



# TEXAS



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## **MAJOR CITIES:**

Central Texas  
North Texas  
South Texas  
East Texas  
West Texas

Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio  
Amarillo  
Corpus Christi  
Dallas, Houston  
El Paso

## **TEXAS – CLIMATE**

Texas's great size and topographic variety make climatic description difficult. Brownsville, at the mouth of the Rio Grande, has had no measurable snowfall during all the years that records have been kept, but Vega, in the panhandle, averages 23 in (58 cm) of snowfall per year. Near the Louisiana border, rainfall exceeds 56 in (142 cm) annually, while in parts of extreme West Texas, rainfall averages less than 8 in (20 cm). Average annual precipitation in Dallas (1971–2000) was 34.7 in (88 cm); in El Paso, 9.4 in (23.9 cm); and in Houston, 47.8 in (121.4 cm).

Generally, a maritime climate prevails along the Gulf coast, with continental conditions inland; the Balcones Escarpment is the main dividing line between the two zones, but they are not completely isolated from each other's influence. Texas has two basic seasons—a hot summer that may last from April through October, and a winter that starts in November and usually lasts until March. When summer ends, the state is too dry for autumn foliage, except in East Texas. Temperatures in El Paso, in the southwest, range from a mean January minimum of 29°F (–2°C) to a mean July maximum of 96°F (36°C); at Amarillo, in the panhandle, from 23°F (–5°C) in January to 91°F (33°C) in July; and at Galveston, on the Gulf, from 48°F (9°C) in January to 88°F (31°C) in August. Perhaps the most startling contrast is in relative humidity, averaging 34% at noon in El Paso, 44% in Amarillo, and 72% in Galveston. In the Texas panhandle, the average date of the first freeze is 1 November; in the lower Rio Grande Valley, 16 December. The last freeze arrives in the panhandle on 15 April, and in the lower Rio Grande Valley on 30 January. The valley thus falls only six weeks short of having a 12-month growing season while the panhandle approximates the growing season of the upper Midwest.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g28964-Activities-Texas.html>

Click the site above for a full list of attractions for the major cities of Texas

- **Houston Zoo- Houston, TX**
  - The Houston Zoo is made up of many moving parts. We have over 6,000 permanent residents (our animals) for whom we provide housing, meals, medical care and, yes, even education! There are over over 2 million guests each year who come to experience our incredible variety of animals and ecosystems, as well as attend special private and public events and entertainment. Our dedicated staff works around the clock to ensure that the Zoo is always running smoothly for the safety and wellbeing of our residents and guests.
- **Hermann Park- Houston, TX**
  - The first public park in Houston provides a wooded site with picnic areas, running trails, lots of on-leash dog walking areas, the Houston Zoological Gardens, a public golf course and an outdoor theater featuring plays and live music.
- **Lady Bird Hike-and-Bike Trail- Austin, TX**
  - 10 miles of trails border Lady Bird Lake in downtown Austin and serve as a social hub for runners, walkers and cyclists. A Memorial at Auditorium Shores honors the late bluesman Stevie Ray Vaughan
- **Zilker Botanical Garden- Austin, TX**
  - Zilker Botanical Garden — located on 26 fenced acres in Austin, Texas has often been called “the jewel in the heart of Austin”. Theme gardens such as rose, herb and Japanese garden are interconnected with streams, waterfalls and Koi-filled ponds. The Hartman Prehistoric Garden recreates local dinosaur habitat. This garden is a unique collaboration between The City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department (PARC) and the Austin Area Garden Council (AAGC). The garden is open to the public most days year-round and is enjoyed by over 400,000 visitors each year, including thousands of school children from Austin and the surrounding communities.
- **San Antonio Missions National Historic Park- San Antonio, TX**
  - Historical area that stretches nine miles and contains four important 18th-century missions with trails for hiking, biking and walking.
- **San Antonio Botanical Garden- San Antonio, TX**
  - A wide range of plants from Texas and around the world spread out over 33 acres.
- **The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum- Dallas, TX**
  - The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum "serves as a resource for the study of the life and career of George W. Bush, while also promoting a better understanding of the Presidency, American history, and important issues of public policy. The Library and Museum accomplishes its mission by preserving and providing access to Presidential records and other donated collections, hosting public programs, creating educational initiatives, preserving artifacts, and producing innovative museum exhibits."

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- **Dallas World Aquarium- Dallas, TX**
  - The adventure at The Dallas World Aquarium begins at the top of the rainforest exhibit, where exotic birds, such as Cocks-of-the-rock and many species of toucans, can be seen. Lounging around are Two-toed and Three-toed sloths. Endangered animals, such as Orinoco crocodiles, Giant river otters, Antillean manatees and several species of monkeys are part of the many conservation projects. The aquarium portion displays interesting marine life, including Japanese crabs, jellyfish, Leafy, Weedy and Ribbon seadragons. Black-footed and Blue penguins can be seen swimming as guests enjoy the outdoor South Africa exhibit. Sharks, rays and sawfish are only a few of the fish living in the Mundo Maya cenote. Safe from Neotropical eagles, are euphonias, tanagers and hummingbirds. Reptiles and amphibians, both of significance to the Maya culture, can be seen throughout the exhibit.
- **Fort Worth Zoo- Fort Worth, TX**
  - The oldest zoo in Texas, the Fort Worth Zoo was founded in 1909 with one lion, two bear cubs, an alligator, a coyote, a peacock and a few rabbits. From these humble beginnings, the Zoo has grown into a nationally ranked facility, housing nearly 7,000 native and exotic animals. From 1909 to October 1991, the Fort Worth Zoo was owned as well as operated by the City of Fort Worth. During the city's tenure, a long-standing tradition began of collecting money from the community to purchase animals for the Zoo. In 1939, the Zoological Society (now the Fort Worth Zoological Association) formed as a non-profit organization to help raise additional funds to purchase even more animals.
- **Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth- Fort Worth, TX**
  - The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth is dedicated to collecting, presenting, and interpreting international developments in post-World War II art in all media. This online gallery presents a selection of images from the collection, searchable by artist name. A museum is an organic, changing place. Although all the works seen on these pages are part of our permanent collection, in order to show the full range of our holdings—nearly 2,600 objects—and to accommodate important temporary exhibitions, certain works must occasionally be taken off view.
- **El Paso Holocaust Museum- El Paso, TX**
  - The mission of the El Paso Holocaust Museum & Study Center is to educate the public, particularly young people, about the Nazi Holocaust as a way of ensuring that similar acts will not be repeated to honor those who perished in the Holocaust and those who survived; to oppose prejudice and bigotry by reminding the world of the importance of acceptance, the value and dignity of human life, and of the consequences of negating these principles.
- **El Paso Museum of Archeology- El Paso, TX**
  - The El Paso Museum of Archaeology is dedicated to the narration, interpretation and preservation of archaeological and anthropological artifacts through research, exhibits, education, and special programs, with a focus on the prehistory and culture of the El Paso area and the Southwest.
- **USS Lexington- Corpus Cristi, TX**
  - Visitors can tour the most highly decorated aircraft carrier of World War II, now a floating museum since its retirement after 48 years of service, a longer tour than any other ship in the U.S. Navy. The 16-story "Blue Ghost" displays military artifacts and more than a dozen aircraft, and visitors can explore the vessel, watch a video, and try a flight simulation.

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**

Wal-Mart Randall's Trader Joe's Whole Foods Market	IGA Target The Kroger Company ALDI Grocery Store
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[http://texas.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery\\_stores.html](http://texas.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery_stores.html)

Click on this site for more grocery stores in Texas.

## **SHOPPING**

Central Texas Austin TX [Arboretum at Great Hills](#)

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Central Texas Austin TX [Barton Creek Square](#)

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Central Texas Austin TX [Gateway Shopping Center](#)

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Central Texas Austin TX [Highland Mall](#)

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Central Texas Austin TX [La Frontera Village](#)

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Central Texas Austin TX [Southpark Meadows](#)

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Central Texas Austin TX [The Domain](#)

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Central Texas Austin TX [The Shops at Arbor Walk](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [Alamo Quarry Market](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [Ingram Park Mall](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [North Star](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [RiverCenter](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [Rolling Oaks Mall](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [South Park Mall](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [The Shops at La Cantera](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [Village at Stone Oak](#)

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Central Texas San Antonio TX [Wonderland of the Americas](#)

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Dallas Area Dallas TX [Galleria Dallas](#)

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Dallas Area Dallas TX [Valley View Center](#)

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Dallas Area Fort Worth TX [Ridgmar Mall](#)

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Dallas Area Fort Worth TX [University Park Village](#)

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Dallas Area Ft. Worth TX [Hulen Mall](#)

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Eastern TX Houston TX [Almeda Mall](#)

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Eastern TX Houston TX [Greenspoint Mall](#)

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Eastern TX Houston TX [Memorial City Mall](#)

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Eastern TX Houston TX [Meyerland Plaza](#)

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Eastern TX Houston TX [PlazAmericas](#)

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Houston Area Houston TX [Northwest Mall](#)

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Houston Area Houston TX [The Galleria](#)

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Houston Area Houston TX [West Oaks Mall Houston](#)

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Houston Area Houston TX [Willowbrook Mall](#)

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West Texas El Paso TX [Cielo Vista](#)

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West Texas El Paso TX [Sunland Park Mall](#)

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<http://www.mallseeker.com/texasmall.aspx>

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## **PHARMACIES**

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

Target

Randall's

Rite Aid

Wal-Mart

Kroger

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-TX/> Click here for locating other pharmacies in Texas.

## **POST OFFICES/SHIPPING**



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/TX.html> Click here for more information



<http://local.fedex.com/tx/> Click here for more information



[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US) Click here for more information

## **TIME ZONES**

### **Texas Time Zone – Texas Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time**

Texas is in the Central Time Zone

[http://www.timetemperature.com/tzus/texas\\_time\\_zone.shtml](http://www.timetemperature.com/tzus/texas_time_zone.shtml) click here for more information

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2017 Minimum Wage	2017 Tipped Wage
TX	\$7.25	\$2.13

<http://www.minimum-wage.us/>  
Click here for more information

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/act/>  
Click here for more information

## **COST OF LIVING IN TEXAS**

<b>Cost of Living</b>	<b>Texas, TX</b>	<b>United States</b>
<a href="#"><u>Overall</u></a>	90	100
<a href="#"><u>Grocery</u></a>	89.6	100
<a href="#"><u>Health</u></a>	97	100
<a href="#"><u>Housing</u></a>	82	100
<a href="#"><u>Utilities</u></a>	96	100
<a href="#"><u>Transportation</u></a>	97	100
<a href="#"><u>Miscellaneous</u></a>	95	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Texas, TX is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Texas, TX is more expensive.

Overall, Texas, TX cost of living is 90.40.

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/texas](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/texas) Click here for more information

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

VIA Metropolitan Transit – San Antonio

Panhandle Transit District – Amarillo

Capital Metro – Austin

Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority – Dallas

Ft. Worth the T – Fort Worth

Sun Metro – El Paso

Metro – Houston

The B – Corpus Christi

<http://www.apta.com/resources/links/unitedstates/Pages/TexasTransitLinks.aspx#a1>  
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