



Known as one of the fastest growing cities in Texas, Hutto offers small-town charm with a convenient location in Central Texas. This Eastern-Williamson County community is just a short 27-mile drive northeast of downtown Austin and offers many attractions for the entire family.

Stroll through Old Town, the original boundaries for the City of Hutto. Many historic homes have been restored and are excellent examples of the small Swedish farming community that established the town in 1911. Old Town also has a great collection of unique restaurants and shops within the Hutto Commercial Historic District. Everything is close by and easily accessed on foot or by car. Slow down, relax and come visit us... you'll find out why Hutto is a great place to live, work and visit!

1 LIVING IN HUTTO

All of the growth and change has not eroded a strong sense of community pride that has permeated Hutto since it was first settled in the mid 1800's. Swedish and German immigrants came to this area to farm and ranch and begin their new lives in America.

Hutto is the only community in the United States to use the hippo as its mascot. There are several stories that explain how the hippopotamus became Hutto's official mascot. The most popular tells of a circus train that stopped at the depot in 1915, most likely to take on passengers, pick up mail and water and feed the animals. During this historic stop, it is said that a hippo escaped and made its way to nearby Cottonwood Creek. Farmers and merchants watched in amusement as unsuccessful efforts were made to extricate the troublesome hippo from the muddy waters. Soon after the incident, the Hutto School adopted the hippo as its mascot.

2 EDUCATION

One of the assets to the Hutto community is the East Williamson County Higher Education Center-Hutto. This innovative, multi-institutional teaching center is located on 57 acres adjacent to SH-130. An 113,000-square-foot building houses both Texas State Technical College and Temple College, bringing a blend of academic and technical training opportunities to the Central Texas region. Texas A&M University-Central Texas joined the East Williamson County Higher Education Center in spring 2014 and offers full bachelor's and master's degree programs.

From Pre-School through College, Hutto offers access to excellent educational opportunities. For primary and secondary students, Hutto ISD covers 75 mile square miles and is one of the fastest growing districts in Central Texas. The University of Texas and several other area universities with a combined enrollment of over

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Welcome to Hutto, Texas. A fast-growing and vibrant business location, Hutto has undergone a transformation over the past decade from a sleepy, rural Texas farm town of 1,250 to Austin's fastest growing suburb with a population of over 23,000 people. The impetus for Hutto's exponential growth has been quality, affordable housing and excellent public schools coupled with the opening of State Highway 130 on the new Central Texas turnpike system. Low crime, great schools, affordable real estate, moderate taxes, and convenient access to the Austin region and the rest of the state have resulted in honors, such as being named one of the "Top 100 Places in Major Markets to Locate Your Business" by Southern Business & Development magazine, as well as a host of other accolades.

Central to Everything

As a key part in the Central Texas Turnpike System, State Highway 130 provides convenient access to

1 LIVING IN HUTTO

In 2003, the Texas Legislature recognized Hutto as the "Official Hippo Capital of Texas." The Hutto Chamber of Commerce arranged for a seven-ton concrete hippo named "Henrietta" to be placed along East Street in 1986. The fast-growing city of Hutto is also home to a herd of smaller concrete hippos which stand outside homes, businesses and public buildings as a symbol of community pride. Many are painted to reflect the unique character of the owner or business it represents.

Hutto's strategic location near Austin and Round Rock offers residents access to a multitude of entertainment and recreational opportunities. The City of Hutto offers 4 community parks and a Splash Pad.

COST OF LIVING

The average home cost in Hutto is \$215,813. Home appreciation the last year has been 13.40 percent. The median home price in Hutto is \$201,900. Home appreciation the last year has been 15.4 percent.

Annual Events

-Easter Egg Hunt: Occurs the Saturday after the Good-Friday holiday on Easter weekend, annually. Free to participate.

-Crawfish Festival: April, annually. Food, drink, and fun for everyone. Hosted by the Hutto Chamber.

-Central Texas Home & Garden Show: Second Saturday in May, annually. Features gardening, home decor, plant, arts and crafts, recycling, decorating, speakers and demonstrations.

-Summer Movie Series: June, July and August. Hosted by the City of Hutto Parks & Recreation Department.

-CO-OP Market Nights: Every Wednesday evening, March-October, annually. Support local farmers and get great produce and plants. Artisans and crafters will also showcase their wares. Soap, honey, and baked goods are also regularly available at the market.

-Sunset Music Series: Every Friday evening in April and September, annually. Free musical concerts of various genres. Refreshments available.

-Reds, Whites, & Brews: A unique event featuring Texas Wineries and Texas Craft Brewers. First Saturday in April, annually.

-Hutto Olde Tyme Days: Third Saturday in October. Arts and craft booths, food, live music all day, children's activities.

-Treats on East Street: Halloween night, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Booths will offer activities to children of all ages, local churches and businesses will have a Trunk-or-Treat Alley for everyone to stock up on candy for the evening.

-Old Town Christmas: Saturday morning, have Breakfast with Santa then head to Downtown. The Downtown Christmas Fair is all day on Saturday and features artisans, craft booths, food vendors, live entertainment, children's activities, Santa, and snow.

2 EDUCATION

140,000 provide an ample supply of well-educated workers to area employers. Within 200 miles of Austin, an additional 67 four-year colleges and universities enroll over 450,000 students. The newest addition to Hutto is the East Williamson County Higher Education Center-Hutto Campus which includes Temple College, Texas State Technical College, and Texas A&M-Central.

Hutto ISD offers more than just a high school diploma through a wide-range of advanced and college-level courses, dual-credit coursework; a Career and Technical Education program featuring numerous certifications including culinary arts, health sciences, business and veterinarian programs; award-winning and state-recognized art, band, music and athletic programs, a state-awarded and nationally recognized FCCLA program; and excellent expanded facilities. The district also recently became the first in the area to offer a full-day Head Start program.

During the past 10 years, the number of students attending Hutto ISD has increased from just over 1,000 students in one K-12 campus to over 6,200 students at eight campuses, and enrollment continues to grow by nearly 300 students each year.

One of the biggest advantages of locating in Hutto is the new state-of-the-art Higher Education Center. Located on a 57-acre master-planned site on SH 130, the East Williamson County Higher Education Center-Hutto is a multi-institutional teaching center providing a wide array of educational opportunities and workforce readiness programs to all of East Williamson County. Temple College and Texas State Technical College Waco have united in a visionary partnership to bring college courses and workforce readiness programs with certificate and licensure career and technical opportunities education to the residents of Williamson County. Students can complete a certificate, associate degree or transfer to one of several university partners to complete a bachelor degree. Phase 1 was just completed that includes a 113,000 square foot facility.

As the only State of Texas mandated technical college system, Texas State Technical College is designed to work with local business and industry partners to design training programs specific to area employer needs that lead to technical jobs in the State of Texas. TSTC will work with manufacturers and industries to develop targeted short-term and/or degree-level technical training as needed.

Texas A&M Central Texas also just joined the campus and offers students several Bachelor and Master Degree programs.

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the Austin region as well as important key markets such as Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth and San Antonio.

Workforce

Ask CEOs, entrepreneurs, educators and researchers why Central Texas has stayed economically vibrant through more than two decades of business trends and you'll hear one common theme—workforce. It's all about people, and the Hutto region's supply of unmatched employee talent is certainly no accident. Within the city of Hutto zip-code 78634, an impressive 20.7% of residents have at least a Bachelor's degree. Businesses that locate in the Hutto area will find a smart, adaptive, growing workforce.

The labor pool in the region is among the most energetic, innovative, and educated in the world. Here, the best and the brightest lead many diverse business sectors. And you'll find like minds coming every day to join them—whether it's from outside our area or through one of the largest talent pipelines in the country—the University of Texas.

Highway

Hutto, Texas is Conveniently Connected to the entire Central Texas region, and even the entire nation, because of the well-integrated highway system which comprises the local transportation makeup.

Hutto sits on SH-130, which consists of 90 miles of four-to-six-lane roadways, creating an easy and hassle free alternative route around Austin. SH-130, completed in September 2009, decreases the congestion, & makes travel time from one end of the metro area to the other quick & affordable.

Interstate 35, which runs from Mexico to Canada, is located only 8 minutes to the West of Hutto, and US Highway 79, which stretches from Round Rock, Texas to Shreveport, Louisiana, runs straight through the heart of Hutto.

Hutto, Texas has made great strides in meeting the infrastructure needs of new business and residents. The City of Hutto purchased the 26 mile Heart of Texas water line that provides a large part of Hutto's water from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer. In addition the City of Hutto now owns its wastewater facilities and has purchased property for a new treatment facility as growth occurs.

Telecommunications & Utilities

True to Central Texas' reputation as a world class technology center, businesses can rely on sophisticated and reliable information technologies to maintain a competitive advantage. Over 1,000 technical professionals maintain a network spanning more than 130,000 miles of fiber in Central Texas.