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The truth is, Victoria is just a really great place to do business! Our economy is vibrant, diverse, and full of expanding business options and opportunities.

Victoria's premium location in the state of Texas puts us in the geographic center (and within a two-hour drive) of three of the fastest growing cities in the United States - Austin, Houston and San Antonio. Victoria's location will play a vital role in the development of the proposed NAFTA interstate, I-69. This "high-priority" project designated by the U. S. Congress, has selected Victoria as an intersecting point for two proposed interstate projects to the Rio Grande Valley and the Mexico border.

Our free-flowing regional transportation network includes a four-lane, interstate quality highway with proposed I-69 designation, heavy haul roads, excellent rail, inland barge canal, shallow-draft port, deep-water port, and a commercial airport to insure Victoria's ability to meet any company's required transportation needs.

Economic growth in the manufacturing industry, expanding petrochemical and industrial chemical plants, the rebirth of oil and gas exploration, a growing medical services community, a high-speed fiber optic telecommunications network, growing higher education and a burgeoning retail trade sector have made Victoria one of the most progressive and fastest developing cities in Texas.

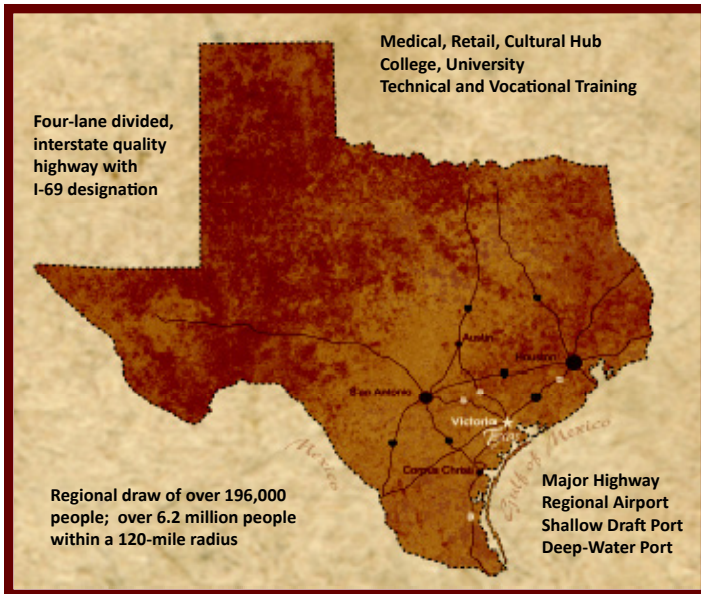
The Victoria region employs a divergent, hard-working labor force - drawing from over 196,000 people. Employees further their job skills by attending employer-sponsored courses at the Victoria College and the University of Houston-Victoria. The Texas Workforce Solutions of the Golden Crescent, reaches out to all of the Golden Crescent's more than 4000 employers through a wide range of services, including assistance with recruiting, retention, training and retraining, and outplacement services, as well as available information on labor law and labor market statistics.

In business, growth often begins with an idea; a vision that leads you to explore new horizons and new opportunities. In Victoria, we're helping our businesses to clarify that vision and expand those opportunities!

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# TRANSPORTATION



## Victoria Regional Airport

Located on US Hwy. 59, 5 miles NE of Victoria; Victoria Regional Airport provides flights to Austin and Houston via Texas Sky Airways/ Public Charters, Inc. connecting travelers to state, national and international airports. Multiple air freight services to Victoria are available. Important aviation related services include on-airport fire department, 9,101 x 150 primary runway, state-of-the-art runway signage and lighting, fuel service-Jet A and AvGas, rental cars, aircraft storage and an FAA air traffic control tower. [www.flyvictoriatx.com](http://www.flyvictoriatx.com)

## Port of Victoria

Located 10 miles from downtown Victoria, the Port of Victoria is a shallow draft port situated within an industrial park, offering outstanding service by barge, rail, and four-lane divided highways. Approximately one mile of barge frontage and a newly completed \$10+ million bulk cargo dock and fleeting area along with improved ground storage areas are available. A lighting system allows for 24-hour cargo operations. Major products transferred are liquid and dry bulk and general and project cargos. [www.portofvictoria.com](http://www.portofvictoria.com)

## Victoria Barge Canal

The Victoria Barge Canal is a 35 mile long waterway that connects the Port of Victoria to the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway (GIWW). The sea-level waterway channel has a 12' depth the entire length of the canal and horizontal clearance of 125 feet. The GIWW links Victoria to the entire Gulf Coast from Brownsville, Texas to Apalachee Bay, Florida and also to the Mississippi River, Ohio River and their connecting canal and river basins with 14,000 miles of inland waterways.

## Deep Water Port

The Calhoun Port Authority is located 30 miles from downtown Victoria. The port is accessible by rail and highways and offers handling for break bulk, containerized and heavy-lift cargoes with water draft of 36 feet and unlimited air draft. The conveyor dock accommodates both bulk and liquid cargoes with an operating berth depth of 17 feet. Additional deep water port access is available at the Port of Corpus Christi and the Port of Houston located 90 and 140 miles, respectively, from Victoria, Texas. [www.calhounport.com](http://www.calhounport.com)

## Highways

Victoria's excellent highway system includes US Hwy-87, US Hwy-77, US Hwy-59 (proposed I-69), and easy access to Interstate Highways I-10, I-35, and I-37. This network connects Victoria to neighboring cities and to all parts of the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

## Interstate 69 Project

U.S. Hwy. 59 is the main highway system serving Victoria. The U.S. Congress has designated U.S. Hwy. 59 as a "high-priority" corridor which will facilitate its development as the future I-69, the NAFTA Superhighway. Victoria is strategically located on the proposed I-69 roadway stretching from Canada to Mexico. More U.S.-Mexico trade passes through South Texas than all other Border States combined.

## Railroads

Union Pacific (UP) is the primary operator of the rail lines in Victoria County. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and Kansas City Southern (KCS) have track rights to operate on the UP lines.

## Motor Freight

More than 50 trucking companies serve the Victoria area. These general trucking, motor freight carriers, heavy hauling, and liquid and dry bulk carriers cost effectively move products.

## Distance to Major Cities

Atlanta .....	929	Corpus Christi.....	93	Houston .....	122	Oklahoma City.....	526
Austin .....	123	Dallas .....	295	Memphis .....	713	Detroit.....	1,461
Chicago .....	1,299	Denver.....	1,087	New Orleans.....	466	San Antonio.....	116
Jackson, MS .....	565	Toronto Ontario CAN.....	2,025	Mexico City MX.....	928	Monterrey MX .....	337

# DEMOGRAPHICS

## Population (2010 U. S. Census; 2015 est.)

Golden Crescent Region County Population	By Age Group				Ethnicity			
	20/24	25/34	35/34	55+	White	Hispanic	Black	
Calhoun	21,895	5.6	11.4	26.2	27.5	81.5	46.4	2.6
DeWitt	20,797	4.6	10.8	27.8	31.8	75.7	32.4	9.3
Goliad	7,531	3.8	8.3	27.3	35.3	83.7	34.1	4.8
Gonzales	20,573	6.0	11.6	25.7	27.2	71.5	47.2	7.4
Jackson	14,816	5.2	11.6	25.7	35.9	81.3	29.0	7.0
Lavaca	19,836	4.2	9.5	25.3	35.9	86.0	16.0	6.8
Victoria	<u>92,382</u>	6.3	12.8	26.1	25.2	79.5	43.9	6.4
Totals	197,830							

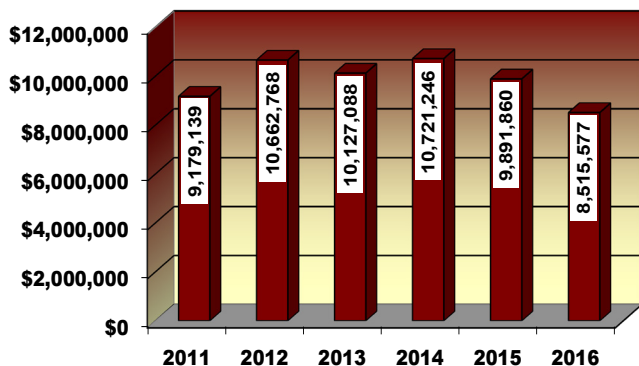
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Effective Buying Income (2010 U. S. Census)

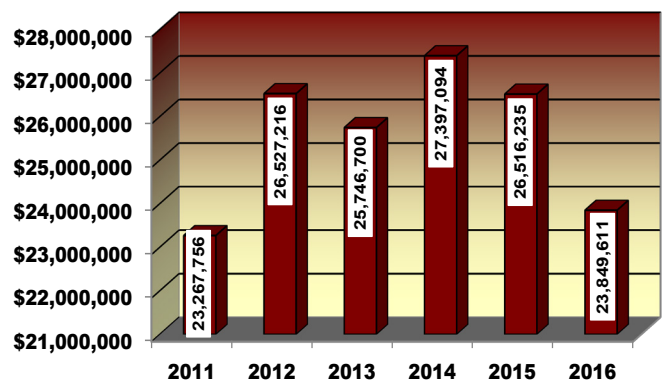
	Calhoun County	DeWitt County	Goliad County	Gonzales County	Jackson County	Lavaca County	Victoria County
Number of Households	7,971	7,361	2,920	7,036	5,030	7,974	31,917
\$25,000 - \$49,999	28.7%	30.3%	21.4%	28.8%	24.9%	29.0%	26.3%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	30.4%	25.3%	34.5%	29%	31.1%	31.0%	31.9%
\$100,000 & over	13.0%	14.1%	18.8%	8.9%	16.8%	11.0%	16.8%
Per Capita Income	\$22,835	\$20,020	\$28,120	\$18,716	\$24,337	\$23,168	\$24,146
Median Household Income	\$43,258	\$40,668	\$51,786	\$37,094	\$47,483	\$41,429	\$48,767

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Victoria County Annual Sales Tax Receipts



### City of Victoria Annual Sales Tax Receipts



# LABOR FORCE

## Major Employers Golden Crescent Region

All economic indicators point to a bright future for the Victoria economy. Skilled workers, an ample labor force, in-place job training programs and a strong work ethic meet prospective companies when they enter the Victoria market. Regional employers boast that our local plants are the most productive within their corporate families. Texas is a right-to-work state. Less than 2% union employment is reported in the Golden Crescent region which is comprised of Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties. There are more than 380,000 people within a 65 mile radius of Victoria; 6.2 million people within 120 mile radius.

Formosa Plastics Group.....2,935 .....	Petrochemical/Plastics	Performance Food Group .....228 .....	Food Distribution
The Intoplast Group .....2,343 .....	Plastic Products	Edna ISD .....223 .....	Education
Victoria ISD.....2,209 .....	Education	Goliad ISD .....209 .....	Education
DOW-Seadrift Operations .....1,200 .....	Petrochemical	Berry Plastics .....178 .....	Plastics
Citizens Medical Center .....1,067 .....	Hospital	Industrial ISD .....176 .....	Education
DeTar Healthcare System .....871 .....	Hospital	Victoria Air Conditioning .....152 .....	Installation / Service
Regency Post Acute Health.....650 .....	Healthcare System	Twin Pines Rehabilitation .....148 .....	Healthcare
INVISTA .....600+ .....	Petrochemical	Boedeker Plastics.....147 .....	Plastic Products
Caterpillar - NAHEX Victoria.....575+ .....	Heavy Manufacturing	Gulf Bend Center. ....147 .....	Social Services
Calhoun ISD .....556 .....	Education	INEOS Nitriles .....131 .....	Petrochemical
Gonzales ISD .....443 .....	Education	New Distributing Co.,Inc.....130 .....	Fuels & Lubricant Dist.
University of Houston-Victoria .435 .....	Education	Atzenhoffer.....129.....	Auto Dealership
Orion Marine Group .....402 .....	Construction / Dredging	Bloomington ISD.....128 .....	Education
Kaspar Wireworks.....375.....	Metalworks/Plating	American Electric Power/CPL ....120 .....	Utility
Cuero ISD.....366 .....	Education	Fordyce Holdings .....118 .....	Sand & Gravel
Victoria College .....295 .....	Education	Texas Concrete Company.....110 .....	Concrete/Construction
Memorial Medical Center .....268 .....	Hospital	Seadrift Coke .....109 .....	Needle Coke
South Texas Electric Co-op.....267 .....	Utilities	LyondellBasell.....100.....	Petrochemical
Cuero Community Hospital .....247 .....	Hospital	DuPont.....94.....	Petrochemical
Gonzales Healthcare System .....239 .....	Hospital		
Devereux-Victoria.....237 .....	Social Services		

Source: VEDC, February 2017

### Average Hourly Wage - 2015

Administrative Assistant..... \$19.48	Operating Engineers ..... \$14.77	Plumber/Pipefitter ..... \$20.99
Assemblers & Fabricators ..... \$13.02	Emergency Med. Tech. .... \$11.20	Police/Patrol Officer ..... \$20.54
Automotive Mechanic ..... \$14.16	Heating/AC Mechanic..... \$18.01	Painter, Construction ..... \$20.00
Bookkeeping, Accounting ..... \$13.68	Helpers, Production..... \$10.88	Receptionist..... \$9.89
Carpenter ..... \$14.85	LVN/ Lic. Practical Nurse ..... \$18.24	Sales Rep. Wholesale..... \$20.01
Computer Programmers..... \$37.15	Machinists ..... \$19.49	Supervisor, Construction ..... \$25.89
Construction Equip. Oper. .... \$14.77	Maint. Repair General ..... \$16.09	Supervisor, Production ..... \$29.17
Construction Laborers ..... \$11.74	Managers, General ..... \$35.44	Truck Driver, Light..... \$16.01
Electricians ..... \$20.58	Marketing Research Spec ..... \$27.23	Welder ..... \$14.91

Source: Socrates, Texas Wages, Local Workforce Development Area

**Texas is a Right-to-Work State.**

# EDUCATION

## Independent School Districts

	Victoria	Goliad	Calhoun	Edna	Ganado	Industrial
Student Population	14,428	1,346	4,172	1,556	771	1,217
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$7,422	\$9,427	\$7,516	\$7,803	\$7,887	\$8,603
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	14.4/1	12.5/1	15.4/1	13/1	13.7/1	13.4/1
% Professional Staff						
with Master's Degree or Higher	16.4%	16.1%	12.7%	14%	16.5%	12.7%
Average SAT Score	1392	1360	1458	1369	*	1528
High School Graduates	743	98	278	102	60	91
% Students Taking SAT Tests	45%	53.1%	38.5%	46.1%	56.7%	63.7%

Source: Texas Education Agency 2015-16 Academic Performance Report

## Public Schools

The Victoria Independent School District is the largest public school system in the Golden Crescent region with 18 elementary schools, four middle schools, two new high schools and a magnet high school, 110 total buildings including a natatorium and fine arts center, 48 athletic fields and more than 2,100 employees. Also in place within the VISD system are Magnet School programs, including a Montessori program, programs for gifted students, a campus at Devereux Foundation for those students with exceptional needs, one alternative program campus as well as a Career & Technical Institute that offers classes in welding, computer networking, food management and production, cosmetology, auto repair and building trades.

The Calhoun County Independent School District has 9 education sites including one high school. Jackson county has three school districts, the Edna ISD, Industrial ISD and Ganado ISD. Jackson county has 13 education sites, including three high schools.

## Private Schools

Victoria offers exceptional alternatives to public education for those parents who wish to educate their children in a religious environment.

The Archdiocese of Victoria is home to two Catholic elementary and secondary schools and one high school, with a combined student population of over 1,000 pupils. Additionally, the two elementary schools offer preschool programs. Calhoun county's Our Lady of the Gulf offers kindergarten through grade 6.

Crossroads Christian School and Faith Academy offer Pre-K through high school; Trinity Episcopal School, Pre-K through grade 8, and Victoria Christian School, Kindergarten through grade 10.

Victoria's public and parochial schools aim for excellence in all their aspects.

## Colleges and Universities

More than 60 colleges and universities are located within a 150-mile radius of Victoria including the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Rice University and the University of Houston. Some of the nation's premier research facilities are located on these campuses.

It's a short commute to higher education for Victoria students intent on a university degree.

## College Enrollments

	Spring 2017
Victoria College	3,626
University of Houston-Victoria	3,909

Source: Victoria College, UH-V

## The Victoria College

The Victoria College is an open admissions two-year community college offering freshman and sophomore academic transfer courses, and a variety of one and two-year technical training programs. Continuing education opportunities in a variety of subjects, and programs of community interest are also offered. Victoria College's new \$22M Emerging Technology Complex is a clear signal to industry representatives of Victoria's commitment to workforce development. More than 100,000 SF of education and conference space including a state-of-the-art Industrial Training Center allows for specialized programs.

## University of Houston-Victoria

The University of Houston-Victoria offers students an opportunity to obtain bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and professional certification programs in the fields of arts and sciences, business administration, education and human development, and nursing. The University is home to four publications including the American Book Review and the UHV/ABR reading series featuring nationally recognized writers on visits to the Victoria campus. Student athletes excel in the classroom and on the field in the baseball, softball, soccer, and golf programs.

The UH-V Small Business Development Center offers assistance to new and start-up companies.

Together these institutions provide leading-edge education and training to meet the challenging requirements of industry and offer residents and businesses the opportunity to continually update their skills.



# ECONOMIC FACTORS

## Government

City of Victoria operations are managed by an elected mayor/city council form of government.

Victoria county government is managed by an elected commissioners' court with an elected county judge serving as administrator.

### Municipal Services

Council of Government Member .....	Yes
City Planning Commission.....	Yes
Current General Obligation Bond Rating .....	AA
Current Utility System Revenue Bonds Rating .....	AA-
Police .....	118
City of Victoria Fire Fighters.....	114
Hazardous Materials Response.....	Yes
Fire/EMS/Rescue outside city.....	Yes
Rescue Service .....	Yes
Ambulance Service .....	Yes

## Construction

### Zoning

There are no restrictive zoning regulations in the city of Victoria or Victoria county.

**Building and Inspections** is the department responsible for permitting activity within the city limits of Victoria.

**Planning Department** is a multifunctional department overseeing land development through the administration of the Subdivision and Development Ordinance, managing various community grant programs, transportation and air quality planning as well as the implementation of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for the City of Victoria. Construction, building and residential development permits can be obtained through the city of Victoria Building and Environmental Inspections Department.

## Utilities

### Raw Water

The City has a permit to withdraw 20,000 acre/feet of raw water from the Guadalupe River. There is also a back-up supply of 10,000 acre/feet stored in off-channel reservoirs to the West of the Guadalupe River. In addition, there is an emergency supply consisting of 10 wells each of which produces 1500 gallons per minute.

### Treatment Capacity

The City has a 25.2 million gallon per day surface water treatment facility and a groundwater treatment facility capable of treating 12 million gallons of groundwater per day.

### Pumping Capacity

The City has the ability to pump 21 million gallons per day of treated water to the low-pressure plane of the distribution system and is capable of pumping 17 million gallons per day to the high-pressure plane.

### Storage Capacity

The city has 4.5 million gallons of treated water stored in its clear wells at the surface water treatment plant, 5.5 million gallons of treated water stored in ground storage tanks in the low pressure plane, and 1.5 million gallons of treated water stored in ground storage tanks in the high pressure plane. In addition there is 5.5 million gallons of treated water stored in the five elevated water towers.

### Electric

American Electric Power is the electric transmission company in the area. Texans have the power to choose their electricity power provider. Go to [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org) for current retail energy suppliers.

### Natural Gas

Centerpoint Energy Entex is the natural gas distribution company that serves the Victoria area.

## Communications

### Telephone

ATT provides local and long distance voice service, high speed Internet access, directory advertising and publishing.

Long-distance services are also provided by Capital Telecom, CenturyTel, MCI, Tel-Com and Sprint.

Victoria is connected via a 250-mile fiber optic line linking Victoria to Corpus Christi and Houston.

DSL and ISDN high-speed lines are available in Victoria. The high-speed information transmission service connects Victoria through Corpus Christi.

### Internet

Victoria's communications infrastructure is second to none for same sized communities. Home to a number of communications providers, Victoria provides the same telecommunications related products and services available in the major metropolitan areas throughout Texas. A complex and complete communications infrastructure lets residents and businesses meet virtually any need from dial-up to competitive high-speed broadband services, telecommunications, cable, and satellite. Web design, hosting, and other related services are also available.

# ECONOMIC FACTORS

## Television

The Victoria Television Group operates six major television stations, including its flagship KAVU Newscenter 25. These stations provide the Golden Crescent and surrounding 13 counties with news, network and local programming, and a team of certified meteorologist who track storm conditions via live Doppler radar.

**KAVU (ABC 25)**                      **KVCT (FOX 19)**  
**KMOL(NBC)**                        **KXTS (CBS)**  
**KUNU (UNIVISION 21)**   **KVTX (TELEMUNDO45)**

## Newspaper

The Victoria Advocate is a 33,400 circulation daily newspaper delivered to homes in Victoria and 14 surrounding counties. Sunday circulation of over 34,000.

Visit [www.victoriaadvocate.com](http://www.victoriaadvocate.com) to view their digital copy. The range of services include internet access, web site creation and advertising along with news and information. In a typical month approximately 80,000 area residents visit the digital copy..

Founded May 8, 1846 and Texas' second oldest newspaper, the Victoria Advocate has grown to become one of the state's largest family-owned daily newspapers.

## Taxes

### Franchise Tax

The Texas franchise tax is a privilege tax imposed on each corporation and limited liability company chartered/organized in Texas or doing business in Texas. For franchise tax purposes, the term 'corporation' also includes a bank, state limited banking association, savings and loan association, limited liability company, professional limited liability company, a corporation that elects to be an S corporation for federal income tax purposes, and a professional corporation.

### Sales & Use Tax

The state levies a sales and use tax of 6.25% on sales of tangible personal property and certain services. The City of Victoria and Victoria County add an additional sales tax of 2.0% making the total combined rate of 8.25%. There are exemptions for groceries, medicine, property for resale, manufacturing equipment and many items used exclusively on farms and ranches for food production.

### Income Tax

Texas has no personal or corporate income tax. A state franchise tax applies to all corporations with representation in Texas.

## Victoria Property Tax Rate 2016-2017

City of Victoria	.5892
Victoria County	.3299
The Victoria College	.2065
Victoria ISD	1.2663
Road & Bridge	.0660
Victoria Navigation District	.0266
Victoria County Drainage District #3	.0297
<u>Victoria County Ground Water District</u>	<u>.00878</u>
<b>Total Effective Rate</b>	<b>\$2.522980/\$100</b>

Source: Victoria County Tax Assessor

### Ad Valorem (Property) Tax

Texas has no state property tax. Local governments and special taxing districts levy taxes on real and tangible personal property. All property is appraised at full market value, and taxes are assessed by local county assessors on 100% of appraised value.

### Payroll Costs

Businesses that employ one or more individuals may be subject to the state unemployment tax. Employers pay a unemployment tax on the first \$9,000 of each employee's annual compensation. The minimum effective tax rate for 2017 is .59% and the maximum effective tax rate is 8.21%.

### Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax

Hotel occupancy tax in the city of Victoria is paid by patrons staying in local hotels and is currently 13%; which is made up of a 6% state tax and 7% city tax.

# Local and State Incentives

## LOCAL INCENTIVES

### ***Tax Abatement***

The city and county of Victoria have established guidelines for the creation of reinvestment zones and granting tax abatements. Manufacturing, research or regional service facilities, distribution centers or other basic industries are eligible to apply. Economic qualifications include an increase to the appraised value of the property equal to or in excess of \$500,000, and creation of a minimum of ten full-time positions. Abatements are granted for up to eight years. Investments of \$100 million and over, or the creation of 100 new primary jobs could qualify for 10-year 100% abatement.

### ***Triple Freeport Tax Exemption***

The City of Victoria, Victoria County, Victoria Independent School District, and Bloomington Independent School District all allow Freeport exemption on certain types of tangible personal property (i.e., inventory) from ad valorem (property) taxation provided the property is:

- Acquired in or imported into Texas to be forwarded out of the state.
- Detained in Texas for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing, or fabricating purposes by the entity acquiring or importing it.
- Transported out of state within 175 days after the date acquired or imported it into Texas.

### ***Foreign Trade Zone***

FTZ #155, located in Victoria and Calhoun counties, offers multiple, general purpose and sub-zone sites throughout a 1,400 acre area. Foreign and domestic merchandise considered to be in international commerce can be moved into an FTZ without formal U. S. Customs entry or payment of Customs duties or excise tax. If the final product is imported into the U. S., Customs duty and excise taxes are due when the final product leaves the FTZ and formally enters the U. S. No duty or excise tax is levied if the final product is exported from the U. S.

### ***Chapter 313 Value Limitation Agreement***

Victoria Independent School District (VISD) has the ability to offer projects a cap on property tax valuation for up to ten years according to the Texas Economic Development Code or Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

### ***Type B Sales Tax Corporation Grants***

Selected use of the Type B Sales Tax Corporation funds may be available for qualifying businesses in support of capital investment in real property or added infrastructure. The amount of the grant is dependent upon the company investment, job creation, and payroll.

## STATE INCENTIVES

### ***State Sales and Use Tax Refunds/Enterprise Zone Projects***

Businesses locating in either the City or County may be eligible for state sales and use tax refunds. To be eligible, a business must be nominated by the county and designated by Texas Department of Economic Development as an enterprise project. A designated project must be active and at least 25% of its new positions must be occupied by economically disadvantaged residents of the county or an area defined as disadvantaged by state law.

An enterprise project is eligible for a maximum of a \$1.25 million (\$250,000 per year over 5 years) refund for state sales and use taxes paid for building materials and machinery and equipment (including office equipment, computers, desks, etc.). The refund is based on the rate of \$2,500/job.

### ***Texas Enterprise Fund***

The State of Texas managed Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) will come into play when the project has selected a single site in the state of Texas that will compete with a site from out of the state. Funds can be used for a variety of economic development projects, including infrastructure development, community development, job training programs and business incentives.

To be eligible, a project must demonstrate a significant return on the state's investment and strong local support. Grant awards vary based on the rate of return on investment to the state. The competitive review process considers job creation and wages, capital investment, the financial strength of the applicant, the applicant's business history, analysis of the relevant business sector, and public and private sector financial support.

### ***Skills Development Grant for Job Training***

The Victoria College has a history of partnering with local industry to develop specialized training as needed to provide a productive workforce. Victoria College has also been very successful in obtaining Skills Development Grants from the Texas Workforce Development Commission to help fund job training for specific employers. Since 2006, the Victoria College has received Skills Development Grants totaling \$9.1 million which has provided 294,000 training hours for 5,309 area employees.

### ***Manufacturing Equipment Exemption***

Qualified manufacturing equipment and machinery may be exempt from state and local sales tax paid on the purchases of qualified machinery and equipment. Machinery or equipment must be used directly in the manufacturing, processing, fabrication or repair of tangible personal property to be sold.

### ***Texas Capital Fund***

The Texas Capital Fund program provides loans and grants to non-entitlement communities on behalf of businesses that hire 51% low-and-moderate-income persons. Program funds are awarded through the Texas Department of Agriculture.



# MEDICAL

## Medical

Victoria is fortunate to have a very strong healthcare industry serving seven counties in a 70-mile radius. Even though Austin, Houston and San Antonio are only 125 miles away, out migration to the metropolitan cities for healthcare is limited. Between Citizens Medical Center, DeTar Healthcare System, the two hospitals at Warm Springs, and the Post Acute Medical Specialty Hospital of Victoria, there are more than 720 beds for inpatient care and a wide array of ancillary and outpatient services. Ancillary services, not commonly found in a market the size of Victoria include DeTar's Pet scanner (positron emission tomography), nuclear medicine, and an open MRI, to mention a few. Specialized medical services and programs include radiation oncology, sleep disorder centers, occupational medicine, health and wellness centers and a free standing surgery center.

There are over 270 physicians in Victoria representing nearly every medical specialty. In addition to an ample number of primary care physicians, you'll also find occupational medicine specialists, physiatrists, neurosurgeons, plastic surgeons, infectious diseases specialists and many other physicians that one would only expect to find in a larger metropolitan area.

### **Citizens Medical Center**

Founded in 1956, Citizens Medical Center is a 344-bed, not-for-profit, community-owned acute care hospital serving Victoria and the 12-county region. This fully-accredited major medical center employs more than 900 people and maintains a medical staff of physicians representing 34 specialties. Special features include the Women's Pavilion, Kathryn O'Connor Regional Cancer Center, Citizens HealthPlex, pediatrics, wound care, pain management, complete diagnostics, laboratory, respiratory therapy, day surgery, skilled nursing, sleep center, 24-hour pharmacy, home health agency, bariatric center, and two off-campus imaging centers.

Citizens Medical Center is affiliated with two rural health clinics and offers the region three state-of-the-art MRI's and four CT scan units, including the area's only in-house PET/CT unit. Their commitment to quality was recognized in 2008 by DNV Healthcare Inc., an accrediting agency that bases its program on the integration of ISO 9001 Quality Management Processes. [www.citizensmedicalcenter.org](http://www.citizensmedicalcenter.org)

### **DeTar Healthcare System**

Founded in 1925, DeTar Healthcare System is a 304-bed, acute care system that includes two hospitals: DeTar Hospital Navarro and DeTar Hospital North. DeTar Hospital Navarro features a comprehensive cardiac program, an accredited Chest Pain Center, the area's only Medicare-certified inpatient rehabilitation, Level III Trauma Center, and a Joint Commission-accredited Primary Stroke Center. DeTar Hospital North focuses on the care of women and children, and also includes a bariatric surgery program, robotic-assisted surgery and Level IV Trauma Center.

DeTar Healthcare System is a patient-centered provider of doctors and healthcare professionals, employing over 800 local residents working to be a place of healing, caring and connection for patients and families in the community. [www.detar.com](http://www.detar.com)

### **Post Acute Medical Specialty Hospital of Victoria**

Post Acute Medical Specialty Hospital of Victoria is a 23 bed long-term acute care facility located inside DeTar Hospital Navarro. They provide a full spectrum of intensive and specialized care for the acutely ill/medically complex patient requiring extended care before transitioning home or to the next level of care.

### **Warm Springs in Victoria**

Warm Springs operates two hospitals in north Victoria; Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital of Victoria and Warm Springs Specialty Hospital. The newly opened 26 bed, rehabilitation facility provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation for adults and children and is located around the corner from their 26 bed, long-term acute care hospital that has been in Victoria since 1998. The rehabilitation hospital specializes in physical, occupational, and speech therapies while patients with complex health issues may utilize the long-term acute care hospital. [www.warmsprings.org](http://www.warmsprings.org)

### **Cuero Community Hospital**

Serving Cuero and the DeWitt County community, the Cuero Community Hospital offers an ICU, ER, Education Center, EMS building and CCH Medical Plaza, a building for physician offices, outpatient, laboratory and radiology services, in addition to a new Childbirth Center and a Hydrotherapy Unit.

### **Other Area Hospitals**

Memorial Medical Center serves Calhoun County and the Port Lavaca area. Jackson County Hospital serves Edna and Jackson County residents.

# LIFESTYLE

## Quality of Life

Big-city convenience and small-town friendliness are two Victoria ingredients that blend to appeal to all ages. Looking for a location to grow your business and nurture your family? Victoria, Texas is the place to be!

### Recreation

The moderate climate, comparative low cost of goods and services, and ease of travel allow residents and tourists alike to take advantage of abundant recreational opportunities, festivals, cultural attractions, outdoor events and sport opportunities every month of the year.

Unique in concept, Victoria's 562 acre Riverside Park is home to the Texas Zoo which houses more than 200 species of animals and plants that are indigenous to Texas exhibiting them in their natural habitat.

Golf is a big part of Victoria activities, not only for residents but also for many visitors who enjoy the three golf courses located in our city. Sportsmen are attracted to the abundant fishing and hunting. Major rivers, natural and man-made lakes, salt marshes and coastal bay systems shelter an incredible variety of fish and wildlife for year-round fishing and hunting.

### Cultural

The Victoria Symphony, MacNamara House, Nave Museum, Victoria Community Theatre, the Fine Arts Association, Bach Festival, Victoria Ballet Theatre, the Victoria Performing Arts Center, and Summer Repertory Theater are but a few of the cultural organizations that present the finer things to Victorians.

**Victoria Bach Festival**, founded in 1976, the four-day June festival features symphonic, chamber and choral works from every period, with an emphasis on the baroque. Artists from Texas and all over the United States perform works by Beethoven, Mozart, Bach and many others. The festival has been featured on National Public Radio and performs in Austin and San Antonio, Texas.

**Victoria Fine Arts Association**, known for bringing to Victoria such artists as Luciano Pavarotti, Roberta Peters, Fred Waring, Ferrante and Teicher, the Association has been providing quality and diverse entertainment to Victorians for nearly 50 years.

**The Victoria Ballet Theatre**, established in April 1984, brings the fine art of dance to the enjoyment and education of area residents with several performances throughout the year. The highly anticipated yearly performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* is a December tradition missed by few. In Spring, there's a little something for everyone at the Spring Gala, a mixed repertory program.

**The Victoria Community Theatre**, this performing arts organization serves approximately 15,000 theatre enthusiasts per year. Theatre Victoria is gaining a distinguished statewide and national reputation for presenting quality theatrical productions. The Theatre plays host to locally produced plays written by world famous playwrights and local Victoria talent in addition to offering children's productions and a youth academy to train young talent.

**The Victoria Symphony**, under the direction of Maestro Daryl One, is a leading artistic force in this area and patrons and the media alike praise its performances. Featured in two hour-long programs on National Public Radio, the Orchestra consists of approximately 65 talented musicians from Victoria, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and other communities throughout Texas. Dedicated to excellence, the Victoria Symphony has attracted such acclaimed artists as Santiago Rodriguez, Nathaniel Rosen, Nancy Allen, David Hickman, Peter Zazovsky, and the late Leonard Rose. A typical season consists of five performances with varied repertoire, usually including a pop concert.

### Libraries

The Victoria Public Library contains approximately 127,000 volumes at its downtown location. The Victoria College and the University of Houston-Victoria share a library on their joint campus.

### Tourism

Victoria has 1,934 hotel/motel rooms for visitors. A state-of-the-art venue for conventions at the Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex and convention/exhibit space at the Victoria Community Center offer area patrons multiple choices for their event. Victoria Texas is one of the oldest cities in Texas filled with architecture, history, festivals, and outdoor activities. The Victoria Convention and Visitors Bureau can assist with tourism-related inquiries. [www.explorevictoriatexas.com](http://www.explorevictoriatexas.com)

### Location and Climate

Latitude .....	28.51 degrees N
Longitude.....	96.55 degrees W
Average Daily Temperature .....	70
Average High Temperature for July.....	94
Average Low Temperature for January .....	43
Average Annual Precipitation .....	36.9 inches
Average relative humidity.....	6 AM - 89 percent
.....	Noon - 60 percent
.....	6 PM - 65 percent
Percent Possible Sunshine .....	62 percent

To learn more of Victoria's diverse economy, well-balanced mix of manufacturing, retail trade and service jobs, strong health care and education systems, and growing finance, insurance and real estate markets, contact:

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