

Popular Annual Financial Report



For The Fiscal Year Ended February 28, 2022
Harris County, Texas

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Harris County Auditor

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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 February 28, 2022. 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 2022 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.

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, professional style.

Michael Post, CPA, MBA
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.

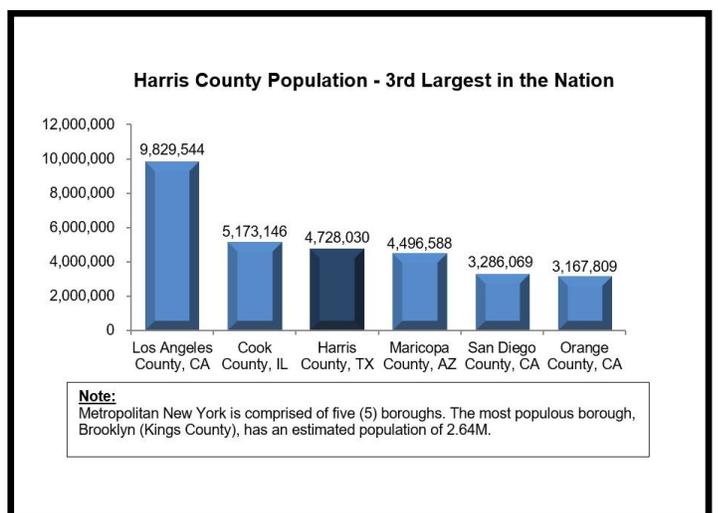
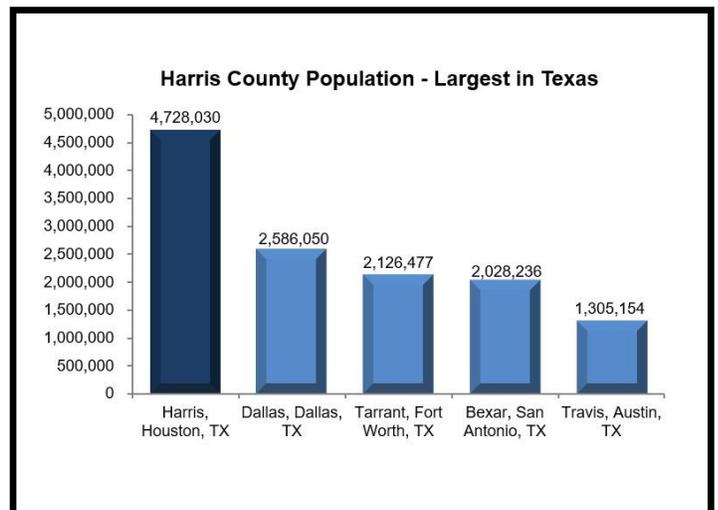
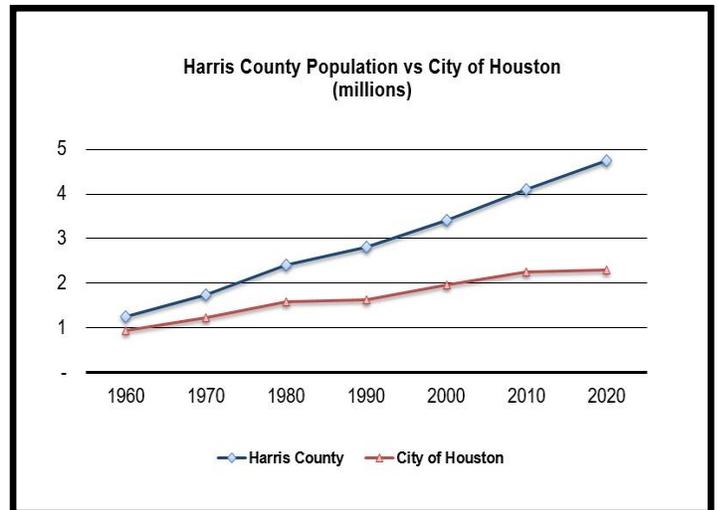
Geographic Location and Population

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 4.7 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 36% growth since 2001. 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

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.

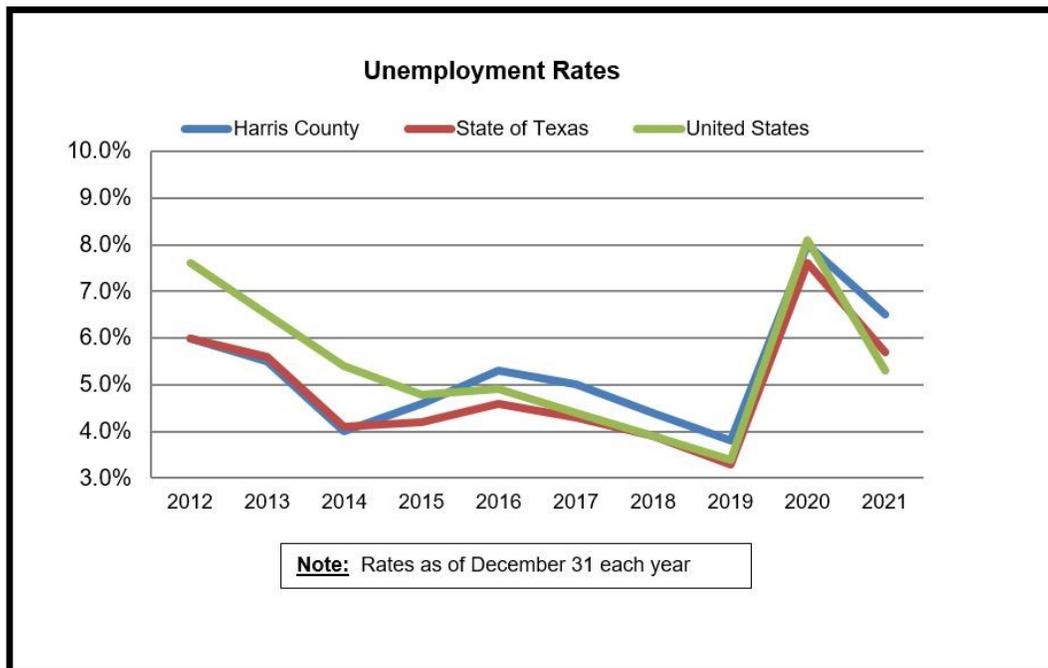
The Houston region is designated as the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and it comprises Harris County and eight other counties. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates metro Houston's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at approximately \$488.2 billion. Twenty-four companies on the 2021 Fortune 500 list are headquartered in Houston area. No single industry dominates Houston employment.

The current price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil as of March 2022 is approximately \$108 per barrel, which is an increase from March 2021 per the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Oil prices increased in the last year due to many factors in the economy.

The preliminary March 2022 unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) for the Houston MSA was 4.4% compared to the national average of 3.8%. The State's preliminary unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) for March 2022 was 4.4%. Both the Houston MSA and the State of Texas unemployment rates decreased from their March 2021 levels by 3.6% and 2.4%, respectively.

The Houston - The Woodlands - Sugar Land, Texas area's Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 0.1% lower than other large urban areas as calculated for February 2022 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. The Port of Houston is one of the largest ports in the world. The Port of 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 46.5 million passengers in the 12 months ending February 2022, 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 increased 4.1 percent in March of 2022 versus March of 2021. March 2022 marked the highest single-family average price of all time for the Houston area. Even with rising interest rates and record low supply of homes across the Greater Houston area, the buyer demand has consistently outpaced the supply and kept the real estate market in positive territory.



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



Houston Baptist University

St.Thomas, and Houston Baptist University. Houston’s medical schools include the University of Texas Medical School, Baylor College of Medicine,

the Houston campus of 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.



**Texas Children’s 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 Ballet



**2022 Top Corporate
Employers in Harris County**

Memorial Hermann Health System

Walmart Stores, Inc.

H-E-B, Ltd.

Houston Methodist

The University of Texas MD Anderson
Cancer Center

HCA Houston Healthcare

Kroger Company

ExxonMobil Corporation

United Airlines

Schlumberger Limited



*F*inancial 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 years, February 28, 2022, and February 28, 2021).

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 2022. The report is lengthy and somewhat complex; however, it is available on the County Auditor’s webpage, 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.

Harris County Statement of Net Position		
(in millions)		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 5,874	\$ 5,453
Capital Assets	<u>15,954</u>	<u>15,719</u>
Total Assets	<u>21,828</u>	<u>21,172</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,477</u>	<u>1,502</u>
Current and Other Liabilities	1,265	1,035
Long-term Liabilities (including current portion)	<u>9,327</u>	<u>9,480</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>10,592</u>	<u>10,515</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>928</u>	<u>263</u>
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	11,129	11,021
Restricted	2,016	1,894
Unrestricted	<u>(1,360)</u>	<u>(1,019)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 11,785</u>	<u>\$ 11,896</u>

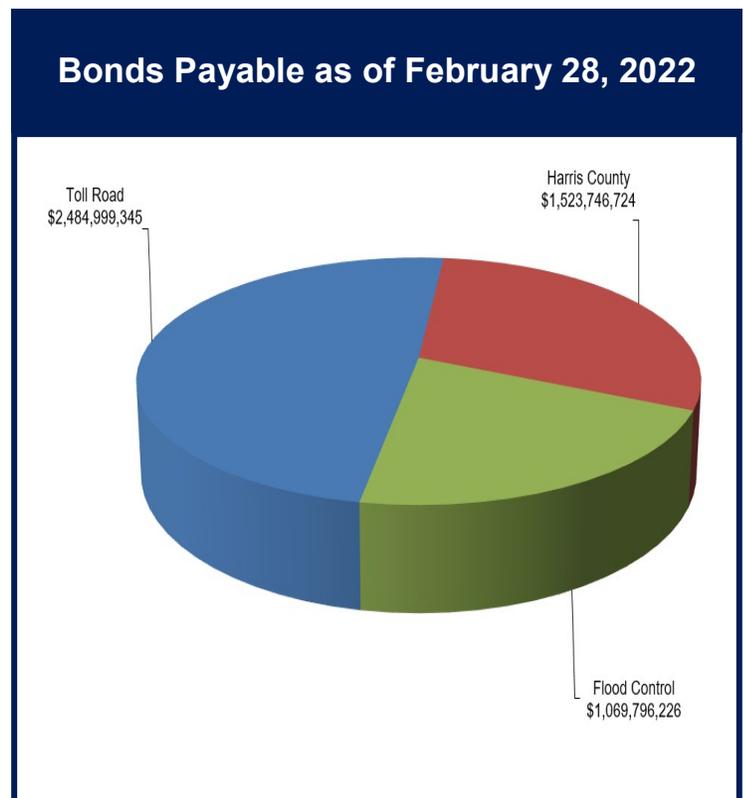
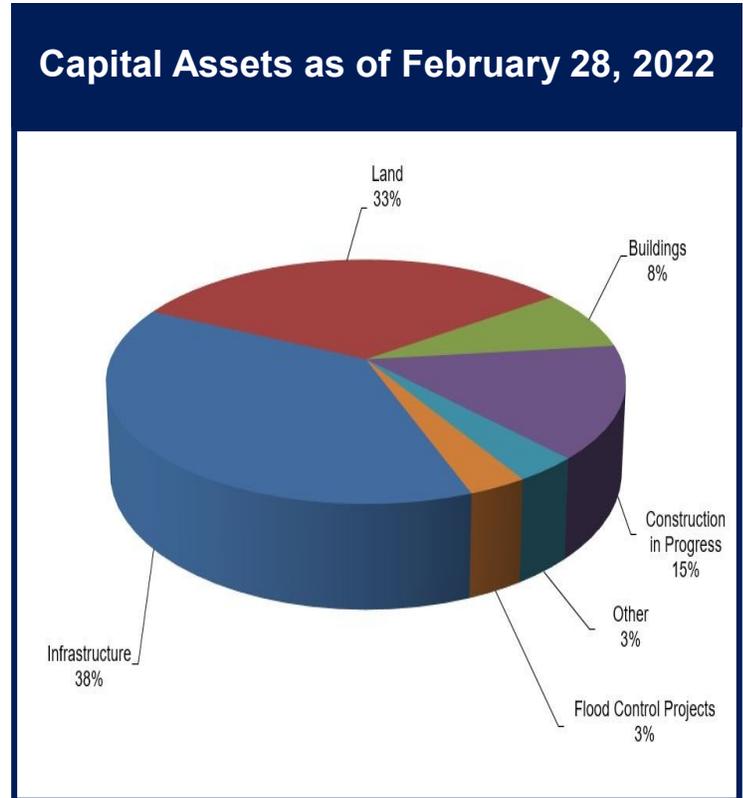
Capital Assets

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 and Revenue Bonds. General Obligation Bonds are direct obligations of the County with the County's full faith and credit pledged toward the payment of this obligation. General Obligation Bonds are issued upon approval by the public at an election. Debt service is primarily paid from ad valorem taxes. 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.



Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance 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.

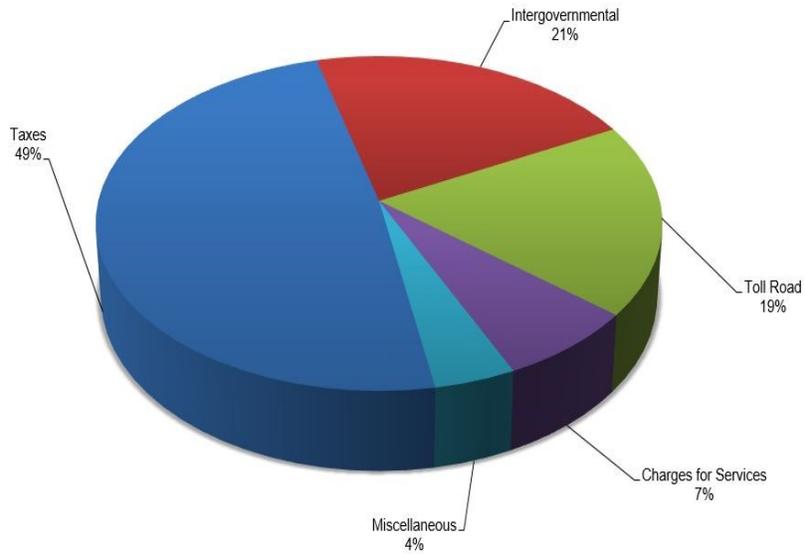
Harris County Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		
(in thousands)		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUES		
Taxes	\$ 2,118,494	\$ 2,115,879
Charges for services	310,767	260,705
User fees	1,142	53
Fines and forfeitures	10,862	9,896
Lease revenue	2,030	1,847
Intergovernmental	930,063	929,502
Earnings on investments	3,223	22,232
Miscellaneous	148,038	136,914
Total revenues	<u>3,524,619</u>	<u>3,477,028</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Current operating	3,425,272	3,213,179
Capital outlay	455,663	418,592
Debt service	264,212	342,977
Total expenditures	<u>4,145,147</u>	<u>3,974,748</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues under expenditures	<u>(620,528)</u>	<u>(497,720)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers in (out) net	250,023	543,310
Debt issuances	408,047	277,669
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	6,054	4,897
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>664,124</u>	<u>816,876</u>
Net changes in fund balances	43,596	319,156
Fund balances, beginning	<u>2,966,027</u>	<u>2,646,871</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 3,009,623</u>	<u>\$ 2,966,027</u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position

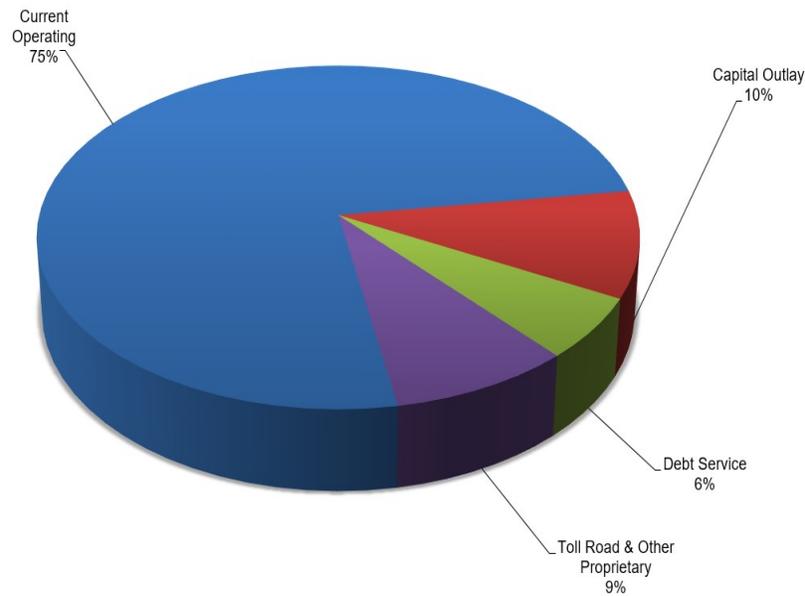
The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position provides a record of funds received and spent during the year for proprietary funds, with the difference between the two resulting in the current year change in net position.

Harris County Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds		
(in thousands)		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Toll revenues	\$ 808,932	\$ 551,278
Sales	8,931	7,429
User fees	4,353	3,021
Miscellaneous	362	389
Total operating revenues	<u>822,578</u>	<u>562,117</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries	75,596	85,369
Materials and supplies	27,742	17,710
Services and fees	173,537	150,740
Utilities	3,385	2,578
Transportation and travel	3,639	2,637
Depreciation and amortization	110,588	77,618
Total operating expenses	<u>394,487</u>	<u>336,652</u>
Operating income/(loss)	<u>428,091</u>	<u>225,465</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Earnings on investments	3,294	11,333
Lease income	9	9
Interest expense	(83,303)	(73,770)
Bond issuance cost	(35)	(2,937)
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of capital assets	56	23
Amortization expense	(3,488)	(4,056)
Other nonoperating revenue	2,572	1,159
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(80,895)</u>	<u>(68,239)</u>
Income (loss) before transfers and contributions	<u>347,196</u>	<u>157,226</u>
Transfers out	<u>(253,955)</u>	<u>(545,148)</u>
Total transfers	<u>(253,955)</u>	<u>(545,148)</u>
Change in net position	93,241	(387,922)
Net position, beginning	<u>1,820,275</u>	<u>2,208,197</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 1,913,516</u>	<u>\$ 1,820,275</u>

Revenues By Source Year Ended February 28, 2022

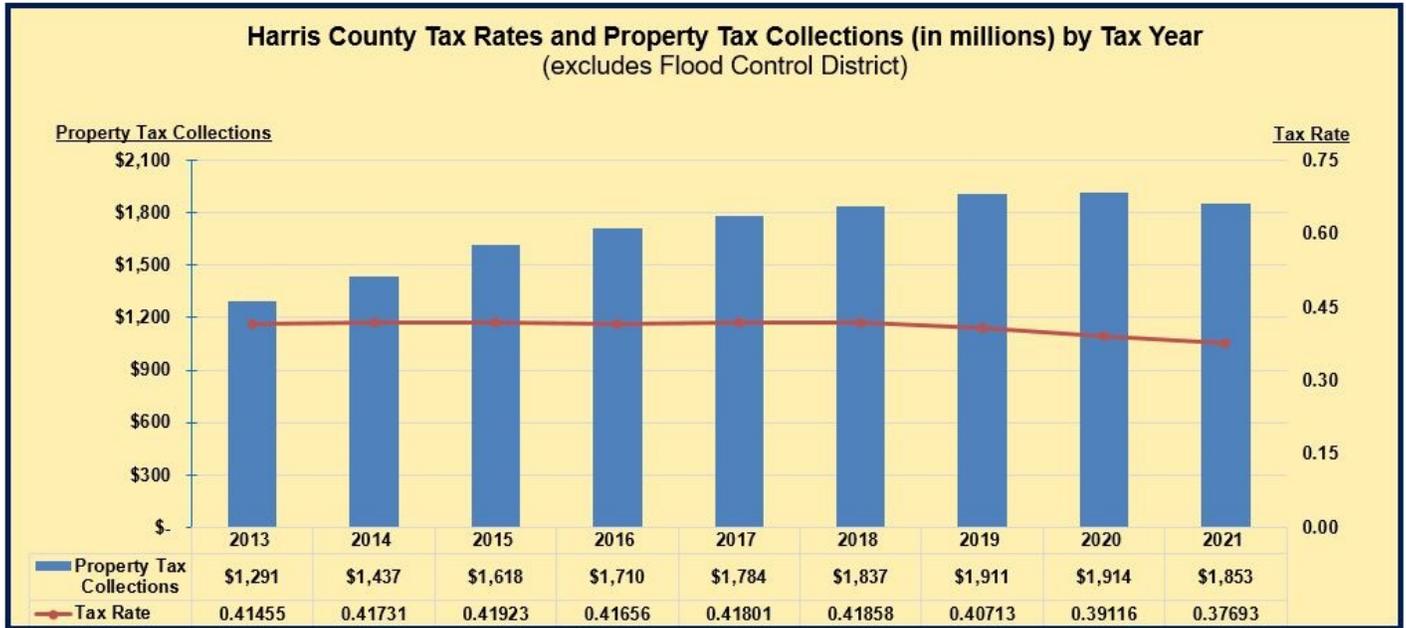


Operating Expenses Year Ended February 28, 2022



Property Taxes

Property taxes are the largest revenue source for general fund revenue activities, representing 81% of the total resources received. The taxable assessed value was \$517,754,852,000 at February 28, 2022.



Harris County, Texas 2022 Principal Property Taxpayers

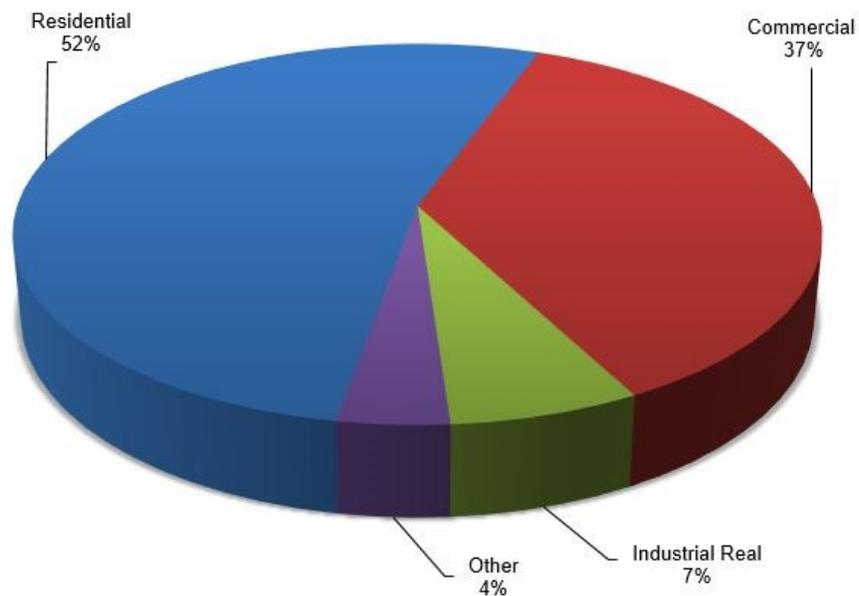
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 Chevron Chemical Company
 Equistar Chemicals, LP
 Shell Oil Company
 Enterprise Holdings, Inc.
 Lyondell Chemical
 Palmetto TransOcean, LLC
 Walmart Stores, Inc.
 Phillips 66 Company
 Liberty Property
 HEB Grocery Co LLP
 OilTanking Houston
 Kinder Morgan
 One Two Three Allen Center

County Ad Valorem Tax Rates for Tax Year (TY) 2021

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>TY2021</u>	<u>TY2020</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Harris County			
Maintenance & Operation	\$ 0.33500	\$ 0.34028	\$ (0.00528)
County Debt Service	0.04193	0.05088	0.00895
Total Harris County Tax Rate	0.37693	0.39116	(0.01423)
Harris County Flood Control District M&O	0.02599	0.02649	(0.00050)
Harris County Flood Control District Debt Service	0.00750	0.00493	0.00257
Port of Houston Authority Debt Service	0.00872	0.00991	(0.00119)
Harris County Hospital District M&O	0.16047	0.16491	(0.00444)
Harris County Hospital District Debt Service	0.00174	0.00180	(0.00006)
Total County-Wide Ad Valorem Tax Rate	\$ 0.58135	\$ 0.59920	\$ (0.01785)

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

Harris County Tax Year 2021 Assessed Taxable Value by Type



Source: Harris County Appraisal District's Certified Roll as of February 11, 2022

Harris County Property Tax Exemptions

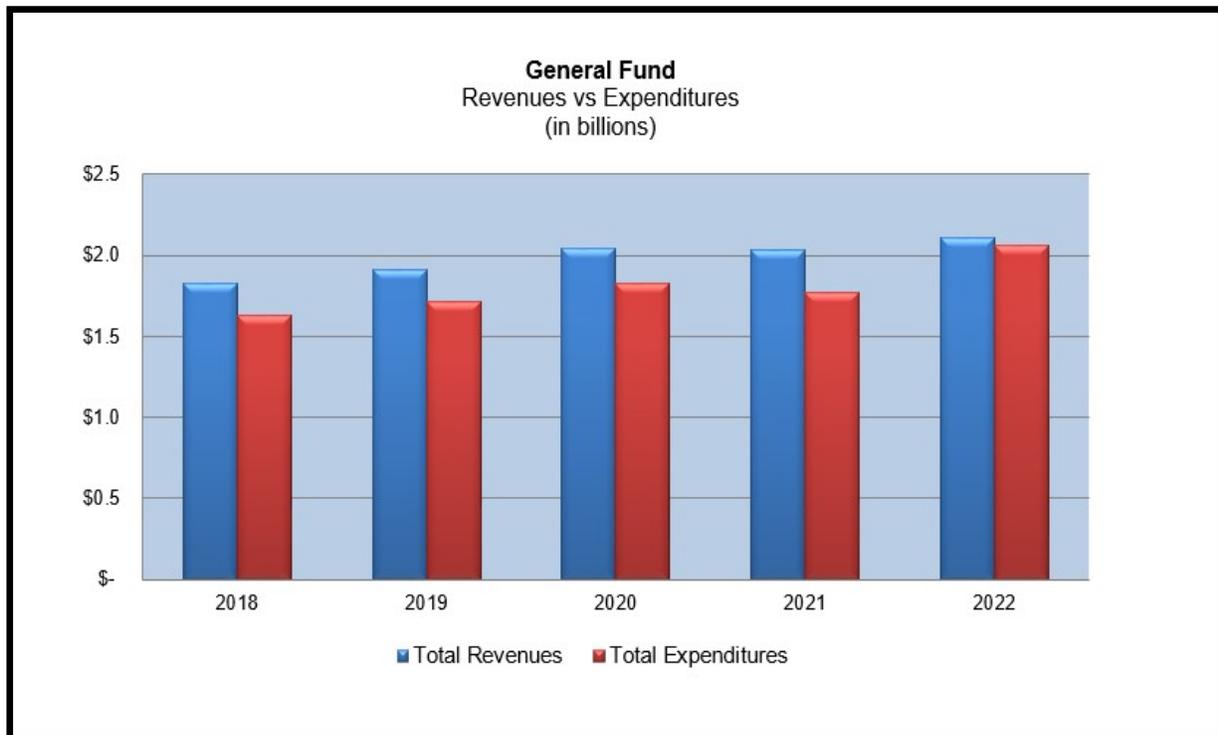
Tax Year 2021 Exemptions

<u>Category</u>	<u>Exemption Amount</u>	<u>Forgone Revenue</u>
Homestead	20%	\$ 178,746,359
Disability	\$229,000	11,558,158
Over Age 65 Exemption	\$229,000	150,736,922
Total		\$ 341,041,439

Harris County Tax Rate: 0.37693

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

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



Other Financial Initiatives

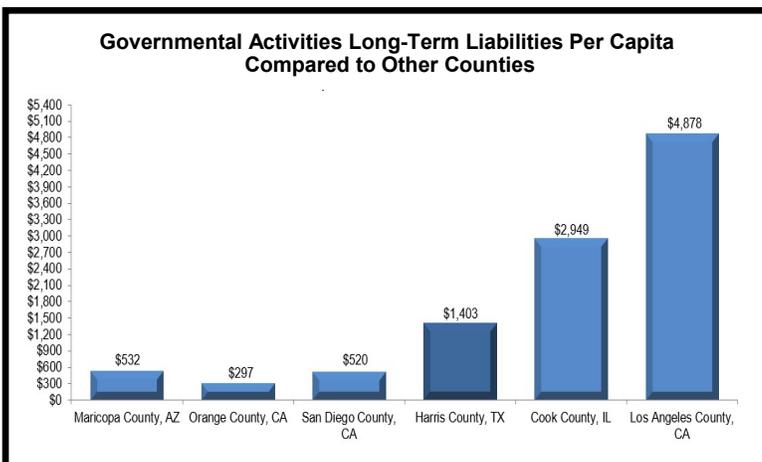
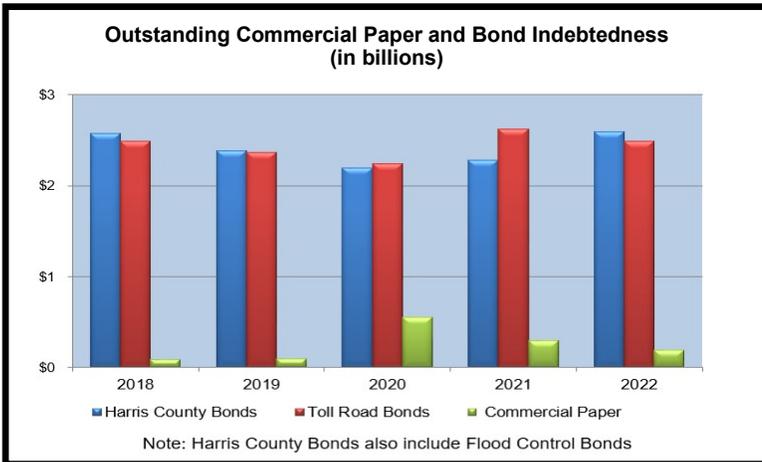
Major Initiatives

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 Flood Control 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 is implementing a strategic plan to chart a roadmap for the future of the agency with three main areas of focus; a framework for resiliency and sustainability programming; the conversion of the County's toll road system to all-electronic tolling, 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, cyber security, CAD RMS replacement, detention control system upgrade, electronic document management, ERP enhanced reporting, fleet services and equipment, infrastructure enhancements/replacements, networking repair/replacements, security infrastructure upgrade, radio replacement program, and telephone system repair/replacements.

Other Financial Information

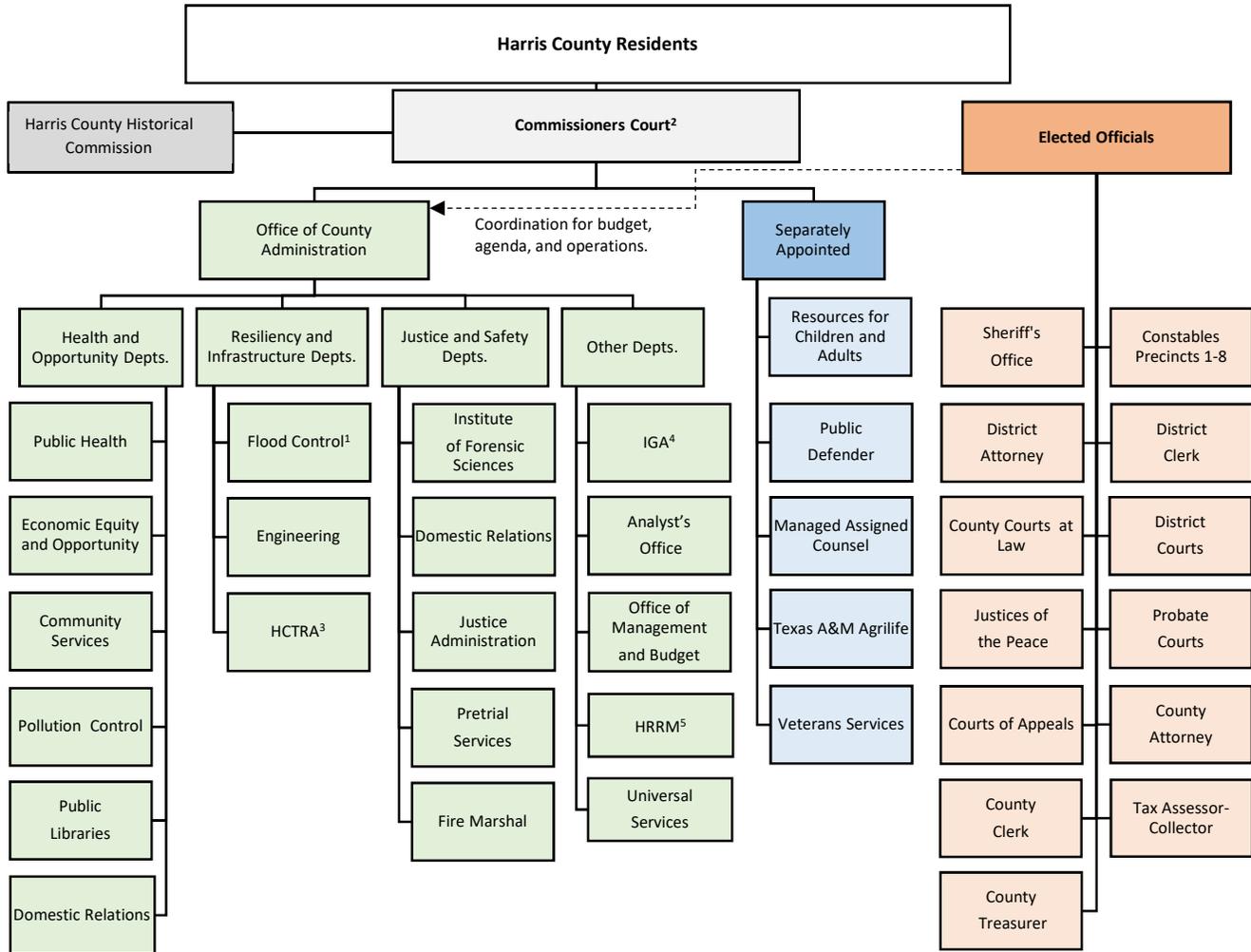


**Harris County
Long-Term Bond Ratings**

<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



Notes

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

²County Judge oversees the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

³Harris County Toll Road Authority

⁴Intergovernmental and Global Affairs

⁵Human Resources & Risk Management

Other Departments

- **County Auditor** appointed by District Judges
- **Purchasing Agent** appointed by Purchasing Board
- **Juvenile Probation** director appointed by 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
- **Sheriff's Civil Service Commission** appointed by Commissioners Court, Sheriff, and District Attorney
- **Law Library** director appointed by County Attorney
- **Elections Administrator** appointed by Elections Commission

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

Harris County Commissioner Precinct Redistricting

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

Harris County Commissioner Precincts

Finalized commissioner precincts district lines based on 2010 Census data

Harris County Election Precincts

The Harris County Election Precinct boundaries effective as of January 2022

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

SB 65: Contracts for Services

Legislative liaison services contracts

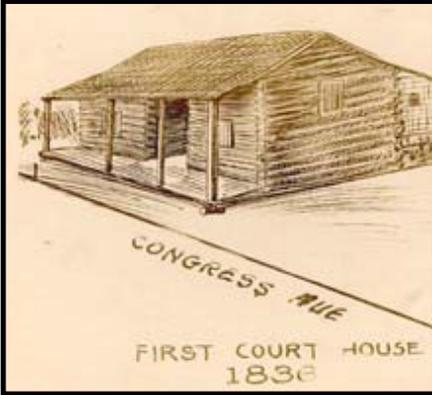
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Harris County Component Units

- 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 COURTHOUSE

Established in 1838 - Today (184 years old)



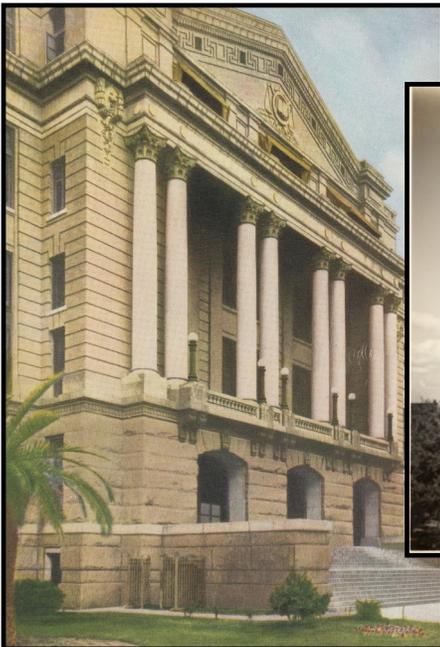
Est. 1838



1860



1884



1928



1939



1940



1955



2010



2022

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
as of February 28, 2022

Commissioners Court

County Judge Hidalgo, Lina
Precinct 1 Ellis, Rodney
Precinct 2 Garcia, Adrian
Precinct 3 Ramsey, Tom S.
Precinct 4 Cagle, R. Jack

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

Osborne, Dylan

Justices of the Peace

Precinct 1, Place 1 Carter, Eric W.
Precinct 1, Place 2 Patronella, David
Precinct 2, Place 1 Delgado, Jo Ann
Precinct 2, Place 2 Risner, George
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 Williams, Jeff
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

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

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 Dollinger, Scot
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, Brittanye
334th District Court Rogers, Dawn
Multi-District Litigation Davidson, Mark
Multi-District Litigation Matthews, Sylvia A.

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 Silverman, Chuck
184th District Court Anastasio, Abigail
185th District Court Luong, Jason
208th District Court Glass, Greg
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 Martin, Amy
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 Maritza, Antu
Responsive Intervention for Change (RIC) Thomas, Brock

District Judges - Family Courts

245th District Court	Longino, Tristan H.
246th District Court	Graves-Harrington, Angela
247th District Court	Berg, Janice
257th District Court	Peake, Sandra
280th District Court	Stalder, Barbara J.
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	Wells, Jr., Clinton E.
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	Briones, Lesley ¹

County Courts - Criminal

Court at Law No. 1	Salgado, Alex
Court at Law No. 2	Bowman, Ronnisha
Court at Law No. 3	Hughes, Erica ²
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	Bynum, Franklin
Court at Law No. 9	Finch, Toria J.
Court at Law No. 10	Wilson, Lee Harper
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	Singer, David L.
Court at Law No. 15	Jones, Tonya
Court at Law No. 16	Jordan, Darrell

Probate Courts

Court No. 1	Simoneaux, Jerry
Court No. 2	Newman, Michael
Court No. 3	Cox, Jason
Court No. 4	Horwitz, James

Court of Appeals

1st Court of Appeals	Radack, Sherry, Chief Justice
14th Court of Appeals	Christopher, Tracy, Chief Justice

Selected Appointed Officials and Department Heads

Admin. Offices of The District Courts	Woods, Richard
County Criminal Courts at Law Mgmt	Wells, Ed
Universal Services	Noriega, Rick
Children's Assessment Center	McCracken, Kerry
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services	Wright, David
County Administrator	Berry, David*
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	Holloway, Adrienne
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 for Children and Adults	Levine, Joel
Public Health & Environmental Services	Robinson, Barbie MPP, JD, CHC

¹Office currently held by Ayala, Miryea
²Office currently held by Guice, Ashley Mayes
 * Appointed Officials



**The End of the Prohibition Era
 Distillery pieces stacked in front of the
 Harris County Courthouse**



Information Sources

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