

Texas is the second-largest [U.S. state](#) by both area and population, and the largest state in the [contiguous United States](#). The name, meaning "friends" or "allies" in [Caddo](#), was applied by the Spanish to the [Caddo](#) themselves and to the region of their settlement in [East Texas](#). Located in the [South Central United States](#), Texas is bordered by [Mexico](#) to the south, [New Mexico](#) to the west, [Oklahoma](#) to the north, [Arkansas](#) to the northeast, and [Louisiana](#) to the east. Texas has an area of 268,820 square miles (696,200 km²), and a growing population of 24.7 million residents.

[Houston](#) is the largest city in Texas and the [fourth-largest](#) in the United States, while [San Antonio](#) is the second largest in the state and seventh largest in the United States. [Dallas–Fort Worth](#) and [Greater Houston](#) are the fourth and sixth largest [United States metropolitan areas](#), respectively. Other major cities include [El Paso](#) and [Austin](#)—the [state capital](#). Texas is nicknamed the *Lone Star State* to signify Texas as an independent republic and as a reminder of the state's struggle for independence from Mexico. The "Lone Star" can be found on the Texas State Flag and on the Texas State Seal today.

Due to its size and geologic features such as the [Balcones Fault](#), Texas contains diverse [landscapes](#) that resemble both the American [South](#) and [Southwest](#). Although Texas is popularly associated with the [Southwestern deserts](#), less than 10% of the land area is [desert](#). Most of the population centers are located in areas of former [prairies](#), [grasslands](#), [forests](#), and the [coastline](#). Traveling from east to west, one can observe terrain that ranges from coastal [swamps](#) and [piney woods](#), to rolling plains and rugged hills, and finally the [desert](#) and mountains of the [Big Bend](#). The term "[six flags over Texas](#)" came from the several nations that had ruled over the territory. [Spain](#) was the first European country to claim the area of Texas. [France](#) held a [short-lived colony](#) in Texas. [Mexico](#) controlled the territory until 1836 when Texas won its independence, becoming an independent [Republic](#). In 1845 it

joined the United States as the 28th state. The state's [annexation](#) set off a [chain of events](#) that caused the [Mexican–American War](#) in 1846. A [slave state](#), Texas declared its secession from the United States in early 1861, joining the [Confederate States of America](#) during the [American Civil War](#). After the war and its restoration to the Union, Texas entered a long period of economic stagnation.

One Texas industry that thrived after the Civil War was [cattle](#). Due to its long history as a center of the industry, Texas is associated with the image of the [cowboy](#). The state's economic fortunes changed in the early 1900s, when [oil discoveries](#) initiated an [economic boom](#) in the state. With strong investments in universities, Texas developed a diversified [economy](#) and [high tech](#) industry in the mid twentieth century. Today it has more [Fortune 500](#) companies than any other U.S. state. With a growing base of industry, the state leads in many industries, including [agriculture](#), [petrochemicals](#), [energy](#), [computers](#) and [electronics](#), [aerospace](#), and [biomedical sciences](#). It leads the nation in export revenue since 2002 and has the second-highest [gross state product](#). Texas' GDP per capita (nominally) is ranked 23rd in the nation, which is below the national average.

texis iz tɪl sekɪnd lɑːdʒɪst ju . es . stɑːt bɪ bɔːtɪ erɪl and pɒpjʊləʃn , and tɪl lɑːdʒɪst stɑːt ɪn tɪl kɒntɪɡjuɪs juːnɪtɪd stɑːtɪs . tɪl nɑːm , mɛnɛʒ "frɛnɪs" ɔ "ɑːlɪz" ɪn kɒdɔ , wɒz ɪplɪd bɪ tɪl sɪbənɪʃ tʊ tɪl kɒdɔ tɪmɪsɒlvz and tʊ tɪl rɛdʒɪn ɒv tɪl sɛt ɒlmɪnt ɪn ɛst tɛksɪs . lɔːkɑːtɪd ɪn tɪl sɑːtɪ sɛndrɔl juːnɪtɪd stɑːtɪs , tɛksɪs ɪz bɑːdɒd bɪ mɛksɪkɔ tʊ tɪl sɑːtɪ , nyu mɛksɪkɔ tʊ tɪl wɛst , ɔːklɑːhɔmɒ tʊ tɪl nɑːtɪ , ɑkɑnzɪz tʊ tɪl nɑːtɪst , and lʊɛzɛɑnɒ tʊ tɪl ɛst . tɛksɪs hɑz ɑn erɪl ɒv 268 , 820 skwɛl mɪlɪz (696 , 200 km²) , and ɑɛ grɔːwɛʒ pɒpjʊləʃn ɒv 24 . 7 mɪljɪn rɛzɪdɪnɪs .

hustin iz tīl LAjist site in tēxis and tīl fōrt LAjist in tīl yunItid stæƿs , wīl san antōneL iz tīl sekīnd LAjist in tīl stæet and sevinTī LAjist in tīl yunItid stæƿs . dālis- fōrt wurTī and græetL hustin A tīl fōrt and sixth LAjist yunItid stæƿs mechrĀpolĀtin ereiz, rispektivle . Ltīl mæjL sitez inklud al pLsō and ostin tīl stæet kārLtōL. tēxis iz nīknæmd tīl lōn sdA stæet tu signĀfī tēxis az an indĀpendint rēpLblik and az æ rimīndL ov tīl stæƿs sjrĀgōL fō indĀpendins from mexikō . tīl "lōn sdA" kAn bē fōnd on tīl tēxis stæet flag and on tīl tēxis stæet seil tudæ .

ju tu iōs sīz and jēōlojik fēchiz slch az tīl bālkōnz folt , tēxis kĀntæenz dĀvurs landskæps tĀt rĀzembōl bōTī tīl ĀmerĀkin sōTī and sōTīwest . æltiō tēxis iz popyulLle ĀsōstĀetid wīTī tīl sōTīwestin dezīas , les tĀn 10% ov tīl land erēL iz dezit . mōst ov tīl popyulæshin sentiz A lōkæetid in ereiz ov fārmL prerēz , graslinōs , forisōs , and tīl kōstlīn . chravlēg from est tu west , wĀn kAn obzurv tĀræen tĀt ræenjiz from kōstōl swomps and plēn wōōs , tu rowlēg plæenz and rugged hīlz , and fīnĀle tīl dezit and māontinz ov tīl big bend .

tīl tūm "six flagz ōvL tēxis" kæm from tīl sevrōl næshinz tĀt hād rōld ōvL tīl terĀtære . sbæen woz tīl fūrst yurĀpein kĀnchre tu klæm tīl erēL ov tēxis . frAns hād æ shōrt livd kolĀne in tēxis . mexikō kīnchrowld tīl terĀtære Āntil 1836 wen tēxis wĀn iōs

independins , beklameg an independint republĳk . in 1845 it jarend tĳl yunĳtid staeos az tĳl 28th stae . tĳl staeos anexaeshin set of ae chaen ov anvenos tĳat karzd tĳl mexĳkin-amerĳkin war in 1846 . ae slaev stae , tĳexis dĳkleid ios sĳkseshin from tĳl yunĳtid staeos in urle 1861 , jareneg tĳl konfedarĳt staeos ov amerĳka jureg tĳl amerĳkin sĳvool war . Aftl tĳl war and ios restaraeshin tu tĳl yunyĳn , tĳexis entid ae log pereid ov ekĳnomik stagnaeshin. wĳn tĳexis indĳsjre tĳat tĳrlevd Aftl tĳl sĳvool war woz katool . ju tu ios log histae az ae sentl ov tĳl indĳsjre , tĳexis iz asoshaetid wiĳl tĳl imĳj ov tĳl kaobae . tĳl staeos ekĳnomik farchunz chaenjĳd in tĳl urle 1900s , wen aeil diskĳnarez inishaetid an ekĳnomik bum in tĳl stae . wiĳl sjroeg investminos in yunĳvursatez, tĳexis dĳvalipt ae divursĳvid ĳkoname and hĳI tek indĳsjre in tĳl mid twenteĳtĳ sendĳre . tudae it haz mar farchun 500 kĳmpnez tĳan ene lĳtĳl yues stae . wiĳl ae grōweg baes ov indĳsjre , tĳl stae leos in mene indĳsjrez , inkludeg agrĳkolĳĳl , peĳrōkemĳkoolz , enĳje , kompyutiz and alĳkĳtroniks , erōspaes , and bĳiōmedĳkool sĳinsiz . it leos tĳl naeshin in expart revinyu sins 2002 and haz tĳl sekĳnd hĳĳst grōs stae prodĳkt . tĳexis jedere pur kapitl (nomĳnool) iz ragkt 23rd in tĳl naeshin , wĳch iz bĳlō tĳl nashnool avrij .