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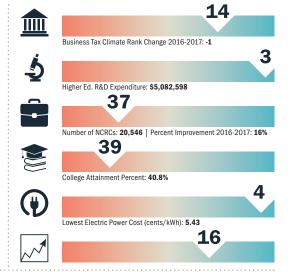
Texas

GDP

Pop. (2016): 27,637,152 Median household income: \$54,075 Credit Rating: AAA/Stable Pop. growth 2016-2021: 1.63% Median age: 34.4 Right-to-work state: Yes

Legislative Update

- The 84th Texas legislature, which met in 2015, negotiated property tax relief and a 25-percent cut to the state's business tax.
- Look for bills supporting entrepreneurship and property tax
 reform in the legislature's coming biennial session. Both have
 been cited as priorities by Texas House Speaker Joe Straus.
 Hanging over the session is the slump in oil and gas revenues,
 which has hit Texas hard.
- HB 112 would cap the cost of tuition at public universities in Texas to less than 85 percent of the current cost. Bills to regulate tuition in the previous legislative session were unsuccessful.
- SB 113 would give the state sole authority to regulate taxis and other transportation network companies. Uber and Lyft both have left the capital, Austin, since the city voted to require that ride-sharing drivers get background checks. The two firms had spent billions of dollars lobbying against the mandate.





2015 GDP (in millions of current US\$) \$1,630,082

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2015

COMPANY	СІТҮ	COUNTY	TYPE	NEW/ EXPANDED	PRODUCT	INVESTMENT (US\$ M)	EMP
Corpus Christi LNG	Corpus Christi	Nueces	MF	N	Refinery	14,500	250
The Chemours Co.	Ingleside	San Patricio	MF	E	Chemicals	230	
Allergan	Waco	McLennan	MF	E	Pharmaceuticals	200	100
Plains GP Holdings	Corpus Christi	Nueces	DW	N	Pipelines	200	
Mckesson Corp.	Irving	Dallas	HQ	N	Pharmaceuticals	157	1,000
Monsanto Co.	Lubbock	Lubbock	MF	N	Cottonseed	140	40
Sata Spa	Brownsville	Cameron	MF	N	Auto Parts	114	300
Canadian General-Tower	New Braunfels	Comal	MF	N	Plastics	80	275
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	Ingleside	San Patricio	MF	N	Propane	70	
Tex-Isle Supply	Corpus Christi	Nueces	MF	N	Machinery	30	100

DT = Data Center | MF = Manufacturing | OF = Office | HQ = Headquarters | RD = Research & Development | DW = Distribution/Warehouse

Did You Know?

Texas ranked No. 1 in 2015 for new projects big enough to warrant inclusion in Site Selection's Conway Projects database with 702 new projects or major expansions. Ernst & Young ranked Texas number one for capital investment with \$48.3 billion.

The San Antonio metropolitan-area population grew by 11.75 percent between 2010 and 2016, and is projected to grow an additional 8.12 percent through the year 2021.

Texas levels no individual or corporate income tax. Its state sales tax rate is 6.25 percent, and it imposes a modified gross receipts tax called the Margin Tax, with rates ranging from 0.3 percent to 0.75 percent.

Dallas is seeking a \$1.1-billion bailout for its pension fund for police and firefighters. A recommendation in July to prevent large withdrawals from the fund triggered a run on the fund that saw retirees pull more than \$220 million out of it.

Houston is home to 40 of the nation's 134 publicly traded oil and gas exploration and production firms, including 10 of the top 25.



"Our 1997 relocation to Cedar Hill Business Park, with easy access to major highways, gives us the competitive edge."

> Beverlea Bons General Manager Metals USA

"Cedar Hill's vibrant tech scene and natural beauty made it the perfect spot to launch our company."

> Shadi Awad Co-Founder Teknagy LLC



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LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES

Companies of all types have found that Cedar Hill is a prime location for industrial, commercial, high-tech, retail, healthcare, residential and recreational opportunities. Located in the beautiful hill country environment of Joe Pool Lake and the Cedar Hill State Park, Cedar Hill is the natural choice for those who want big-city amenities with a small-town ambience.

- Easy access to I-35, I-45, I-20, I-30, DFW Airport, Dallas Love Field
- US 67/Rail-served Business Park

- Pro-business community with a workforce of over 1 million within a 30-minute drive time
- Low taxes, low cost of living, quality education, over 3 million sf of retail, and Class A office space
- To facilitate and energize relocation and expansion, Cedar Hill offers aggressive economic development incentives



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"Businesses with an eye for historic charm will enjoy doing business in Cedar Hill's Historic Downtown."

Paul Vinyard
Owner
Babe's Chicken Dinner House