Economic Highlights
Location
Located about ten miles northwest of downtown Houston, Acres Home (also known as Acres Homes or Acreage Homes), is a unique mix of rural and urban. The historic neighborhood, once considered the South’s largest unincorporated African American community, was developed during World War I and got its name because land there was sold by the acre, instead of by the lot. The land was cheap and offered rural settlers ample space.

Because of its proximity to downtown and the vast amount of affordable, heavily-wooded land that still exists there today, the community has attracted the attention of a number of developers, including hip hop artist Slim Thug who grew up in Acres Home. Other big names from Acres Home include current Houston Mayor, Sylvester Turner, award-winning actress Loretta Devine, and rappers Chamillionaire and Paul Wall.

Affectionately known as the “44” due to the Metro bus that runs through the community, Acres Home is open for business.

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Population and Demographics

**Population**

- Population: 54,623
- Median Age: 34.3
- Foreign Born: 22.2%

**Age**

- Under 18 Years: 27.5%
- 18 to 24 Years: 9.7%
- 25 to 34 Years: 14.8%
- 35 to 44 Years: 12.1%
- 45 to 54 Years: 11.5%
- 55 to 64 Years: 12%
- 65 to 74 Years: 8%
- 75 Years and Over: 4.4%

**Race**

- 51.9% Black or African American
- 26.3% White
- 15.6% Some Other Race
- 2.8% Asian
- 2.7% Two or More Races
- 0.7% American Indian and Alaska Native
- 0.0% Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander

**Ethnicity**

- 26.3% White (Non-Hispanic/Latino)
- 38.8% Hispanic/Latino
- 34.9% Other

Economic Indicators

**Key Facts**

- **Average Household Size**: 3.0
- **74.8% Veteran Labor Force Participation Age 18 to 64**
- **Median Household Income**: $39,102

**Business**

- **Total Businesses**: 1,693
- **Total Employees**: 12,980
- **Unemployment Rate**: 7.3%

**Income**

- **Average Household Income**: $52,540
- **Per Capita Income**: $17,135
- **Median Net Worth**: $25,496

**Education**

- **27% No High School Diploma**
- **34% High School Graduate**
- **25% Some College**
- **15% Bachelors/Prof/Grad Degree**

As of 2019Q2, total employment for the Acres Home, TX (Area) was 12,980 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2019Q2, employment increased 2.0% in the region.

The average worker in the Acres Home, TX (Area) earned annual wages of $68,041 as of 2019Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 3.0% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were $57,025 in the nation as of 2019Q2.
Acres Homes
Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 6.5% lower in Acres Home, TX (Area) than the U.S. average.

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Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2019Q1 Cost of Living per C2ER, data as of 2019Q1, imputed by Chmura where necessary.
Industry Snapshot

Employment Share by Industry Sector

- Educational Services
- Manufacturing
- Retail Trade
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Wholesale Trade
- Construction
- Accommodation & Food Services
- Other Services (except Public Administration)
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- Transportation and Warehousing
- Other Industry Sectors

Projected Annual Growth

Employment in the Acres Home Service Area is projected to expand by 135 Jobs.

+2.2% Year over Year

Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction are the fastest growing sector in the region.

Over the next 1 year, employment in the Acres Home, TX (Area) is projected to expand by 135 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction with a +2.2% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Educational Services (+29 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+19), and Construction (+15).

Source: JobsEQ® Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2018Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2019Q1. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.
Top Industries

The largest sector in the Acres Home, TX (Area) is Educational Services, employing 2,216 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Manufacturing (1,946 workers) and Retail Trade (1,317). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Wholesale Trade (LQ = 2.31), Educational Services (2.26), and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (2.08).

Sectors in the Acres Home, TX (Area) with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises ($175,795), Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction ($152,472), and Finance and Insurance ($112,873). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (+165 jobs), Educational Services (+119), and Construction (+77).

Top Employers

- Aldine Independent School District
- B H Goodman Bus Service Inc.
- Black Diamonds Houston
- Forged Vessel Connections
- Houston Independent School District
- International Paint LTD
- Mrs Baird’s Bakeries Inc
- Tech-Seal International

Source: North Houston Economic Development Center 2019

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Education and Employment Growth

The eastern part of Acres Home is located in the Houston Independent School District (HISD), while the western portion of the community is in the Aldine Independent School District. A northern portion of Acres Home falls within the Klein Independent School District. For the territory covered by HISD, Houston Community College services the area. Lone Star College serves the Aldine ISD portion.

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Acres Home, TX (Area) is projected to grow 1.1% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.6% per year, those requiring a bachelor’s degree are forecast to grow 1.4% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.4% per year.

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2019Q1. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.
Lone Star College is the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with six college campuses, and is one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the nation. Not only great in size, Lone Star College is a key driver and growing contributor to the local and regional economy with an annual economic impact of $3.1 billion.

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