

“Texas is a state where a dream can be put to work.” - Governor Rick Perry

Texas has ranked as the No. 1 U.S. exporting state for seven straight years. Texas' exports were approximately \$192 billion in 2008, representing a 14 percent increase from 2007. (*WISERTrade*, February 2009)

Texas is home to the top 5 U.S. metros in “The Healthiest Housing Markets for 2009” report. Houston ranked number 1, followed by Austin (2), Fort Worth (3), San Antonio (4) and Dallas (5). (*Builder*, February 2009)

Texas ranks # 2 on Fortune's “100 Best Companies to Work For” list, with 23 companies. (*FORTUNE*, January 2009)

Texas ranks as the No. 1 relocation destination in the U.S. for the fourth year in a row based on Allied Van Lines' 41st Annual Magnet Report, which tracks U.S. migration patterns. (*SIRVA, Inc.*, January 2009)

Six Texas metros rank in the top 15 for the nation's biggest gains in private-sector employment. Houston ranked #1 followed by Dallas (2), San Antonio (4), McAllen-Edinburg (9), Austin (10) and El Paso (13). (*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*, January 2009)

Texas gained more people than any other state between July 2007 and July 2008 and was one of the fastest-growing states during that period with a 2% increase. (*U.S. Census Bureau*, December 2008)

Texas ranked No. 1 according to corporate site seekers across the country polled for the Executive Survey Business Climate Rankings 2008. (*Site Selection*, November 2008)

MSNBC indicates five Texas metros of top 25 are positioned best to weather the current economic downturn, according to Bizjournals rankings of the 100 largest metropolitan areas experiencing strong, steady growth while entering the recessionary period. (*MSNBC*, November 2008)

Texas ranks No.1 according to Financial Times “State of the US Economy,” which ranked all 50 states, comparing employment rates, gross state product growth, personal income growth, and foreclosure rates. (*Financial Times*, October 2008)

Texas ranks as the nation's second largest tech exporting state with \$35.9 billion in technology exports in 2007. (*AeA, Trade in the Cyberstates 2008*, September 2008)

Texas cities Houston, Dallas and Austin land the top 3 spots in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' latest employment rankings of the “Nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas,” adding a total of 107,200 private-sector jobs since mid-2007. (*Business Journals*, September 2008)

Texas tops the Milken Institute's 2008 economic index with six cities placing in the top twenty-five large metros, more than any other state. (*Milken Institute, Best-Performing Cities 2008*, September 2008)

Texas is America's Top State for Business according to the results of a CNBC study that scored each state on 40 different measures of competitiveness. (*CNBC*, July 2008)

Texas dominated the Forbes “Best Cities To Buy A Home” list with four Texas cities in the top ten ranking: Houston ranked # 1, Austin ranked # 2, San Antonio ranked #5 and Dallas ranked # 6. The report examined the country's 40 largest metropolitan areas where home prices have appreciated over the last two years. (*Forbes*, July 2008)

A new survey of 281 U.S. corporate executives shows 40.8% identifying Texas as the No. 1 Business Climate. Respondents cited tax climate, workforce cost and availability and pro-business climate as reasons for their positive perceptions. (*Development Counsellors International*, July 2008)

Business Facilities Magazine ranks Texas No. 1 for Automotive Manufacturing Growth based on the number of cars and light trucks produced in 2008. (*Business Facilities*, July 2008)

Ernst & Young ranks Texas first in the U.S. in overall attractiveness for renewable energy investments. (*Site Selection*, July 2008)

People continue to flock to Texas for its vibrant economy and low cost of living. According to U.S. Census, five Texas cities were in the top 25 U.S. cities with the largest numerical increases: Houston ranked #1, San Antonio ranked #3, Fort Worth ranked #4, Austin ranked #8, and Dallas ranked #13. (*U.S. Census Bureau*, July 2008)

Texas won the Gold Shovel award for economic development and job creation. The shovel awards are based on information about 10 of the top job-creating and investment projects in 2007. (*Area Development*, June/July 2008)

Texas leads the nation in wind power, with 5,300 megawatts on line, enough to power more than 1.5 million homes, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. (*U.S. Dept. of Energy*, June 2008)

Texas ranks No. 1 on the 2008 *FORTUNE* 500 and 1000 lists, for the most number of corporate headquarters located within the state. (*FORTUNE*, April 2008)

