

Health Care

The focal point of health care in Houston is the world-famous Texas Medical Center.

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER OVERVIEW	
Area	1,345 acres
Total Employment	106,000
Patient Visits Per Year	8.0 million
Patient Beds	9,200
Construction Projects Underway	\$3 billion
Annual Surgeries	180,000
Babies Delivered Per Year	25,000
Sources: Texas Medical Center 2016 Facts and Figures	

- Over 345,000 Houstonians are employed in health care in the metro area. The region has 16,544 practicing physicians, 134 hospitals, and 20,373 hospital beds. Virtually every medical specialty is represented.
- The Texas Medical Center's (TMC) member institutions employ 106,000 Houstonians, of which approximately 30,000 are physicians, scientists, researchers, and other advanced-degree professionals in the life sciences.
- The TMC is home to more than 50 of the most renowned medical research and academic institutions in the world. TMC's member institutions include: six general hospitals, 11 specialized hospitals, two specialized patient facilities, four medical schools, five schools of nursing, two schools of pharmacy, a dental school and a community college focused on 19 health science fields. The Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professionals, part of the Houston Independent School District, is also within the TMC.
- The \$3 billion in construction projects include new hospitals, clinics, research and office space by TMC institutions along with city, county, state and federal investment for infrastructure, including flood control, new roads, and bridges.
- TMC's strategic plan includes institutes for genomics, regenerative medicine, clinical research, health policy, and innovation. As part of the Innovation Institute's vision to become the global leader in life sciences innovation and commercialization, TMC launched TMCx, TMCx+ and JLABS @TMC. A new research campus, TMC3, will be a 1.5 million square foot facility linking the existing campus to research institutions.
- TMC institutions are consistently ranked among the best in the country. MD Anderson is ranked No. 1 in cancer care and has held that rank 11 times of the past 13 years. Texas Children's Hospital is ranked No. 4 among all 184 pediatric institutions surveyed and is on the 2015-16 Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll, a distinction awarded to only 12 hospitals nationwide.