

Health Care

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

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER OVERVIEW	
Area	1000+ Acres
Permanent Buildings	162
Total Employment	93,500
Future Growth	\$7.1 billion in approved infrastructure between 2008 and 2014
Patient Visits Per Year	6.0 million
Foreign Patients Per Year	18,000+
Patient Beds	6,800
Students	71,500 (includes high school, college and health profession graduate programs)
Annual Research Expenditures	\$1.8 billion
Source: Texas Medical Center <i>2010 Facts and Figures</i> and <i>Houston Facts 2010</i>	

- Texas Medical Center (TMC) is home to 49 of the most renowned medical research and academic institutions in the world. The TMC's 21 educational institutions include three medical schools, six nursing schools, two schools of pharmacy, and schools of dentistry, public health, and offer degrees and post-doctoral plans in virtually all health-related careers. The Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professionals, part of Houston.I.S.D. is also within the Texas Medical Center.
- Planned projects total more than \$7 billion in building new hospitals, clinics, research and other office space by Texas Medical Center institutions along with city, county, state and federal investment for infrastructure, including flood control, new roads and bridges. TMC's projected growth is from its current 31.0 million gross square feet—equivalent to the 12th largest business district in the U.S.—to 41 million gross square feet in 2014 (in the concentrated medical complex area).
- At the beginning of 2010, 16 projects totaling 9.1 million square feet and valued at \$3.1 million were under construction.
- In 2010, more than 20 member institutions in the TMC contributed \$1.8 billion in life science research, including cardiovascular, cancer, cell biology and genetic research. Baylor College of Medicine is the recipient of the most outside funding. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, UT Health Sciences Center and UTMB are the other major grant recipients.
- Altogether, the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA has over 13,000 practicing physicians, 120 hospitals, and 20,216 hospital beds. Clinics and convalescent homes are plentiful. Virtually every medical specialty is represented here.