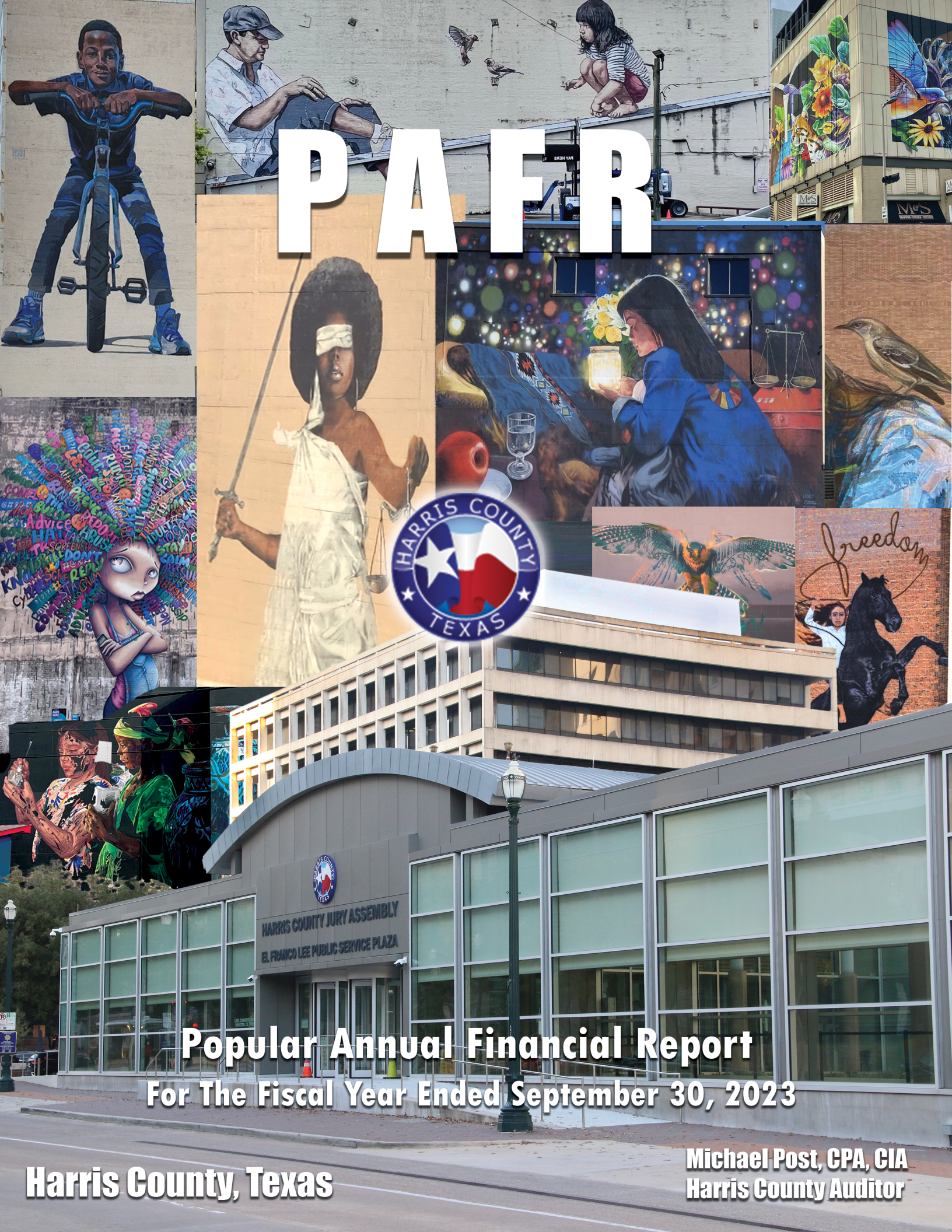


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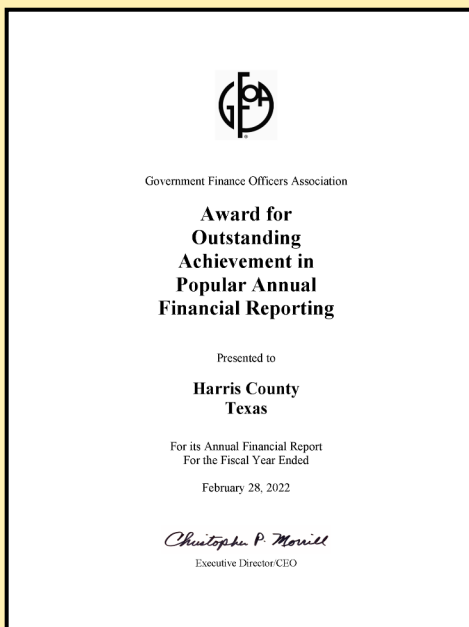
## Popular Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023

**Harris County, Texas**

**Michael Post, CPA, CIA  
Harris County Auditor**

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Harris County, Texas, for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2022. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentational understandability and reader appeal. An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report conforms to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and therefore are submitting it to the GFOA.

## *A* Message from the County Auditor

I am pleased to present the Harris County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the County's finances in a format that is readable and easy to understand. The PAFR is designed to provide a summary of the County's financial position as well as an overview of economic, demographic, and other trends in the local economy.



The PAFR is prepared by the Harris County Auditor's Office, using financial information taken from the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report includes full financial statements and note disclosures for all County funds and component units, prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report was audited by Deloitte and Touche, LLP, and received an unmodified opinion.

The PAFR condenses and simplifies information found in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and is not intended to replace the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Information in the PAFR is unaudited and is not prepared in accordance with GAAP, due to its condensed and simplified presentation.

Those seeking a deeper understanding of the County's finances are encouraged to review a copy of the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which is available on the County Auditor's website at [www.harriscountytexas.gov/auditor](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/auditor).

I invite you to share any questions, feedback or recommendations you may have by contacting our office at 832-927-4600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Post". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Michael Post, CPA, CIA  
Harris County Auditor

# Profile of Harris County

## A Brief History

Archeological sites in Harris County reveal evidence of human habitation as far back as 6,000 years ago. In 1528, the Texas Gulf Coast was claimed by Spain, and in 1821 the region became part of an independent Mexico. The Mexican government granted Stephen F. Austin permission to establish a colony that included Harris County. In 1826, John R. Harris, one of the colony's early settlers, opened a store and built a saw mill where Brays Bayou joined Buffalo Bayou. After Texas became independent, Harrisburg County was formed, but in 1839, the county's name was changed to Harris County in honor of John R. Harris.

In 1836, two other early Harris County settlers, A. C. and John Allen, set aside a full square block in their original plat of Houston for a County Courthouse. It was called "*Courthouse Square.*" In March of 1837, county government convened under the boughs of a Courthouse Square tree until a courthouse could be built. In 1838, the County's first courthouse was completed and was situated on the northwest corner of the square. It was a crude log cabin with a broad passage between two rooms. On one side of the passage was a courtroom and the other was a jail. The jail was simply a square log box having neither doors nor windows. A trap door in the roof was used to lower prisoners inside with a ladder.

In 1851, a two-story brick structure was built and stood staunchly until 1857, when "instability in the walls" raised fears and it was vacated. In 1860, a \$25,000 two-story masonry structure began, but was converted into a Confederate ammunition factory and military officers' quarters.

**Harris County was named in Honor of**

**John R. Harris**

***During a trip to New Orleans, Harris contracted yellow fever and died. He left behind his wife and four children.***



1790 –1829



After the Civil War, repairs and remodeling went on for 15 years. In 1882, a storm damaged the building so badly it was declared unsafe and torn down to make room for a "larger and more pretentious building." A Victorian style structure, costing \$98,000 and hailed as a "first-class" courthouse, was built in 1884. It stood for 25 years before being replaced in 1910.

The fifth courthouse was constructed of pink Texas granite and brick, reaching 210 feet into the modest Houston skyline. In 1910, this was almost 100 feet above the highest point of any other Houston building. The stairwell and rotunda were lined with "*the most perfectly matched marble in the United States.*" Every piece was measured and fitted at the Georgia quarry, and the panels were placed so that the veins of the marble formed all kinds of figures - from owls and peacocks to women's figures. The courthouse attracted visitors from all over the country. It is still in use today and houses the Texas Judicial Branch of the Courts of Appeals.

## Geographic Location and Population

Harris County is located in the Gulf Coast region of Texas, approximately 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and covers over 1,700 square miles with an estimated 4.8 million residents. Harris County continues to be the nation's third largest county in terms of population, and one of the fastest growing counties with 35% growth since 2002. Over a 20-year period, Harris County's population has grown more than twice as fast as the nation's population.

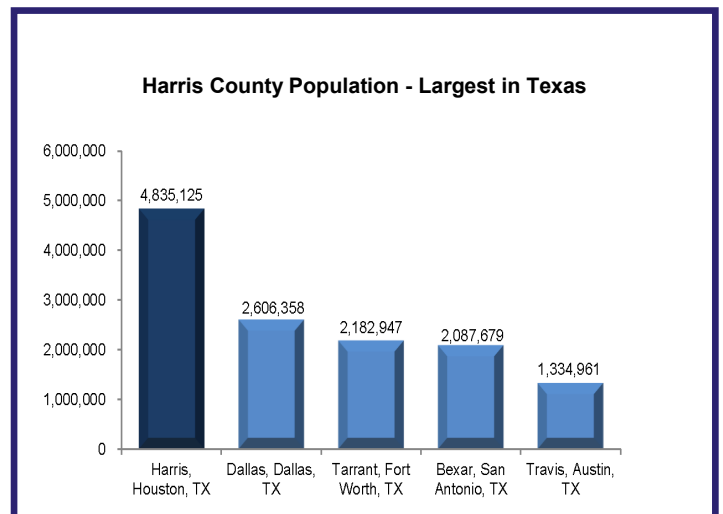
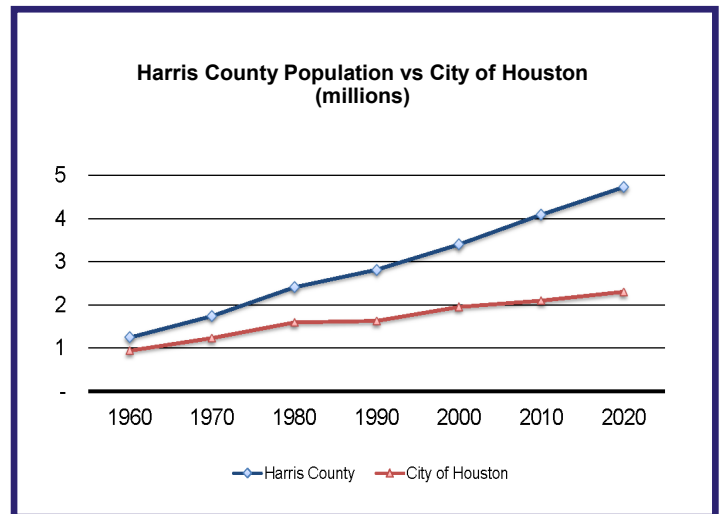
## Services

Harris County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and Commissioners Court is the governing body of the County. It is composed of the County Judge, elected from the County at large, and four Commissioners, each elected from a separate precinct. All are elected for four-year terms. The County Judge is the presiding officer of the Commissioners Court.

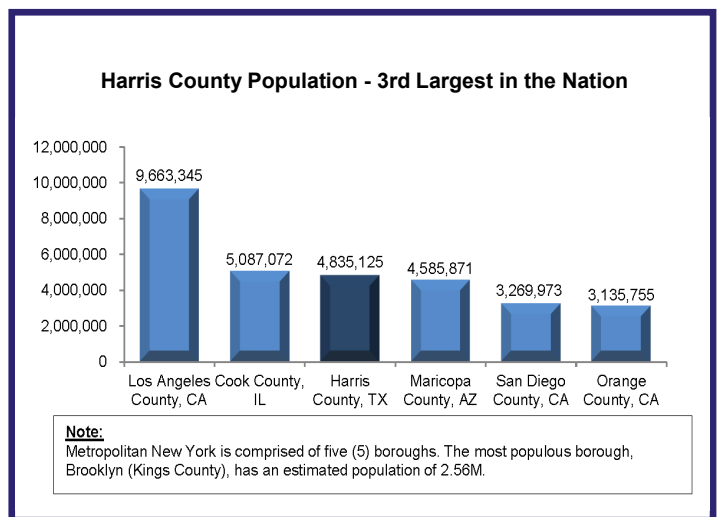
The County (the primary government) and its component units, solely or in cooperation with other local governmental entities, provide a full range of services as allowed by the Texas Constitution and Statutes including construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, health and housing services, social services, judicial and law enforcement, juvenile and adult justice programs, economic development, a library system, parks, recreation and cultural enrichment, flood control, a sports and entertainment complex, and general administration.



**Harris County Civil Courts Building**  
201 Caroline Street



Source: US Census Bureau as of July 1, 2023



Source: US Census Bureau as of July 1, 2023

## Economic Outlook for Harris County

Economic conditions have a direct impact on the County's revenues and demand for services. Harris County has experienced tremendous growth since the start of the 21st century with an expanding, diversified local economy that has outperformed most of the country. The energy business has played a large part in this growth, along with the relatively low cost of living, affordable housing, and an expanding transportation system.

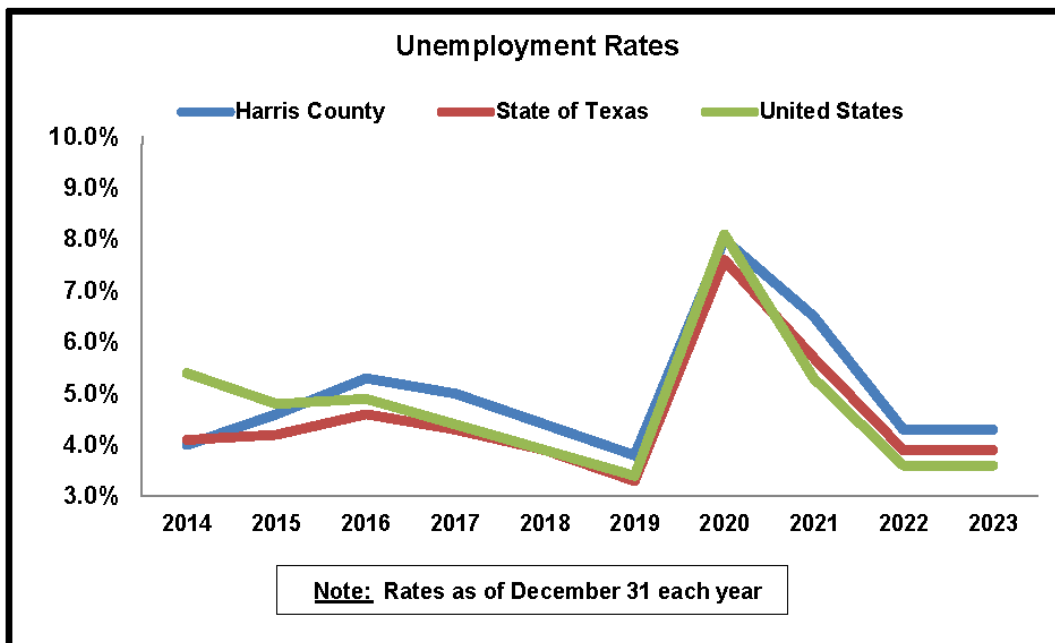
The Houston region is designated as the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and it comprises Harris County and eight other counties. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates metro Houston's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at approximately \$633.2 billion as of December 2023. Twenty-six companies on the 2023 Fortune 500 list are headquartered in the Houston area. No single industry dominates Houston employment.

The current price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil as of September 2023 is approximately \$89 per barrel, which is an increase from September 2022 per the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Oil prices increased in the last year due to many factors in the economy.

The preliminary September 2023 unemployment rate for the Houston MSA was 4.4% compared to the national average of 3.9%. The State's preliminary unemployment rate for September 2023 was 4.1%.

The Houston MSA area had a Consumer Price Index (CPI) that was 0.1% lower than other large urban areas as calculated for September 2023 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Houston area's lower CPI is due in part to a lower CPI for housing, fuel and utilities than other large urban areas.

Houston has one of the world's busiest ports and an excellent airport system that are integral components of the regional economy. Port Houston is one of the largest ports in the world. Port Houston includes the Houston ship channel, which connects the Houston area terminals and the Gulf of Mexico, and is the location of one of the world's largest petrochemical complexes. The Houston Airport System includes three airports and has nonstop flights from Houston to 190 destinations and six continents. The airport system served over 59.7 million passengers in the 12 months ending November 2023, and is recognized worldwide as a key global gateway with strong connectivity to Latin America.



Per the Multiple Listing Service of the Houston Association of Realtors, sales of single-family homes decreased 10.9% in September of 2023 versus September of 2022. September 2023 represents the 18th straight month of negative sales activity due largely to the persistent lack of inventory and inflationary headwinds that include rising interest rates. The supply of homes climbed to a 3.5-month supply, the highest level since November 2019 when it was at a 3.6-month supply. Compared to pre-pandemic September 2019, home sales were down 2.3%.



**University of Houston Downtown**

Educational opportunities play a key role in Harris County's quality of life. The County has a number of acclaimed school districts and outstanding colleges and universities. Major institutions of higher learning include Rice University, Texas Southern University, University of Houston, University of St. Thomas, and Houston Baptist University.

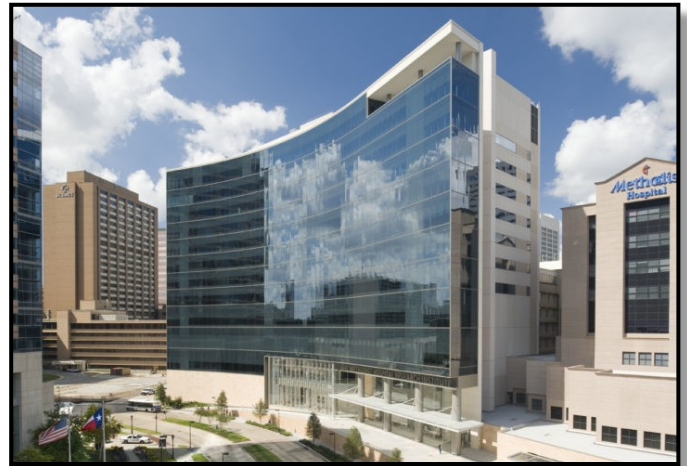


**Rice University**

Houston's medical schools include the University of Texas Medical School, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas A&M Health Science Center College of

Medicine, and the University of Houston College of Medicine.

The County's major hospitals consistently rank among the nation's top institutions. Many of these facilities are located in the Texas Medical Center, a non-profit organization devoted to health education, research, and patient care. Located just south of downtown Houston, the Texas Medical Center includes 21 hospitals and 8 academic and research institutions and employs over 106,000 people. The Texas Medical Center is at the forefront of research and treatment of cancer and heart disease.



**Methodist Hospital - Texas Medical Center**

Cultural attractions within Harris County include a thriving theater district and numerous museums. Year-round resident companies in the major performing arts include the Houston Symphony Orchestra, the Houston Grand Opera, the Houston Ballet, and the Alley Theater. Major museums include the Museum of Fine Arts, the Contemporary Arts Museum, and the Menil Collection.



**Houston Museum of Natural Sciences**



## 2023 Top Corporate Employers in Harris County

Amazon  
 CHI St. Luke's Health  
 ExxonMobil  
 HCA Houston Healthcare  
 H-E-B  
 Houston Methodist  
 Kroger  
 Memorial Hermann Health System  
 SLB  
 Texas Children's Hospital  
 University of Houston  
 UT Health Science Center  
 UT Medical Branch Health System  
 Walmart  
 Wood Group





# Financial Position Statement

The Harris County Financial Position Statement, known in accounting terms as the “Statement of Net Position,” presents the financial condition of the County at a specific point in time (in this case, as of the end of the County’s fiscal year, September 30, 2023, and the seven-month period ended September 30, 2022).

## Financial Statement Comments

The financial information in the Harris County Statement of Net Position is derived from information presented in Harris County’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for 2023. The report is lengthy and somewhat complex; however, it is available on the County Auditor’s webpage, [www.harriscountytexas.gov/auditor](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/auditor). The condensed statements presented herein do not include the detail presented in the Annual Comprehensive Financial

Report, including footnotes required for full disclosure. In addition, the statements do not include information related to Harris County’s discrete component units (separate legal entities whose financial information is provided in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report separately from the County’s financial information).

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report distinguishes between Governmental Activities (Governmental Funds) and Business-Type Activities (Proprietary Funds). Governmental Activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, fines, grants, etc. Business-Type Activities, such as Harris County’s Toll Road Authority, are financed by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The Statement of Net Position included in this PAFR combines Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities for reporting purposes.

<b>Harris County Statement of Net Position</b>		
(in millions)		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>9/30/2022**</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 5,309	\$ 4,952
Capital Assets*	<u>16,390</u>	<u>16,029</u>
Total Assets	<u>21,699</u>	<u>20,981</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,608</u>
Current and Other Liabilities	1,589	1,563
Long-term Liabilities (including current portion)	<u>9,499</u>	<u>8,300</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>11,088</u>	<u>9,863</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,315</u>	<u>2,276</u>
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets*	11,265	11,088
Restricted	1,768	1,843
Unrestricted	<u>(2,272)</u>	<u>(2,481)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 10,761</u>	<u>\$ 10,450</u>

\* Capital assets and Net investment in capital assets were restated for September 30, 2022 (see Harris County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Note 1 for more information).

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## Capital Assets

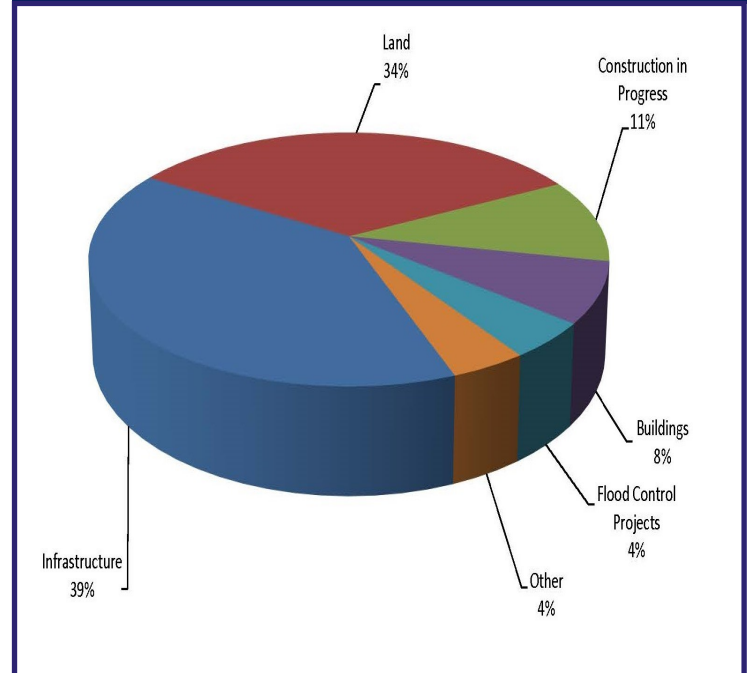
The County's capital assets include land, improvements, structures, park improvements and facilities, infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, machinery, other tangible and intangible assets, and construction in progress. Major capital asset projects include the following:

- The County has several ongoing capital improvement projects, including replacement facilities for many of the Harris County Sheriff's Department operations and renovations to other buildings as well as improvements to County roads.
- The Flood Control District participates in ongoing flood damage reduction and mitigation projects to reduce flood risk within the County.
- The Harris County Toll Road Authority has several ongoing construction projects including the Hardy Toll Road Downtown Connector, the Ship Channel Bridge, the widening of portions of the Sam Houston Tollway, and completion of the Tomball Tollway.

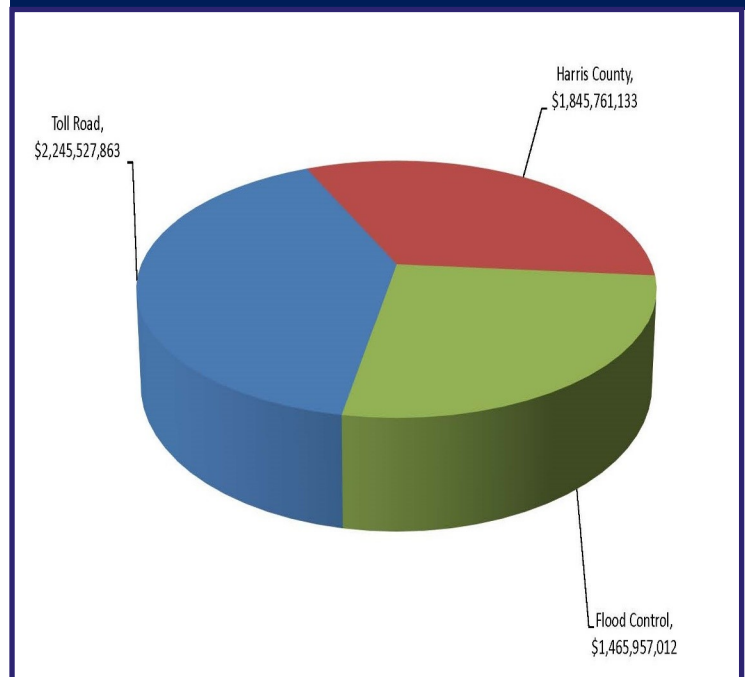
## Bonded Debt and Commercial Paper

Bonded debt of the County consists of various issues of General Obligation Bonds, Certificates of Obligation and Revenue Bonds. General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Obligation are direct obligations of the County with the County's full faith and credit pledged toward the payment of this debt. Revenue Bonds are generally payable from the pledged revenue generated by the respective activity for which the bonds are issued. In addition to the outstanding bonded debt of the County, the Commissioners Court has established a general obligation commercial paper program secured by ad valorem taxes for the purpose of financing various short-term assets and temporary construction financing for certain long-term capital assets.

### Capital Assets as of September 30, 2023



### Bonds Payable as of September 30, 2023



# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances provides a record of funds received and spent during the year for governmental funds, with the difference between the two resulting in the current year change in fund balance.

<b>Harris County Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>		
(in thousands)		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>9/30/2022*</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Taxes	\$ 2,172,802	\$ 52,921
Charges for services	342,131	158,234
User fees	162	11
Fines and forfeitures	15,143	7,687
Lease revenue	1,865	1,036
Intergovernmental	800,122	425,721
Earnings on investments	145,280	4,832
Miscellaneous	<u>227,562</u>	<u>75,035</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,705,067</u>	<u>725,477</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Current operating	3,191,040	1,900,631
Capital outlay	509,344	310,531
Debt service	<u>177,725</u>	<u>261,561</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,878,109</u>	<u>2,472,723</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues under expenditures	<u>(173,042)</u>	<u>(1,747,246)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>		
Transfers in (out) net	376,647	121,782
Debt issuances	550,372	380,123
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	<u>8,743</u>	<u>3,741</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>935,762</u>	<u>505,646</u>
Net changes in fund balances	762,720	(1,241,600)
Fund balances, beginning	<u>1,768,023</u>	<u>3,009,623</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 2,530,743</u>	<u>\$ 1,768,023</u>

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# Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provides a record of funds received and spent during the year for proprietary funds, with the difference between the two resulting in the current year change in net position.

## Harris County Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds

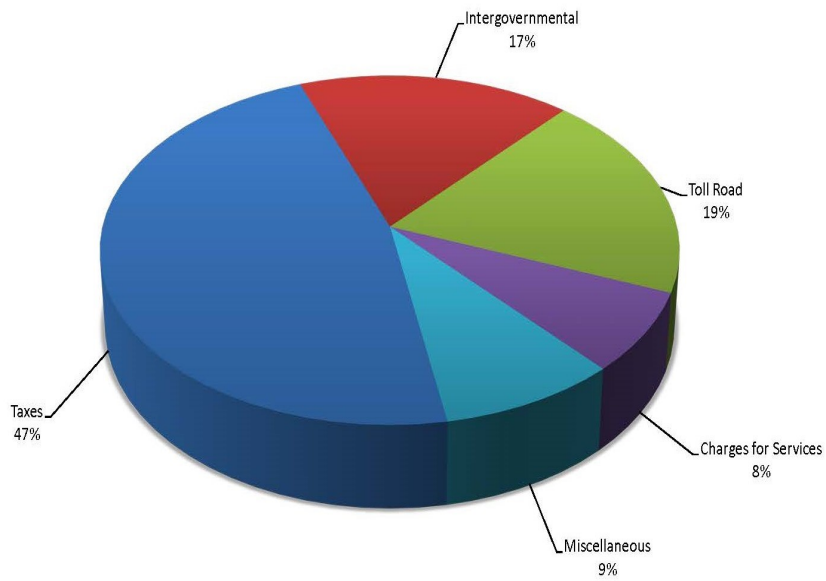
(in thousands)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>9/30/2022**</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Toll revenues	\$ 896,351	\$ 532,151
Sales	12,516	358
User fees	5,261	2,608
Miscellaneous	152	408
Total operating revenues	<u>914,280</u>	<u>535,525</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries	81,350	41,268
Materials and supplies	30,838	14,347
Services and fees*	219,483	121,159
Utilities	4,402	2,075
Transportation and travel	4,356	2,430
Depreciation and amortization*	114,568	56,931
Total operating expenses	<u>454,997</u>	<u>238,210</u>
Operating income/(loss)	<u>459,283</u>	<u>297,315</u>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
Earnings on investments	39,014	1,498
Lease income	8	5
Interest expense	(73,092)	(50,466)
Bond issuance cost	(1,435)	(1,540)
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of capital assets	(3,389)	182
Amortization expense	(1,315)	(1,677)
Other nonoperating revenue	1,944	1,653
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(38,265)</u>	<u>(50,345)</u>
Income (loss) before transfers and contributions	<u>421,018</u>	<u>246,970</u>
Transfers out	<u>(369,300)</u>	<u>(123,908)</u>
Total transfers	<u>(369,300)</u>	<u>(123,908)</u>
Change in net position	51,718	123,062
Net position, beginning*	<u>1,941,456</u>	<u>1,818,394</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 1,993,174</u>	<u>\$ 1,941,456</u>

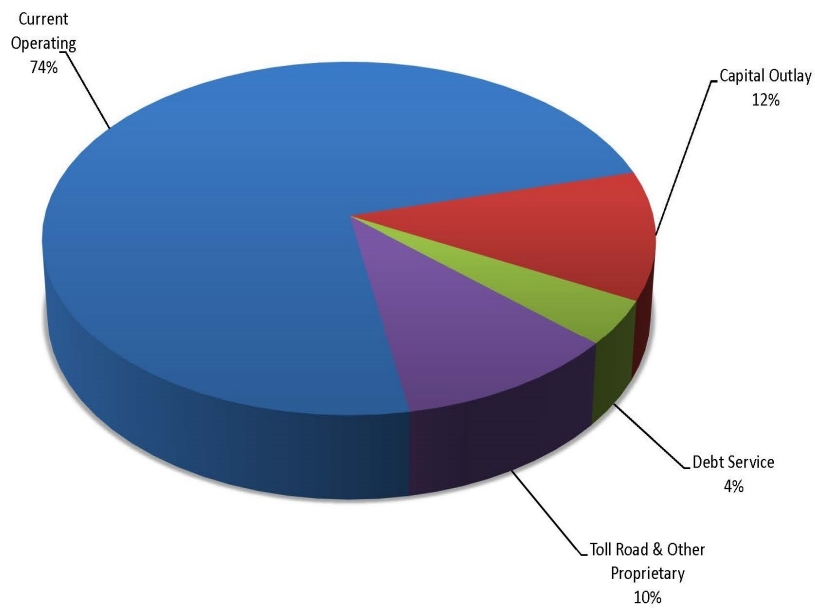
\* Beginning net position, Services and fees, and Depreciation and amortization were restated for September 30, 2022 (see Harris County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Note 1 for more information).

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## Revenues By Source Year Ended September 30, 2023

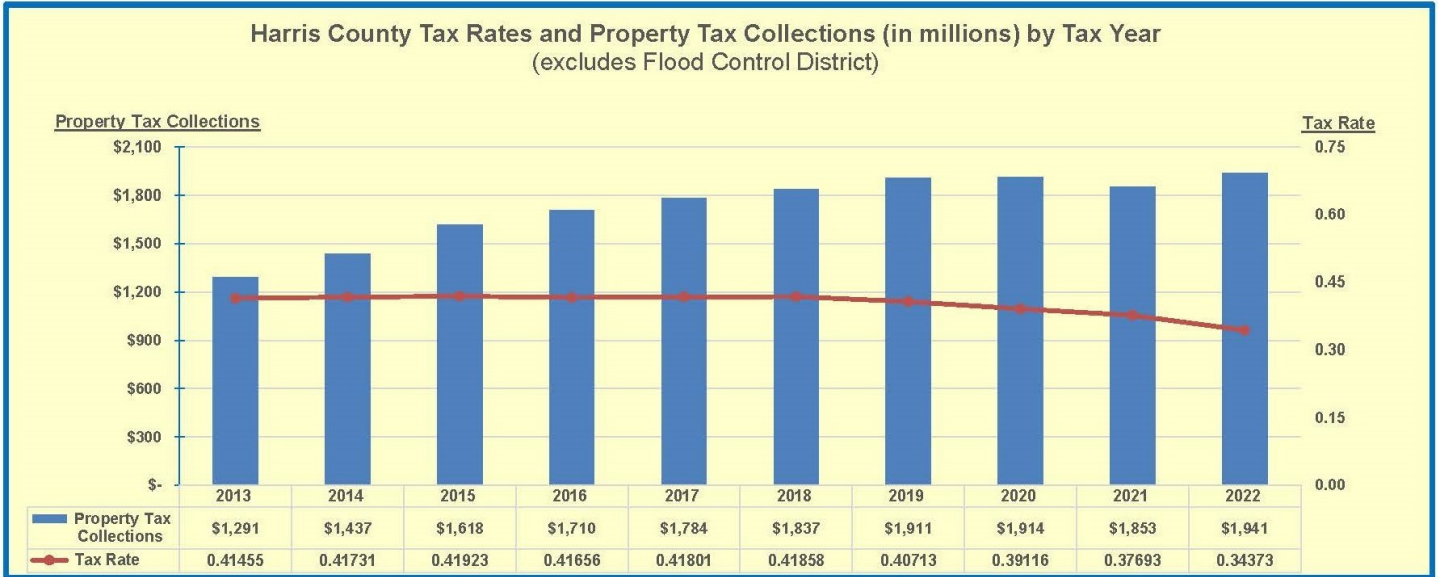


## Operating Expenses Year Ended September 30, 2023



# Property Taxes

Property taxes are the largest revenue source for general fund revenue activities, representing 78% of the total resources received. The taxable assessed value was \$578,808,817,000 at September 30, 2023.



## Harris County, Texas 2023 Principal Property Taxpayers

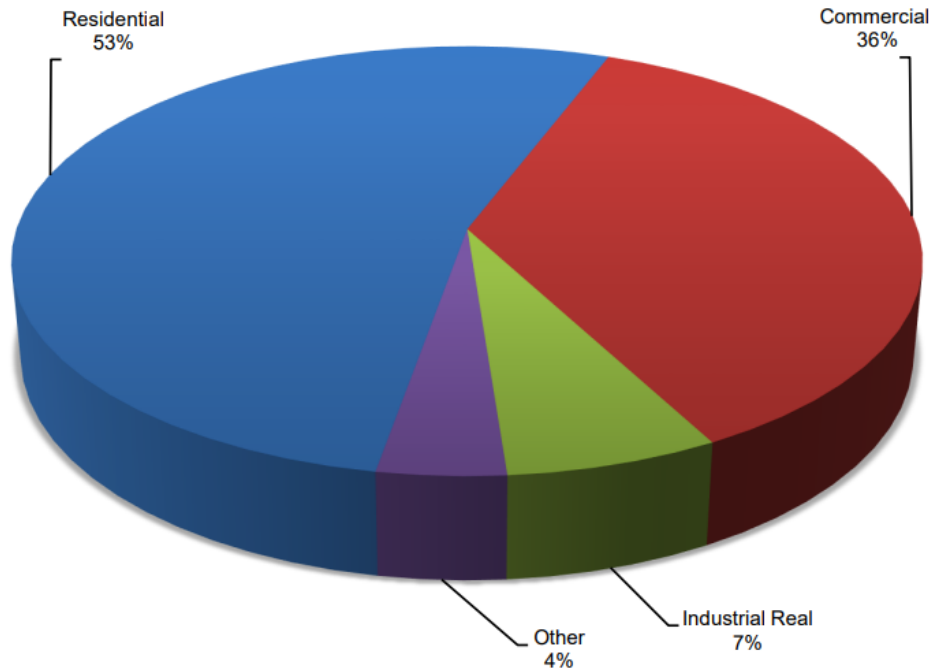
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 ExxonMobil Corporation  
 Chevron Chemical Company  
 Lyondell Chemical  
 Equistar Chemicals, LP  
 Shell Oil Company  
 Phillips 66 Company  
 Palmetto TransOceanic LLC  
 Walmart, Inc.  
 HEB Grocery Co LP  
 Liberty Property  
 OilTanking Houston  
 Total Petrochemicals  
 Kinder Morgan  
 Daikin Comfort Technologies

## County Ad Valorem Tax Rates for Tax Year (TY) 2022 and 2021

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>TY2022</u>	<u>TY2021</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Harris County			
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 0.30105	\$ 0.33500	\$ (0.03395)
County Debt Service	0.04268	0.04193	0.00075
<b>Total Harris County Tax Rate</b>	<b>0.34373</b>	<b>0.37693</b>	<b>(0.03320)</b>
Harris County Flood Control District M&O	0.02043	0.02599	(0.00556)
Harris County Flood Control District Debt Service	0.01012	0.00750	0.00262
Port of Houston Authority Debt Service	0.00799	0.00872	(0.00073)
Harris County Hospital District M&O	0.14678	0.16047	(0.01369)
Harris County Hospital District Debt Service	0.00153	0.00174	(0.00021)
<b>Total County-Wide Ad Valorem Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$ 0.53058</b>	<b>\$ 0.58135</b>	<b>\$ (0.05077)</b>

*(Table reflects ad valorem tax rates per \$100 of assessed value levied by Harris County)*

## Harris County Tax Year 2022 Assessed Taxable Value by Type



Source: Harris Central Appraisal District's Certified Roll as of September 30, 2023

## Harris County Property Tax Exemptions

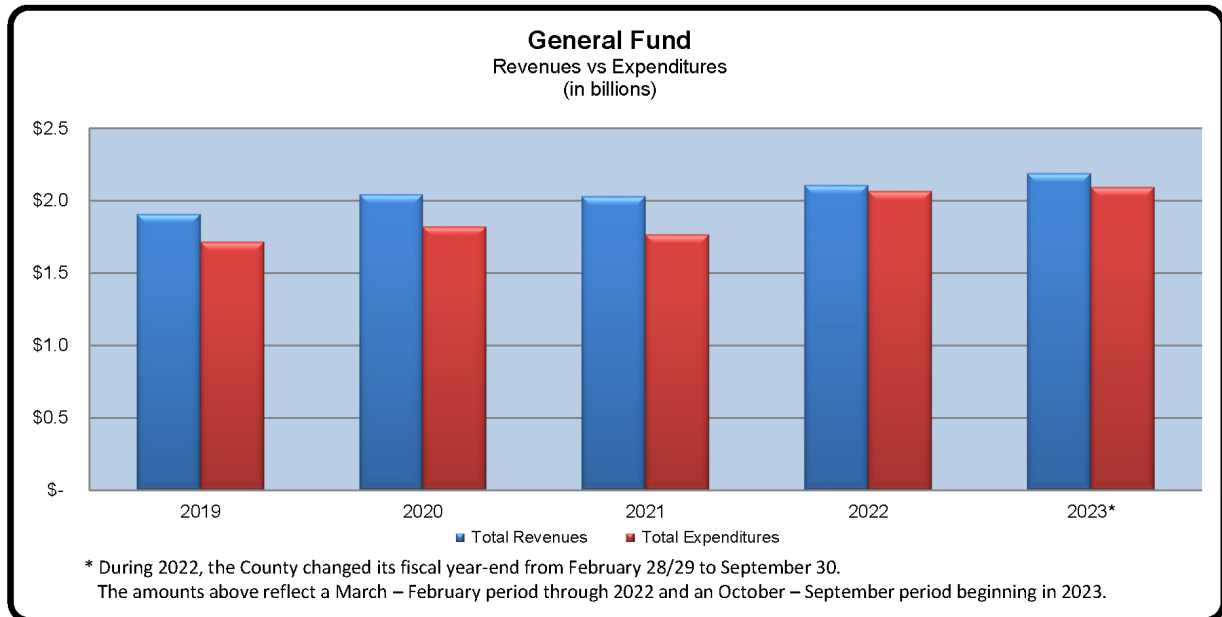
### Tax Year 2022 Exemptions

<u>Category</u>	<u>Exemption Amount</u>	<u>Forgone Revenue</u>
Homestead	20%	\$ 180,398,063
Disability	\$250,000	11,458,485
Over Age 65 Exemption	\$250,000	<u>155,896,349</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$ 347,752,897</u></b>

Harris County Tax Rate: 0.34373

**Note:** Additionally, the State of Texas provides exemptions for veterans.

Source Data: Harris County Tax Assessor’s Office & Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD)





# Other Financial Initiatives

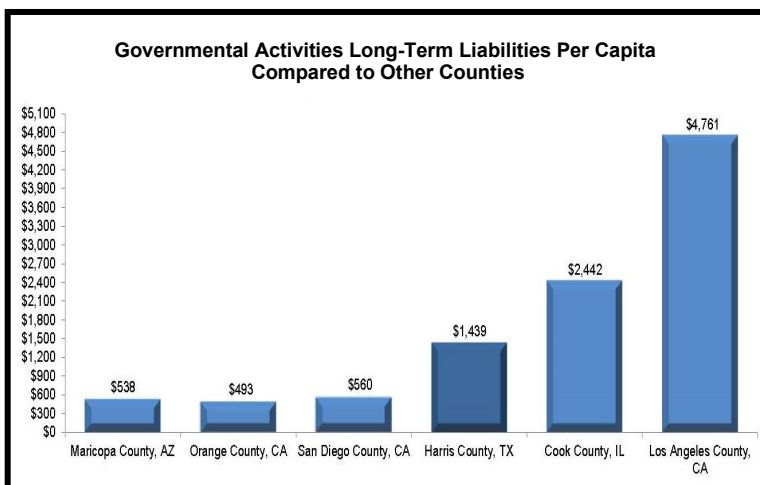
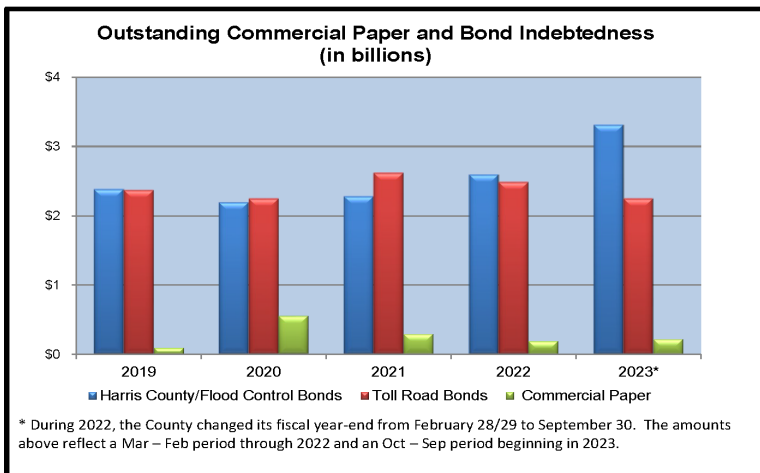
## Major Initiatives

**Flood Control District** - On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall, and a historic number of homes and businesses in Harris County flooded as a result of rain from Harvey or the rising water flowing through County reservoirs, bayous, and watersheds, as well as the Brazos and San Jacinto Rivers. A special election held on August 25, 2018, gave approval for the District to issue up to \$2.5 billion of bonds to fund capital projects related to Harvey and other projects aimed at reducing the impact of future flood events. Prior to voters approving these bonds, the District was spending approximately \$120 million annually, split nearly evenly between capital expenditures and maintenance and operating expenditures. Since approval of these bonds, the District is spending nearly \$120 million for maintenance and operating expenditures, as the District has significantly increased its capital expenditures using federal grants and bond funding.

**Toll Road Authority** - The Authority's conversion of the County's toll road system to an all-electronic tolling operation is currently underway as approved by Commissioners Court. In January 2023, Commissioners Court approved a Toll Setting Policy to address the Authority's current operational structure, specifically the elimination of cash tolls in the lanes, and lowering the proposed tolls by providing a 10% discount for 2-axle EZ Tag account holders. The updated policy with the discount went into effect on September 4, 2023. The Authority foresees that the updated Toll Setting Policy and the EZ Tag discount will encourage additional customers to sign up to obtain an EZ Tag and the traffic on the toll road will increase. In addition, the Authority continues to focus on a strategic plan to chart a roadmap for the future of the agency with these main areas of focus: a framework for resiliency and sustainability programming and long-range capital planning, which advances projects in line with Commissioners Court's overall vision for transportation for the County.

**Universal Services** - Several active capital projects are in progress including implementing a new 3-1-1 system, computer replacement, cybersecurity, CAD RMS replacement, detention control system upgrade, electronic document management, ERP enhanced reporting, fleet services and equipment, infrastructure enhancements/replacements, networking repair/replacement, security infrastructure upgrade, radio replacement program, telephone system repair/replacement, application repair/replacement, work order management, AFIS replacement, data center repair/replacement, eCitation with digital signature, fleet vehicle purchases, fleet electric vehicle pilot, detention control radio coverage, LENS data sharing, and HCLE MDT replacement.

## Other Financial Information

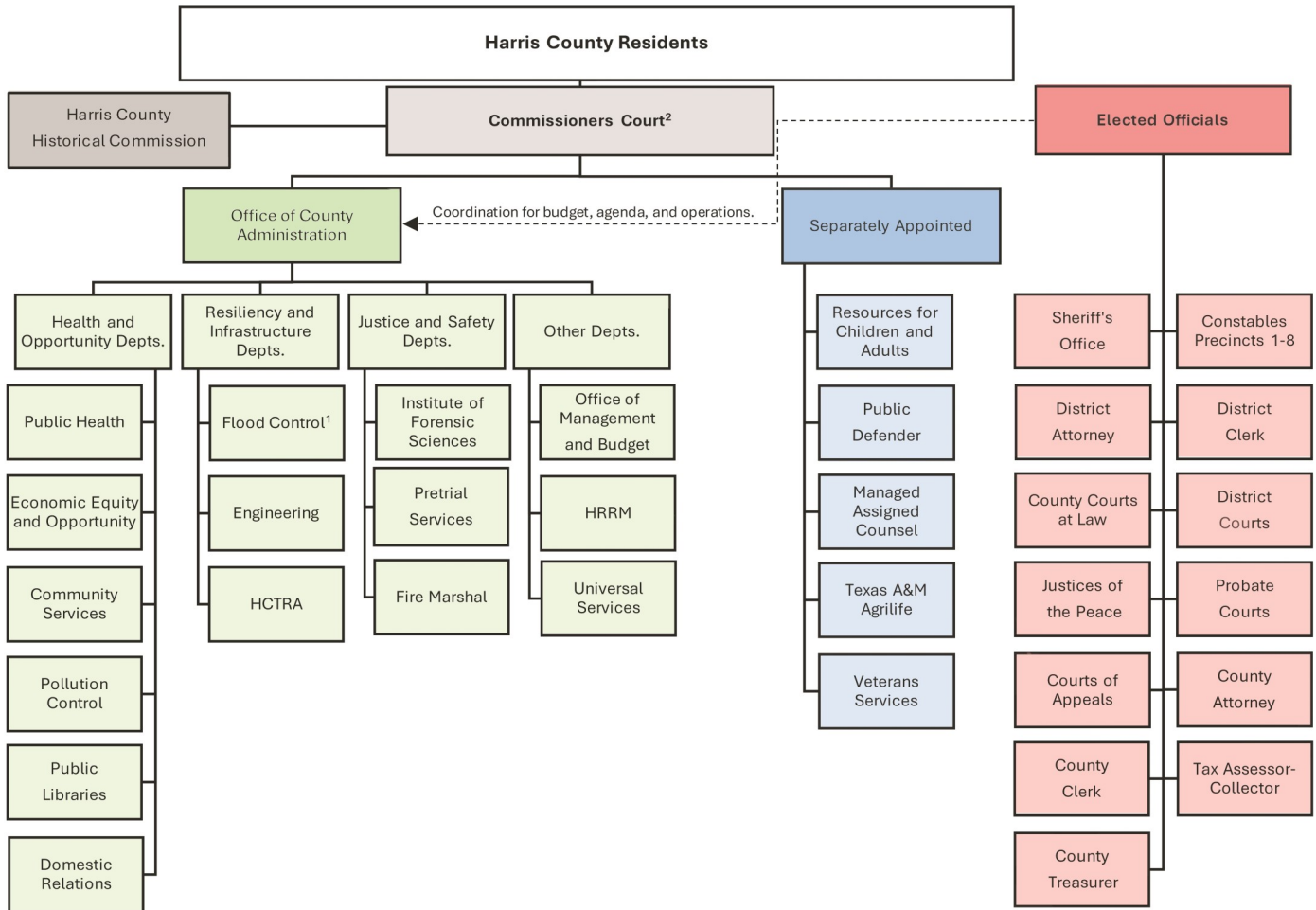


**Harris County  
Long-Term Bond Ratings**

<u>Bond Rating Service</u>	<u>Bond Rating</u>
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	Aaa
Standard & Poor's Rating Service	AAA
Fitch IBCA, Inc.	AAA

The best companies, governments, and organizations receive AAA ratings. Borrowing is less costly with a high bond rating.

# Countywide Organizational Chart



## Other Departments

- **County Auditor** appointed by District Judges
- **Purchasing Agent** appointed by the Purchasing Board
- **Juvenile Probation** director appointed by the Juvenile Board
- **Office of Court Management** director appointed by County Criminal Courts at Law Judges
- **District Court Management** director appointed by District Judges
- **Children's Assessment Center** director appointed by a separate board
- **Civil Service Commission** appointed by Commissioners Court, Sheriff, and District Attorney
- **Law Library** director appointed by the County Attorney

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>County Administrator serves as the Flood Control Manager with the rights and responsibilities set forth in the statute to provide oversight of the Flood Control District. A separate Executive Director would retain the day-to-day operational duties and powers.

<sup>2</sup>County Judge oversees the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

# Quick Links and Component Units

## Quick Links on Harris County's Website

### **Adopt a Pet**

Find a companion animal to become a part of your family

### **County Budget**

Harris County Budget and Debt Information

### **County Disbursement Report**

Harris County's Disbursement Report by Month

### **Employee Links**

Health, Financial, and HR Resources

### **Employment Opportunities**

Employment application and available openings

### **HB 1378: Local Government Debt Transparency**

Harris County and the Flood Control District debt information in compliance with HB 1378

### **Harris County Commissioner Precinct Redistricting**

Redistricting for Harris County Commissioner Court Precincts based on 2020 Census data

### **Harris County Financial Transparency**

Financial information including debt information, annual utility usage and expenses, financial reports, budgets, and other Accounts Payable information

### **Harris County Justice of the Peace Precinct Map**

Current Map of Harris County Justice of the Peace Precinct Map

### **Harris Votes**

County Clerk's Voter Information Resources

### **Notice of Adopted 2023 Tax Rates**

Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, Port of Houston Authority & Harris Health

### **Notice of Redrawn County Election Precincts**

To comply with the Texas Election Code, Harris County has redrawn the boundaries of six county election precincts

### **SB 65: Contracts for Services**

Legislative liaison services contracts in compliance with SB 65

<http://www.harriscountytexas.gov>

## **Harris County Component Units**

- Harris County Flood Control District
- Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation
- Harris County Redevelopment Authority
- Harris County Hospital District, dba Harris Health System
- Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD (formerly MHMRA of Harris County)
- Harris County Housing Finance Corporation
- Harris County Industrial Development Corporation
- Children's Assessment Center Foundation, Inc.
- Harris County Health Facilities Development Corporation
- Harris County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation
- Friends of CountyPets

# Harris County Community History



**Julia C. Hester House Community Center, (Above)**  
**Pct. 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis**  
2020 Solo Street, Houston, TX 77020

Dedicated in memory of Mrs. Julia Hester, this community center was established in 1943, and then built in 1949, at its current location in the Fifth Ward. This community center continues to serve as a school and safe haven for all children in this community.



**J.D. Walker Community Center, (Above)**  
**Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia**  
7613 Wade Rd., Baytown, TX 77521

Honoring Mr. Jefferson D. Walker, this community center was built in 1978. It currently serves as a landmark and provides a variety of classes for children and adults. This community center is also open for public use as a venue for any occasion.



**Juergen's Hall Community Center, (Above)**  
**Pct. 3 Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey**  
26026 Hempstead Rd., Cypress, TX 77429

Built in the early 1900s as a German Dance Hall, it still remains as an active Community Center for all the surrounding Cypress area. This Community Center serves as a voting location for elections, and hosts multiple fitness classes daily.



**Kleb Woods Nature Preserve & Heritage Farm, (Above)**  
**Pct. 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones**  
20303 Draper Rd., Tomball, TX 77377

The Kleb family home was originally built in 1890. It was left to the son, when both parents died. The Texas Parks and Wildlife grant enabled Harris County to purchase the land after the son passed. This nature preserve still serves as a wildlife refuge and hiking trails to enjoy all of nature in a rapidly growing area.

# Awards and Achievements



## Transparency Stars

### Recognizing Local Transparency Achievements

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts launched the Transparency Stars program in March 2016 to recognize cities, counties, school districts and special purpose districts making important strides toward greater government transparency. After receiving a Traditional Finances star, local entities can go on to apply in other areas, for up to five stars in the areas of Traditional Finances, Debt Obligations, Public Pensions, Contracts and Procurement, and Economic Development.

Of the 254 counties in Texas, to date, Harris County is one of only seven counties to have achieved as many as three stars.



In December 2016, Harris County initially received the Transparency Star in Traditional Finances, awarded to entities for their efforts in making their spending and revenue information available and providing easy online access to important financial data.



In April 2018, Harris County received a Transparency Star in the area of Debt Obligations, which recognizes entities whose websites show visual and narrative detail on outstanding debt, tax-supported debt obligations, historical bond elections and more.



In July 2018, Harris County received a separate Transparency Star in the area of Public Pensions, awarded to local governments whose websites provide visual and narrative explanations of actuarial valuations, contribution rates, benchmark comparisons, and meet other criteria.

# *H*arris County Elected Officials, Selected Appointed Officials and Department Heads

September 30, 2023

**Commissioners Court**

County Judge	Hidalgo, Lina
Precinct 1	Ellis, Rodney
Precinct 2	Garcia, Adrian
Precinct 3	Ramsey, Tom S.
Precinct 4	Briones, Lesley

**Sheriff**

Gonzalez, Ed

**District Attorney**

Ogg, Kim

**County Attorney**

Menefee, Christian

**Tax Assessor/Collector**

Bennett, Ann Harris

**District Clerk**

Burgess, Marilyn

**County Clerk**

Hudspeth, Teneshia

**County Treasurer**

Wyatt, Carla L.

**District Judges - Civil Courts**

11th District Court	Hawkins, Kristen Brauchle
55th District Court	Payne, Latosha Lewis
61st District Court	Phillips, Fredericka
80th District Court	Manor, Jeralynn
113th District Court	Collier, Rabeea Sultan
125th District Court	Carter, Kyle
127th District Court	Sandill, Ravi K.
129th District Court	Gomez, Michael
133rd District Court	McFarland, Jaclanel
151st District Court	Engelhart, Mike
152nd District Court	Schaffer, Robert
157th District Court	Garrison, Tanya
164th District Court	Thornton, C. Elliott
165th District Court	Hall, Ursula A.
189th District Court	Craft-Demming, Tamika
190th District Court	Miller, Beau A.
215th District Court	Palmer, Elaine H.
234th District Court	Reeder, Lauren
269th District Court	Sepolio, Cory Don
270th District Court	Davis, Dedra
281st District Court	Weems, Christine
295th District Court	Roth, Donna
333rd District Court	Morris, Brittaney
334th District Court	Rogers, Dawn
Multi-District Litigation	Davidson, Mark
Multi-District Litigation	Matthews, Sylvia A.
TAX Master	Murray, Kevin
TAX Master	Haar, Tory Vonder

**District Judges - Criminal Courts**

174th District Court	Jones, Hazel B.
176th District Court	Harmon, Nikita V.
177th District Court	Johnson, Robert
178th District Court	Johnson, Kelli
179th District Court	Martinez, Ana
180th District Court	Jones, DaSean
182nd District Court	Lacayo, Danilo
183rd District Court	Guiney, Kristin M.
184th District Court	Thomas, Katherine N.
185th District Court	Beall, Andrea
208th District Court	Armstrong, Beverly D.
209th District Court	Warren, Brian E.
228th District Court	Aguilar, Frank
230th District Court	Morton, Chris
232nd District Court	Hill, Josh
248th District Court	Unger, Hilary
262nd District Court	Gray, Lori Chambers
263rd District Court	Morris, Melissa M.
337th District Court	Gaido, Colleen
338th District Court	Franklin, Ramona
339th District Court	Bell, Te'iva J.
351st District Court	Cornelio, Natalia
482nd District Court	Nelson, Veronica M.
486th District Court	Burdette, Aaron
487th District Court	DeAngelo, Lori
488th District Court	Peneguy, Matthew

**Justices of the Peace**

Precinct 1, Place 1	Carter, Eric W.
Precinct 1, Place 2	Duble, Steve
Precinct 2, Place 1	Delgado, Jo Ann
Precinct 2, Place 2	Lozano, Dolores
Precinct 3, Place 1	Stephens, Joe
Precinct 3, Place 2	Bates, Lucia
Precinct 4, Place 1	Goodwin, Lincoln
Precinct 4, Place 2	Korduba, Laryssa
Precinct 5, Place 1	Garcia, Jr., Israel B.
Precinct 5, Place 2	Wolfe, Bob
Precinct 6, Place 1	Trevino III, Victor
Precinct 6, Place 2	Rodriguez, Angela D.
Precinct 7, Place 1	Adams, Wanda E.
Precinct 7, Place 2	Burney, Sharon M.
Precinct 8, Place 1	Williamson, Holly
Precinct 8, Place 2	Ditta, Louie

**Court of Appeals**

1st Court of Appeals	Adams, Terry, Chief Justice
14th Court of Appeals	Christopher, Tracy, Chief Justice

**District Judges - Family Courts**

245th District Court	Lancelin, Angela M.
246th District Court	Graves-Harrington, Angela
247th District Court	Berg, Janice
257th District Court	Peake, Sandra
280th District Court	Curvey, Damiane Dianne
308th District Court	Lopez, Gloria E.
309th District Court	Dunson, Linda Marie
310th District Court	Heath, Sonya L.
311th District Court	Tanner, Germaine J.
312th District Court	Waldrop, Teresa J.
507th District Court	Maldonado, Julia
Child Protection Court	Griffith, Katrina M.

**District Judges - Juvenile Courts**

313th District Court	Oakes, Natalia Cokinos
314th District Court	Moore, Michelle
315th District Court	Shapiro, Leah

**County Courts - Civil**

Court at Law No. 1	Lawton-Evans, Audrie
Court at Law No. 2	Kovach, Jim F.
Court at Law No. 3	Williams, LaShawn A.
Court at Law No. 4	Singh, Manpreet Monica
Associate Judge	Thomas, Jermaine

**County Courts - Criminal**

Court at Law No. 1	Salgado, Alex
Court at Law No. 2	Goodhart, Paula
Court at Law No. 3	Johnson, Leslie R.
Court at Law No. 4	Baldwin, Shannon
Court at Law No. 5	Fleischer, David M.
Court at Law No. 6	Andrews, Kelley
Court at Law No. 7	Wright, Andrew A.
Court at Law No. 8	Ramirez, Erika
Court at Law No. 9	Finch, Toria J.
Court at Law No. 10	Jackson, Juanita A.
Court at Law No. 11	Walker II, Sedrick T.
Court at Law No. 12	Draper, Genesis E.
Court at Law No. 13	Rodriguez, Raul
Court at Law No. 14	Padilla, Jessica N.
Court at Law No. 15	Jones, Tonya
Court at Law No. 16	Jordan, Darrell

**Probate Courts**

Court No. 1	Simoneaux, Jerry
Court No. 2	Medina, Pamela
Court No. 3	Cox, Jason
Court No. 4	Horwitz, James
Court No. 5	Stone, Kathleen S.

**Constables**

Precinct 1	Rosen, Alan
Precinct 2	Garcia, Jerry
Precinct 3	Eagleton, Sherman
Precinct 4	Herman, Mark
Precinct 5	Heap, Ted
Precinct 6	Trevino, Silvia
Precinct 7	Walker, May
Precinct 8	Sandlin, Phil

**Selected Appointed Officials and Department Heads**

The Administrative Office of the District Courts	Woods, Richard
Harris County Courts - Office of Court Management	Wells, Ed
Universal Services	Menon, Sindhu
Children's Assessment Center	McCracken, Kerry
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services	Wright, David
County Administrator	Ramirez, Diana*
County Auditor	Post, Michael*
County Library	Melton, Edward
PreTrial Services	Michailides, Natalie
Domestic Relations	Simpson, David W.
Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network	Rau, Russell
Fire and Emergency Services	Christensen, Laurie L.
Community Services Department	Costis, Thao
Juvenile Probation	Gonzales, Henry
Office of Management and Budget	Ramos, Daniel
Institute of Forensic Sciences (ME)	Sanchez, Luis A. MD
Public Infrastructure Coordination	
County Engineer	Rahman, Milton
Flood Control District	Petersen, Tina
Toll Road Authority	Trevino, Roberto
Purchasing	Dopslauf, DeWight M.*
Sheriff's Civil Service Commission	Browder, Jutta
Harris County Resources	Levine, Joel
for Children and Adults	
Public Health & Environmental Services	Robinson, Barbie

\* Appointed Officials

*Schedule of elected and selected appointed officials is presented with currently held positions at the time of report filing.*



Pct. 1— Public Art Mural



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