**POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS**

- **7.0 million** residents in the 9-county Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA
- Nation’s 5th most populous metro area
- Larger than Missouri or Maryland
- Houston is the nation’s 4th most populous city

**Race/Ethnicity: Houston MSA**
- Houston today mirrors the U.S. in 4 decades
- 37.6% Hispanic
- 35.5% White
- 17.0% Black
- 7.8% Asian
- 2.1% Other
- Nearly 1 in 4 Houstonians are foreign born

**GLOBAL PRESENCE**

- **15** foreign governments maintain trade and commercial offices in Houston
- **35 active foreign chambers of commerce**
- **17.3%** of the region’s economy is tied to exports
- **5,000+** Houston companies doing business abroad
- **1,700+** Houston establishments report foreign ownership
- **90** nations have consular representation in Houston
- **3rd largest representation in the nation**
- **19** foreign banks are located in Houston from 10 nations

**GROWTH AND PERFORMANCE**

- **$233.3 billion** in trade was handled by the Houston-Galveston Customs Districts in ’18
- **$140.5 billion** in imports (in ’18)
- **$92.7 billion** in exports (in ’18)

**2018 Statistics**

- **58.3 million** Houston airport passengers in ’18
- **11.8 million** global travelers
- **46.5 million** domestic travelers
- 189 nonstop destinations

**Port Houston ranks**

- **1st in foreign tonnage for 22 straight years**
- **2nd in total tonnage for 26 straight years**
- Houston has the largest export market in the U.S.
If Houston were an independent nation, the region would have the 26th largest economy in the world, behind Belgium and ahead of Thailand.

![GDP forecast chart](chart)

- **2020**: $546.9 billion
- **2025**: $654.9 billion
- **2030**: $768.8 billion
- **2035**: $884.6 billion
- **2040**: $998.8 billion
- **2045**: $1,115.5 billion

**ECONOMY**

- **GDP forecast**: ($ billions '09 constant dollars) Source: Perryman Group
- **2.9%** expected real GDP annual growth from '20 - '45
- **GDP expected to more than double between '20 and '45**
- **7th largest U.S. metro economy**

**EMPLOYMENT**

- **3.2 million** jobs in the Houston MSA
- **22 Fortune 500 Companies** call Houston home

**INDUSTRIES**

- **The Texas Medical Center** is the world’s largest medical complex.
  - **$3 billion** in construction projects underway
  - **50 million** developed square feet

- **44** of the 128 publicly-traded oil and gas exploration firms are housed in Houston
- **650** exploration and production firms located in the Houston region
- **800** oil field service companies

- **Houston is home to 83,100 engineers and architects.**
  - Approximately **225,000** people work in the region’s manufacturing industry

- **10 million** annual patient visits
- **180,000+** annual surgeries

- **2%** Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- **11%** Leisure and Hospitality
- **12%** Educational and Health Services
- **13%** Government
- **13%** Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
- **16%** Professional and Business Services
- **16%** Finance and Insurance
- **20%** Construction
- **3%** Mining and Logging (Upstream Energy)

**Source:** Texas Workforce Commission