252
[Website](#)
- ARBOR HILLS NATIONAL PRESERVE**
 6701 W Parker Rd | Plano, TX 75093
 Phone Number: (972) 941-7250
[Website](#)
- FORT DAVIS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**
 Fort Davis, TX 79734
 Phone Number: (432) 426-3835
[Website](#)



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Entertainment, continued...

Sports Teams:

BASKETBALL

San Antonio Spurs

NBA, Western Conference
[Website](#)

Houston Rockets

NBA, Western Conference
[Website](#)

Dallas Mavericks

NBA, Western Conference
[Website](#)

FOOTBALL

Dallas Cowboys

NFL, NFC East
[Website](#)

Houston Texans

NFL, AFC South
[Website](#)

HOCKEY

Dallas Stars

NHL, Central Division,
Western Conference
[Website](#)

BASEBALL

Houston Astros

MLB, American League West
[Website](#)

Texas Rangers

MLB, American League West
[Website](#)

SOCCER

FC Dallas

MLS, Western Conference
[Website](#)

Houston Dynamo

MLS, Western Conference
[Website](#)

Austin FC

MLS, Western Conference
[Website](#)

Annual State Fair

State Fair of Texas

Fair Park
1300 Robert B Cullum Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75210

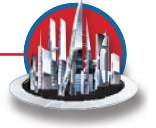
Months: September & October
[Website](#)



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4 GUIDES TO MAJOR CITIES

Major cities in Texas:

- Austin
- Dallas
- Houston
- San Antonio

Quick Guide to Austin

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

Major industries:

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

City Motto: "Keep Austin Weird"

City Nickname(s): Live Music Capital of the World, The City of the Violet Crown, ATX, Silicon Hills



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School Districts:

Austin Independent School District

Phone Number: (512) 414-1700

[Website](#)

Crime Statistics: [Website](#)

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

Local Police Numbers:

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (512) 974-5000

Main Fire Department:

5811 Nuckols Crossing Rd | Austin, TX 78744

Phone number: (512) 974-0130

[Website](#)

Area Hospitals & Locations:

Seton Medical Center

1201 West 38th Street | Austin, TX 78705

Phone number: (512) 324-1000

[Website](#)

St. David's Medical Center

919 East 32nd Street | Austin, TX 78705

Phone number: (512) 476-7111

[Website](#)

Utilities:

LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES

Austin Energy

2500 Montopolis Dr | Austin, TX 78741

Phone number: (512) 494-9400

[Website](#)

Bluebonnet Electric

2401 US-290 | Brenham, TX 77833

Phone number: (800) 842-7708

[Website](#)

CenterPoint Energy

Phone number: (512) 472-6950

[Website](#)

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY

Austin Water Utility

625 E 10th St, Austin | TX 78701

Phone number: (512) 972-0000

[Website](#)

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES

Time Warner Cable

Phone number: (512) 485-5555

[Website](#)

Grande Communications

Phone number: (512) 220-4600

[Website](#)

DirecTV

Phone number: (800) 543-1549

[Website](#)

Dish Network

Phone number: (512) 870-8221

[Website](#)



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Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:

WASTE

Austin Resource Recovery

2514 Business Center Dr | Austin, TX 78744

Phone number: (512) 494-9400

[Website](#)

Waste Management

9708 Giles Ln | Austin, TX 78754

Phone number: (512) 593-6769

[Website](#)

City of Austin - Residential Trash Collection

505 Barton Springs Rd # 1300 | Austin, TX 78704

Phone number: (512) 494-9400

[Website](#)

Texas Disposal Systems

3306 FM1327 | Creedmoor, TX 78610

Phone number: (800) 375-8375

[Website](#)

DUMPS

Austin Community Landfill

9900 Giles Ln, Austin, TX 78754

Phone number: (512) 272-4329

[Website](#)

Travis County Landfill

9600 FM 812, Austin, TX 78719

Phone number: (512) 243-6300

[Website](#)

RECYCLING

Austin Resource Recovery

2514 Business Center Dr | Austin, TX 78744

Phone number: (512) 494-9400

[Website](#)

Waste Management

9708 Giles Ln | Austin, TX 78754

Phone number: (512) 593-6769

[Website](#)

City of Austin - Residential Trash Collection

505 Barton Springs Rd # 1300 | Austin, TX 78704

Phone number: (512) 494-9400

[Website](#)

Texas Disposal Systems

3306 FM 1327 | Creedmoor, TX 78610

Phone number: (800) 375-8375

[Website](#)



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Quick Guide to Dallas

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

Major industries:

- Defense
- Financial Services
- Information Technology
- Data
- Life Sciences
- Semiconductors
- Telecommunications
- Transportation
- Processing

City Motto: “Big Things Happen Here.”

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

School Districts:

The Dallas Independent School District

Phone Number: (972) 925-3700

[Website](#)

Crime Statistics: [Website](#)

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

Local Police Numbers:

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (214) 670-7253

Main Fire Department:

660 N Griffin St | Dallas, TX 75202

Phone number: (214) 670-5466

[Website](#)

Area Hospitals & Locations:

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

5323 Harry Hines Boulevard | Dallas, TX 75390

Phone number: (214) 645-8300

[Website](#)

Baylor University Medical Center

3500 Gaston Avenue | Dallas, TX 75246-2088

Phone number: (214) 820-0111

[Website](#)

Medical City Dallas

7777 Forest Lane | Dallas, TX 75230

Phone number: (972) 566-7000

[Website](#)



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Utilities:

LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES

Atmos Energy

2607 Logan St | Dallas, TX 75215

Phone number: (866) 322-8667

[Website](#)

Ambit Energy

6729 Historic View | Dallas, TX 75236

Phone number: (972) 748-3622

[Website](#)

Stream Energy

14675 Dallas Pkwy | Dallas, TX 75254

Phone number: (214) 800-4400

[Website](#)

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY

City of Dallas Water Utility

Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street

Room 4A North | Dallas, TX 75201

Phone number: (214) 651-1441

[Website](#)

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES

Frontier

Phone number: (855) 284-2105

[Website](#)

DIRECTV

Phone number: (855) 802-3473

[Website](#)

AT&T U-verse

Phone number: (855) 424-5467

[Website](#)

Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:

WASTE

Waste Connections

12150 Garland Rd | Dallas, TX 75218

Phone number: (972) 289-6587

[Website](#)

The City of Dallas - Sanitation Services Office

3112 Canton Street, Suite 200 | Dallas, TX 75226

Phone number: (214) 670-5111

[Website](#)

Waste Management

Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458

[Website](#)

DUMPS

McCommas Bluff Landfill

5100 Youngblood Rd | Dallas, TX 75241

Phone number: (214) 670-0977

[Website](#)

Northeast (Fair Oaks) Transfer Station

7677 Fair Oaks Ave | Dallas, TX 75231

Phone number: (214) 670-6126

[Website](#)



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Quick Guide to Dallas, continued...

Northwest (Bachman) Transfer Station

9500 Harry Hines Blvd | Dallas, TX 75220

Phone number: (214) 670-6150

[Website](#)

Southwest (Oak Cliff) Transfer Station

4610 S Westmoreland Rd | Dallas, TX 75237

Phone number: (214) 670-1927

[Website](#)

RECYCLING

Waste Connections

12150 Garland Rd | Dallas, TX 75218

Phone number: (972) 289-6587

[Website](#)

The City of Dallas - Sanitation Services Office

3112 Canton Street, Suite 200 | Dallas, TX 75226

Phone number: (214) 670-5111

[Website](#)

Waste Management

Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458

[Website](#)



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Quick Guide to Houston

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

Major industries:

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

City Motto: "Houston: The City With no Limits"

City Nickname(s): Space City (Official), H-Town, Hustle-Town, Bayou City, HTX



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School Districts:

Houston Independent School District

Phone Number: (713) 556-6005

[Website](#)

Crime Statistics: [Website](#)

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

Local Police Numbers:

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (713) 884-3131

Main Fire Department:

1801 Smith St 7th floor | Houston, TX 77002

Phone number: (832) 394-6700

[Website](#)

Area Hospitals & Locations:

Houston Methodist Hospital

6565 Fannin Street, D200 | Houston, TX 77030

Phone number: (713) 790-3333

[Website](#)

Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center

6720 Bertner Avenue | Houston, TX 77030

Phone number: (832) 355-1000

[Website](#)

Memorial Herman-Texas Medical Center

6411 Fannin Street | Houston, TX 77030

Phone number: (713) 704-4000

[Website](#)

Utilities:

LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES

CenterPoint Energy

P.O. Box 4981

Houston, TX 77210-4981 (Payment)

Phone number: (713) 207-2222

[Website](#)

Reliant Energy

6100 W Fuqua St

Houston, TX 77085

Phone number: 1(866) 222-7100

[Website](#)

TXU Energy

PO Box 650700

Dallas, TX 75265-0700 (Payment)

Phone number: (800) 818-6132

[Website](#)

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY

City of Houston: Department of Public Works

611 Walker St | Houston, TX 77002

Phone number: (713) 371-1400

[Website](#)

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES

Spectrum

Phone number: (813) 267-6094

[Website](#)

DIRECTV

Phone number: (855) 802-3473

[Website](#)



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AT&T U-verse

Phone number: (855) 424-5467

[Website](#)

Frontier

Phone number: (855) 284-2105

[Website](#)

Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:

WASTE

City of Houston Solid Waste Management

901 Bagby | Houston, TX 77002

Phone number: (713) 837-0311

[Website](#)

Best Trash LLC

430 FM 1093 Rd | Richmond, TX 77407

Phone number: (713) 837-0311

[Website](#)

VF Waste services

P.O. Box 773107 | Houston, TX 77215

Phone number: (713) 787-9790

[Website](#)

Waste Management

1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 | Houston, TX 77002

Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458

[Website](#)

LOCAL DUMPS

Atascocita Landfill

3623 Wilson Road | Humble, TX 77396

Phone number: (281) 446-6545

[Website](#)

BFI McCarty

5757 A Oates Rd | Houston, TX 77078

Phone number: (713) 671-1575

[Website](#)

BFI Blue Ridge

2200 FM 521 Rd | Fresno, TX 77545

Phone number: (713) 671-1575

[Website](#)

Coastal Plains Landfill (Alvin)

21000 E Hwy 6 | Alvin, TX 77511

Phone number: (281) 388-1708

[Website](#)

RECYCLING COMPANIES

City of Houston - Solid Waste Management

901 Bagby | Houston, TX 77002

Phone number: (713) 837-0311

[Website](#)

Best Trash LLC

430 FM 1093 Rd | Richmond, TX 77407

Phone number: (713) 837-0311

[Website](#)

VF Waste services

P.O. Box 773107 | Houston, TX 77215

Phone number: (713) 787-9790

[Website](#)

Waste Management

1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 | Houston, TX 77002

Phone number: 1 (866) 909-4458

[Website](#)



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Quick Guide to San Antonio

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

Major industries:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Biosciences
- Information Technology
- New Energy Economy
- Financial Services
- Military/Defense

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

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

School Districts:

San Antonio Independent School District

Phone Number: (210) 554-2200

[Website](#)



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Quick Guide to San Antonio, continued...

Crime Statistics: [Website](#)

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

Local Police Numbers:

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (210) 207-7273

Main Fire Department:

315 So. Santa Rosa Ave | San Antonio, TX 78207

Phone number: (210) 207-7744

[Website](#)

Area Hospitals & Locations:

Baptist Medical Center

111 Dallas Street | San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone number: (210) 297-7000

[Website](#)

Methodist Hospital

7700 Floyd Curl Drive | San Antonio, TX 78229

Phone number: (210) 575-4000

[Website](#)

University Hospital

4502 Medical Drive | San Antonio, TX 78229

Phone number: (210) 358-2000

[Website](#)

Acuity Hospital of South Texas

718 Lexington Avenue | San Antonio, TX 78212

Phone number: (210) 572-4600

[Website](#)

Utilities:

LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

CPS Energy

511 S Salado St | San Antonio, TX 78207

Phone number: (210) 353-2222

[Website](#)

MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANY

San Antonio Water System

2800 U.S. Hwy. 281 North | San Antonio, TX 78212

Phone number: (210) 704-7297

[Website](#)

LOCAL CABLE COMPANIES

AT&T UVerse

Phone number:

[Website](#)

Spectrum

Phone number: (866) 874-2389

[Website](#)

Grande Communications

Phone number: (210) 320-4600

[Website](#)

DIRECTV

Phone number: (855) 802-3473

[Website](#)

AT&T U-verse

Phone number: (855) 424-5467

[Website](#)



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Local Waste/Dump/Recycle:

WASTE

Solid Waste Management - The City of San Antonio

4410 W. Piedras Dr. | San Antonio, TX 78228

Phone number: (210) 207-6428

[Website](#)

Tiger Sanitation

6315 Hwy 87 E | San Antonio, TX 78222

Phone number: (210) 333-4287

[Website](#)

Waste Management

4730 S East Loop 410 | San Antonio, TX 78222

Phone number: (210) 819-5325

[Website](#)

C6 Disposal Systems

P.O. Box 160489 San Antonio, TX 78280

Phone number: (210) 375-0066

[Website](#)

DUMPS

Covell Gardens Landfill

8611 Covell Road | San Antonio, TX 78252

Phone number: 1(800) 800-5804

[Website](#)

Tessman Road Landfill

7000, I-10, | San Antonio, TX 78219

Phone number: (210) 661-7558

[Website](#)

RECYCLING COMPANIES

Solid Waste Management - The City of San Antonio

4410 W. Piedras Dr. | San Antonio, TX 78228

Phone number: (210) 207-6428

[Website](#)

Tiger Sanitation

6315 Hwy 87 E | San Antonio, TX 78222

Phone number: (210) 333-4287

[Website](#)

Waste Management

4730 S East Loop 410 | San Antonio, TX 78222

Phone number: (210) 819-5325

[Website](#)

C6 Disposal Systems

P.O. Box 160489 | San Antonio, TX 78280

Phone number: (210) 375-0066

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