

# H-TOWN. THE BAYOU CITY. THE 713.

No matter what you call Houston,  
more and more people are calling it home.



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

MD Anderson  
~~Cancer Center~~

Making Cancer History®

In the last decade, Houston has gained more than 1 million new residents. And it's expected to add 1.2 million more by 2029. That means Houston's population is growing faster than the 10 largest cities in the United States. Why are so many newcomers flocking to the nation's fourth largest city?

## BECAUSE HOUSTON IS ...

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### AFFORDABLE

Compared to the 20 most populous U.S. cities, Houston has:

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
lowest cost of living

**51%**  
lower housing costs

No state income tax



### DIVERSE

**145**  
languages spoken, making it one of the nation's most diverse cities

**1 in 4**  
residents are foreign-born

**90+**  
nations have consuls in Houston

**300+**  
events, festivals and parades each year celebrating various cultures and ethnicities

*Chinese Community Center*





*Therapeutics Discovery at MD Anderson*



## A HEALTH CARE MECCA

Houston's Texas Medical Center is the world's largest concentration of health care institutions, with:

**10 million**  
patient visits  
each year

**106,000+**  
employees

**63**  
medical, research and educational  
establishments, including MD Anderson,  
ranked top in the nation for cancer care

**1 surgery**  
every 3 minutes

**1 birth**  
every 20 minutes



## A BIOTECH BONANZA

As a hub for medical device manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and health research, Houston is home to:

**1,750**  
life science companies

**18,960**  
life science and  
biotech researchers

**470**  
accelerators, incubators  
and biotech investors

**20%**  
of all clinical trials in the nation



# AT THE TOP OF ITS CLASS

From day care to graduate school, Houston caters to education-seekers of all stripes. The Bayou City is home to:

**60+**  
school districts

**Dozens**  
of charter schools

**200**  
private schools

Two Houston universities have achieved Tier 1 status from the Carnegie Foundation, placing them among the country's top research universities:

**Rice University**

**University of Houston**

Houston's Texas Medical Center includes:

**5** medical schools      **2** dental schools

**9** nursing schools      **2** public health schools

This includes:

- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
School of Health Professions



*Rice University*



# COMPETITIVE

The city's six professional sports teams have long-winning traditions and loyal fans.

**Astros**  
Major League Baseball  
2017 and 2022 World Series champions

**Texans**  
National Football League

**Rockets**  
National Basketball Association

**Houston Dynamo FC**  
Major League Soccer

**The Houston Dash**  
National Women's Soccer League

**SaberCats**  
Major League Rugby



Houston is one of the few U.S. cities with resident, world-class companies in theater, ballet, symphony and opera.

### **Houston Museum of Natural Science**

This one-of-a-kind dinosaur hall is curated by world-renowned paleontologist Robert Bakker, Ph.D., who served as an advisor on the Jurassic Park movies.

### **Houston Theater District**

With six performance halls, this 17-block district has the second-largest number of theater seats in a downtown area in the U.S.

### **Museum District**

Houston has 20 museums within 12 city blocks of each other.



Whether you're craving Vietnamese Pho, a Cajun crawfish boil, Indian curry or Texas barbecue, the restaurant scene in Houston is booming with flavor and variety.

### **10,000+**

restaurants serve cuisines from more than 70 countries

### **1,000+**

food trucks

### **Chefs**

regularly nominated and honored with James Beard Awards

*Houston Museum of Natural Science*





*Centennial Gardens at Hermann Park  
Lifted Up Aerial Photography*



## GREEN

Houston's outdoor destinations offer an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. The city is home to:

**627**

parks, with four ranking among the largest 50 parks in the country

**176**

running and hiking trails

**345**

miles of biking paths

**229**

playgrounds

**161**

baseball and softball fields

**87**

soccer fields

**8**

golf courses

**37**

swimming pools

**10**

dog parks

**4**

nature centers

**61%**

of Houston residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park



## ACCESSIBLE

Two major airports serving the Houston area make traveling easier. With both achieving four-star rankings from the international airport review and ranking site, Skytrax, Houston is the only city in the Western Hemisphere with two four-star rated airports.

**George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)**

provides service to 180+ destinations

**William P. Hobby (HOU)**

provides service to 80+ destinations



# ENTERTAINING

You'll never hear Houstonians complaining of boredom. With so many things to do, there's always something fun going down in H-town.

## Miller Outdoor Theatre

Located in the heart of Hermann Park, this open-air amphitheater stages free musical, dance and theatrical performances, with Saturday daytime shows for children.

## Space Center Houston

As the official visitor center of NASA, this museum features more than 400 space artifacts, including the world's largest collection of spacesuits and moon rocks.

## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Recognized as the largest rodeo and livestock show in the world, this three-week celebration features a world-championship Bar-B-Que Contest, nightly concerts by the biggest names in music, and a carnival and midway.

## Houston Zoo

With more than 2.1 million visitors each year, the Houston Zoo is the second-most visited in the United States. The zoo houses more than 6,000 animals from 600 species, and offers a summer camp and petting zoo for children.

## Discovery Green

This urban green space in the heart of Houston hosts year-round musical performances, craft shows, art installations, and ice skating in winter.

## Galveston Island

A day of sand and surf is easily within reach on Galveston Island's beaches, located just 50 miles southeast of Houston.

*Miller Outdoor Theatre*





# HOUSTON TRIVIA

- 1 This landmark was dubbed the eighth wonder of the world.
- 2 This Ben Stiller-directed film was made here.
- 3 This University of Houston quarterback won the Heisman Trophy in 1989.
- 4 Director Wes Anderson graduated from this private school.
- 5 These brothers founded Houston in 1836.
- 6 His presidential library is in nearby College Station.
- 7 She was Houston's first female mayor.
- 8 A 6-mile system of tunnels is located here.
- 9 This professional sports team won titles in 1994 and 1995.
- 10 The tallest building in Houston and all of Texas.
- 11 This Houston-born recording artist holds the title of "most awarded female recording artist of all time."
- 12 This professional sports team has played in the World Series four times, in 2005, 2017 (the year they won!), 2019 and 2021.

7. Kathy Whitmire, elected in 1982  
 8. Downtown Houston  
 9. Houston Rockets  
 10. 75-story JPMorgan Chase Tower  
 11. Beyoncé  
 12. Houston Astros

1. Astrodome  
 2. "Reality Bites"  
 3. Andre Ware  
 4. St. John's School  
 5. The Allen brothers  
 6. President George H.W. Bush