

# HOUSTON

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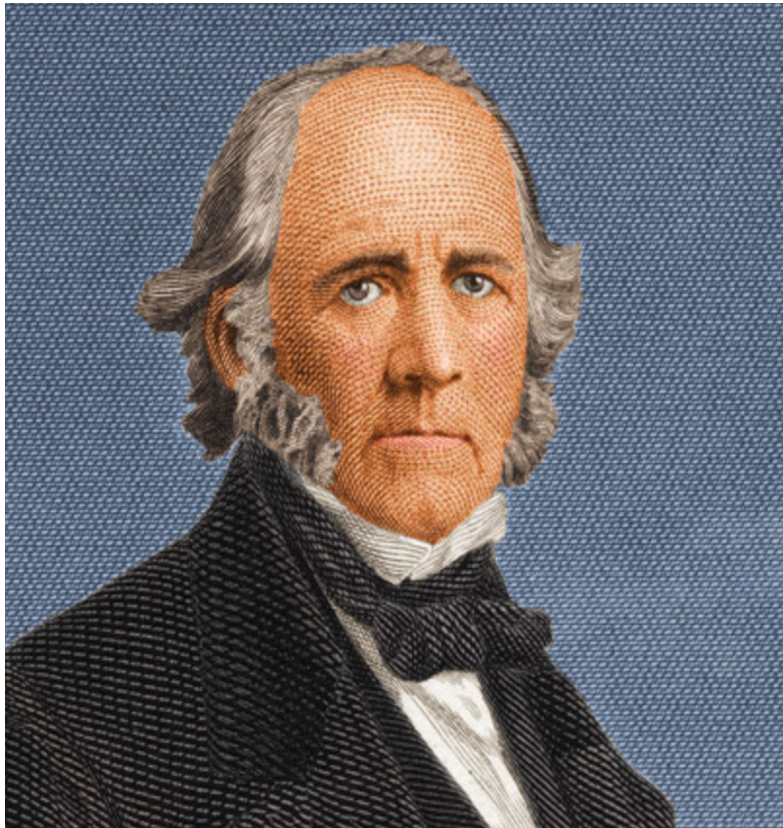
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# Location



Houston is located in the southeastern region of the State of Texas and is the largest of its city. In terms of population it occupies the fourth place in the USA. Over 2.2 million people live there.

# History



The founders of Houston were Allen brothers. The town was named in honor of General Samuel Houston. Under his leadership in 1836, Mexican army was defeated, which allowed Texas to get the absolute independence from Mexico. The capital of the new independent Republic of Texas became the city of Houston. Since then, a small village turned into a powerful city.

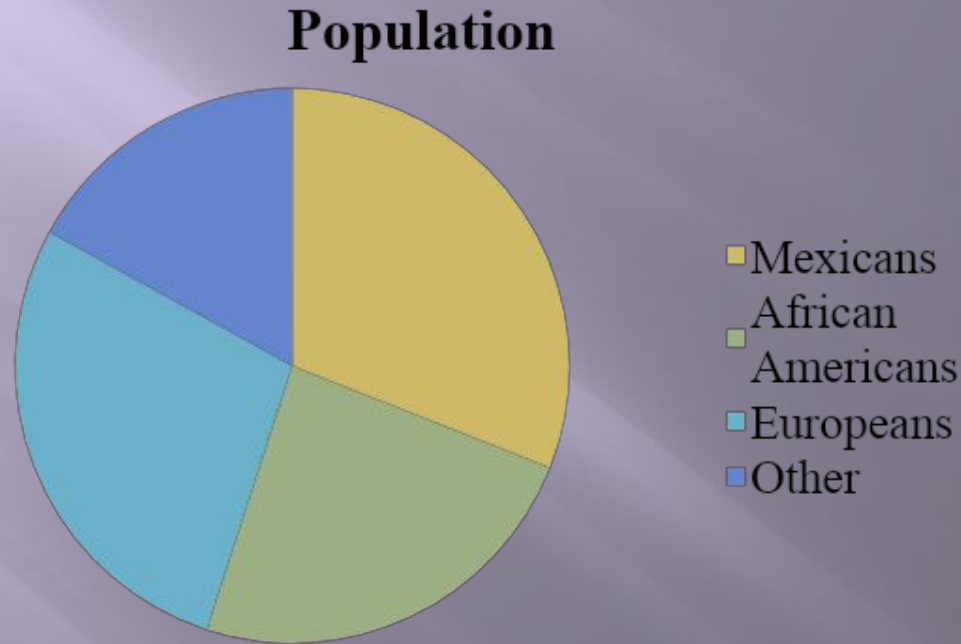


# Economy



The main role in the economy of Houston plays the energy sector, which is based on the extraction of gas and oil. Houston is also used as a trading hub. Connections allows people to access or deliver cargo anywhere in the country, in all places of the world. Therefore, Houston is often called the main transport hub of America. Its port is one of the ten largest ports of the planet.

# Population



Houston is a multicultural city. Almost half of its population comes from Latin America. Among them, nearly 31% of Mexicans, African Americans - 24%, and Europeans - 28%.

# Interesting facts



Huge interest for tourists is the Houston Museum District. There are 18 museum complexes, a variety of galleries, exhibitions and other cultural institutions. 11 museums are free to visitors all the time, and others have specially designated hours of free visits.





The most interesting and famous tourist attraction in the city is considered to be Houston rodeo. Every year, to watch and to participate in it comes more than 2 million people. It is held in Reliant Park complex. It is opened by Texas cowboys. However rodeo - it's not only sports, but also a kind of fair, agricultural fair, circus performances and a variety of concerts. All this fun lasts about 20 days and it is one of the largest cultural events in the southern part of America.



Southwest Houston area takes NASA. Here is the Space Center of Lyndon Jones and the Mission Control Center. Today it is opened for tourists.