

HOUSTON, TEXAS



NASA and the Johnson Space Center, which houses Space Center Houston, call Houston home.

Space City, USA



FACTS ABOUT HOUSTON

Population: 1.9 million/city
4.5 million/metropolitan

Population Rank: 4th

Area of City: 617 square miles

County: Harris

Founded: 1836

Time Zone: Central

Industries: Energy, Medicine,
Aerospace (NASA)

Leisure: Theatre, Arts, Sports,
Shopping, Recreation

Annual Rainfall: 48 inches

Avg. High in Summer: 91 F

Avg. High in Winter: 66 F

Avg. High in Spring/Fall: 79 F

Houston is located just 50 miles away from the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Island, not to mention the famed Kemah Boardwalk and various waterfront residences, vacation spots and resorts.





Houston is home to the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the world's largest rodeo.

Houston's Outdoor Recreation

- 32 miles of public beaches in the area
- 100-plus golf courses
- Third-largest concentration of pleasure boats in the United States
- Within an hour of Galveston on the Gulf of Mexico

Shopping & Restaurants

- Over 8,000 restaurants that feature a variety of ethnic cuisines
- The Galleria, the city's largest mall, features over 320 stores and specialty shops
- Rice Village has hundreds of shops along charming sidewalks
- Six major outlet malls in the area, including Katy Mills, offer great discount shopping



Several professional sports teams call Houston home, including the Astros (baseball), Texans (football) Rockets and Comets (basketball) and Aeros (minor league hockey).




In addition to the over 500 parks and 12,236 water-covered areas, there are over 100 top-notch golf courses throughout Houston.




Houston is one of only five U.S. cities with permanent ballet, opera, symphony and theater companies, and is home to more than 30 museums.



THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



The University of Houston is located just south of downtown Houston and includes many fountains, trees and beautifully designed buildings and sites.



With over 35,000 students in 13 colleges, offering bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional degrees, UH ranks in the top one-percent in the nation for its student enrollment size and is twelfth in the nation for its international student enrollment. UH is the nation's most ethnically diverse research university.



Education.



Research.



Service.



Both undergraduate and graduate programs are available through the nationally-ranked Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, the only school of its kind in the State of Texas.





Studies reported at the American Educational Research Association rank the College of Education among the top schools of education in the country in research productivity. The College is a two-time winner of the Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award as the most innovative and effective teacher education program in the nation.



COLLEGES AT HOUSTON

- Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture
- C.T. Bauer College of Business
- College of Education
- Cullen College of Engineering
- The Honors College
- The Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management
- UH Law Center
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- College of Optometry
- College of Pharmacy
- Graduate School of Social Work
- College of Technology



The UH Law Center's health law program, within the Health Law and Policy Institute, is ranked the best in the nation while the Intellectual Property Law Institute is ranked fifth, according to a recent U.S. News & World Report survey.

