Business & Tax Climate

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Harris County Has...





State or Local Corporate Tax



3% LOWER Cost of Living Compared to the U.S.

Deregulated Energy Market

With a deregulated energy market in the State of Texas, Harris County electricity users enjoy a selection of retail providers competing for their business.

Unemployment Insurance

2.7% general entry rate, charged on first \$9,000 in earnings, reassessed after 6 quarters and charged at own experience rate.

Workers' Compensation Insurance

Not required by the State of Texas. Options include: self-insurance, state-operated Texas Mutual or licensed private insurance company.

Licenses & Permits

Varies by industry and regulatory agency. Please visit the State of Texas Portal and/or the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulations.

Property Tax (2023 Rates)

Tax rates are per \$100 Certified Taxable Appraised Value

The same tax rates apply to all items

The following items are taxed in the **State of Texas**:

Real Property (includes land and building)

Tangible Personal Property means personal property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or otherwise perceived by the senses. See Property Tax Code for definitions.

Franchise Tax (Varies by Report Year)

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0.75% for most entities

0.375% for gualifying wholesalers and retailers

0.331% for those entities with \$20 million or less in Total Revenue and electing the E-Z Computation

Sales & Use Tax

8.25% maximum sales tax composite

0% for Harris County

6.25% for the State of Texas

Up to 2% for other Entities, as applicable

Application for Registration to do Business

\$750, required to do business in Texas for non-U.S. corporations, LLC, LPs and out-of-state entities. Please visit the Texas Secretary of State for details.

Doing Business As (DBA)

\$24 + \$0.50 for each additional name filed in Harris County (A DBA filing is required if not incorporated or if doing business under a name other than that in which the business was incorporated). Please visit Harris County Clerk's Office for details.

Harris County Property Tax

Harris County	\$0.35007
Flood Control District	\$0.03105
Port of Houston	\$0.00574
Hospital District	\$0.14343
Total Property Tax	\$0.53029*

*Depending on the property's location, tax rates from other entities apply. Check Harris County Appraisal District to find out the entities levying taxes for your property.