

COMMUNITY PROFILE

LOCATION

Distance in miles from:

Sugar Land	30	San Antonio	173
Houston	56	Chicago	1,128
Austin	142	Los Angeles	1,517
New York	1,669		

EDUCATION

State Industrial Job Training Available.

WORKFORCE

Wage rates/manufacturing occupations:

Occupation/Job	Average
Industrial Machine Mechanic	\$25.57
Machinist	\$20.53
Secretary	\$16.36
Shipping Clerk	\$14.65
Welder	\$20.77

Labor Force:	21,000
Unemployed:	949
% Unemployed	4.5%
Total Employment	20 051

Schools

Elementary	3
Secondary	2
Private	1
Colleges	1

Area Universities/Colleges: Wharton County Junior College, Univ. of Houston, Rice University, Houston Baptist Univ., Bay Ridge Christian College, Victoria College, U of H/Victoria, Texas Southern University, Brazosport College.

Libraries:

	Volume
Wharton Co. Library System	104,451
Wharton Branch	41,375
Wharton ISD	54,394
WCJC	66,899

POPULATION

Year	City	County
2010	8,832	41,280
2000	9,237	41,188
1990	10,200	41,000
1980	9,033	40,242
1970	7,881	36,729

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspaper: *Wharton Journal-Spectator*

Radio Station: KANI-FM, KULP-AM

TV Channels without cable: 6

Cable Television: New Wave Cable

TAX STRUCTURE

Ad Valorem/Property Tax - 2016 Tax Rate (per \$100 of value):

City	.42450
County	.04900
School	1.19700
Junior College	.13706
EMS District #1	.03000
Water District	.00850
EMS District #3	.57500
Total:	2.42106

Bonding Rate: Baa 1 (Moody's)

BBB + (Standard & Poors)

	State	City	County
Retail Sales Tax:	6.25%	1.50%	0.50%

ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Agriculture Products: Corn, Sorghum, Cotton, Cattle

Minerals Produced: Oil, Gas

Tourism: Riverfront Park, Waterfowl Hunting, Antiques, Wharton County Museum, 20th Century Tech Museum

MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS

Firm	Product	Employees
Wharton ISD	Education	339
Nan Ya Plastics	Rigid PVC Film	260
Wharton Co. Jr. College	Education	362
Wharton County Foods	Egg Farm	235
Wal-Mart	Retail	200
Wharton County	County Government	234
HEB	Retail Grocer	154
Memorial Herman Med.	Medical	102
Buc-ee's	Retail	100
J-M Manufacturing	PVC Pipe	139
City of Wharton	City Government	99
Dorian Tool Co.	Machine Tools	75
TX Dept. of Trans.	State Agency	26

Service	Distance	Town
Tool & Die	Local	Wharton
Electric Motor Repair	Local	Wharton
Welding Supplies	Local	Wharton
Corrugated Containers	61	Houston
Solid Waste Disposal	61	Houston
Materials Recycling	61	Houston

INCENTIVES

Wharton Economic Development Corporation

Tax abatement: Yes

Enterprise Zone: Yes

Industrial Foundation: Yes

TRANSPORTATION

UTILITIES (CON'T)

Highways Serving City

Interstate: I-10, (I-69 approved)
Federal U. S. 59
State: TX 60, FM 102, FM 1301
Distance to I-10: 35 miles

Common Carriers:

Bus Service: Greyhound, Valley Transit
Overnight Courier Service: UPS, FedEx

Air Service

Location: Wharton U. S. 59
Runway Length: 5,000 ft.
Surface: Asphalt
Instrument Landing System: NA
Taxi: None Car Rental: Yes
Local Bus Transit
Nearest Commercial Service: Houston
Houston Airline Service: all major airlines

TRANSIT TIME

Transit time for truckload lots to:

CITY	DAYS
Atlanta	4
Chicago	4
Denver	2
Kansas City	3
Los Angeles	4
New York	5
Phoenix	2
San Jose	5
Seattle	5

UTILITIES

Electricity:

Distributor, Wholesaler: Center Point Energy
Reserve Generating Capacity: 2,8000 MW
KW Peak Command: 10,783

Water:

Water Supplied By: City of Wharton
Source of City Water: Wells
Capacity of Water Plant: 4.6 Million MGD
Average Consumption: 1.5 Million GPN
Peak Consumption: 3 Million GPN
Storage Capacity: 2.8 Million MG

Sewage Treatment:

Type of Treatment: Constant Stabilization and RBC
Capacity: 2 Million GPD
Current Usage: 1.2 Million GPD

Natural Gas:

Gas Supplier: Center Point Energy

Telephone:

Supplier: AT&T
Broadband Internet

COMMUNITY FEATURES

Government

Government (type): Council-Mayor-Manager
Planning Commission: Yes
Zoning Regulations: No
Policemen: 25 Police Cars: 15
Firemen Paid 1 Volunteer: 30
Public Protection Class: 6

Financial Institutions:

Banks: 6 Savings & Loans: 2

Health Care:

Clinics: 1
Doctors: 27 Dentists: 10
Nursing Homes: 2 Beds: 236
Assisted Living: 1 Capacity: 75
Independent Living 1 100 Units (1 Bedroom)

Climate:

Annual Average Temperature of 69⁰
Monthly Average High: January 45⁰ - July 93⁰
Annual Average Precipitation: 39.1"
Annual Average Snowfall: 0"
Elevation: 101 Ft. Above Sea Level
Growing Season: 266 Days
Prevailing Winds: South-Southeast

Churches:

Protestant: 30 Catholic: 2
Other: 3

Recreation:

Parks: 10 Country Club/Golf: 1
Public Swimming Pools: 1 Theaters (live) 1
Country Club: 1 Restaurants: 34
Hotels & Motels: 9 Total Rooms: 259
Wharton County Museum 20th Century Technology Museum
Canoe Launch, Boat Ramp, Fishing Pier
Wharton Civic Center – Several Meeting Rooms &
Large Meeting Room Capacity: 600

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