

Texas

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“Our detractors like to say our success is purely a product of our oil and gas industry, and we are, indeed, proud of that sector of our economy and it has contributed greatly to the Texas economy for generations. But we’ve worked hard over the last decade to diversify our economy.”

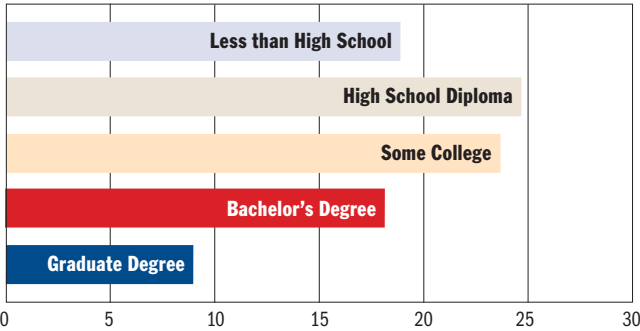
— Gov. Rick Perry, July 17, 2013, in a speech to the Texas Association of Business and Central Texas Chamber of Commerce

Governor: Rick Perry (R) texaswideopenforbusiness.com

Right-to-work state: Yes

Population 2013: 26,204,801 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018: 5.19% Median household income: \$56,774 Median age: 33.8

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	2 (\$1,211,692*)
Business Tax Climate	11
Small Business Policy	3
Career Readiness Certificates	23 (7,862)
High School Graduation	27
Health	36

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- In November 2013, Texas voters approved Proposition 6, a proposal to take \$2 billion from the state's rainy day fund in order to fund statewide water infrastructure projects for the next 50 years.
- A franchise tax relief bill allows businesses to deduct the first \$1 million in revenue they earn, and HB 800 providing tax credits for R&D spending.
- House Bill 1 and Senate Joint Resolution 1, which would authorize up to \$1 billion in new transportation financing annually, finally passed after two special sessions of the legislature were called. The final proposal, which splits funds from oil and gas production between the Department of Transportation and the emergency fund, will have to go before voters in November 2014.

Did You Know?

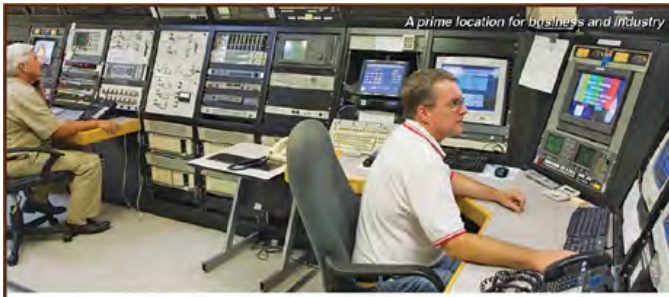
- Texas 'won' two-thirds of the Site Selection Magazine triple-crown in 2013 by taking the Governor's Cup title with the most project totals for 2012 and the number one spot in the magazine's Most Competitive States ranking. Texas came in third in Site Selection's 2013 Top State Business Climate Rankings but was ranked first in the 2013 Executive Survey Business Climate Ranking.
- Texas leads the nation in cattle, cotton, hay, sheep and wool, and goats and mohair production. The state is home to 247,500 farms and ranches covering 130.4 million acres.
- The Notrees Project, which came online in December 2012, is 36-megawatt energy storage and power management system. The system can store excess energy created when the wind is blowing and make it available to the grid at a later date.
- Texas awarded more than 196,000 undergraduate degrees and certificates in 2012. Since 2000, annual undergraduate credentials earned by Hispanic and African American students have increased by 125 percent and 75 percent, respectively.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2013

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Exp.	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Golden Pass Products/ ExxonMobil/Qatar Petroleum	Port Arthur	Jefferson	MF	N	Natural Gas	\$10,000	
Tenaris	Bay City	Matagorda	MF	N	Steel Pipe	1,500	600
Ascend Performance Materials	Alvin	Brazoria	MF	N	Propane	1,200	100
Voestalpine Texas Holding	Corpus Christi	Nueces	MF	N	Iron	700	150
Chevron	Houston	Harris	OF	E	Oil & Natural Gas	600	1,752
Dow Chemical	Freeport	Brazoria	OF	N	Chemicals	600	150
Trafigura	Corpus Christi	Nueces	DW	N	Logistics	500	
LyondellBasell	Corpus Christi	Nueces	MF	N	Ethylene	420	
Valero Energy	Houston	Harris	MF	E	Refinery	220	
Linde	La Porte	Harris	MF	N	Chemicals	200	
Triumph Aerostructures	Red Oak	Ellis	MF	E	Aerostructures	170	175
Amazon.com	Schertz	Guadalupe	DW	N	Fulfillment Center	166	350
International Terminals Co. - ITC	Pasadena	Harris	MF	N	Tank Terminal	150	
Borusan Mannesmann Pipe	Baytown	Harris	MF	E	Pipe	148	250
Chevron	San Antonio	Comal	OF	E	Data Center	139	
Mitsui Chemicals	Pasadena	Harris	MF	N	Chemicals	136	
Axis Pipe and Tube, Inc	Bryan	Brazos	MF	N	Steel Pipes and Tubes	120	285
Dallas Cowboys	Frisco	Collin	HQ	N	Professional Team	115	
Nexolon America	San Antonio	Comal	MF	N	Solar Panels	115	400
German Pellets	Woodville	Tyler	MF	N	Wood Pellets	100	250
Anadarko Petroleum Co	Cotulla	La Salle	MF	N	Natural Gas Processing	100	
Atlas Pipeline Partners			MF	N	Cryogenic	100	
Sanderson Farms	Palestine	Anderson	MF	N	Poultry Processing	92	
GlaxoSmithKline	Bryan	BRAZOS	MF	N	Pharmaceuticals	91	
National Instruments	Austin	Williamson	RD	E	Software	80	1,000
Noble Energy Inc.	Houston	Harris	HQ	E	Oil & Gas Exploration	72	
Tenaris	Conroe	Montgomery	MF	N	Sucker Rods	70	200

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse

N = New E = Expansion



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