Midtown was a fashionable residential district before World War I. However, encroaching commercial development and heavy traffic sent high-income homeowners in search of quieter neighborhoods. The area became a mix of old homes, small apartment buildings and low-rise commercial buildings. For many years, the only stability in the community was a number of surviving churches and the Houston Community College campus in the old San Jacinto High School building. A Vietnamese business district has arisen along Milam, Webster, Fannin and San Jacinto. Spurred by the Midtown TIRZ, luxury apartment/townhome construction has begun in the western edge of the community and in areas close to Baldwin Park.

Description

Highlights

- Houston City Council Districts D & C
- Houston Independent School District
- 3 Police beats (includes bordering beats)
- 796 acres (1.24 sq. miles)
Language Spoken at Home

- English: 83%
- Spanish: 8%
- Other: 9%

Employment Status

- Employed: 96%
- Unemployed: 4%

Housing Units by Year Built

- 2010 or Later: 83%
- 2000 to 2009: 42%
- 1990 to 1999: 21%
- 1980 to 1989: 7%
- 1970 to 1979: 16%
- 1960 to 1969: 8%
- 1950 to 1959: 4%
- 1940 to 1949: 4%
- 1939 or Earlier: 8%

Housing Occupancy

- Occupied: 84%
- Vacant: 16%