

# FORT BEND COUNTY Accolades

## Fort Bend County Ranks #1 in Nation and Region

- **Ranked #1 Best Place to Get Ahead** –  
*Forbes, February 2010*
- **Houston is the #1 home building market in the country** –  
*Builder Magazine, February 2009*
- **Sugar Land was named best place in the Southwest to live** –  
*CNN/Money Magazine, July 2006*
- **Named regional leader in ethnic diversity** –  
*U.S. Census Bureau-American Community Survey*
- **Regional leader in household income** –  
*U.S. Census Bureau-American Community Survey*
- **Regional leader in high school graduation rate** –  
*U.S. Census Bureau-American Community Survey*
- **Sienna Plantation was voted Best Community in Texas** –  
*CNBC's Americas Property Awards, 2008*
- **Ranked number one in employment growth in the U.S.** –  
*U.S. Department of Labor, 2007*

## Fort Bend County Recognized Among the Best in the Nation

- **Ranked third in employment growth in the U.S.** –  
*U.S. Department of Labor, First Quarter 2009*
- **Ranked sixth in the nation for job growth** –  
*CNN/Money Magazine, August 2009*
- **Ranked in the top one percent of the fastest growing counties in America** –  
*U.S. Census Bureau, July 2008*
- **Named one of the most diverse communities in America** –  
*Best Places to Raise Your Family – The Top 100 Affordable Communities in the U.S., 2006*
- **Missouri City was recognized as one of the safest cities in America** –  
*Congressional Quarterly, November 2008*
- **Sugar Land ranked among Top 25 American Towns to Live Well** –  
*Forbes, May 2009*



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- **The City of Stafford was ranked one of the top ideal places in the nation to live and launch a business –**  
*Fortune Small Business, July 2008*
- **Third fastest growing county in the nation among counties over 200,000 in population –**  
*U.S. Census Bureau, 2007*
- **Among the top 10 in the nation in terms of economic strength –**  
*Woods & Poole Economics, 2008*
- **Sugar Land Regional Airport named one of the best Fixed Base Operations in the U.S., Canada and South America –**  
*Aviation International News, 2007*
- **Sugar Land was recognized in the top two percent of the best places in the nation to raise a family -** *Best Places to Raise Your Family – The Top 100 Affordable Communities in the U.S., 2006*
- **City of Richmond Mayor Hilmar Moore is believed to be the longest-serving mayor in the country. His term began in 1949.**

## Texas Recognized Among the Best in the Nation

- **America's Top State for Business –**  
*CNBC, July 2009*
- **2009 Silver Shovel Recipient –**  
*Area Development Magazine, June/July 2009*
- **Best State for Business –**  
*Chief Executive Magazine, January 2009*
- **Ranked number one exporting state for seven years in a row –**  
*WISERTrade, February 2009*
- **Ranked eighth on Best States for Business list –**  
*Forbes Magazine, 2009*
- **Ranked number two among corporate real estate executives –**  
*Site Selection Magazine, November 2009*



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