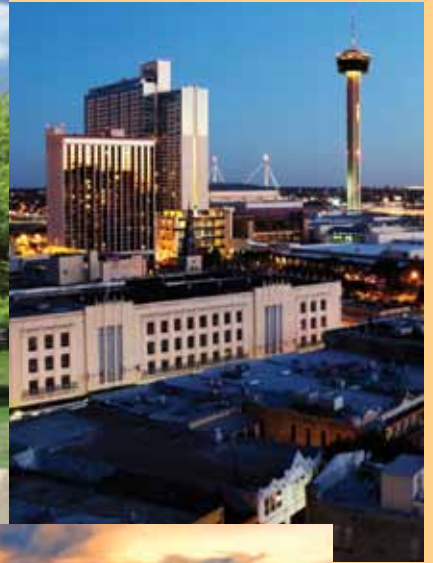


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Introduction

Welcome to the third edition of *Profiles of Texas—Facts, Figures & Statistics for 1,784 Populated Places in Texas*. As with the other titles in our *State Profiles* series, we built this work using content from Grey House Publishing's award-winning *Profiles of America*—a 4-volume compilation of data on more than 42,000 places in the United States. We have updated and included the Texas chapter from *Profiles of America*, and added entire fresh chapters of demographic information and ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Texas* is the most comprehensive portrait of the state of Texas ever published.

This third edition provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Texas for which the US Census provides individual statistics. It includes seven major sections that cover everything from **Education** to **Ethnic Backgrounds** to **Climate**. All sections include **Comparative Statistics** or **Rankings**, and full-color **Maps** at the back of the book provide valuable information in a quickly processed, visual format. Here's an overview of each section:

1. Profiles

This section, organized by county, gives detailed profiles of 1,784 places plus 254 counties. Based on core Census data, these numbers reflect extensive updates from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and Nielsen Claritas, a trusted source for up-to-date demographic information. In addition, we have added current government statistics and original research, so that these profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in the state. Major fields of information include:

<i>Geography</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Religion</i>
<i>Ancestry</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Climate</i>
<i>Economy</i>	<i>Industry</i>	<i>Health</i>	

In addition to place profiles, this section includes an **Alphabetical Place Index** and **Comparative Statistics** that compare Texas' 100 largest communities by dozens of data points.

2. Education

This section begins with an **Educational State Profile**, summarizing number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following the state profile are **School District Rankings** on 16 topics ranging from *Teacher/Student Ratios* to *High School Drop-Out Rates*. Following these rankings are statewide *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* results and data from the *Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)*—an overview of student performance by subject, including easy-to-read charts and graphs.

3. Ancestry

This section provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Texas. 217 ethnic categories are ranked three ways: 1) by number, based on all places regardless of population; 2) by percent, based on all places regardless of population; 3) by percent, based on places with populations of 10,000 or more. You will discover, for example, that Austin has the greatest number of *Cypriots* in the state (46), and that 15.2% of the population of Flower Mound are of *Irish* ancestry.

4. Hispanic Population

This section defines Texas' Hispanic population by 23 Hispanic backgrounds from *Argentinian* to *Venezuelan*. It ranks each of 15 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Hispanic background. For example, you'll see that Keller has the highest percentage of *Mexicans* who speak English-only at home (63.4%), and that Plano has the highest percentage of *Puerto Ricans* who are four-year college graduates (45.6%).

5. Asian Population

Similar in format to the section on Hispanic Population, this section defines Texas' Asian population by 21 Asian backgrounds from *Bangladeshi* to *Vietnamese*. It ranks each of 14 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Asian background. You will learn that *Filipinos* in Sugar Land have a median household income of \$91,286 and that 100.0% of *Koreans* in College Station are high-school graduates.

User's Guide: Profiles

Places Covered

All 254 counties.

1,194 incorporated municipalities. Municipalities are incorporated as either cities, towns or villages.

317 census designated places (CDP). The U.S. Bureau of the Census defines a CDP as “a statistical entity, defined for each decennial census according to Census Bureau guidelines, comprising a densely settled concentration of population that is not within an incorporated place, but is locally identified by a name. CDPs are delineated cooperatively by state and local officials and the Census Bureau, following Census Bureau guidelines. Beginning with Census 2000 there are no size limits.”

273 unincorporated communities. The communities included have both their own zip code and statistics for their ZIP Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) available from the Census Bureau. They are referred to as “postal areas.” A ZCTA is a statistical entity developed by the Census Bureau to approximate the delivery area for a US Postal Service 5-digit or 3-digit ZIP Code in the US and Puerto Rico. A ZCTA is an aggregation of census blocks that have the same predominant ZIP Code associated with the mailing addresses in the Census Bureau's Master Address File. Thus, the Postal Service's delivery areas have been adjusted to encompass whole census blocks so that the Census Bureau can tabulate census data for the ZCTAs. ZCTAs do not include all ZIP Codes used for mail delivery and therefore do not precisely depict the area within which mail deliveries associated with that ZIP Code occur. Additionally, some areas that are known by a unique name, although they are part of a larger incorporated place, are also included as “postal areas.”

Important Notes

- *Profiles of Texas* uses the term “community” to refer to all places except counties. The term “county” is used to refer to counties and county-equivalents. All places are defined as of the 2000 Census.
- In each community profile, only school districts that have schools that are physically located within the community are shown. In addition, statistics for each school district cover the entire district, regardless of the physical location of the schools within the district.
- Special care should be taken when interpreting certain statistics for communities containing large colleges or universities. College students were counted as residents of the area in which they were living while attending college (as they have been since the 1950 census). One effect this may have is skewing the figures for population, income, housing, and educational attainment.
- Some information (e.g. unemployment rates) is available for both counties and individual communities. Other information is available for just counties (e.g. election results), or just individual communities (e.g. local newspapers).
- Some statistical information is available only for larger communities. In addition, the larger places are more apt to have services such as newspapers, airports, school districts, etc.
- For the most complete information on any community, you should also check the entry for the county in which the community is located. In addition, more information and services will be listed under the larger places in the county.
- For a more in-depth discussion of geographic areas, please refer to the Census Bureau's Geographic Areas Reference Manual at <http://www.census.gov/geo/www/garm.html>.

Anderson County

Located in east Texas; bounded on the west by the Trinity River, and on the east by the Neches River. Covers a land area of 1,070.79 square miles, a water area of 7.16 square miles, and is located in the Central Time Zone at 31.79° N. Lat., 95.63° W. Long. The county was founded in 1846. County seat is Palestine.

Anderson County is part of the Palestine, TX Micropolitan Statistical Area. The entire metro area includes: Anderson County, TX

Weather Station: Palestine Elevation: 479 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	59	63	70	77	83	89	93	94	88	79	68	60
Low	37	40	47	54	63	69	72	72	65	55	46	38
Precip	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.3	4.7	2.6	3.3	3.3	4.8	4.3	4.3
Snow	0.2	0.2	tr	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	tr	tr

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches

Population: 48,024 (1990); 55,109 (2000); 57,251 (2010); 58,189 (2015 projected); Race: 65.6% White, 22.1% Black, 0.7% Asian, 11.6% Other, 14.6% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 53.5 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.53 (2010); Median age: 35.6 (2010); Males per 100 females: 154.0 (2010).

Religion: Five largest groups: 27.9% Southern Baptist Convention, 8.5% Catholic Church, 4.5% The United Methodist Church, 2.9% Assemblies of God, 2.6% Churches of Christ (2000).

Economy: Unemployment rate: 10.4% (June 2011); Total civilian labor force: 21,182 (June 2011); Leading industries: 17.6% retail trade; 17.1% health care and social assistance; 8.3% accommodation & food services (2009); Farms: 1,771 totaling 346,142 acres (2007); Companies that employ 500 or more persons: 2 (2009); Companies that employ 100 to 499 persons: 12 (2009); Companies that employ less than 100 persons: 905 (2009); Black-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Hispanic-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Asian-owned businesses: 87 (2007); Women-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Retail sales per capita: \$6,293 (2010). Single-family building permits issued: 16 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010).

Income: Per capita income: \$17,181 (2010); Median household income: \$40,467 (2010); Average household income: \$51,903 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 10.1% (2010); Poverty rate: 24.3% (2009); Bankruptcy rate: 1.28% (2010).

Taxes: Total county taxes per capita: \$238 (2007); County property taxes per capita: \$178 (2007).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 74.4% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 11.8% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 3.0% (2010).

Housing: Homeownership rate: 73.7% (2010); Median home value: \$74,571 (2010); Median contract rent: \$429 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1977 (2005-2009 5-year est.)

Health: Birth rate: 115.1 per 10,000 population (2009); Death rate: 111.6 per 10,000 population (2009); Age-adjusted cancer mortality rate: 270.9 deaths per 100,000 population (2007); Number of physicians: 10.2 per 10,000 population (2008); Hospital beds: 21.1 per 10,000 population (2007); Hospital admissions: 1,115.7 per 10,000 population (2007).

Elections: 2008 Presidential election results: 27.8% Obama, 71.4% McCain, 0.1% Nader

Additional Information Contacts

- Anderson County Government (903) 723-7432
http://www.co.anderson.tx.us
- City of Palestine (903) 731-8400
http://www.cityofpalestinetx.com
- Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce (903) 729-6066
http://www.palestinechamber.org

Anderson County Communities

ELKHART (town). Covers a land area of 1.552 square miles and a water area of 0 square miles. Located at 31.62° N. Lat; 95.57° W. Long. Elevation is 384 feet.

Population: 1,079 (1990); 1,215 (2000); 1,255 (2010); 1,270 (2015 projected); Race: 90.8% White, 6.1% Black, 0.2% Asian, 3.0% Other, 3.4% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 808.8 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.34 (2010); Median age: 41.9 (2010); Males per 100 females: 81.9 (2010); Marriage status: 23.2% never married, 50.8% now married, 14.5% widowed, 11.5% divorced (2005-2009 5-year

est.); Foreign born: 0.4% (2005-2009 5-year est.); Ancestry (includes multiple ancestries): 19.2% English, 17.2% Irish, 6.3% American, 5.4% German, 1.4% French (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Economy: Employment by occupation: 6.3% management, 12.5% professional, 17.8% services, 30.4% sales, 0.0% farming, 7.9% construction, 25.1% production (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Income: Per capita income: \$20,020 (2010); Median household income: \$37,104 (2010); Average household income: \$47,280 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 11.8% (2010); Poverty rate: 15.4% (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Taxes: Total city taxes per capita: \$132 (2007); City property taxes per capita: \$60 (2007).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 76.6% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 11.5% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 1.4% (2010).

School District(s)

Elkhart ISD (PK-12)

2009-10 Enrollment: 1,355 (903) 764-2952

Housing: Homeownership rate: 70.1% (2010); Median home value: \$51,207 (2010); Median contract rent: \$403 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1972 (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Transportation: Commute to work: 93.9% car, 0.0% public transportation, 0.0% walk, 1.2% work from home (2005-2009 5-year est.); Travel time to work: 36.7% less than 15 minutes, 43.8% 15 to 30 minutes, 10.2% 30 to 45 minutes, 4.9% 45 to 60 minutes, 4.4% 60 minutes or more (2005-2009 5-year est.)

FRANKSTON (town). Covers a land area of 2.474 square miles and a water area of 0 square miles. Located at 32.05° N. Lat; 95.50° W. Long. Elevation is 420 feet.

History: Frankston developed around a sawmill, in an area of cultivated fields and wooded tracts.

Population: 1,127 (1990); 1,209 (2000); 1,245 (2010); 1,260 (2015 projected); Race: 86.1% White, 10.4% Black, 0.1% Asian, 3.5% Other, 3.6% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 503.2 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.43 (2010); Median age: 44.6 (2010); Males per 100 females: 81.8 (2010); Marriage status: 14.8% never married, 65.8% now married, 10.5% widowed, 8.8% divorced (2005-2009 5-year est.); Foreign born: 1.3% (2005-2009 5-year est.); Ancestry (includes multiple ancestries): 20.5% Irish, 16.4% English, 11.1% German, 6.4% American, 2.3% Scottish (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Economy: Single-family building permits issued: 5 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Employment by occupation: 2.5% management, 19.1% professional, 23.2% services, 25.0% sales, 1.0% farming, 20.9% construction, 8.4% production (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Income: Per capita income: \$19,355 (2010); Median household income: \$36,027 (2010); Average household income: \$48,010 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 8.2% (2010); Poverty rate: 10.1% (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Taxes: Total city taxes per capita: \$303 (2007); City property taxes per capita: \$125 (2007).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 74.6% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 13.3% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 3.5% (2010).

School District(s)

Frankston ISD (PK-12)

2009-10 Enrollment: 763 (903) 876-2556

Housing: Homeownership rate: 76.3% (2010); Median home value: \$60,656 (2010); Median contract rent: \$494 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1971 (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Safety: Violent crime rate: 8.1 per 10,000 population; Property crime rate: 315.3 per 10,000 population (2009).

Newspapers: Frankston Citizen (Community news; Circulation 1,750)

Transportation: Commute to work: 93.0% car, 0.0% public transportation, 2.6% walk, 4.4% work from home (2005-2009 5-year est.); Travel time to work: 29.7% less than 15 minutes, 22.2% 15 to 30 minutes, 31.0% 30 to 45 minutes, 15.5% 45 to 60 minutes, 1.7% 60 minutes or more (2005-2009 5-year est.)

MONTALBA (unincorporated postal area, zip code 75853). Covers a land area of 62.291 square miles and a water area of 0.235 square miles. Located at 31.93° N. Lat; 95.83° W. Long. Elevation is 427 feet.

Population: 894 (2000); Race: 88.8% White, 8.3% Black, 2.4% Asian, 0.5% Other, 0.7% Hispanic of any race (2000); Density: 14.4 persons per square mile (2000); Age: 30.3% under 18, 13.1% over 64 (2000); Marriage

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Allen city <i>Collin Co.</i>	19,208	43,554	85,603	104,900
Amarillo city <i>Potter Co.</i>	158,012	173,627	191,307	199,242
Arlington city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	261,643	332,969	380,432	410,218
Atascocita CDP <i>Harris Co.</i>	20,455	35,757	57,800	64,367
Austin city <i>Travis Co.</i>	499,053	656,562	764,479	824,376
Baytown city <i>Harris Co.</i>	64,638	66,430	71,729	75,507
Beaumont city <i>Jefferson Co.</i>	114,387	113,866	110,755	108,917
Bedford city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	43,746	47,152	48,885	51,296
Brownsville city <i>Cameron Co.</i>	114,025	139,722	179,334	195,419
Bryan city <i>Brazos Co.</i>	55,759	65,660	71,783	75,758
Burleson city <i>Johnson Co.</i>	16,275	20,976	35,135	40,108
Carrollton city <i>Denton Co.</i>	82,359	109,576	128,767	140,963
Cedar Hill city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	20,267	32,093	45,294	50,263
Cedar Park city <i>Williamson Co.</i>	9,798	26,049	52,370	64,198
Channelview CDP <i>Harris Co.</i>	25,568	29,685	32,871	35,101
Cleburne city <i>Johnson Co.</i>	22,749	26,005	30,835	33,501
College Station city <i>Brazos Co.</i>	53,318	67,890	84,952	91,594
Conroe city <i>Montgomery Co.</i>	28,738	36,811	54,775	64,877
Coppell city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	16,881	35,958	39,175	41,250
Copperas Cove city <i>Coryell Co.</i>	24,297	29,592	30,607	31,005
Corpus Christi city <i>Nueces Co.</i>	258,425	277,454	289,001	293,937
Dallas city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	1,006,971	1,188,580	1,297,289	1,357,127
DeSoto city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	30,543	37,646	49,765	54,574
Deer Park city <i>Harris Co.</i>	27,653	28,520	29,866	31,335
Del Rio city <i>Val Verde Co.</i>	31,201	33,867	37,094	38,607
Denton city <i>Denton Co.</i>	65,296	80,537	117,420	137,087
Duncanville city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	35,609	36,081	35,634	35,786
Edinburg city <i>Hidalgo Co.</i>	35,988	48,465	71,278	80,649
El Paso city <i>El Paso Co.</i>	515,541	563,662	614,938	640,686
Eules city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	38,149	46,005	52,526	56,884
Flower Mound town <i>Denton Co.</i>	15,788	50,702	72,350	86,064
Fort Hood CDP <i>Bell Co.</i>	35,513	33,711	31,532	31,551
Fort Worth city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	448,311	534,694	696,039	764,598
Friendswood city <i>Galveston Co.</i>	23,020	29,037	35,622	38,938
Frisco city <i>Collin Co.</i>	6,767	33,714	114,030	137,258
Galveston city <i>Galveston Co.</i>	59,070	57,247	52,974	49,030
Garland city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	180,940	215,768	217,620	220,083
Georgetown city <i>Williamson Co.</i>	16,988	28,339	44,984	53,811
Grand Prairie city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	99,814	127,427	172,438	189,180
Grapevine city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	29,351	42,059	50,522	55,637
Haltom City city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	32,909	39,018	40,693	42,883
Harlingen city <i>Cameron Co.</i>	50,040	57,564	65,547	70,116
Houston city <i>Harris Co.</i>	1,697,610	1,953,631	2,269,768	2,451,441
Huntsville city <i>Walker Co.</i>	30,805	35,078	38,092	39,229
Hurst city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	33,593	36,273	38,250	40,366
Irving city <i>Dallas Co.</i>	155,037	191,615	201,484	206,713
Keller city <i>Tarrant Co.</i>	13,683	27,345	40,551	47,390
Killeen city <i>Bell Co.</i>	64,711	86,911	116,488	127,959
La Porte city <i>Harris Co.</i>	27,923	31,880	33,876	35,605

Acadian/Cajun

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Houston (city) Harris County	882	0.05
Austin (city) Travis County	601	0.09
Beaumont (city) Jefferson County	501	0.44
Port Arthur (city) Jefferson County	409	0.71
San Antonio (city) Bexar County	337	0.03
Nederland (city) Jefferson County	286	1.65
Port Neches (city) Jefferson County	244	1.80
Orange (city) Orange County	235	1.27
Dallas (city) Dallas County	221	0.02
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant County	191	0.04

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Stowell (cdp) Chambers County	58	3.65
Hardin (city) Liberty County	29	3.62
Zuehl (cdp) Guadalupe County	7	2.75
Pinehurst (city) Orange County	62	2.61
Talty (city) Kaufman County	20	2.45
China (city) Jefferson County	27	2.37
Central Gardens (cdp) Jefferson County	97	2.31
West Orange (city) Orange County	93	2.22
Latexo (city) Houston County	6	2.02
Port Neches (city) Jefferson County	244	1.80

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
Port Neches (city) Jefferson County	244	1.80
Nederland (city) Jefferson County	286	1.65
Vidor (city) Orange County	152	1.34
Orange (city) Orange County	235	1.27
Groves (city) Jefferson County	187	1.18
Port Arthur (city) Jefferson County	409	0.71
Beaumont (city) Jefferson County	501	0.44
Rockwall (city) Rockwall County	77	0.42
Clute (city) Brazoria County	42	0.41
Jollyville (cdp) Williamson County	58	0.38

Afghan

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Richardson (city) Dallas County	146	0.16
Plano (city) Collin County	132	0.06
Irving (city) Dallas County	98	0.05
Dallas (city) Dallas County	83	0.01
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant County	52	0.01
San Antonio (city) Bexar County	49	0.00
Houston (city) Harris County	44	0.00
Arlington (city) Tarrant County	38	0.01
Keller (city) Tarrant County	35	0.13
New Territory (cdp) Fort Bend County	31	0.22

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
New Territory (cdp) Fort Bend County	31	0.22
Richardson (city) Dallas County	146	0.16
Keller (city) Tarrant County	35	0.13
Frisco (city) Collin County	30	0.09
Highland Park (town) Dallas County	6	0.07
Plano (city) Collin County	132	0.06
Flower Mound (town) Denton County	31	0.06
Allen (city) Collin County	25	0.06
Harker Heights (city) Bell County	10	0.06

Addison (town) Dallas County	8	0.06
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Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
New Territory (cdp) Fort Bend County	31	0.22
Richardson (city) Dallas County	146	0.16
Keller (city) Tarrant County	35	0.13
Frisco (city) Collin County	30	0.09
Plano (city) Collin County	132	0.06
Flower Mound (town) Denton County	31	0.06
Allen (city) Collin County	25	0.06
Harker Heights (city) Bell County	10	0.06
Addison (town) Dallas County	8	0.06
Irving (city) Dallas County	98	0.05

African American/Black

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Houston (city) Harris County	505,101	25.85
Dallas (city) Dallas County	314,678	26.48
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant County	111,298	20.82
San Antonio (city) Bexar County	84,250	7.36
Austin (city) Travis County	69,943	10.65
Beaumont (city) Jefferson County	52,829	46.40
Arlington (city) Tarrant County	48,196	14.47
Killeen (city) Bell County	31,408	36.14
Garland (city) Dallas County	26,810	12.43
Waco (city) McLennan County	26,461	23.27

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Moore Station (city) Henderson County	182	98.91
Neylandville (town) Hunt County	54	96.43
Goodlow (city) Navarro County	251	95.08
Prairie View (city) Waller County	4,160	94.33
Ames (city) Liberty County	974	90.27
Barrett (cdp) Harris County	2,503	87.15
Cuney (town) Cherokee County	126	86.90
Kendleton (city) Fort Bend County	370	79.40
Toco (city) Lamar County	68	76.40
Easton (city) Gregg County	355	67.75

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
Forest Hill (city) Tarrant County	7,463	57.63
Lancaster (city) Dallas County	13,920	53.76
Beaumont (city) Jefferson County	52,829	46.40
De Soto (city) Dallas County	17,350	46.09
Port Arthur (city) Jefferson County	25,564	44.26
Missouri City (city) Fort Bend County	20,683	39.09
Marshall (city) Harrison County	9,309	38.89
Texarkana (city) Bowie County	13,063	37.56
Killeen (city) Bell County	31,408	36.14
Orange (city) Orange County	6,700	35.94

African American/Black: Not Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Houston (city) Harris County	495,338	25.35
Dallas (city) Dallas County	310,185	26.10
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant County	109,379	20.46
San Antonio (city) Bexar County	78,542	6.86
Austin (city) Travis County	67,117	10.22
Beaumont (city) Jefferson County	52,461	46.07
Arlington (city) Tarrant County	47,116	14.15

Killeen (city) Bell County	30,013	34.53
Garland (city) Dallas County	26,293	12.19
Waco (city) McLennan County	26,028	22.89

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Moore Station (city) Henderson County	182	98.91
Neylandville (town) Hunt County	54	96.43
Goodlow (city) Navarro County	250	94.70
Prairie View (city) Waller County	4,139	93.85
Ames (city) Liberty County	972	90.08
Cuney (town) Cherokee County	126	86.90
Barrett (cdp) Harris County	2,493	86.80
Kendleton (city) Fort Bend County	368	78.97
Toco (city) Lamar County	68	76.40
Easton (city) Gregg County	353	67.37

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
Forest Hill (city) Tarrant County	7,414	57.26
Lancaster (city) Dallas County	13,814	53.35
Beaumont (city) Jefferson County	52,461	46.07
De Soto (city) Dallas County	17,242	45.80
Port Arthur (city) Jefferson County	25,360	43.91
Missouri City (city) Fort Bend County	20,486	38.72
Marshall (city) Harrison County	9,263	38.70
Texarkana (city) Bowie County	12,974	37.30
Orange (city) Orange County	6,655	35.70
La Marque (city) Galveston County	4,767	34.84

African American/Black: Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Houston (city) Harris County	9,763	0.50
San Antonio (city) Bexar County	5,708	0.50
Dallas (city) Dallas County	4,493	0.38
El Paso (city) El Paso County	2,928	0.52
Austin (city) Travis County	2,826	0.43
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant County	1,919	0.36
Killeen (city) Bell County	1,395	1.61
Arlington (city) Tarrant County	1,080	0.32
Corpus Christi (city) Nueces County	1,039	0.37
Lubbock (city) Lubbock County	670	0.34

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Impact (town) Taylor County	2	5.13
Samnorwood (cdp) Collingsworth County	2	5.13
Rangerville (village) Cameron County	7	3.45
Ranchitos Las Lomas (cdp) Webb County	11	3.29
Del Mar Heights (cdp) Cameron County	7	2.70
Chula Vista-Orason (cdp) Cameron County	9	2.28
Turkey (city) Hall County	11	2.23
Agua Dulce (cdp) El Paso County	13	1.76
Reid Hope King (cdp) Cameron County	14	1.75
Warren City (city) Gregg County	6	1.75

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
Killeen (city) Bell County	1,395	1.61
Fort Hood (cdp) Coryell County	466	1.38
Copperas Cove (city) Coryell County	265	0.90
Clute (city) Brazoria County	56	0.54
El Paso (city) El Paso County	2,928	0.52
Temple (city) Bell County	283	0.52
Houston (city) Harris County	9,763	0.50

Notes: (cdp) census designated place; Refer to the User's Guide in the front of the book for more detailed information.

Population

Total Population

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	1,954,848
Dallas (city) Dallas	1,188,204
San Antonio (city) Bexar	1,144,554
Austin (city) Travis	656,302
El Paso (city) El Paso	564,280
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	535,420
Arlington (city) Tarrant	332,695
Corpus Christi (city) Nueces	277,569
Plano (city) Collin	222,301
Garland (city) Dallas	215,991

Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	731,680
San Antonio (city) Bexar	671,200
El Paso (city) El Paso	432,544
Dallas (city) Dallas	423,178
Austin (city) Travis	201,040
Laredo (city) Webb	166,544
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	159,212
Corpus Christi (city) Nueces	150,620
Brownsville (city) Cameron	128,127
McAllen (city) Hidalgo	85,064

Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
La Homa (cdp) Hidalgo	98.77
San Elizario (cdp) El Paso	98.45
Socorro (city) El Paso	96.58
Rio Grande City (city) Starr	96.03
San Juan (city) Hidalgo	95.27
Eagle Pass (city) Maverick	95.23
Laredo (city) Webb	94.20
Robstown (city) Nueces	93.02
Brownsville (city) Cameron	91.47
Pharr (city) Hidalgo	90.52

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	1,349

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.18

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.07

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	681

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.09

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.03

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	66,889
Dallas (city) Dallas	16,284
Irving (city) Dallas	7,243
Austin (city) Travis	4,627
San Antonio (city) Bexar	3,740
Garland (city) Dallas	3,641
Pasadena (city) Harris	2,053
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	1,775
Farmers Branch (city) Dallas	1,682
Arlington (city) Tarrant	1,590

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Farmers Branch (city) Dallas	15.81
Addison (town) Dallas	14.01
Irving (city) Dallas	12.09
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	9.15
Houston (city) Harris	9.14
Carrollton (city) Denton	7.12
Richardson (city) Dallas	6.95
Garland (city) Dallas	6.55
Plano (city) Collin	5.84
Conroe (city) Montgomery	5.71

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Farmers Branch (city) Dallas	5.94
Irving (city) Dallas	3.78
Houston (city) Harris	3.42
Addison (town) Dallas	3.29
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	2.47
Conroe (city) Montgomery	1.87
Garland (city) Dallas	1.69
Pasadena (city) Harris	1.45
Rosenberg (city) Fort Bend	1.45
Carrollton (city) Denton	1.38

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	713

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.10

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.04

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	6,226
Dallas (city) Dallas	1,057
Austin (city) Travis	801
San Antonio (city) Bexar	748
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	543

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	6.51
Houston (city) Harris	0.85
Austin (city) Travis	0.40
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.25
San Antonio (city) Bexar	0.11

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	1.76
Houston (city) Harris	0.32
Austin (city) Travis	0.12
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.09
San Antonio (city) Bexar	0.07

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	862
Dallas (city) Dallas	464

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.12
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.11

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.04
Houston (city) Harris	0.04

Cuban

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	5,437
Dallas (city) Dallas	2,373
San Antonio (city) Bexar	1,945
Austin (city) Travis	1,477
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	928
El Paso (city) El Paso	489

Cuban

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.74
Austin (city) Travis	0.73
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	0.58
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.56
San Antonio (city) Bexar	0.29
El Paso (city) El Paso	0.11

Cuban

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Houston (city) Harris	0.28
Austin (city) Travis	0.23
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.20
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	0.17
San Antonio (city) Bexar	0.17
El Paso (city) El Paso	0.09

Dominican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	924

Notes: Please refer to the User's Guide for an explanation of data; tables include places with populations > 9,999 and reflect only those areas that meet Summary File 4 population thresholds, therefore there may be less than 10 places listed

Population

Total Population

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	1,954,848
Dallas (city) Dallas	1,188,204
San Antonio (city) Bexar	1,144,554
Austin (city) Travis	656,302
El Paso (city) El Paso	564,280
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	535,420
Arlington (city) Tarrant	332,695
Corpus Christi (city) Nueces	277,569
Plano (city) Collin	222,301
Garland (city) Dallas	215,991

Asian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	102,484
Dallas (city) Dallas	32,165
Austin (city) Travis	30,866
Plano (city) Collin	22,465
Arlington (city) Tarrant	19,271
San Antonio (city) Bexar	18,085
Garland (city) Dallas	15,646
Irving (city) Dallas	15,637
Sugar Land (city) Fort Bend	14,417
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	13,838

Asian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
New Territory (cdp) Fort Bend	23.40
Sugar Land (city) Fort Bend	22.70
Stafford (city) Fort Bend	21.20
Four Corners (cdp) Fort Bend	19.11
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	16.75
Meadows Place (city) Fort Bend	15.60
Hedwig Village (city) Harris	13.64
Palacios (city) Matagorda	11.80
Richardson (city) Dallas	11.13
Missouri City (city) Fort Bend	10.95

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Killeen (city) Bell	1,046
Houston (city) Harris	876
San Antonio (city) Bexar	707
Dallas (city) Dallas	641
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	555
El Paso (city) El Paso	515
Austin (city) Travis	445

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Killeen (city) Bell	1.20
Fort Worth (city) Tarrant	0.10
El Paso (city) El Paso	0.09
Austin (city) Travis	0.07
San Antonio (city) Bexar	0.06
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.05
Houston (city) Harris	0.04

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	20,476
Dallas (city) Dallas	7,358
Austin (city) Travis	7,336
Irving (city) Dallas	6,093

Plano (city) Collin	5,680
Carrollton (city) Denton	4,384
Sugar Land (city) Fort Bend	4,338
San Antonio (city) Bexar	3,329
Garland (city) Dallas	3,102
Arlington (city) Tarrant	3,007

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Addison (town) Dallas	54.89
Mesquite (city) Dallas	50.32
Flower Mound (town) Denton	50.00
New Territory (cdp) Fort Bend	48.28
Lewisville (city) Denton	40.22
Midland (city) Midland	39.25
Irving (city) Dallas	38.97
Stafford (city) Fort Bend	38.65
Euleless (city) Tarrant	38.49
Carrollton (city) Denton	38.41

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
New Territory (cdp) Fort Bend	11.30
Stafford (city) Fort Bend	8.19
Sugar Land (city) Fort Bend	6.83
Addison (town) Dallas	4.39
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	4.24
Carrollton (city) Denton	4.01
Missouri City (city) Fort Bend	3.66
Irving (city) Dallas	3.18
Coppell (city) Dallas	3.17
Euleless (city) Tarrant	2.70

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
No places met population threshold.	

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Dallas (city) Dallas	1,059
Carrollton (city) Denton	818
Houston (city) Harris	723

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Carrollton (city) Denton	7.17
Dallas (city) Dallas	3.29
Houston (city) Harris	0.71

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Carrollton (city) Denton	0.75
Dallas (city) Dallas	0.09
Houston (city) Harris	0.04

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	21,856
Plano (city) Collin	9,305
Austin (city) Travis	8,022
Dallas (city) Dallas	6,083
Sugar Land (city) Fort Bend	5,287
San Antonio (city) Bexar	3,276
Richardson (city) Dallas	3,055
Arlington (city) Tarrant	2,763
Garland (city) Dallas	1,675
Irving (city) Dallas	1,547

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Bellaire (city) Harris	43.16
Plano (city) Collin	41.42
Sugar Land (city) Fort Bend	36.67
Richardson (city) Dallas	29.96
College Station (city) Brazos	28.14
Galveston (city) Galveston	27.73
Austin (city) Travis	25.99
Missouri City (city) Fort Bend	24.10
Denton (city) Denton	23.84
Coppell (city) Dallas	22.53

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Sugar Land (city) Fort Bend	8.33
New Territory (cdp) Fort Bend	5.03
Plano (city) Collin	4.19
Stafford (city) Fort Bend	3.42
Richardson (city) Dallas	3.33
Bellaire (city) Harris	2.91
Missouri City (city) Fort Bend	2.64
Mission Bend (cdp) Fort Bend	2.22
Coppell (city) Dallas	2.16
College Station (city) Brazos	2.14

Fijian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
No places met population threshold.	

Fijian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

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Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

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Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Houston (city) Harris	7,686
San Antonio (city) Bexar	3,786
Austin (city) Travis	1,732
Dallas (city) Dallas	1,681
El Paso (city) El Paso	1,627
Corpus Christi (city) Nueces	1,601
Arlington (city) Tarrant	1,192
Garland (city) Dallas	1,113
Killeen (city) Bell	1,100
Missouri City (city) Fort Bend	1,035

Notes: Please refer to the User's Guide for an explanation of data; tables reflect only those areas that meet Summary File 4 population thresholds, therefore there may be less than 10 places listed

Texas Physical Features and Climate Narrative

PHYSICAL FEATURES. Texas has been called "the crossroads of North American geology." Within the State's boundaries four great physiographic subdivisions of the North American Continent come together. These are: the Gulf Coastal Forested Plain; Great Western Lower Plains; Great Western High Plains; and the Rocky Mountain Region. Texas may be described as a vast amphitheater, sloping upward from sea level along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico to more than 4,000 feet general elevation along the Texas-New Mexico line. While much of the State is relatively flat, there are 90 mountains a mile or more high, all of them in the Trans-Pecos region. Guadalupe Peak, at 8,751 feet, is the State's highest.

Texas contains 267,339 square miles or 7.4 percent of the Nation's total area. In straight-line distance, Texas extends 801 miles from north to south and 773 miles from east to west. The boundary of Texas extends 4,137 miles. The Rio Grande forms the longest segment of the boundary, 1,569 miles. The second longest segment, 726 miles, is formed by the Red River. The tidewater coastline extends 624 miles. Texas ranks second only to Alaska among the 50 states in volume of inland water with nearly 6,000 square miles of lakes and streams. Most Texas rivers parallel each other and flow directly into the Gulf, but the Canadian, Red, and Sulphur Rivers are part of the Mississippi River system. The Brazos is the largest river between the Rio Grande and the Red and third in size of all rivers flowing either partly or wholly in Texas. Other principal rivers are the Colorado, Trinity, Sabine, Nueces, Neches, and Guadalupe.

GENERAL CLIMATE. Wedged between the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the high plateaus and mountain ranges of the North American Continent, Texas has diverse meteorological and climatological conditions. Continental, marine, and mountain types of climates are all found in Texas, the marine climate modified by surges of continental air. The High Plains, separated from the Lower Plains by the Cap Rock Escarpment, lies in a cool-temperature climatic zone. Most of the remainder of the State lies in a warm-temperature subtropical zone.

The proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, the persistent southerly and southeasterly flow of warm tropical maritime air into Texas from around the westward extension of the Azores High, and adequate rainfall combine to produce a humid subtropical climate with hot summers across the eastern third of the State. The Gulf moisture supply gradually decreases westward and is cut off more frequently during the colder months by intrusions of drier polar air from the north and west; as a result, most of Central Texas, as far north as the High Plains, has a subtropical climate with dry winters and humid summers. This region is semi-arid. As the distance from the Gulf increases westward, the summer moisture supply continues to decrease gradually, producing a subtropical steppe climate across a broad section along the middle Rio Grande Valley that extends as far west as the Pecos Valley. The area west of the Pecos is mostly arid subtropical. The mountain climates in the Trans-Pecos are cooler throughout the year than those of the adjacent lowlands.

Stretching over the largest level plain of its kind in the United States, the High Plains rise gradually from about 2,700 feet on the east to more than 4,000 feet in spots along the New Mexico border. The combination of high elevation, remoteness from moisture source regions, and frequent intrusions of dry polar airmasses, results in a dry steppe climate with relatively mild winters.

While the changes in climate across Texas are considerable, they are nevertheless gradual; no natural boundary separates the moist East from the dry West or the cool North from the warm South.

PRECIPITATION. Rainfall in Texas is not evenly distributed over the State and varies greatly from year to year. Average annual rainfall along the Louisiana border exceeds 56 inches, and in the western extremity of the State, is less than 8 inches. Except along the upper Texas coast, it is possible for one or two thunderstorms to account for the entire month's rainfall. Torrential rains of 10 to 20 inches or more may accompany a tropical storm as it moves inland across the Texas coast. Rains occur most frequently in late spring as a result of squall-line thunderstorms; consequently, most areas of the State show a peak in May. Rainfall in the Pecos Valley, most of southern Texas, the lower Rio Grande Valley, and in the coastal section, shows a peak in September, with a secondary peak in May. On the High Plains a significant percentage of the total annual precipitation occurs during the summer months (following the May

peak). Throughout the central part of the State, July and August are relatively dry months. In the mountainous Trans-Pecos area of West Texas, afternoon thundershowers during July, August, and September account for most of the annual rainfall. Throughout most of East Texas, rainfall is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. East of about 96° W. longitude, annual rainfall exceeds average potential evapotranspiration. West of this meridian, average potential evapotranspiration exceeds annual average rainfall.

FLOOD AND DROUGHT. In most of Texas a large portion of the annual rainfall occurs within short periods of time, resulting in excessive run-off and frequently producing damaging floods. Flood stage is reached on some Texas streams nearly every year. From the early days of Texas history recorded by Spaniards exploring the Southwest, drought has been a re-occurring problem. A drought in Central Texas dried up the San Gabriel River in 1756, forcing the abandonment of a settlement of missionaries and Indians. Stephen F. Austin's first colonists also were hurt by drought. Their initial corn crop was snuffed out in 1822, forcing the once ambitious farmers into desperate hunters. In most years, some sections of the State receive less than normal rainfall, while other sections receive a greater than normal supply. Severe drought or excessively wet conditions rarely exist over the entire State at the same time.

TEMPERATURE. The vast land area of Texas experiences a wide range of temperatures. The High Plains experiences rather low temperatures in winter, while there are several separate areas within the State that experience very high temperatures in summer. Extended periods of subfreezing temperatures are rare, even on the High Plains. In South Texas, subfreezing temperatures associated with Arctic airmasses ordinarily are confined to several hours prior to sunrise, and seasons may pass with no subfreezing temperatures at all. In summer, the temperature contrast is much less pronounced from north to south with daily highs generally in the 90s. August is the hottest month.

OTHER CLIMATIC ELEMENTS. Relative humidity is highest in the coastal region, and decreases gradually inland, as the distance from the Gulf of Mexico increases. Mean annual relative humidity at noon varies from slightly more than 60 percent near the coast to around 35 percent in the El Paso area. As temperatures increase, relative humidities generally decrease.

Sunshine is abundant in the extreme southwestern section of the State, decreasing gradually eastward. On an average, the western Trans-Pecos receives 80 percent of the total possible sunshine annually, while the Upper Coast receives only 60 percent.

Significant amounts of snowfall are confined almost entirely to the mountainous Trans-Pecos region and the High Plains. Measurable snow falls south of the High Plains but usually melts almost as fast as it falls. Blizzards, characterized by subfreezing temperatures, very strong winds, and considerable blowing or drifting of snow, may occur in extreme West Texas or Northwest Texas during the winter or early spring months, but are rare.

STORMS. Tropical cyclones are a threat to all sections of the Texas coast during the summer and fall. Those tropical cyclones with sustained wind speeds of 64 knots (74 m.p.h.) or greater are known as hurricanes. Virtually all tropical cyclones which have affected the Texas coast originated in the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, or the southern part of the North Atlantic Ocean. The season extends from June to October; storms are most frequent in August and September, and rarely affect the Texas coast after the first days of October. The average storm frequency for the entire Texas coast is approximately one per year.

Tornadoes have occurred in Texas during all seasons; however, they have occurred with greatest frequency during April, May, and June. Approximately one-fourth of the total annual number of tornadoes occur in the month of May alone. Hailstorms occur in all parts of the State. The most frequent and most damaging of these occur in spring and early summer. Thunderstorms, from which most damaging local weather develops (tornadoes, hail, windstorms, and high intensity showers) occur on about 60 days each year in the extreme eastern section of the State. The mean annual number of thunderstorm days decreases to about 40 in extreme West Texas, and to 30 in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Blowing dust and sand may occur occasionally in West Texas where strong winds are more frequent and vegetation is sparse.

