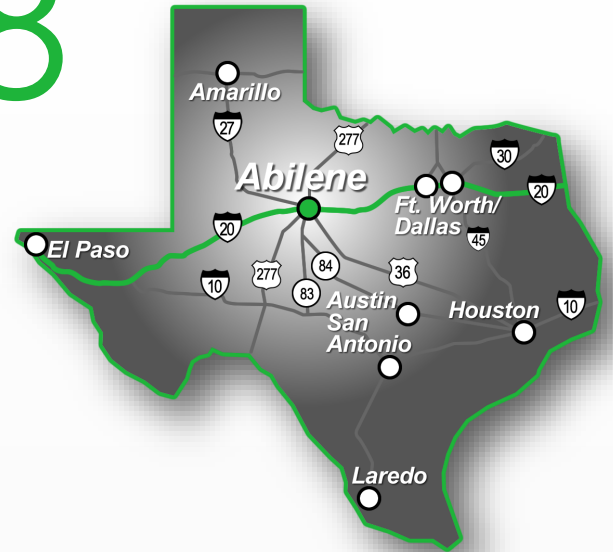


2018

Abilene, Texas Community Snapshot



Abilene is centrally located within the State of Texas and serves as the major community serving a 19-county region. It is located 148 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro, directly on I-20 and the Union Pacific East/West rail line and is home to Dyess Air Force Base.

Demographics



City of Abilene.....	122,245
Taylor County.....	138,165
Abilene MSA.....	170,364
Average Age.....	36.0
Number of Households.....	46,238

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

Highway/Air/Rail Network	
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.....	1,300
Law Enforcement (from above portion).....	300
Fire Department (from above portion).....	190
Fire Dept. ISO Class Rating.....	1
County Employees.....	565
Law Enforcement (from above portion).....	270

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.....	0.6031
City of Abilene.....	0.7751
Abilene ISD.....	1.1983
Total.....	2.5765

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

Economic Impact



Manufacturing.....	\$480 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.....	\$416.1 million
Generated Local Taxes.....	\$11.5 million
Employed.....	3,930
Annual Payroll.....	\$95.3 million
Hotel/Motel Rooms.....	3,533
Food Establishments.....	300

Workforce



Regional Labor Shed.....	270,000+
Abilene MSA Civilian Labor Force.....	76,000+
Unemployment Rate (2017 average).....	3.7%
Average Wage (all industries).....	\$19.52/hr.
Average Household Income.....	\$66,363
Education (some college or more).....	55.3%

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.

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

Updated 3/21/2018