



# Friendswood, Texas – Fast Facts

Friendswood is a progressive suburban city conveniently located between downtown Houston and Galveston near three major airports and deepwater ports with easy thoroughfare and railway access. Known for its extraordinary demographics, including a highly educated, affluent resident base and two outstanding public school systems, the City of Friendswood offers continuous business relocation and expansion assistance including economic development incentives.

## Demographics

- Land size 21.2 sq. miles
- Friendswood population est. 41,118
- Number of households 14,850
- Population by age
  - ✓ Under 14 years 19%
  - ✓ 15-19 years 8%
  - ✓ 20-44 years 28%
  - ✓ 45-64 years 31%
  - ✓ 65 years and over 14%
- Median Age--41
- Average household size--2.82
- 2018 average household income--\$140,321
- 98% high school graduation rate
- 44% of residents have a associates or bachelor's degree
- 16% of residents have a graduate degree
- Houston Metro population - 6,820,783

## Labor Force and Economic Base

- Labor Pool: 18-65
- Friendswood: 20,438
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown: 3,453,216
- Employment by occupation
  - ✓ 48% Managerial/Professional
  - ✓ 10% Service Occupations
  - ✓ 26% Sales and Office
  - ✓ 8% Construction/Maintenance
  - ✓ 8% Production/Transportation

## Bay Area Predominant Business Categories

- Aerospace and Aviation
- Medical and Life Sciences
- Information Technology
- Specialty Chemicals
- Tourism
- Maritime

## Top Employers

- Friendswood ISD
- H.E. Butt Grocery Company
- Kroger Texas, LP
- City of Friendswood
- Clear Creek ISD
- Friendship Haven Healthcare & Rehabilitation
- UTMB
- U.S. Post Office
- McDonald's
- Atria Assisted Living and Memory Care
- Highpoint Insurance Group

## Top Non-Residential Taxpayers

- Reserve at Autumn Crk Ltd
- Texas-New Mexico Power Co.
- Bellevue at Clear Creek-Skyhawk Apartments
- Kroger Co
- Bay Meadows LLP
- A-S 108 Friendswood Crossing LP-Fwd Crossing
- H.E. Butt Grocery Company
- FM 528 Bay Area Blvd LP
- Timber Creek Holdings LP

## Financial Status

- City Bond Rating:
  - “A1” from Moody's Investor
  - “AA+” on GO Bonds & “AA-” on Revenue Bonds from Standard & Poor's
- Tax Year 2018 assessed property value: \$4,329,242,870
- Tax Year 2018 net taxable value: \$3,374,237,059
- Annual sales tax revenue in FY 2017-18 - \$8,419,955
- Projected FY 2018-19 sales tax revenue - \$8,339,990
- City property tax rate \$0.5324
- 8.25% total sales tax rate-6.25 State/2.00 City

## Quality of Life

- 2018 average homestead value \$294,213
- 2018 average taxable home value \$235,370
- 2018 average new home permit \$435,131
- 2018 Cost of Living Index, Annual Average
  - ✓ Houston 95.0
  - ✓ Atlanta 102.7
  - ✓ Chicago 120.8
  - ✓ Miami 116.9
  - ✓ Los Angeles 146.8
  - ✓ Washington, DC 161.0
  - ✓ New York 240.6
- 2017 Low crime rate per 1,000 population
  - ✓ Friendswood 8.35
  - ✓ Pearland 19.72
  - ✓ League City 19.90
  - ✓ Alvin 26.86
  - ✓ Houston 53.47
  - ✓ Sugar Land 17.06
  - ✓ Webster 80.53
  - ✓ Texas City 41.75
  - ✓ Galveston 39.77

## Education

- Served by 2 Public School Districts (in order by land area served)
- Friendswood ISD--6A  
Web: [www.fisd12.net](http://www.fisd12.net)
- Clear Creek ISD--6A  
Web: [www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net)

## Parks and Recreation

- 10 City parks
- 2 County parks
- 266 acres of green space and nature trails
- Adult, youth, and senior programs
- Annual special events with 10,000 attendees include July 4 celebration, Flap Jack Fun Run, Kid Fish, Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, Youth Sports Day Program