

2012

Abilene At A Glance

Abilene Community Profile

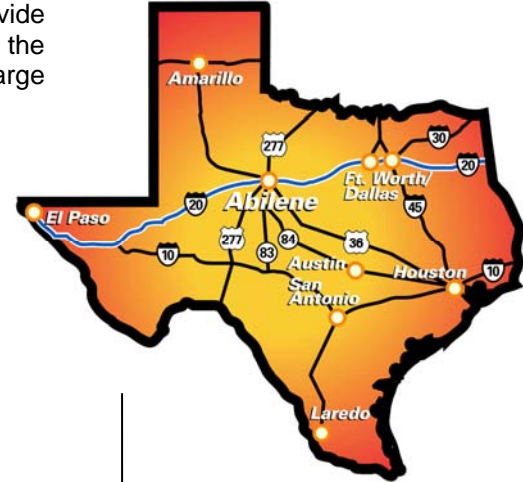
Since its beginnings in 1881, Abilene, Texas has moved from a cattle-shipping prairie town to a metropolis on the plains. In the late 20th Century, Abilene's economy was oil, agriculture, and military. In 1989, the city countered the 1980s oil bust by being the first city in Texas to adopt a half-cent sales tax to fund economic development. Since then, Abilene diversifies its economic base by continuing to be a progressive, business-friendly city, whose citizens are people of vision and determination, and solicits new industries with aggressive incentives and opportunities, superb quality of life, and a pro-business attitude.

Location

Abilene is centrally located in the state of Texas. Interstate 20 and the Union Pacific rail line provide easy access to both east and west coasts, the industrial mid-west, northeast and the large emerging markets in Mexico.

Highway Mileage

Albuquerque, NM	470
Austin, TX	220
Dallas, TX	186
El Paso, TX	459
Houston, TX	409
Laredo, TX	416
Oklahoma City, OK	290
San Antonio, TX	264



Population

City	117,063
County (Taylor)	131,506
Median Age	32
Number of Households	43,612
Per Capita Personal Income	\$20,826

Demographic Information—Census 2010

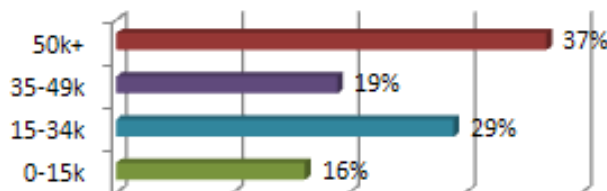
Climate

Average Annual Temperature	64.8°F
Hottest Month	July—94.8°F
Coldest Month	January—31.8°F
Annual Rainfall	23.78 inches
Relative Humidity	59%
Wind Speed	12 mph
Days Between Killing Frosts	240

Age Groups



Average Household Income



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Taxes

	Assessed Value Rate per \$100	Assessment Ratio to Current Value
County & Road	0.4722	100%
City	0.6932	100%
School	1.1647	100%
Total Effective Rate	2.3301	100%

Tax rates change September of each year. City sales tax 8.25% = 6.25% State sales tax plus 2% Local tax (1.5% to the city, 0.5% which is used for economic development.)

Education

Primary & Secondary Education

There are two school districts in Abilene—Abilene ISD and Wylie ISD—along with other private school systems. Within AISD and Wylie ISD there are over 40 school campuses, including 30+ special programs and magnet schools.

Combined, AISD and WISD have over 20,000 students enrolled and nearly 2,800 employees working to educate Abilene's student population. For more information regarding these school districts, consult the Abilene ISD website at www.abileneisd.org and Wylie ISD at www.wylie_esc14.net.

Information attained from AISD and WISD websites

Post Secondary Education

Abilene is home to many institutions of higher education—three universities, two nursing schools, one two-year college, one technical college, one commercial college, and one pharmacy school.

Abilene Christian University
4500+ students enrolled, 242 professors

American Commercial College
100 students enrolled, 13 professors

Cisco College—Abilene
3,200+ students enrolled, 92 professors

Hardin-Simmons University
2,300+ students enrolled, 187 professors

McMurry University
1,400+ students enrolled, 81 professors

Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
150 students enrolled, 22 professors

Texas State Technical College
340 students enrolled, 40 professors

Texas Tech Univ. School of Nursing
75 students enrolled, 9 professors

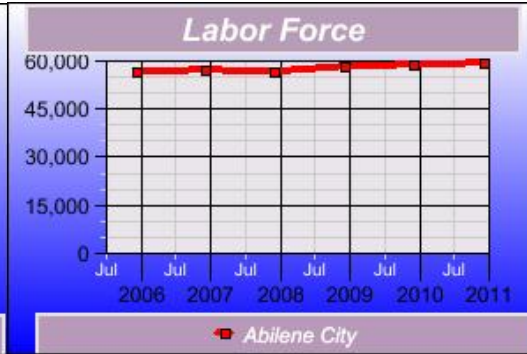
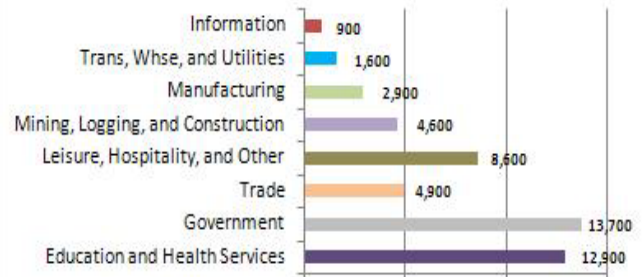
Texas Tech Univ. School of Pharmacy
160 students enrolled, 25 professors

Labor

19 County Workforce Region C.L.F.	158,958
Abilene MSA C.L.F.	81,401
Total Employment	75,917
Unemployed	5,483
Unemployment Rate	6.7%

Source: Texas Labor Market Review
Figures above are an average for 2011.

Non-Agriculture Employment (Nov 2011)



Community

Government	Employees
City Personnel	772
County Personnel	589
City Law Enforcement Personnel	184
County Law Enforcement Personnel	277
City Fire Department Personnel	170

Class Rating	2
City Size (square miles)	112
Taylor County (total acres)	586,880

Medical	
Hospitals/Beds	4 Hospitals/821 Beds
Nursing Homes, Retirement Centers, & Assisted Living Facilities	17 / 2,115 Beds
Doctors*	250
Dentists*	58

*Practicing—Abilene only

Recreation

Parks (2,480.97 acres)	32	In-Line Hockey Rink	1
Tennis Courts	21	Ball Diamonds/Lighted	35
Recreation Centers	7	Ball Diamonds/Unlighted	61
Public Swimming Pools	2	Running Tracks	24
Private Swimming Pools	7	Soccer Fields	14
Youth Centers	13	Gymnasiums	4
Bowling Centers	2	Football Fields	15
Auditoriums	3	Disc Golf Courses	3
YMCA	2	Miniature Golf Courses	2
Walking Trails	5	Golf Courses (Public & Private)	6
Movie Screens	32	Sand Volleyball Courts	6
Skateboard Parks	1	Bocce Ball Courts	1
Group Picnic Shelters	16	Park Playgrounds	20





Utilities and Services

Electric Power

Texas is a deregulated open market. For a list of suppliers, see www.powertochoose.org.

Natural Gas

Supplier Atmos Energy
BTU per cubic foot 1,050

Water

Supplier Abilene Water Department
Source O.H. Ivie Reservoir, Lake Fort Phantom, Lake Hubbard Creek Reservoir

Maximum Daily Capacity 50,000,000 gallons

Average Daily Capacity (2011) 23,042,000 gallons

Maximum Peak Usage (2011) 37,784,000 gallons

Wastewater

Type Treatment Plants Activated Sludge

Maximum Daily Capacity 22,000,000 gallons

Average Daily Usage (2011) 11,501,000 gallons

Maximum Daily Average (2011) 13,750,000 gallons

Solid Waste Disposal Sanitary Land Fill

Telephone

Facilities Based Provider: AT&T

Services & Products:

Local Voice Service including ISDN, Digital T1 service, Centrex, VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol), Telephone Systems and Equipment. Switched and Dedicated LD Voice Service including ISDN, Digital T1 service, toll free, enhanced toll free, account codes, calling cards, international services. Consulting, Private Line, Gigabit and Ethernet WAN connectivity, ADSL, Dedicated and Shared Web Hosting, Managed Internet Access, Network Integration, Data Equipment, MPLS (Multi Protocol Label Switching), Managed Security Portfolio (Secure Email Gateway, AT&T Internet Protect, DDoS Defense, Intrusion Prevention Services, AT&T Web Security, Security Consulting Services, Network and Premises Based Firewall) Wireless voice and data services, data aircards, Networks, MIFI, I-pads, Mobility applications.

Transportation

Highway / Air / Rail Network

Interstate Highway IH-20
U.S. Highways 80, 83, 84, 277
State Highways 351, 36

Air Service American Eagle Regional Jet Service to Dallas/Fort Worth International

Daily Flights Combined 14 arrivals/departures

Airport Characteristics Two 7,200' parallel runways
ILS high intensity lighting
35,000 sq. ft. terminal
24/7 full radar service with FAA
manned air traffic control tower

Rail Service Union Pacific
Southern Switching

Motor Freight Carriers / Overnight Carriers

AAA Cooper Transportation Ploof Truck Lines
ABF Freight R & L Carriers
Andrews Transport Roadway Express
Averitt Express SAIA Motor Freight Line
Beaver Express Southeastern Freight
Central Freight Lines, Inc. Southwestern Motor Transport
Cypress Truck Lines Total Transportation LP
ConWay Southern USF Bestway, Inc.
Fed Ex Freight UPS
Gator Freightways, Inc. Yellow Freight
Lone Star Overnight Yellow Transportation
Old Dominion Freight

Bus Service

Greyhound Lines
Resident City Service—City Link

Arts & Attractions

Frontier Texas! and the Abilene and Texas Forts Trail Visitor Center, The Grace Museum, National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, The Center for Contemporary Arts, 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum, Paramount Theatre, Abilene Zoo, Dyess Visitor Center Memorial Park, Buffalo Gap Historic Village, Abilene State Park, Abilene Civic Center, Taylor County Expo Center, Abilene Skate Park, Fort Phantom Hill, Abilene Speedway, Prime Time Family Entertainment Center, Mesquite Hill Motocross Park, Abilene Dragstrip, Cockerell Galleries and Studios, Abilene Ballet Theatre, Abilene Community Band, Abilene Community Theatre, Abilene Opera Association, Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, Chorus Abilene, Ball Ranch, McMurry University-Amy Graves Ryan Little Theatre, Abilene Christian University - Sewell Theatre and Williams Performing Arts Center, Hardin-Simmons University - Van Ellis Theatre

Annual Events

Celebrity Quail Hunt, Western Heritage Classic Ranch Rodeo, Martin Luther King Dinner, Rattle Snake Round-Up, West Texas Fair & Rodeo, Hot Air Balloon Festival, Christmas Carousel, Christmas in November, City Sidewalks, Art Walk-Historic Downtown Abilene, Cinco de Mayo Celebration, West Texas Book & Music Festival, Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo, Fort Griffin Fandangle, Chili Super Bowl



Government Installations

Abilene is home to Dyess Air Force Base and the B-1B which has called Dyess home for over 25 years. We've also seen the arrival of nearly half of 28 new C-130-J aircraft to be stationed at Dyess. The Military Affairs Committee (MAC), as part of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, was formed 50+ years ago. MAC's mission is to maintain and expand the military presence and missions, and continue the strong relationship with our military community. MAC is instrumental in ensuring Dyess remains a premier large aircraft installation, modernizing base infrastructure, and supporting our more than 5,000 military and civilians in addition to 8,000 family members and retirees.



Economic Impact

Higher Education

Annual Economic Impact \$290 million
Based on data compiled by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce

Agriculture

Annual Farm Products \$24 million
Products: Cotton, grain, sorghum, wheat, oats, pecans, fruit, and truck crops

Annual Livestock

Products: \$26 million
Ranching, stock farms, feed lots, and dairying

Oil and Gas

Oil and Gas Revenues \$1.02 billion
(District 7-B for 2011)

Retail Trade

Retail Sales (Approx.) \$1.8 billion
Abilene is the center of a 22-county trade area.

Travel Trade

Annual Revenues \$364.5 million

Generated Local Taxes

\$6.1 million

Employed

3,480

Annual Payroll

\$69.2 million

Hotel / Motel Rooms

3,289

Food Establishments (City Permits Issued)

650

Radio Stations (AM & FM)

28

Local TV Stations

(Cable Service Provided by SuddenLink) 10

Local Newspapers (Daily & Weekend)

3

Air Combat Command Base

Air Mobility Command Tenant Unit

Employment

(Active Duty & DoD Civilian) 5,038

Total Annual Payroll

\$347.3 million

Total Economic Impact

\$435 million

Two B-1B Flying Squadrons

including all B-1B flight training

Two C-130 Flying Squadrons

Data provided by Economic Resource Impact Statement FY 2011.

Major Industries (Top 15)

Company	Description	Employees*
Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc	Soft Drinks	312
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.	Industrial Boilers/Steel Fabrication	300
Fehr Foods	Cookie Manufacturer	270
Pepsi Beverage Co.	Soft Drinks	180
Bandag, Inc. (Bridgestone Americas Holdings, Inc.)	Rubber for Retread Tires	130
Abilene Reporter News	Newspaper	130
Pactiv, Corp.	Plastic Packaging	120
Tigé Boats	Boat Manufacturer	105
Bandera Drilling Co., Inc	Drilling	100
Martin Sprocket & Gear, Inc.	Sprockets	75
Broadwind Towers	Wind Tower Manufacturer	55
Zoltek Corporation	Carbon Fiber Manufacturer	55
Broadwind Services	Maintenance Services	50
Peerless Manufacturing	Pressure Vessels	44
MicroMetals	Iron Powder Cores	36
Robinson Fans, Inc.	Industrial Fans	22

*All employment figures as of January 2012

Other Major Employers

Company	Description	Employees*
Hendrick Health System	Hospital	2,800
Abilene Independent School District	Public School	2,445
Abilene State Supported Living Center	School for Disabled	1,433
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas	Customer Service	1,200
City of Abilene	City Services	1,200
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	Correctional Facilities	1,197
Taylor County	County Services	866
Abilene Christian University	University	850
Abilene Regional Medical Center	Hospital	750
Eagle Aviation Services, Inc.	Aviation Maintenance	450
First Financial Bank	Financial Institution	405
Lauren Engineers and Constructors	Engineering Firm	370
Wylie Independent School District	Public School	350
Sears Methodist Retirement System	Retirement System	345
Hardin-Simmons University	University	343
Teleperformance USA	Call Service Center	310
U.S. Postal Service	Postal Service	279
Abilene Diagnostic Clinic	Multi-specialty Clinic	265
McMurry University	University	260
Cisco College—Abilene Campus	College	192
Betty Hardwick Center	MHMR Community Service	187
American Building and Maintenance Group	Service Contractor	161
AEPTexas	Electric Company	155
West Texas Rehabilitation Center	Rehabilitation Center	152
Acadia Abilene Hospital	Behavioral Health Hospital	150
Directors Investment Group	Financial Investments	149
Genesis Networks Solutions Inc.	Software Testing	126
AT&T	Telephone Company	110
Texas State Technical College	Technical College	85
American State Bank	Financial Institution	72
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital	Rehabilitation Hospital	70
Atmos Energy	Natural Gas Supplier	60

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Economic Development Incentives

A relocating or expanding company may qualify for assistance in one or more of the categories below:

Job Creation Incentives
Can range from \$1,000 to more than \$17,000 per full-time job dependent on salary and non-mandatory employee benefits

Capital Investment
10% or more of capital investment costs (in lieu of tax abatement)

Assistance with Land Purchases
25% or more participation in land costs

Grants for A&E for Code Compliance
25% or more of architectural and engineering services which could also include the cost of alterations to existing buildings for code compliance

Job Training Grants
\$500 or more per job upon completion of training and employer probation period

Relocation Grants
15% or more of relocation costs for equipment, key personnel, etc.

If you would like to learn more about incentives available to new or relocating companies to Abilene, we'd love to hear from you!