PROFILE
Capital: Austin
Population: 28,304,596 (2017 estimate)
Language: English
Government: Bicameral state government
Head of Government: Governor Greg Abbot (R)
First term (term expires January 2019)
No term limit
Currency: U.S. Dollar (USD)
$1 CAD = $0.79 USD (January 2018)
Unemployment Rate: 3.9% (December 2017)
Key Industry Sectors: oil and gas, agriculture, mining, and high technology

DID YOU KNOW?
- Texas was once part of Mexico, and was then an independent republic for ten years before becoming the 28th U.S. state in 1845.
- With over 1,100 cities, Texas has more metropolitan centers than any other state, and with approximately 27 million people, is the second most populous U.S. state after California.
- The Hispanic population in Texas is expected to surpass the Caucasian population by 2020, and will make up a majority of the state population by 2042.

RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW
- Texas is a priority state for Alberta due to its important role in energy, agriculture, technology, and U.S.-Mexico relations.
- A significant movement of people accompanied the flow of capital and equipment between Texas and Alberta. The U.S. expat community in Alberta is one of the largest in the world, with many tracing their roots to Texas.
- Texas’ strong ties to Mexico, its leading export market, coupled with the growing importance of Mexico as an Alberta trade partner, could provide opportunities for joint ventures or other forms of business collaboration.
- The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers has identified 313 Texas companies that supply equipment, parts, and services being used in the development of Alberta’s oil sands.

SHARED ORGANIZATIONS
- Council of State Governments (CSG) National
- Ports-to-Plains Alliance (PTP)
- Western Governors Association (WGA)
- State Agriculture and Rural Leaders (SARL)

ENERGY/NATURAL GAS
- Texas was the leading crude oil-producing state in the U.S. in 2015 and exceeded production levels even from the federal offshore areas.
- As of January 2016, the 29 petroleum refineries in Texas had a capacity of over 5.4 million barrels of crude oil per day and accounted for 30% of total U.S. refining capacity.
- Texas accounted for over 27% of U.S. marketed natural gas production in 2015, making it the leading natural gas producer among the states.
Texas leads the U.S. in wind-powered generation capacity with more than 18,500 megawatts; in 2014 and 2015, Texas wind turbines produced more electricity than the state’s two nuclear plants.

Texas is the largest producer of lignite coal in the U.S. About 40% of the coal burned for electricity generation in Texas is lignite.

Significant growth in hydrocarbon development in Texas has been driven by the shale revolution that has unlocked new reserves of oil and natural gas in locations such as the Permian and Eagle Ford formations.

West Texas Intermediate, a grade of crude oil produced in Texas and southern Oklahoma and traded in the domestic spot market at Cushing, Oklahoma, serves as a benchmark for oil pricing in North America.

Texas is also the largest refining centre in the U.S. The state’s 27 refineries can process up to 5.2 million barrels per day in crude distillation capacity (29% of total U.S. capacity). Many of the state’s refineries are highly complex, making them well-suited to process heavy crude from the oil sands into refined products such as gasoline and diesel.

**Agriculture**

- Alberta’s 2016 agriculture and food exports to Texas totalled $255.1 million, dominated by beef ($119 million), processed potatoes ($102 million) and canola oil ($13 million).
- In 2016, bilateral agriculture and food trade between Alberta and Texas was valued at $314 million.
- In 2016, Alberta imported $59 million in agriculture and food products from Texas including fruit, vegetable and preparations ($30 million), foods and food materials ($11 million), prepared animal feed ($4 million) and cereal preparations ($3 million).
- Texas accounted for 13% of the national herd; roughly 12 million cattle and calves.
- Texas leads the U.S. in production of cotton and raises more sheep than any other state.
- Texas has the third highest (behind New York and California) concentration of food processing plants in the U.S.
- On July 29, 2016, the U.S. Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) labeling bill was signed into law, creating a national mandatory system where food makers must disclose GMO data. Laws and regulations under development within this bill will apply to both domestic and foreign-produced goods.
- Alberta and Canada will continue to work with U.S. states, Congress and the Administration to stress the importance of our trade relationship that benefits both Canada and the U.S.
- Annually, the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture attends the Legislative Agriculture Chairs (LAC) Summit.

**Technology**

- Texas has diversified its economy considerably over the past two decades. Technology products are a key industry in Texas.
- Texas exports approximately $1 billion in high tech products a year to Canada, which includes computers, electronic tubes, and semiconductors.
- In 2015, Texas exported more technology products than any other state in the U.S.

**Trade and Investment**

- From 2012-2016, Alberta’s exports to Texas averaged about $5 billion annually.
- In 2016, Alberta’s exports to Texas totalled $7.5 billion and included mineral fuels and oil, machinery, plastics, organic chemicals, and meat.
- Excluding energy exports, Alberta exported $2 billion to Texas in 2016, making it Alberta’s top non-energy market in the U.S.
- In 2016, Alberta’s imports from Texas totaled $3 billion and included light oils, railway tank cars, crude oil, machinery, and parts related to energy production.
- Alberta Economic Development and Trade’s internal economic model suggests that Alberta’s imports from Texas had an average value of US$5.7 billion between 2010-2013, when adjusted for port-of-entry.

**Recent Visits/Missions**

- March 2017: Premier Rachel Notley travelled to Houston to attend CERA Week, before continuing to Austin to meet with Governor Greg Abbott.
- January 2015: Former Premier Jim Prentice travelled to Houston to meet with oil and gas executives who have companies that operate in Alberta. He also attended the opening of the Flanagan South and Seaway Twin Pipelines in Freeport, Texas.
- January 2015: Cal Dallas, MLA Red Deer-South, travelled to Austin to participate in the PTP Quarterly Board Meeting and attended the Texas Transportation Forum.

**Diplomatic Representation**

- The U.S. Ambassador to Canada in Ottawa is Kelly Knight Craft.
- The Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. in Washington, D.C. is David MacNaughton.
- The Canadian Consulate General responsible for Texas is located in Dallas. Sara Wilshaw is the Consul General.
- The U.S. Consul General responsible for Alberta is located in Calgary. Tom Palaia is the Consul General.
- Gitane De Silva is Alberta’s Senior Representative to the U.S., located in Washington D.C.