

## quality of life

elevation: 3,927 ft.

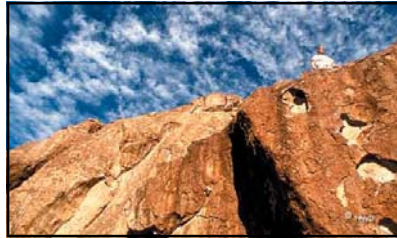
average high: 77.1°F

average low: 52.1°F

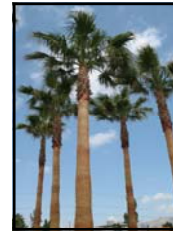
average rainfall: 9.43 in.

### Three states, two countries, one culture — El Paso, Texas.

El Paso is at the forefront of communities transcending borders — a global culture centuries in the making. On average, the sun shines more than 300 days per year, earning El Paso its “Sun City” nickname. It is also a city of historic notability, featuring archeological sites, two state parks, a national memorial and 12 different museums.



Hueco Tanks State Park, for example, is an Indian habitat that some anthropologists say dates back more than 2,000 years. Franklin Mountains State Park is the largest urban park in the nation lying completely within city limits, covering more than 24,000 acres or about 37 square miles. For the outdoor enthusiast, El Paso offers a wondrous, diverse landscape to explore, including the Rio Grande, the Franklin Mountains, and the Chihuahuan Desert.

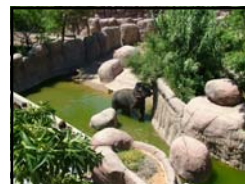
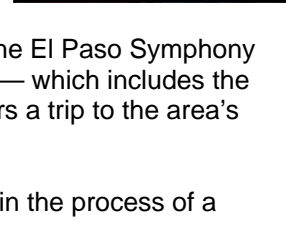


El Paso is the site for the second-oldest collegiate bowl game in the country, the Sun Bowl. In addition to the game, the Sun Bowl Association puts on an annual parade on Thanksgiving Day.

The stadium is also the football home for the University of Texas at El Paso Miners and hosts the Texas vs. The Nation Division I-A collegiate senior all-star bowl. The game pits players originally from Texas or who play college football in Texas against top players from around the country.



Year-round golf is available on a variety of public and private courses citywide, including Butterfield Trail Golf Course & Club House. It is the latest from award-winning course designer Tom Fazio, elaborating natural topographical features to “keep the golfer’s ball in play.”



The Sun City offers a variety of arts, historic and culture offerings, including the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, the El Paso Opera and three theaters. The El Paso Mission Trail — which includes the Ysleta Mission, the Socorro Mission and the San Elizario Church — also offers a trip to the area’s rich past and are the oldest active missions in the United States.

The El Paso Zoo is an 18-acre oasis for about 240 species of animals and is in the process of a major expansion to double its size and add lions, zebras, giraffes and other animals.



# el pasotexas



## community profile 2012



## housing

Median Housing Price:  
\$136,000 (Feb. 2012)

Multifamily Executive Magazine ranks El Paso #20 for the hottest multifamily housing market. (2011)



## cost of living & commute

According to the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association (ACCRA), the Cost of Living Index for El Paso is 90.9% (Annual 2011). The average cost of living in the U.S. is 100.

Despite being the 22nd-largest city in the U.S., commute time in El Paso is extremely low. The U.S. Census estimates that **40%** of El Pasoans have an **average commute of 21 minutes** and **20%** have an **average commute of 30 minutes**.

## el paso city council

Mayor John Cook

City Manager Joyce Wilson

District 1: Ann Morgan Lilly

District 3: Emma Acosta

District 5: Dr. Michiel Noe

District 7: Steve Ortega

District 2: Susie Byrd

District 4: Carl L. Robinson

District 6: Eddie Holguin

District 8: Cortney Niland

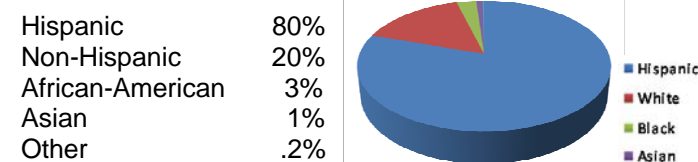


## population

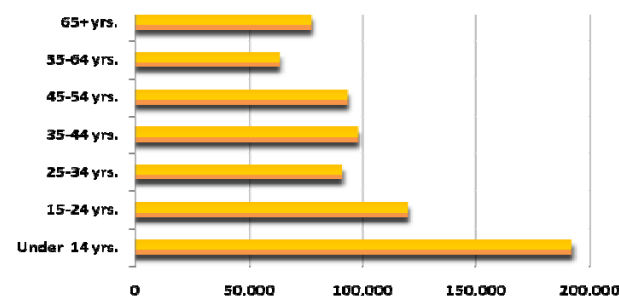
(2010 american community survey, u.s. census bureau)

City of El Paso: 649,121

El Paso County: 800,647



### population by age



## fort bliss

Fort Bliss in Northeast El Paso is the fastest-growing U.S. Army installation in the United States.



Through various Army and Department of Defense initiatives, including Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Fort Bliss will grow significantly.

By 2013:

- A net gain of approximately 34,000 troops and as many as 50,000+ family members
- \$5.7 billion additional economic impact annually
- \$248 million in new property taxes
- \$55 million in new sales taxes
- 2,000 new jobs (engineering, technical & industrial)



Additionally, Fort Bliss has been named the Army's Center for Renewable Energy. The goal has been set to produce enough energy from wind, sun and geothermal energy to power the post by 2025.

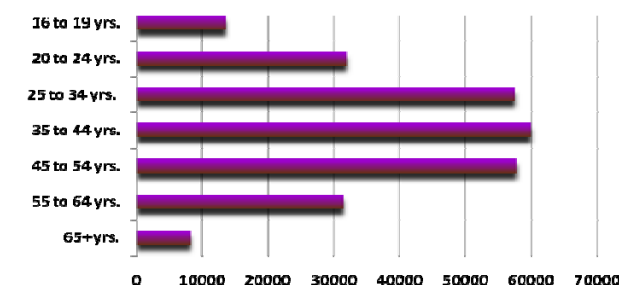
## workforce

(2009 american community survey, u.s. census bureau)

Median household income:	\$36,146
Civilian labor force:	328,500
Employment:	299,500
Unemployment:	8.8% (April 2012)

Texas is a right-to-work state

### labor force by age



## downtown revitalization

Downtown El Paso is ready to be re-established as the heart of the community. Redevelopment will transform 302.5 acres into a vibrant place to live, work, play, shop and visit via a strong public and private partnership.



El Paso is seeking to provide for a broad range of retail choices in Downtown, sites for larger retail stores to meet the strong cross-border demand, and mixed-use and multi-tenant housing opportunities.

El Paso City Council created a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone. In its first year of the TIRZ, property values climbed by 52 percent — one of the largest single year valuation increases in the history of Downtown.

To date, there has been more than \$246 million in public and private investment since 2006.

on the web: <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/downtown>

## wages

(el paso msa — bureau of labor statistics. 2011 occupational employment statistics survey)

Civil Engineer	\$76,100	Librarian	\$61,790
Pharmacist	\$126,500	Graphic Designer	\$40,220
Accountant/Auditor	\$50,420	Registered Nurse	\$63,960
Computer Programmer	\$53,380	Pediatrician	\$212,060
Architect	\$56,630	Computer Software Engineer	\$120,950
Social Worker	\$51,470	Electrician	\$35,870
Lawyer	\$107,530	Tool & Die Makers	\$42,640

## education

94 private schools, 9 area public school districts and 11 institutions of higher learning



el paso community college

A multicampus district offering a full venue of educational opportunities, workforce and career development programs and entrepreneurial services. Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools.

Enrollment: 36,079 credit students (Spring 2011)  
1,902 associate degrees awarded (2010)  
256 certificates awarded (2010)



new mexico state university

Located 40 minutes from Downtown El Paso, New Mexico State University serves as the state's land grant university. Its role as a comprehensive university is recognized throughout the state of New Mexico.

Enrollment: 18,024 (Fall 2011— main campus)  
Seven academic colleges  
(Agriculture and home economics, arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, extended learning, health and social services)



university of texas at el paso

UTEP is the only major research university in the country whose students are predominantly Mexican-American. The university is winning national recognition for its innovative teaching methods and programs.

Enrollment: 22,640 (Fall 2011)  
Six academic colleges  
(Business administration, education, engineering, health sciences, liberal arts and science)



texas tech university paul i. foster school of medicine

The Texas Tech University Paul L. Foster School of Medicine welcomed its first class of four-year medical students in August 2009.

A recent Texas Tech study showed the school will have a \$1.5 billion economic impact to the community and will create more than 500 jobs.

Currently the Thomason/Texas Tech campus is undergoing a dramatic transformation including El Paso's First Children's Hospital which opened in February 2012.

## transportation



el paso international airport

- Six airlines with 57 daily flights (Feb. 2012)
- Nonstop service to 12 cities, including Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Chicago
- Service to 8 of the nation's 10 largest air hubs
- Total passengers served: 2,947,636 (2011)
- Air Cargo complex is the largest, most modern facility along the U.S.-Mexico border



highways

- El Paso is served by two major interstates:
- I-10 is the southernmost of three coast-to-coast highways and the only one passable year-round
  - I-25 begins just north of El Paso in New Mexico and goes through Albuquerque and Denver

### international ports of entry

El Paso has five international ports of entry bordering our sister city of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico:  
**More than 19 million vehicle & pedestrian northbound crossings in 2010**

- Bridge of the Americas
- Ysleta International Bridge
- Paso del Norte Bridge
- Stanton Street DCL
- Santa Teresa

### rail (commercial & passenger)

**Union Pacific Railway** provides intermodal and other services to Los Angeles, Chicago, and Dallas through El Paso. **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad** also travels to Los Angeles and Chicago. **Amtrak's** Texas Eagle and Sunset Limited passenger lines currently serve the area from the Union Depot train station. All U.S. commercial rail carriers connect with their Mexican counterparts in El Paso/Juarez.