Fast Facts

3rd Largest County in the U.S.

County Judge	Lina Hidalgo
Commissioner, Precinct 1	Rodney Ellis
Commissioner, Precinct 2	Adrian Garcia
Commissioner, Precinct 3	Tom S. Ramsey
Commissioner, Precinct 4	Lesley Briones

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Population & Demographics

5,045,026
Total Population

28.4%
Foreign Born

78.0%
Population Growth Since 1990

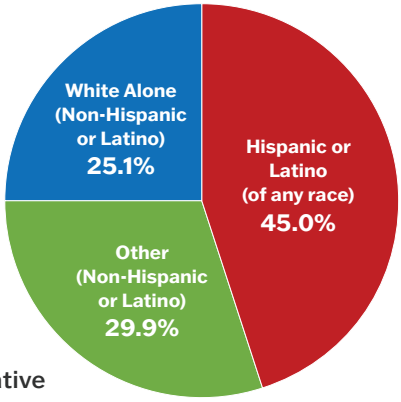
34.8
Median Age

Race

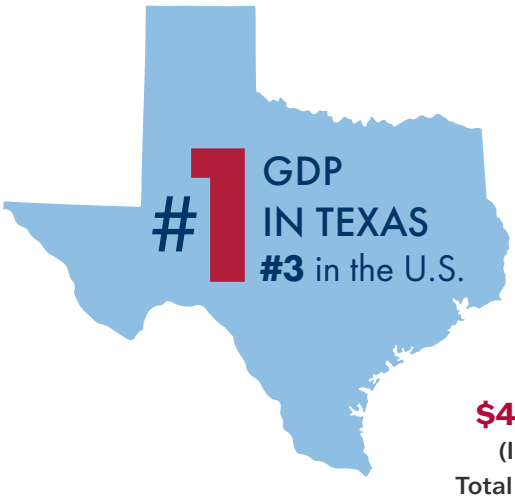


- 33.4% White
- 25.2% Two or More Races
- 19.1% Black or African American
- 13.5% Some Other Race
- 7.6% Asian
- 1.1% American Indian and Alaska Native
- 0.1% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Ethnicity



Economic Indicators



1,801,856
Households

2.75
Average Household Size

$74,629
Median Household Income (in 2024 dollars)

$400,697,273
(In Thousands)
Total Personal Income

124,542
Total Businesses

19,763
Commercial Permits

34,721
Residential Permits

2025Q4 Labor Force

2,652,633
Employees

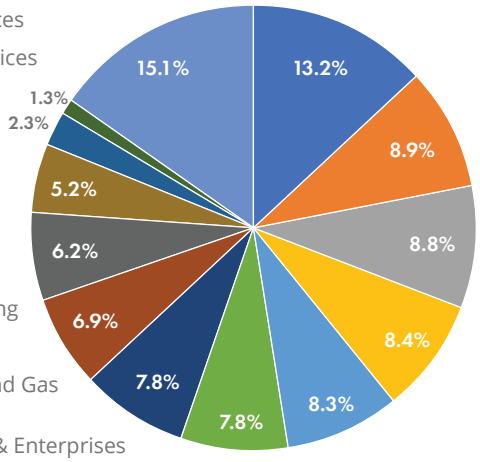
$87,204
Average Annual Wage*

60,440 ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS
call Harris County home

**Note: Average Annual Wage based on average wages for total, all industries.*

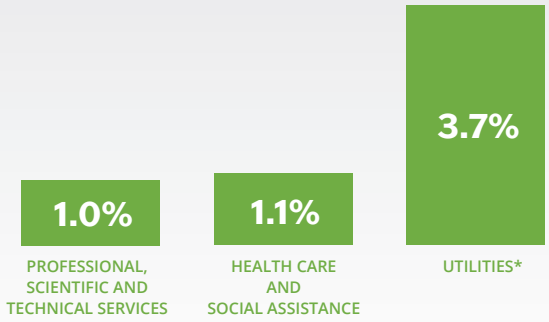
Industry Sectors by Share of Employment

- **13.2%** Health Care & Social Assistance
- **8.9%** Professional, Technical Services
- **8.8%** Accommodation & Food Services
- **8.4%** Retail Trade
- **8.3%** Construction
- **7.8%** Administrative and Waste Management
- **7.8%** Educational Services
- **6.9%** Manufacturing
- **6.2%** Transportation & Warehousing
- **5.2%** Wholesale Trade
- **2.3%** Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction
- **1.3%** Management of Companies & Enterprises
- **15.1%** Other Industry Sectors

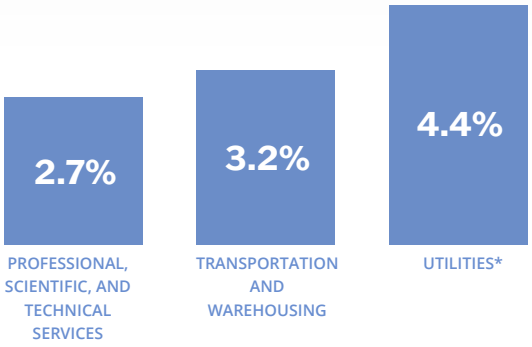


27 FORTUNE 500
Headquarters in Harris County

10-YEAR GROWTH FORECAST



10-YEAR GROWTH HISTORY



The Health Care and Social Assistance industry sector employs the highest number of people at **348,374**. The highest concentration of interrelated industry sectors in Harris County comprises the Coal/Oil/Power industry super cluster, at over **4 times the national average**, employing **93,113** workers with an average wage of **$231,547**. Such high concentration signals a regional competitive advantage over the U.S. and other areas.

Global Presence

HOUSTON AIRPORTS

3
AIRPORTS
2 with international flights and 1 licensed spaceport

1st
AIRPORT
in North America to earn a 5-star international rating (HOU)

PORT HOUSTON℠
THE INTERNATIONAL PORT OF TEXAS

1st
IN THE NATION
in Waterborne Tonnage

2nd
IN THE NATION
in Foreign Cargo Value

TMC | TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

LARGEST
MEDICAL
Complex in the World

8th
LARGEST
Business District in the Nation

120,000+
EMPLOYEES
in the Medical Center

WORLD CLASS HIGHWAY SYSTEM
with over a dozen multi-lane highways circumnavigating the center of Harris County and connecting it to the rest of Texas, the U.S. and North, Central and South America.



*Note: Industry is part of 'Other' in the Employment Industry pie chart.

Sources: Fortune Magazine, 2026 Fortune 500; Harris County; Harris County Department of Engineering, 2025 Permits Issued; Houston Airport System FY2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; JobsEQ 2026Q1 Industry Snapshot, 2025Q4 Labor & Wages; Port Houston 2026 Statistics; Texas Medical Center, 2026 About Us; U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 1990-2025 Population Estimates; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2024 GDP Summary & Personal Income Summary; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2025 (Annual Average Establishments) Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages