

FORT BEND COUNTY Accolades

Fort Bend County Ranks #1 in Nation and Region

- **Ranked #1 Best Place to Get Ahead**
Forbes, February 2010
- **Sugar Land Regional Airport ranked #1 in the Americas for Fixed Base Operations**
Aviation International News, 2009 and 2010
- **Houston is the #1 home building market in the country**
Builder Magazine, February 2009
- **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
- **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

Fort Bend County Recognized Among the Best in the Nation

- **Ranked #5 in nation for job growth**
CNN/Money Magazine, August 2010
- **Missouri City ranked #21 on Best Places to Live list**
CNN/Money Magazine, August 2010
- **Sugar Land ranked among Top 25 American Towns to Live Well**
Forbes, May 2009
- **Ranked third in employment growth in the U.S.**
U.S. Department of Labor, First Quarter 2009
- **Missouri City was recognized as one of the safest cities in America**
Congressional Quarterly, November 2008
- **Ranked in the top one percent of the fastest growing counties in America**
U.S. Census Bureau, July 2008
- **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



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- **Among the top 10 in the nation in terms of economic strength**
Woods & Poole Economics, 2008
- **Third fastest growing county in the nation among counties over 200,000 in population**
U.S. Census Bureau, 2007
- **Sugar Land Regional Airport named one of the best in the Americas for Fixed Base Operations**
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
- **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

Fort Bend County Shares Houston's Success

- **Ranked #7 on America's Most Affordable Cities list**
Forbes, October 2010
- **Best Cities for Young Professionals**
Forbes, June 2010
- **Top U.S. Manufacturing Cities**
Manufacturers' News, May 2010
- **Ranked tenth on a national list of cities that are most likely to participate in renewable energy programs**
Nielsen, April 2010
- **Lowest Cost of Living Among Major Metro Areas**
ACCRA Cost of Living Index, Second Quarter 2009
- **Mega Market of the Year**
Southern Business Development, August 2009
- **Top Metro in the Nation**
Site Selection Magazine, March 2009
- **Nation's Healthiest Housing Market**
Builder and Hanley Wood Market Intelligence, February 2009
- **Ranked second on a list of Nation's Top Export Markets**
U.S. Department of Commerce, July 14, 2008



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Texas Recognized Among the Best in the Nation

- **Texas accounted for over one-half of all new jobs created in the U.S. in 2009**
Texas Public Policy Foundation, October 2010
- **Second-best tax system for entrepreneurship and small business**
The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, 2010
- **Ranked number two among corporate real estate executives**
Site Selection Magazine, November 2009
- **America's Top State for Business**
CNBC, July 2009
- **2009 Silver Shovel Recipient**
Area Development Magazine, June/July 2009
- **Ranked number one exporting state for seven years in a row**
WISERTrade, February 2009
- **Best State for Business**
Chief Executive Magazine, January 2009
- **Ranked eighth on Best States for Business list**
Forbes Magazine, 2009



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