

# Abilene

## 2017 Community Snapshot



### Location

Abilene is centrally located within the State of Texas. The city is the major community serving a 19-county region in West Central Texas. It is located 148 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro, directly on I-20 and the Union Pacific East/West rail line.



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### Demographics

City of Abilene.....	122,213
Taylor County.....	138,195
Average Age.....	35.9
Number of Households.....	46,272
Average Household Income.....	\$63,499

### Climate

Weather	Metric
Average temperature.....	65 F
Hottest Month.....	July 95°F
Coldest Month.....	Jan 31°F
Annual Rainfall.....	24 inches
Relative Humidity.....	64%
Wind Speed.....	12 mph
Days Between Frosts.....	240

### Transportation

Distance to Major Cities	Miles
Dallas, Texas.....	184
Houston, Texas.....	351
Denver, Colorado.....	710
Chicago, Illinois.....	1,080
<b>Highway/Air/Rail Network</b>	
Interstate Highway.....	I-20
U.S. Highways.....	80, 83, 84, 277
State Highways.....	351, 36
Air Service.....	American Eagle
Flights.....	14 to/from DFW
Rail Service.....	Union Pacific
Bus Service.....	Greyhound Lines City Link

### Community

Abilene, Texas.....	112 sq. miles
Taylor County.....	919 sq. miles

Medical Services	
Hospitals.....	4 (870+ beds)
Nursing Homes, Retirement, Assisted Living.....	25 (2,300+ beds)
Doctors.....	250+
Dentists.....	58

Government	
City Employees.....	1200
Law Enforcement (from above portion).....	190
Fire Department (from above portion).....	170
Fire Dept. ISO Class Rating.....	1
County Employees.....	530
Law Enforcement (from above portion).....	275

The City of Abilene provides a wide range of public resources including recreational parks, sports fields, walking trails, playgrounds, civic centers, swimming pools and auditoriums.

### Taxes

Property Tax (Per \$100 valuation)	Tax Rate
Taylor County.....	0.5350
City of Abilene.....	0.7465
Abilene ISD.....	1.2041
Total.....	2.4856

Sales Tax	Tax Rate
State of Texas.....	6.25%
City of Abilene.....	1.50%
Economic Development.....	0.50%
Total.....	8.25%

## Economic Impact



Manufacturing.....	\$442 million
Agriculture Crops (2013 study).....	\$472 million (Cotton, grain, hay, sorghum, wheat, oats, pecans, fruit)
Agriculture Livestock (2013 study).....	\$539 million (Ranching, stock farms, feed lots, hunting, beef and dairy)
Retail Trade.....	\$2.9 billion
Oil and Gas (District 7-B in 2012).....	\$1.22 billion
Travel Trade	
Travel Spending.....	\$428.5 million
Generated Local Taxes.....	\$11.4 million
Employed.....	4,010
Annual Payroll.....	\$93.7 million
Hotel/Motel Rooms.....	3,533
Food Establishments.....	289

## Workforce



Regional Labor Shed.....	270,000+
Regional Underemployment.....	17,685+
Abilene MSA Civilian Labor Force.....	76,000+
Unemployment Rate (2016 average).....	3.9%
Average Wage (all industries).....	\$18.65/hr.
Education (some college or more).....	54.7%

## Education



Abilene is home to many institutions of higher education – three private universities, one two-year college, one technical college, and the Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Pharmacy and Nursing. There are two main school districts in the City of Abilene: 1) Abilene Independent School District and 2) Wylie Independent School District as well as multiple private school systems.

Institution	Enrollment
Abilene Christian University.....	4,400
Hardin-Simmons University.....	2,300
McMurry University.....	1,200
Cisco College—Abilene Campus.....	2,800
Texas State Technical College.....	340
Texas Tech—School of Pharmacy.....	160
Texas Tech—School of Nursing.....	120
Texas Tech—School of Public Health.....	25
Abilene Independent School District.....	17,300
Wylie Independent School District.....	3,800

## Military Installations



For more than 60 years, Abilene has been home to Dyess Air Force Base and for the past 30 years, the B-1B bomber. In recent years, Abilene has seen the arrival of 28 new C-130 J aircraft that are now stationed at the base, making it the largest active-duty C-130 J aircraft base in the USAF. Established in 1943 as Abilene Army Air Base (AAB), the base was named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel William Dyess (a native of Albany, Texas). Today, Dyess is home to the 7th Bomb Wing and the 317th Airlift Group, both of which provide a significant economic contribution to the City of Abilene.

Category	Total
B-1 Aircraft.....	33
C-130J Aircraft.....	28
AFB Government Employees.....	4,752
AFB Total Payroll.....	\$248.2 million
Total Economic Impact.....	\$412.9 million

## Utilities and Telecom



### Electric Power

Texas is a deregulated electric market. For a list of retail providers, please visit [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org).

### Natural Gas

Atmos Energy..... 1,050 BTU/CFT

### Water

City of Abilene Lake Ft. Phantom, O.H. Ivie Reservoir  
Lake Abilene

Maximum Daily Capacity	51 MGD
Average Daily Capacity	22 MGD
Maximum Daily Average	34 MGD

### Wastewater

City of Abilene	3 Activated Sludge Treatment Plants
Maximum Daily Capacity	22 MGD
Average Daily Usage	11 MGD
Maximum Daily Average	17 MGD

### Solid Waste Disposal

City of Abilene Sanitary Land Fill

### Telecommunications

AT&T Telephone, Internet, VoIP, Wireless  
Suddenlink Telephone, Internet, VoIP

Radio Stations (FM/AM)..... 28

TV Stations (Local)..... 10

Local Newspapers..... 3

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