

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

(UPDATED NOVEMBER 2010)

Numerous manufacturing plants and a diverse mix of other companies believe Paris, Texas is an ideal location for them to produce and distribute their goods and services to national markets. Manufacturing, food processing and other production industries, as well as distribution centers based in Paris make and distribute goods throughout Texas and principal markets throughout the Southern United States.

Paris, Texas is...

Top 20 Location Advantages	1. The County Seat of Lamar County.
	2. The business, retail and healthcare hub for the surrounding region of Northeast Texas and Southeastern Oklahoma.
	3. Bordering a four State Region: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.
	4. Strategically situated to serve the Northeast Texas region, the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex (100 miles to the east) and the Southern United States.
	5. In the Central time zone.
	6. Midway between the East and West coasts for national distribution.
	7. Easily accessible to major Texas markets (DFW, Houston, Austin, San Antonio) and the entire Southern US and Mexico.
	8. A gateway to the South and Southeast United States.
	9. Attractive to a diversified mix of business and industry
	10. Home to four FORTUNE 500 Companies (Campbell's Soup, Kimberly-Clark, Sara Lee, NextEra Energy).
	11. A central location to major consumer markets.
	12. An excellent multi-modal transportation network (highways, air, rail).
	13. Sitting on industrial land and sites to meet the needs of both large and small industrial users.
	14. Home to an available, skilled workforce.
	15. Willing to provide specialized and customized training by Paris Junior College.
	16. An abundant water supply from Pat Mayse Lake – now and in the future.
	17. A place that provides a rich quality of life for our citizens.
	18. Home to the Tour de Paris Bike Tour and numerous events, festivals and celebrations.
	19. A place of rich and colorful history.
	20. Waiting to make your location decision quick, easy and enjoyable.

Shovel-Ready Paris Industrial Park	PEDC has developed 200 acres of light industrial and commercial land in the City of Paris. This property is shovel-ready with all utilities and roads in place. It also offers rail access and frontage to four-lane divided highway. Lot sizes are flexible to accommodate a variety of projects and can range from 1 to 40 acres and above.
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Highways	Paris is 38 miles from Interstate 30
	Paris is the intersection of US Highways 82 and 271 and Texas Highways 19 and 24
	Paris is surrounded by a divided 4-lane, controlled access loop

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Commercial Airport Service	Cox Field (In Paris City Limits)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,000 ft. asphalt, lighted runway • 2 crossways of 4,500 ft. each
	Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport (114 miles)
	Dallas Love Field (112 miles)
Rail Service	Paris is served by the Kiamichi Short Line Railroad Company with services linking to three major class one rail carriers.
Post-Secondary Schools	Paris Junior College (PJC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent collaboration with many local business and industry clients. • Approach is to <i>listen to and understand your talent needs</i> and deliver value-added, flexible workforce tools & <i>services to your business</i>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Hiring – Training – Human Resources Services
	Texas A&M – Commerce
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located 40 miles south of Paris in Commerce, Texas. • Four-year University with a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.
K-12 Public Schools	Paris Independent School District (PISD)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,787 Students; 641 Faculty; Budget: \$30,726,371 • Highlights: Academically Acceptable State Rating • New \$44,000,000 High School Campus and \$6,000,000 Football Stadium
	North Lamar Independent School District
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,973 Students; 477 Faculty; Budget: \$24,165,847 • Highlights: Recognized State Rating
	Chisum Independent School District
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 900 Students; 137 Faculty; Budget: \$8,963,650 • Highlights: Academically Acceptable State Rating 	
	Prairiland Independent School District
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,125 Students; 137 Faculty; Budget: \$10,853,414 • Highlights: Academically Acceptable State Rating

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Population (US Census Bureau)	City of Paris (2000)	25,898
	Lamar County (2008)	49,286
	NETEA 13 County Region	706,062
	Anderson County (Palestine)	
	Gregg County (Kilgore)	
	Henderson County (Athens)	
	Hopkins County (Sulphur Springs)	
	Hunt County (Commerce)	
	Lamar County (Paris)	
	Titus County (Mt. Pleasant)	
	Camp County	
	Delta County	
	Franklin County	
	Smith County	
Upshur County		
Wood County		

Labor Force Statistics (December 2009)	Location	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate	Median HH Income
	City of Paris	12,568	8.1%	\$35,044
	Lamar County	25,164	7.9%	\$40,487

Lamar County Statistics	# Households	Per-Capita Personal Income	Median HH Income	% of Adults 25 +	
				HS Diploma +	Bachelor's Degree +
		19,077	\$27,500	\$38,110	76.3%
(As of)	(2000)	(2007)	(2007)	(2000)	(2000)

Tax Rates (As of 11-10)	Corporate Tax	For reports originally due on or after 1-1-08, the tax rate is 1% for most taxable entities. Significant changes were recently made to Corporate Franchise Tax, see: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/franchise	
	Sales and Use Tax	Total Rate	8.25%
		State	6.25%
		City	1.5%
		County	.5%
	Property/Inventory Tax	City	\$0.52
		County	\$0.4131
		Paris Jr. College	\$0.18974
		Paris Ind. School District	\$1.425
		Other jurisdictions available upon request.	

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Major Industries (2008 Paris and Lamar County)	Industry Sector	# of Companies	# of Jobs in County	% of Jobs in County	Avg. Annual Wage
	Manufacturing	67	4,434	21.7%	\$48,057
	Retail, Accommodation, Food Svc.	273	4,045	19.9%	\$17,986
	Healthcare & Social Services	171	3,184	15.6%	\$30,612
	Construction	114	1,307	6.4%	\$35,191
	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	107	880	4.3%	\$27,624
	Administrative, Waste Services	50	869	4.3%	\$24,711
	Transportation/Distribution/Logistics	61	759	3.7%	\$31,318
	Professional & Technical Svc's., IT	188	639	3.1%	\$35,992
	Utilities	8	336	1.6%	\$79,114
	Wholesale Trade	54	328	1.6%	\$40,538
	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	15	129	0.6%	\$19,927
	Total Private Sector	1,108	16,910	82.8%	\$35,552
	Total Education & Public Sector	56	662	3.2%	\$23,366

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Paris, Texas is... *Attractive to Business and Industry*

Major Employers		
Company	Industry	No. Employees
Paris Regional Medical Center	Healthcare (Two Hospital Campuses)	1,000
Campbell Soup Company	Manufacturing – Food Processing/Production (Soups/ Juice/Sauces)	900
Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Manufacturing – Paper Products (Disposable Diapers)	800
Turner Industries	Manufacturing – Metal Fabrication (Pipe Products)	700
Paris ISD	Education (K-12 Public School)	640
North Lamar ISD	Education (K-12 Public School)	500
TCIM	Professional/Technical Services (Telecom/Call Center)	480
City of Paris	Government	320
We-Pack Logistics Inc.	Transportation/Distribution/Logistics (Product Packaging, Warehousing & Distribution)	300
RK Hall Construction	Construction (Highway & Bridge Contracting & Asphalt Products)	250
Paris Jr. College (PJC)	Education (2-Year Jr. College)	245 FT 150 PT
Lamar County	Government	190
Paris Packaging	Manufacturing (Paper Cartons)	176
Sara Lee Bakery Group	Manufacturing – Food Processing/Production (Snack Cakes/Bread)	175
Silgan Can Company	Manufacturing (Soup Cans)	90
T & K Machinery	Manufacturing (Aircraft Machined Parts)	79
The Paris News	Local Newspaper	50
NextEra Energy Resources – Lamar Power Partners (Florida Power & Light)	Utilities (Gas-Fired Electric Generation)	33