



THE Government

- Capital: Austin
- Government: Bicameral Legislature
- 28th State to enter the Union on December 29, 1845
- Present Constitution adopted in 1876
- State Motto: Friendship
- Origin of Name: Texas, or Tejas, was the Spanish pronunciation of a Caddo Indian word meaning "friends" or "allies."
- Nickname: Texas is called the Lone Star State because of the design of the state flag: a broad vertical blue strip at left centered by a single white star, and at right, horizontal bars of white (top) and red (bottom).











THE People



- Population 2020 (U.S. Census)
- Population 2010 (U.S. Census)
- Population 2000 (U.S. Census)
- Population Increase 2010-2020
- Population Density (2020)
- Voting-age Population (2020)

29,145,505 25,145,561 20,851,820

15.9% 111.6 per sq/mi. 21,925,627







THE NATURAL Environment

• Area (Total):

268,581 Sq. Miles

- Land Area: 261,797 Sq. Miles
- Water Area: 6,784 Sq. Miles
- Geographic Center: About 15 miles Northeast of Brady in Northern McColloch County
- Highest Point: Guadalupe Peak (8,749 Ft.) in Culberson County in far West Texas.
- Lowest Point: Gulf of Mexico (sea level)

CITIES & COUNTIES

 Number of Counties: 	254
Number of Incorporated Cities:	1,215
• Number of Cities of 100,000+ pop:	29
• Number of Cities of 50,000+ pop:	63
• Number of Cities of 10,000+ pop:	246

TEN LARGEST **CITIES**

1. Houston	2,320,268
2. San Antonio	1,547,253
3. Dallas	1,343,573
4. Austin	978,908
5. Fort Worth	909,585
6. El Paso	681,728
7. Arlington	398,854
8. Corpus Christi	326,586
9. Plano	287,677
10. Laredo	262,491

*based on data from 2020

State Tree: Pecan Tree (Officially adopted in 1919)

State Grass: Sideoats Grama

State Small Mammal: **Nine-Banded Armadillo** (Named by the Legislature in 1995)

TEXAS SYMBOLS State Bird: Northern Mockingbird (Officially recognized by the Legislature in 1927)

State Flower: Bluebonnet (Several varieties of this lupine blanket of the Texas countryside each spring. Officially adopted in 1901)

State Large Mammal: Longhorn (Named by the Legislature in 1995)

State Food: Chili (A fiery stew brewed within Texas pride, adopted by the Legislature in 1977)

State Fish: Guadalupe Bass (Named by the Legislature in 1980)





State Gemstone: **Texas Blue Topaz** (Adopted by the Legislature in 1969)

> State Pepper: Jalapeño (Adopted by the Legislature in 1995)

State Seashell: Lightning Whelk (Adopted by the Legislature in 1987)



State Song: "Texas, Our Texas" (Music by Wm. J. Marsh; words by Marsh and Gladys Yoakum Wright; Officially adopted by the Legislature in 1929)

State Reptile: Horned Lizard (Named by the Legislature in 1993)

State Flying Mammal: Mexican Free-Tailed Bat (Named by the Legislature in 1995)

State Insect: Monarch Butterfly



PRINCIPAL Products

• Manufactures: Chemicals and allied products, petroleum and coal products, food and kindred products, transportation equipment.

- Farm Products: Cattle, cotton, vegetables, fruits, nursery, and greenhouse, dairy products.
- Minerals: Petroleum, natural gas, natural gas liquids.







- "The engine's runnin' but ain't nobody driving" (Not overly intelligent)
- "As welcome as a skunk at a lawn party" (Self-explanatory!)
- "*Tighter than bark on a tree*" (Not very generous)
- "Big hat, no cattle" (All talk and no action)
- "We've howdied but we ain't shook yet" (We've finally met briefly but not been formally introduced)
- "He thinks the sun come up just to hear him crow" (He has a pretty high opinion of himself)
- "She's got tongue enough for 10 rows of teeth" (She can talk!)



- "It's so dry the trees are bribin' the dogs" (We could really use some rain)
- "Just because a chicken has wings doesn't mean it can fly" (Appearances can be deceptive)
- "This ain't my first rodeo" (I've been around awhile)
- *"They ate supper before they said grace"* (Living in sin)
- "Time to paint your butt white and run with the antelope" (Stop arguing and do as you're told)
- "As full of wind as a corn-eating horse" (Rather prone to boasting)
- "He looks like the dog's been keepin' him under the porch" (Not the most handsome man around)

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Sources: texasalmanac.com; DJ's Texas State of Mind

