

How Texas Got Its Swagger: A Comprehensive Guide

Texans aren't lacking in confidence. But the phrases "Everything's bigger in Texas," "Don't Mess with Texas," and "Texas – It's Like a Whole Other Country" are more than just bumper stickers or marketing slogans. They are a genuine reflection of an identity Texans truly believe in and abide by.

When Texans say these things, we're not bragging. We're just being honest. Like former president George W. Bush once said, "Some folks look at me and see a certain swagger. In Texas, we call it walkin'."

And that's why it's important for any entity considering a Texas campaign to understand, embrace and determine how this swagger can be leveraged to their advantage.

As hard as it may be to define swagger, the source of it is part pride, part ambition, and part position. Texas ranks at or near the top of numerous categories in business, trade, infrastructure and the economy.

We've compiled a comprehensive, representative list of these areas that best demonstrate where Texas derives a considerable amount of its swagger.

So, in no particular order, let's look at How Texas Got Its Swagger:
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Energy

Texas Leads The Nation In Both Energy Production And Energy Consumption.

In 2021, Texas produced more energy than any other state, accounting for almost 12 percent of the nation's total net energy generation. During the same year, Texas was the largest producer of oil (43 percent), natural gas (25 percent) and wind-powered electricity (26 percent) in the nation.

Staff, "Texas' Energy Profile," Texas Comptroller's Fiscal Notes, 9/22

Texas Leads The Nation In Energy Production And Is The Nation's Largest Net Energy Supplier.

Texas is a large state with a wealth of energy resources. It leads the nation in energy production, providing nearly one-fourth of the country's domestically produced energy. However, because Texas produces much more energy than it consumes, it is the nation's largest net energy supplier.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Leads All States In Crude Oil Production.

Texas has led all states in crude oil production in every year but one since at least 1970. The state accounts for more than two-fifths of the nation's crude oil proved reserves and production. In 29 of the past 41 years, it also produced more crude oil than all the federal offshore producing areas combined.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Is Home To Two Of The Nation's Four U.S. Petroleum Reserve Crude Oil Storage Sites.

Texas is home to two of the nation's four U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) crude oil storage sites. SPR was created to reduce the impacts of supply disruptions. The Reserve, managed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), can hold a combined total of up to 714 million barrels of crude oil in 60 huge underground salt caverns. The Texas sites have a combined storage capacity of 417 million barrels and are located in salt caverns in the state's Gulf Coast region.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Leads The Nation In Crude Oil Refining.

Texas also leads the nation in crude oil refining. The majority of the Texas refineries are clustered near ports along the Gulf Coast, and that region has the largest concentration of oil refineries in the United States. Texas has about one-fourth of the nation's operable refineries and nearly one-third of the total U.S. refining capacity. The state's 31 petroleum refineries can process a combined total of almost 5.9 million barrels of crude oil per calendar day.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Is The Top Natural Gas-Producing State.

Texas is the top crude oil- and natural gas-producing state in the nation. Nearly one-fourth of U.S. dry natural gas reserves and about 30 of the 100 largest natural gas fields are located, in whole or in part, in Texas. In 2021, the state produced one-fourth of the nation's natural gas.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Leads The Nation In Wind-Powered Electricity Generation.

In 2021, Texas produced about 26% of all U.S. wind-powered electricity generation, leading the nation for the 16th year in a row. Wind power surpassed the state's nuclear generation for the first time in 2014 and exceeded coal-fired generation for the first time in 2019.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Second Largest Producer Of Solar Photovoltaic-Sourced Power.

In 2021, the state was the country's second-largest producer, after California, of solar photovoltaic (PV)-sourced power. Solar capacity at the state's large- and small-scale (less than 1 megawatt) facilities nearly doubled between December 2020 and December 2021, when it rose from 5,987 to 10,329 megawatts.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Produces More Electricity Than Any Other State.

Texas produces more electricity than any other state, generating nearly twice as much as second-place Florida. In 2021, Texas accounted for about 12% of the nation's total electricity net generation.

"Texas State Energy Profile," U.S. Energy Information Administration, Accessed 11/30/22

Economy and Business

Year After Year, Texas Is Voted The Best State For Business.

In what's become an annual rite of spring for our Best & Worst States for Business survey of CEOs, Texas and Florida held on to their No. 1 and No. 2 spots this year, continuing their long-running lock on the top of the rankings. Based on polling of nearly 700 CEOs and business owners from every U.S. state, conducted in January and February 2022, the Lone Star State placed No. 1 again, as it has every year since Chief Executive began the compiling the list in 2001. Their combination of a fast-growth population and a low-tax, low-regulation business climate is proven catnip for companies.

Dale Buss, "Texas Tops 2022 Best & Worst States For Business Survey Of CEOs," Chief Executive, Accessed 11/28/22

Texas Has Seen The Fastest Annual Job Growth.

Employment releases from the Texas Workforce Commission and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed Texas experienced the fastest annual jobs growth rate in the 12 months through October 2022. Texas again broke its all-time record for total jobs for the 12th consecutive month as Texas employers added 49,500 nonfarm jobs that month as well.

Office of the Texas Governor, "Texas Again Breaks All-Time Record For Total Jobs," Press Release, 11/18/22

Bureau of Labor Statistics: Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 46 states and was essentially unchanged in 4 states and the District of Columbia. The largest job increases occurred in California (+695,500), Texas (+694,200), and Florida (+457,400). The largest percentage increase occurred in Texas (+5.4 percent), followed by Florida (+5.0 percent) and Oregon (+4.5 percent).

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "State Employment and Unemployment (Monthly) News Release," Press Release, 11/18/22

Texas Has The Most Fortune 500 Companies.

Texas now leads the nation in the number of Fortune 500 companies that are headquartered in the state, it was revealed this week. As many as 53 highly profitable businesses—from Exxon Mobil to AT&T to the recently relocated Tesla and Hewlett Packard Enterprise—choose to hang their hat in the Lone Star State, beating New York and California.

Frank Holmes, "Texas Is Now Home To More Fortune 500 Companies Than Any Other State, And I'm Not Surprised," Forbes, 5/26/22



Texas Is The Number One State In Exports For 20 Years In A Row.

Texas leads the nation as No. 1 exporting state for the 20th year in a row, accounting for more exports than California, New York and Louisiana combined, according to Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), U.S. Department of Commerce, figures released this week.

Texas Economic Development Corporation, "Texas Is No. 1 Exporting State For 20 Years In A Row," Press Release, 2/11/22

Top Exports Are Petroleums, Propane, and Electronic Integrated Circuits.

In 2021 the top exports of Texas were petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals (\$62.5B), petroleum spirit for motor vehicles (\$28.9B), light petroleum distillates (\$24B), propane, liquefied (\$18.6B), and electronic integrated circuits: processors and controllers (\$11.2B).

Texas Export Top Destinations Are Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and South Korea.

In August 2022, Texas exported mostly to Mexico (\$13.5B), Canada (\$3.49B), China (\$2.23B), Japan (\$1.79B), and South Korea (\$1.76B), and imported mostly from Mexico (\$12.6B), China (\$3.64B), Canada (\$2.84B), Vietnam (\$2.46B), and South Korea (\$1.08B).

Texas Is Number One In GDP Growth.

Last quarter of 2021: Texas, the ninth largest economy in the world according to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), saw a 10.1% increase in the annual rate growth of real GDP in the last quarter of 2021 — compared to the national average of 6.9% — according to data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis released today, March 31.

Texas Economic Development Corporation, "Texas' Economic Dominance Continues, Ranks No. 1 in U.S. in GDP Growth," Press Release, 3/31/22

Second quarter of 2022: Real gross domestic product (GDP) decreased in 40 states and the District of Columbia in the second quarter of 2022, with the percent change in real GDP ranging from 1.8 percent in Texas to -4.8 percent in Wyoming (table 1), according to statistics released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Gross Domestic Product by State and Personal Income by State, 2nd Quarter 2022," Press Release, 9/30/22

Texas Is The Country's Top Chemical Producer And Exporter.

Texas is the country's top chemical producer and exporter. In 2020, chemicals were the third-largest export, with a value of about \$40 billion, or 14.3 percent of the state's total exports.

David Green, Shannon Halbrook, Lisa Minton and Edda Pleitez, "The Good for Texas Tour: Supply Chains," Texas Comptroller's Fiscal Notes, 1/22

Technology

Texas Is Ranked Second For The Number Of Tech Employees.

"State Of The Tech Workforce: Cyberstates 2022," The Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), 3/22

Texas Ranked Second For Tech Workforce Diversity.

The District of Columbia recorded the highest tech workforce Diversity Index score at 67, followed by Texas, California, and Georgia.

"State Of The Tech Workforce: Cyberstates 2022," The Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), 3/22

Austin And The Surrounding Community Is Known As Silicon Hills.

Since Dell's founding in the mid 1980s, Austin has been a growing hub for tech companies, startups and entrepreneurs looking to make their mark. The area soon became known as "Silicon Hills," a nod to California's Silicon Valley, and the rolling hills of western Austin. Following Dell's example, some of the biggest names in tech laid down roots in Silicon Hills. Leaders like Hewlett Packard, Intel, Cisco, IBM, Apple, eBay, Oracle and Facebook all established headquarters or offices in the area.

Alyssa Schroer, "Silicon Hills: The Hottest Scene in Texas Tech," Built In ATX, 1/18/22

Texas Led The Country In Semiconductor Exports For 11 Years, With More Than One Quarter Of The U.S. Total.

Texas has led the country in semiconductor exports for 11 straight years, and has shown a commitment to expanding the industry. Texas led the nation in semiconductor exports at \$17.3 billion, more than one-quarter of the U.S. total.

Eric Neugeboren, "Top Texas Republicans, Biden administration look to grow the state's semiconductor industry," The Texas Tribune, 7/26/22; "Texas Supply Chain: Semiconductor," Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Accessed 12/2/2

The semiconductor sector of the manufacturing industry is one of the fastest-growing areas of the Texas economy, according to the Texas Comptroller for Public Accounts. In 2020, the industry contributed \$15.3 billion to the Texas GDP. Texas semiconductors made up 15% of the U.S. semiconductor GDP in that same year, according to the comptroller's office.

Mike Marut, "'Texas really started the whole revolution' | State continues to lead the US semiconductor chip industry," KVUE, 9/9/22

The Creator Of The Modern Semiconductor Chip Made The First Integrated Circuit In The Dallas-Fort Worth Area.

Mike Marut, "'Texas really started the whole revolution' | State continues to lead the US semiconductor chip industry," KVUE, 9/9/22

Texas Is The Number One In Tech Exports For Nine Consecutive Years.

As of December 2021, Texas exports year to date totaled \$375.3 billion, exceeding both 2019 and 2020 totals. Texas was also No. 1 in tech exports for the ninth year in a row.

Texas Economic Development Corporation, "Texas Is No. 1 Exporting State For 20 Years In A Row," Press Release, 2/11/22

For More Than A Decade, Texas Has Ranked Among The Top Two States For Number Of Technology-Related Patent Assignees.

For 14 years, Texas has ranked among the top two states for number of technology-related patent assignees.

"Texas Information Technology," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 5/21

Venture Capital Investment In The Electronics Sector Has Reached Nearly \$680 Million Over The Last 10 Years.

"Texas Information Technology," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 5/21

Aerospace

Of The 20 Largest Aerospace Manufacturers In The World, 18 Of Those Have Operations In Texas.

"Texas Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Industry," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 7/22

Texas Is A Key Location For Many Of The Largest Global Aerospace And Aviation Companies—Including Bell, Lockheed Martin And Boeing.

"Manufacturing Industry," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 9/22

Texas Ranks Third For Aerospace Product And Part Manufacturing.

Texas ranks #3 in the nation for aerospace product and part manufacturing firms and #2 for exports—valued at \$8.43 billion.

"Texas Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Industry," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 7/22

Texas Ranks First On PwC's State Ranking For Aerospace Attractiveness.

2021 Aerospace manufacturing attractiveness rankings," PwC, Accessed 12/7/22

Manufacturing

Texas Manufacturing Output Accounts For More Than 10% Of Total U.S. Manufacturing GDP.

"Manufacturing Industry," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 9/22

Texas' Food And Beverage Industry Ranks Second In The Nation For Establishments, Employment And Exports—Valued At Nearly \$7 Billion In 2021.

"Manufacturing Industry," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 9/22

Texas Is Home To Many Top Food Manufacturers.

Top food manufacturers and distributors with headquarters in Texas include Frito-Lay, Dean Foods, Keurig, Dr. Pepper Inc. and Continental Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages. There has been significant industry activity, with recent expansions from companies like Tyson Foods, Great Lakes Cheese, Cacique, Leprino Foods, Kraft Heinz Food Company and Interamerican Foods Corporation.

"Manufacturing Industry," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 9/22.

Auto Manufacturing: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/business/Automotive_2021.pdf

Budget

Texas Ranks Second In State Expenditures.

In Fiscal Year 2021, Texas expenditures were \$136,187 million, behind California and New York.

2022 State Expenditure Report, National Association of State Budget Officers, Pg 8

Texas Ranks Second In The Amount Spent On Elementary And Secondary Education.

In Fiscal Year 2021, Texas spent \$50,493 million on elementary and secondary education, second only to California.

2022 State Expenditure Report, National Association of State Budget Officers, Pg 23

In Fiscal Year 2021, Texas spent 37.4% of total expenditures on elementary and secondary education, the greatest percentage of any state.

2022 State Expenditure Report, National Association of State Budget Officers, Pg 24

Texas Ranks Second In The Amount Spent On Higher Education.

In Fiscal Year 2021, Texas spent \$20,017 million on higher education, second only to California.

2022 State Expenditure Report, National Association of State Budget Officers, Pg 32

Texas Ranks Third In The Amount Spent On Medicaid.

In Fiscal Year 2021, Texas spent \$41,634 million on Medicaid expenditures, third behind California and New York.

2022 State Expenditure Report, National Association of State Budget Officers, Pg 57

Texas Leads Capital Expenditures Including Higher Education And Transportation Capital.

In Fiscal Year 2021, Texas spent:

- ★ \$13,417 million on capital expenditures, more than any other state
- ★ \$2,486 million on higher education capital expenditures, more than any other state
- ★ \$10,434 million on transportation capital expenditures, more than any other state

2022 State Expenditure Report, National Association of State Budget Officers, Pgs 94, 96, 98

Education

Texas Has The Second Most School Districts In The Nation.

Texas has 1,229 school districts. California ranks first with 2,121.

"Table 2. Number of operating public schools and districts, student membership, teachers, and pupil/teacher ratio, by state or jurisdiction: School year 2020–21," National Center For Education Statistics, Accessed 12/7/22

Texas Ranks Second For The Number Of Schools.

Texas has 9,002 schools, second only to California with 10,328.

"Table 2. Number of operating public schools and districts, student membership, teachers, and pupil/teacher ratio, by state or jurisdiction: School year 2020–21," National Center For Education Statistics, Accessed 12/7/22

Texas Leads The Nation In The Number Of Public School Teachers.

In The 2020-2021 school year, Texas has 370,719 public school teachers. California was second with 269,850.

"Table 2. Number of operating public schools and districts, student membership, teachers, and pupil/teacher ratio, by state or jurisdiction: School year 2020–21," National Center For Education Statistics, Accessed 12/7/22

Texas Has The Most 2022 Blue Ribbon Schools.

Texas leads the nation with the most 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools, topping California and New York with 29 and 20 Blue Ribbon Schools, respectively. This recognition by the U.S. Department of Education is based on a schools' overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps.

Office of the Texas Governor, "Governor Abbott Congratulates 31 Texas National Blue Ribbon Schools," Press Release, 9/19/22

Most Tier One Research Universities.

Texas is home to the most public Tier One universities in the nation. As 2022 begins, our Tier One landscape has improved dramatically. The University of Houston joined UT in Austin, Rice and Texas A&M as a Tier One in 2011, followed by Texas Tech, UT-Dallas, UT-Arlington and University of North Texas in 2016, UT-El Paso in 2019, and Baylor University and UT-San Antonio in 2021.

Dan Branch, op-ed, "How competition for top research university status transformed Texas,"
The Dallas Morning News, 1/12/22

Healthcare

Texas Has The Most Community Hospitals In The Nation.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Texas has 523 hospitals. California is next with 353, then Florida with 214.

"Total Hospitals," Kaiser Family Foundation, Accessed 12/2/22

Texas Is Home To The Number One Hospital For Cancer Care.

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center today was named number one in the nation for cancer care in U.S. News & World Report's 2022-23 "Best Hospitals" rankings. The institution has been one of the nation's top two hospitals for cancer care since the survey's inception in 1990.

MD Anderson Cancer Center, "MD Anderson named #1 in the nation for cancer care," Press Release, 7/25/22

Texas Is Home To The Number Two Children's Hospital In The Nation.

Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, TX is ranked No. 2 on the Best Children's Honor Roll. It is nationally ranked in 10 pediatric specialties.

- ★ Number One Hospital For Pediatric Cardiology & Heart Surgery
- ★ Number One Hospital For Pediatric Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
- ★ Number Three Hospital For Neonatology
- ★ Number Three Hospital For Pediatric Nephrology
- ★ Number Two Hospital For Pediatric Neurology & Neurosurgery

"Texas Children's Hospital," U.S. News and World Report, Accessed 12/2/22

Texas Is Home To The Number Two Hospital For Rehabilitation.

TIRR Memorial Hermann once again ranks No. 2 among the country's top rehabilitation hospitals in the U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospital rankings for 2022-2023, which were released today. TIRR Memorial Hermann was previously ranked No. 2 in the 2021-2022 rankings and has been included in the prestigious rankings since the report's inception in 1989.

Texas Medical Center, "Memorial Hermann Once Again Earns Top Recognition by U.S. News & World Report," Press Release, 8/1/22

Texas Is Home To The Number Three Hospital For Pediatric Orthopedics - Children's Medical Center Dallas

"Children's Medical Center Dallas," U.S. News and World Report, Accessed 12/2/22

Agriculture

Texas Has The Most Farms And Acres Of Farmland Than Any State.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Texas has 247,000 farms — 12.3 percent of the U.S. total and by far the most of any state. (The USDA defines ranches as types of farms and includes them in the count.) Texas' 126 million acres of farmland is 14.1 percent of the U.S. total and more than twice that of second-ranked Montana.

Lisa Minton and Astrid Alvarado, "Agriculture Industry Grows Texas," Texas Comptroller's Fiscal Notes, 10/22

Texas Is The Largest Cotton Producer.

U.S. cotton is grown predominantly in 17 southern-tiered "Cotton Belt" States—from Virginia to California. Cotton is planted from March to June and harvested from August to December. Among the U.S. States, Texas is the largest producer, contributing approximately 40 percent of U.S. cotton production in recent years.

"Cotton Sector at a Glance," U.S. Department of Agriculture, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Ranks Fourth Nationally In Agricultural Cash Receipts.

Texas ranks fourth nationally in agricultural cash receipts, which totaled \$20 billion in 2020.

David Green, Shannon Halbrook, Lisa Minton and Edda Pleitez, "The Good for Texas Tour: Supply Chains," Texas Comptroller's Fiscal Notes, 1/22

Transportation

With 11 deep water ports, 28 border crossings with Mexico, 24 commercial airports and the most miles of public roadways, state highways and freight railways in the country, Texas gives companies the ability to quickly move their products across the state, continent and the world. Texas also leads the nation with 33 total foreign trade zones (FTZs) and is home to the #1 inland port on the U.S.-Mexico border—Port Laredo.

"Trade and FDI," Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, 6/22

Texas Ports Move More Cargo Than Any Other State.

Together, Texas ports move more cargo than any other state—more than 607 million tons in 2020, including 464 million tons of international cargo and 143 million tons of domestic cargo. Texas ports also moved nearly three million containers and served nearly 500,000 cruise passengers, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Five of the state's ports are ranked in the top 20 U.S. ports by total tonnage: Houston, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Texas City, and Port Arthur.

"Texas maritime ports," Texas Department Of Transportation, Accessed 11/29/22

Texas Is Number Two In The Nation For Waterborne Commerce.

Ranked No. 2 among the 50 U.S. states in waterborne commerce, Texas ports handle 616.2 million tons of foreign and domestic cargo and generate \$449.6 billion of total economic value for the State of Texas, representing 25% of Texas gross domestic product (GDP).

- ★ Texas ports impact over 1.8 million jobs, generating \$102 billion in personal income.
- ★ Three Texas ports rank in the top 5 in total tonnage in the U.S.: Port Houston (2nd), Port of Beaumont (4th), and Port of Corpus Christi (5th).

- ★ Over 2.2 million vacation cruise passengers sailed from Texas, making the Port of Galveston the 4th busiest cruise port in North America.
- ★ Three Texas ports are designated by the Department of Defense as Strategic Military Ports, providing surface deployment and distribution for strategic military cargo worldwide.

Texas Ports Association, Accessed 11/29/22

Texas Has The Most Miles Of Public Roads.

Texas leads the nation in miles of public roads with 316,567. California comes in second with 175,562.

"State Transportation Infrastructure," Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Accessed 11/29/22

State	Measure	Year	
		2019	2020
United States	Miles of public road	4,189,483	4,192,479
California	Miles of public road	175,555	175,562
Florida	Miles of public road	123,104	123,488
Georgia	Miles of public road	128,461	128,572
Illinois	Miles of public road	145,967	145,993
Kansas	Miles of public road	140,372	140,112
Michigan	Miles of public road	122,181	122,040
Minnesota	Miles of public road	141,360	141,957
Missouri	Miles of public road	132,254	132,519
Ohio	Miles of public road	123,031	122,992
★ Texas	Miles of public road	315,445	316,567

Texas Has The Most Miles Of Freight Railroad.

Texas leads the nation in miles of freight railroad with 10,460. Illinois comes in second with 6,883 miles.

“State Transportation Infrastructure,” Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Accessed 11/29/22

State	Measure	Year	
		2019	2020
United States	Miles of freight railroad	136,650	136,650
California	Miles of freight railroad	4,971	4,971
Georgia	Miles of freight railroad	4,521	4,521
Illinois	Miles of freight railroad	6,883	6,883
Indiana	Miles of freight railroad	4,041	4,041
Iowa	Miles of freight railroad	3,828	3,828
Kansas	Miles of freight railroad	4,652	4,652
Minnesota	Miles of freight railroad	4,233	4,233
Ohio	Miles of freight railroad	5,330	5,330
Pennsylvania	Miles of freight railroad	5,189	5,189
★ Texas	Miles of freight railroad	10,460	10,460

Texas Leads The Country In Bridges.

Texas leads the country in bridges with 54,682. Ohio is second with 27,072.

“State Transportation Infrastructure,” Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Accessed 11/29/22

State	Measure	Year	
		2019	2020
United States	Bridges	617,084	618,456
California	Bridges	25,771	25,763
Illinois	Bridges	26,825	26,848
Iowa	Bridges	24,043	23,982
Kansas	Bridges	24,934	24,948
Missouri	Bridges	24,494	24,538
Ohio	Bridges	27,167	27,072
Oklahoma	Bridges	23,138	23,155
Pennsylvania	Bridges	22,911	22,965
Tennessee	Bridges	20,226	20,235
★ Texas	Bridges	54,432	54,682

Military And Defense

Texas Is Home To 15 Active Duty Military Installations.

Texas is the proud home to 15 active duty military installations with an economic impact of over \$100 billion.

"Active Duty Military Installations," Office of the Texas Governor, Accessed 11/30/22 NOTE: California, Florida and Virginia have more bases.

Joint Base San Antonio Is The Largest Joint Base Organization In The Department Of Defense.

Joint Base San Antonio is the largest joint base organization in the Department of Defense and provided a financial and employment footprint of \$41.3 billion and 210,998 jobs in 2019.

"State Fact Sheets: Texas," The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Accessed 11/30/22

Fort Hood Is The Largest Active Duty Armored Post In The U.S.

Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored post in the U.S. and is one of the Army's five Primary Mobilization Force Generation Installations, which supports the Army National Guard and Army Reserve post mobilization training. In 2019, Fort Hood had an economic output of \$29.9 billion.

"State Fact Sheets: Texas," The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Accessed 11/30/22

Fort Bliss Is The Largest Installation In The U.S. Army Forces Command.

Fort Bliss is the largest installation in the U.S. Army Forces Command at 1.12 million acres and includes the largest DoD-controlled airspace and can accommodate every weapon system in the U.S. Army. In 2019, Fort Bliss had an economic output of \$25.7 billion.

"State Fact Sheets: Texas," The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Accessed 11/30/22

Approximately Half Of The Navy's Strike Pilots Are Trained In Texas.

Approximately half of the U.S. Navy's strike pilots are trained at Naval Air Station Kingsville and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

"State Fact Sheets: Texas," The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Has The Second Most Activity And Reserve Members Of The Military.

The five states with the most total active-duty and reserve members of the military, as of September 2021, were: 217,889 in California 174,598 in Texas; 156,475 in Virginia; 122,214 in North Carolina; 107,385 in Florida.

Zoe Manzanetti, "2021 Military Active-Duty Personnel, Civilians by State," Governing, 2/1/22

Texas Has The Most Active Duty Army Members.

Zoe Manzanetti, "2021 Military Active-Duty Personnel, Civilians by State," Governing, 2/1/22

Texas Has The Most Active Duty Air Force Members.

Zoe Manzanetti, "2021 Military Active-Duty Personnel, Civilians by State," Governing, 2/1/22

Texas Has The Second Largest Veterans Population In The Country.

"National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics," U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Has The Largest Population Of Female Veterans.

"National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics," U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Accessed 11/30/22

Texas Ranked Third For Overall Defense Spending.

Today, the Department of Defense's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation released its Fiscal Year 2021 Defense Spending by State report to help states and communities better understand the components of defense spending on procurement and personnel. Virginia, California, and Texas topped the list of recipients for overall defense spending.

U.S. Department of Defense, "DOD Releases Report on Defense Spending by State in Fiscal Year 2021," Press Release, 10/20/22

The Top Three Defense Contractors Are Located In Texas: Lockheed Martin, McKesson, And Bell Boeing Joint Project Office.

"FY2021 Defense Spending TX," Department of Defense, Accessed 11/30/22

Top Defense Contractors	(M = millions, B = billions)
Lockheed Martin	\$13.7 B
McKesson	\$3.0 B
Bell Boeing Joint Project Office	\$2.4 B
L3Harris Technologies	\$2.1 B
Amentum Services, Inc.	\$1.1 B
Raytheon Technologies	\$1.0 B
Kellogg Brown & Root Services, Inc.	\$757.5 M
Dell	\$461.3 M
Petromax Refining Co.	\$425.0 M
Marathon Petroleum	\$393.9 M

Sports

Texas Is Home To 13 Top-Level Professional Sports Teams.

Second only to California which has 21 major professional sports franchises.

- ★ MLB - Houston Astros, Texas Rangers
- ★ NFL - Dallas Cowboys, Houston Texans
- ★ NBA - Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets, San Antonio Spurs
- ★ WNBA - Dallas Wings
- ★ NHL - Dallas Stars
- ★ MLS - Austin Football Club, Football Club Dallas, Houston Dynamo
- ★ NWSL - Houston Dash

<https://www.sporcle.com/blog/2019/03/what-state-has-the-most-professional-sports-teams>