How We Compare

The identification of population and demographic characteristics will help to provide a better understanding of the cities that are being served. It is important that the current demographic, social and economic patterns which may assist or with planning and implementation of different community programs.

Of the ten most populous cities in the U.S, Houston ranks fourth after New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Houston experienced an 8% increase in population between 2010 and 2017.

The profiles of demographic characteristics include population, race/ethnicity, age ranges, median age etc.

Note: People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. “Asian” includes American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders categories. “Other” includes two or more races category.
Note: School going population

### School age population
5 to 17 Years Old

- New York City: 15%
- Los Angeles: 15%
- Chicago: 15%
- Houston: 17%
- Phoenix: 19%
- Philadelphia: 15%
- San Antonio: 18%
- San Diego: 14%
- Dallas: 18%
- San Jose: 17%
- United States: 17%

### Voting age population
18 Years and Over

- New York City: 79%
- Los Angeles: 79%
- Chicago: 75%
- Houston: 73%
- Phoenix: 78%
- Philadelphia: 75%
- San Antonio: 78%
- San Diego: 80%
- Dallas: 77%
- San Jose: 77%
- United States: 77%

### The Millennial Generation
18 to 34 years

- New York City: 27%
- Los Angeles: 28%
- Chicago: 26%
- Houston: 28%
- Phoenix: 26%
- Philadelphia: 25%
- San Antonio: 29%
- San Diego: 27%
- Dallas: 29%
- San Jose: 23%
- United States: 23%

Note: Millennial generation – Young Adults

### The Middle Ages
35 to 64 years

- New York City: 35%
- Los Angeles: 36%
- Chicago: 36%
- Houston: 36%
- Phoenix: 37%
- Philadelphia: 36%
- San Antonio: 36%
- San Diego: 37%
- Dallas: 37%
- San Jose: 40%
- United States: 39%
**The Retirement Ages 65 Years and Over**

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**Note:** Senior Citizen population

**This measure divides the age distribution into two equal parts: one-half falling below and the other half above the median.**

**City of Houston, Infographic**

**Demographics**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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