

# 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	\$26.50
Machinist	\$20.68
Secretary	\$17.21
Shipping Clerk	\$15.07
Welder	\$23.03

Labor Force:	21,341
Unemployed:	1,131
% Unemployed	5.4%
Total Employment	20 210

**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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2.42106</b>

**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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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

## UTILITIES (CON'T)

### 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 69<sup>0</sup>  
Monthly Average High: January 45<sup>0</sup> - July 93<sup>0</sup>  
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 20<sup>th</sup> Century Technology Museum  
Canoe Launch, Boat Ramp, Fishing Pier  
Wharton Civic Center – Several Meeting Rooms &  
Large Meeting Room Capacity: 600

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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