

# Harris County Profile

**Harris County** is located in East Central Texas and is one of 13 counties in the Gulf Coast Workforce Development Area. Harris County's 2007 population is estimated to be 3,935,855, the largest county in Texas by population. Houston is the county seat. Other towns include Pasadena, Baytown and Bellaire. The Manufacturing, Trade, Service, Local Government, Transportation & Warehousing and Construction Sectors fuel county employment. Harris County is home of Houston, the largest city in Texas, the fourth largest in the nation. The average unemployment rate in Harris County for 2008 was 4.8 percent.

## Per Capita Personal Income (2007)

\$49,634 ranking 5<sup>th</sup> in the State and was 134 percent of the State average, \$37,083. The annual growth rate over the past 10 years was 5.4 percent as compared to 4.6 percent for the State and 4.3 percent for the nation.

## Total Personal Income (2007)

\$194,177,877,000, accounting for 22 percent of the state total and ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in the State with an annual growth rate of 7.4 percent as compared to 6.6 percent for the State and 5.4 percent for the nation.

## Median Household Income (2007)

\$49,977

## Major Employers

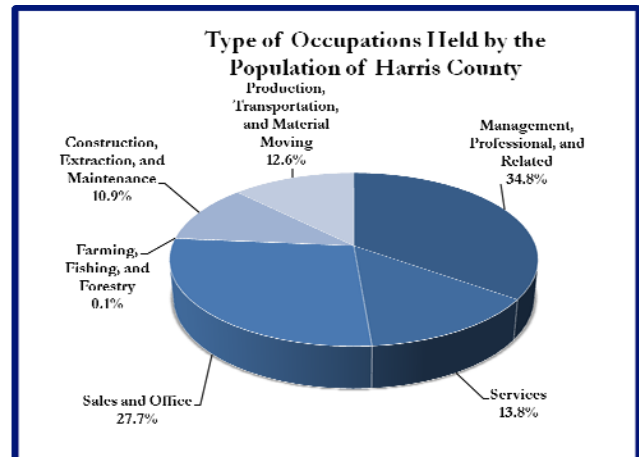
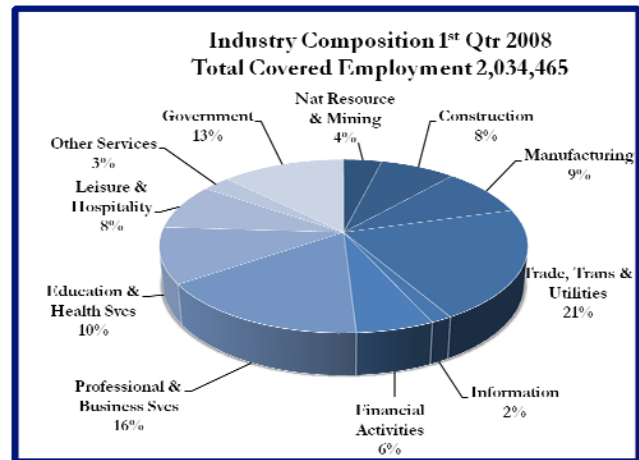
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 Baylor College of Medicine  
 City of Houston  
 Continental Airlines Inc  
 Cypress Fairbanks ISD  
 Exxon Mobil Corporation  
 Harris County  
 Houston ISD  
 Memorial Hermann Hospital System  
 University of Texas System Cancer Center  
 Wal-Mart Associates Inc

## Size Class of Employers (2006)

Employees per Firm	Number of Firms
Total	89,291
1-19	74,346
20-99	12,012
100-499	2,589
>499	344

*Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Texas Workforce Commission*

*\*Hispanic Persons are of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or South American or some other Spanish Origin.*



## Race Statistics of the Population (2000)

	Population
Total	3,400,578
White	1,997,123
Black or African American	628,619
American Indian and Alaska Native	15,180
Asian	174,626
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,095
Some Other Race	482,283
Two or More Races	100,652
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)*	1,119,751

## Race and Population 2007 Estimate

	Population
Total	3,935,855
White	73.6%
Black or African American	18.9%
Hispanic	38.6%
Asian	5.5%