

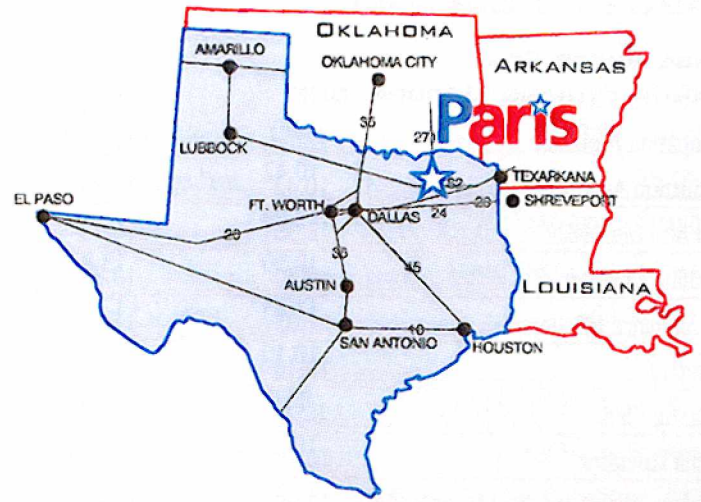
**BUILDING TODAY
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**



Paris
Texas

**PARIS
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

Paris Economic Development Corporation
Lamar County Chamber of Commerce



2005 Community Profile

TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAYS

Distance to Nearest Interstate (I-30)	38 miles
U.S. Highways	271, 82
Texas State Highways	19, 24

MOTOR FREIGHT CARRIERS

ABF Freight System	Yellow Freight
Viking Freight Lines	Federal Express
Roadway Express, Inc.	United Parcel Service
Arnold Transportation	American Freightways
Central Freight Lines, Inc.	Janie B Transportation
Merchant's Fast Motor Xpress	Schneider

RAILROAD SERVICE

Kiamichi / Rail America

AIR SERVICE

Cox Field - 6,000 foot asphalt, lighted runway with two crossways of 4,500 foot each

CLIMATE

Annual Average Temperature	63.9 Degrees
Annual Hottest Month	July - 94.0 Degrees
Annual Coldest Month	January - 29.9 Degrees
Average Annual Rainfall	47.42 Inches
Wettest Month	May - 5.72 Inches
Driest Month	August - 2.61 Inches
Humidity	56%
Number of Days Between Killing Frosts	228 Days
Mean Date of Last Freeze	March 26
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LOCATION FROM MAJOR CITIES

Texarkana - 92	Tulsa - 186
Dallas - 103	Denver - 810
Houston - 291	Chicago - 843
Austin - 294	Los Angeles - 1,469
Oklahoma City - 206	New York - 1,463

POPULATION

	2000	2004	2009
City	25,898	26,000	26,083
County	48,499	49,741	51,125
Retail Trade Area	301,077	307,404	316,665

POPULATION BY RACE (LAMAR COUNTY)

	2000	2004	2009
White	82.5%	82.3%	82.1%
Black	13.5%	13.6%	13.8%
Hispanic Ethnicity	3.3%	4.0%	60.4%

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP (LAMAR COUNTY)

	2000	2004	2009
15 - 24	13.0%	14.0%	14.3%
25 - 34	12.6%	11.8%	12.1%
35 - 54	26.8%	26.3%	25.3%
55 & Over	25.9%	26.9%	27.8%
Median Age	36.9 Years	37.5 Years	37.7 Years

Paris Has It

LABOR / WORKFORCE

WAGE RATES FOR MANUFACTURING OCCUPATIONS**:

Occupation / Job Title	Entry	High
Production Assembler	\$ 10.42	\$ 12.85
Tool And Die Maker	13.96	16.13
Machine Operator	10.50	13.87
Maintenance Mechanic	11.85	17.23
Secretary	10.10	12.27
Shipping Clerk	8.50	15.87
Forklift Operator	10.19	13.82
Welder	12.60	17.40
	City	County
Labor Force	11,817	22,205
Unemployment	801	1,353
% Unemployment	6.8	6.1
Total Employment	11,016	20,852

EDUCATION

PUBLIC EDUCATION

School Districts	Enrollment	Teachers	Student/Teacher Ratio
Paris I.S.D.	3,913	325	12:1
North Lamar I.S.D.	3,173	233	13:1
Prairiland I.S.D.	1,069	78	13:1
Chisum I.S.D.	3,945	305	13:1
Roxton I.S.D.	3,945	305	13:1

State and Industrial Job Training Available

Public School Budget (P.I.S.D.) \$26,576,406

Average S.A.T. Score (P.I.S.D.) 1077

Average A.C.T. Score (P.I.S.D.) 19.9

PRIVATE SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT

Pathway Christian Academy	29
Trinity Christian Academy	40

COLLEGES

Paris Junior College - Paris, Texas 4,076 Students

Texas A & M University - Commerce, TX (40 Miles) 8,405 Students

VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Agricultural	Drug Education
Auto Mechanics	General Construction Trades
Auto Body Repair	Health Occupations
Cosmetology	Home Economics
Jewelry Technology	

INCENTIVES

Tax Abatement	Freeport Exemption
Enterprise Zone	Economic Development Sales Tax
Training	No State Income Tax

TAXATION

(TAX RATE PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE)

		2005	2004
County -	Lamar	.4113	.3817
City -	Paris	.69225	.6950
Schools -	Paris I.S.D.	1.592	1.590
	North Lamar I.S.D.	1.589	1.6455
	Prairiland I.S.D.	1.648	1.664
	Chisum I.S.D.	1.648	1.655
	Roxton I.S.D.	1.6242	1.6123
Special District -	Paris Junior College	.1922	.1804
Total Effective Rate Per \$100		2.88775	2.847
Municipal Sales Tax		1.25%	1.25%
State Sales Tax		6.25%	6.25%
Economic Development Sales Tax		.25%	.25%
County Sales Tax		.50%	.50%

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT

City	Council - Manager
Law Enforcement Personnel	67
Fire Department Personnel	57
Insurance Grading Rate	3

GENERAL FINANCE

Banks	8
Combined Deposits	\$748,854,000
Average Household Income	\$46,323
Per Capita Income	\$19,071
Bonded Indebtedness (City)	Bonded Rating: A
General Obligation	\$18,505,000
Budgeted Revenue (City)	\$34,006,756

TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels / Motels - 8	Total Number Of Rooms - 515
Bed & Breakfasts - 2	Total Number Of Rooms - 5
Guest Ranches - 2	Total Number Of Rooms - 9

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Hospitals	1
Total Number of Beds	364
Nursing Homes	6
Total Number of Beds	808
Retirement Centers	2
Total Number of Beds	109
Home Health	10
Clinics	19
Doctors	130
Dentists	21

COMMUNITY / RECREATION FACILITIES

Parks	13
Country Clubs	2
Tennis Courts	26
Lakes	2
Bowling Centers	1
Museums	1
Youth Centers	2
Golf Courses	3
Movie Theatres	1
Restaurants	80
Skating Rinks	1
Health / Fitness Centers	2
Walk / Jog Tracks	2
Public Swimming Pool	1
Private Swimming Pools	4

OTHER RECREATION AVAILABLE:

Community Theatre	
Football Programs - Flag / Tackle	
Baseball / Softball Leagues (All Ages)	
Soccer Leagues (Fall & Spring)	
Community Concerts	
Hunting	
Fishing	
Drag Racing	
Stock Car Racing - Dirt Track	

There are six additional lakes within 45 - 90 minutes and ten additional golf courses within one hour of Paris.

CHURCHES

Protestant	109
Catholic	1
Other	N/A

UTILITY SERVICES

ELECTRIC POWER

Supplier	TXU Electric
Generating Capacity	22,808,000 KW
Reserve at System Peak	15.1%
Service Voltage	120/208, 120/240, 240/280, 277/480
Supplier	Lamar Electric Cooperative
Generating Capacity	560,000 KW
Reserve at System Peak	84,000
Service Voltage	120/208, 120/240, 277/480
Supplier	Lamar Power Partners
Generating Capacity	1000 MW Gas Fire Generating Plant
Supplier	Tenaska
Generating Capacity	230 MW Steam/Gas Fired Co-Generation Facility

NATURAL GAS

Supplier	TXU Gas
BTU Per Cubic Foot	1,070

WATER

Supplier	City Of Paris
Source	Pat Mayse Lake & Lake Crook
Maximum System Capacity	36 Million Gallons (Daily)
Maximum Daily Use to Date	26.5 Million Gallons
Average Daily Use	12.5 Million Gallons
Storage Capacity	14.5 Million (4 Mil. Elevated-10.5 Mil. Ground)
Pressure on Mains	40 PSI - 80 PSI
Size of Mains	6" - 24"

WASTEWATER

Type of Treatment Plant	Activated Sludge
Maximum Capacity	7.25 Million Gallons (Daily)
Maximum Daily Use to Date	6.0 Million Gallons
Average Daily Use	4.2 Million Gallons

TELEPHONE

Supplier	Southwestern Bell
Type of Service	Fiber-Optics
Features	Digital Data Service, 911, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Video & Computer Data Transmission

COMMUNICATION

Newspaper	1 - Daily
Radio Stations	5
Cable Television	Over 200 Channels
Dish Network, Direct TV	

MAJOR MANUFACTURERS / EMPLOYERS

BUSINESS	PRODUCT	# EMPLOYEES
Paris Regional Medical Center	Health Care	900
Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Disposable Diapers	900
Campbell Soup Company	Soups / Juice / Sauces	800
Sara Lee Bakery Group	Snack Cakes / Bread	800
Turner International Piping	Pipe Products	352
Paris Industries	Plastic Products	275
TCIM	Teleservices	250
Buster Paving Company	Highway & Bridge Contracting / Asphalt Products	178
Paris Packaging	Paper Cartons	168
We-Pack Logistics, Inc.	Custom Packaging	150
Rodgers-Wade Manufacturing	Wood Cabinets	120
Silgan Can Company	Cans	112
Flex-O-Lite	Reflective Glass Beads	75
Harrison, Walker & Harper	Construction	73
The Paris News	Newspaper	49
T & K Machinery	Aircraft Machined Parts	49
Lamar Power Partner	Electric Power	35
Valley Feed Mills	Livestock Feed / Fertilizer	32
Paris Custom Trailers	Utility Trailers	27
Sesame Solutions	Sesame Seed Products	27
Hydro-Conduit	Concrete Pipe	25
Southwestern Foundry	Brass Casting	25
Tenaska III - Texas Partners	Electric Power	22

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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skilled workforce
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