

2011

Abilene At A Glance

Abilene Community Profile

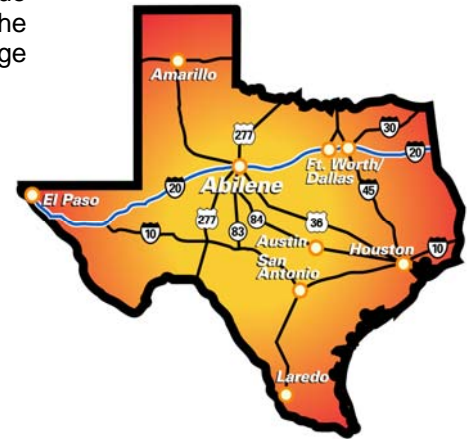
Since its beginnings in 1881, Abilene, Texas has moved from a cattle-shipping prairie town to a metropolis on the plains. In the late 20th Century, Abilene's economy was oil, agriculture, and military. In 1989, the city countered the 1980s oil bust by being the first city in Texas to adopt a half-cent 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

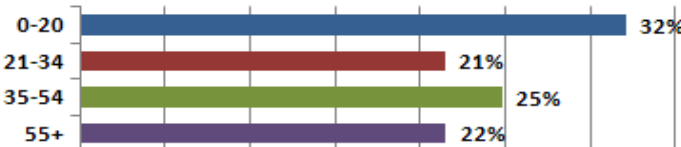
City	117,063
County (Taylor)	126,555
Median Age	33
Number of Households	43,996
Per Capita Personal Income	\$20,353

Demographic Information—Census 2010

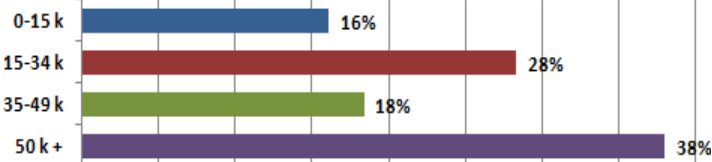
Climate

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 2,930 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
4700+ students enrolled, 275 professors

American Commercial College
200+ students enrolled, 15 professors

Cisco College—Abilene
3,600+ students enrolled, 143 professors

Hardin-Simmons University
2,300+ students enrolled, 202 professors

McMurry University
1,400+ students enrolled, 75 professors

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

Texas State Technical College
327+ students enrolled, 32 professors

Texas Tech Univ. School of Nursing
60+ students enrolled, 6 professors

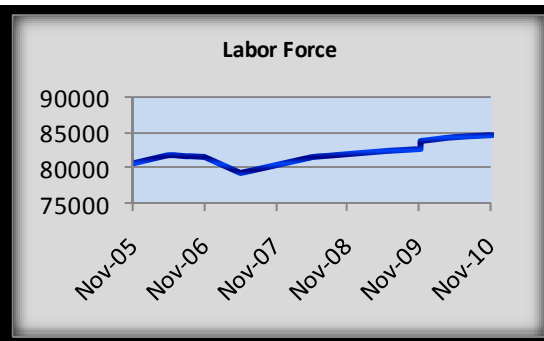
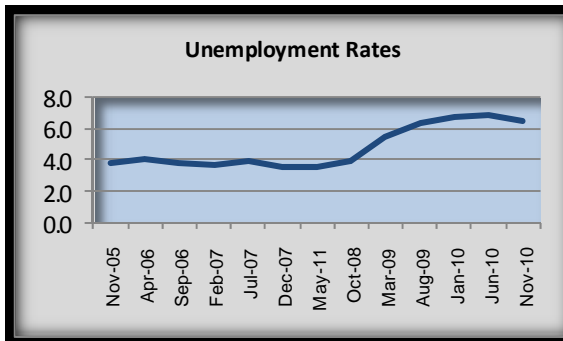
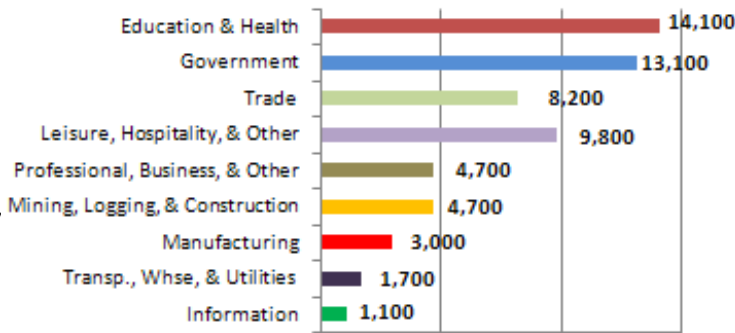
Texas Tech Univ. School of Pharmacy
160 students enrolled, 24 professors

Labor

19 County Workforce Region C.L.F.	164,481
Abilene MSA C.L.F.	84,300
Total Employment	78,875
Unemployed	5,900
Unemployment Rate	6.3%

Source: Texas Labor Market Review
Figures above are an average for 2010.

Non-Agriculture Employment (Nov 10)



Community

Government

City Personnel	772
County Personnel	557
City Law Enforcement Personnel	184
County Law Enforcement Personnel	213
City Fire Department Personnel	170

Employees

Class Rating	3
City Size (square miles)	111.5
Taylor County (total acres)	585,280

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



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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 1,020

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 (2010) 18,640,000 gallons
Maximum Peak Usage (2010) 29,980,000 gallons

Wastewater

Type Treatment Plants Activated Sludge
Maximum Daily Capacity 22,000,000 gallons
Average Daily Usage (2009) 12,283,000 gallons
Maximum Daily Average (2009) 15,141,000 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, Netbooks, MIFI, Ipad, 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 the proud home to Dyess Air Force Base. Abilene recently celebrated 25 years of the B1-B at Dyess, and welcomed the 1st of 28 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 continue the strong relationship with our military community. MAC is instrumental in ensuring Dyess remains a premier large aircraft installation, exploring opportunities to expand missions, modernizing base infrastructure, and supporting our more than 6,000 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 \$41 million
Products: Cotton, grain, sorghum, wheat, oats, pecans, fruit, and truck crops

Annual Livestock \$27 million
Products: Ranching, stock farms, feed lots, and dairying

Oil and Gas
Oil and Gas Revenues \$568 million
(District 7-B for 2009)

Retail Trade
Retail Sales (Approx.) \$1.7 billion
Abilene is the center of a 22-county trade area.

Travel Trade
Annual Revenues \$329.5 million

Generated Local Taxes \$5.9 million

Employed 3,460

Annual Payroll \$68.6 million

Hotel / Motel Rooms 3,217

Food Establishments (City Permits Issued) 615

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) 5,919

Annual Payroll \$247 million

Total Economic Impact \$429.9 million

Two B-1B Flying Squadrons including all B-1B flight training
Two C-130 Flying Squadrons



Major Industries (Top 15)

Company	Description	Employees*
Fehr Foods	Cookie Manufacturer	275
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.	Industrial Boilers/Steel Fabrication	248
Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc	Soft Drinks	230
Pepsi Beverage Co.	Soft Drinks	196
Bandag, Inc. (Bridgestone Americas Holdings, Inc.)	Rubber for Retread Tires	143
Abilene Reporter News	Newspaper	130
PWP Industries, Inc.	Plastic Packaging	130
Broadwind Services (Tower Tech)	Wind Tower Manufacturer	127
Tige Boats	Boat Manufacturer	100
Bandera Drilling Co., Inc	Drilling	100
Martin Sprocket & Gear, Inc.	Sprockets	75
Zoltek Corporation	Carbon Fiber Manufacturer	62
Peerless Manufacturing	Pressure Vessels	54
Broadwind Services (EMS)	Gear Box Services	32
Robinson Fans, Inc.	Industrial Fans	24

*All employment figures as of January 2011.

Other Major Employers (Top 30)

Company	Description	Employees*
Hendrick Health System	Hospital	2,800
Abilene Independent School District	Public School	2,579
Abilene State Supported Living Center	School for Disabled	1,539
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	Correctional Facilities	1,253
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas	Customer Service	1,200
City of Abilene	City Services	1,160
Abilene Christian University	University	833
Abilene Regional Medical Center	Hospital	805
Teleperformance USA	Call Service Center	546
Sears Methodist Retirement System	Retirement System	465
First Financial Bank	Financial Institution	405
Eagle Aviation Services, Inc.	Aviation Maintenance	400
Hardin-Simmons University	University	377
Lauren Engineers and Constructors	Engineering Firm	350
Wylie Independent School District	Public School	350
Abilene Diagnostic Clinic	Multi-specialty Clinic	293
U.S. Postal Service	Postal Service	279
McMurry University	University	260
American Building and Maintenance Group	Service Contractor	161
Betty Hardwick Center	MHMR Community Service	194
West Texas Rehabilitation Center	Rehabilitation Center	180
AEP	Electric Company	155
AT&T	Telephone Company	155
Cisco College—Abilene Campus	College	150
Acadia Abilene Hospital	Behavioral Health Hospital	145
Genesis Networks Solutions Inc.	Software Testing	102
Texas State Technical College	Technical College	80
Directors Investment Group	Financial Investments	78
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital	Rehabilitation Hospital	77
American State Bank	Financial Institution	73

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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!