



Quality of Life

Hill County is the only remaining non-metro County on Interstate 35 between the metro areas of Waco to the south and Dallas/Fort Worth to the north. As the County seat, Hillsboro has historically served as the area's center of government, education, trade, professional and medical services, and banking.

Hillsboro's slogan "Everything Within Reach" perfectly describes its advantages. A recognized National Main Street city, Hillsboro combines historic small town charm and lifestyle with convenient access to nearby urban amenities.

Hillsboro's location at the I-35 split south of Dallas/Fort Worth also makes Hillsboro a favorite stopping place for travelers, which has given rise to a well-developed I-35 commercial corridor of hotels, restaurants, shopping, and travel services.

These same characteristics make Hillsboro an attractive business location. A well-diversified economy, manageable growth rate, and professionally-staffed local

government are helping to position Hillsboro well for the future.

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Physical Characteristics

Nestled at the center of a 30-mile radius of gently rolling farms, ranches, and small market towns, Hillsboro is the largest city in Hill County. Just on the northern edge of the Central Texas region, Hillsboro residents typically enjoy a milder climate with more seasonal change than is found farther north or south. The more temperate climate encourages an active outdoor life-style, and there are numerous public and private outdoor recreation venues in the area.

Historic Setting

Originally part of Navarro County, Hill County was established as a separate County in 1853, and the community of Hillsboro was designated as its County seat that same year. In addition to serving as the center of County government, Hillsboro was a trade center for the extensive cotton farming operations in the area. The arrival of rail in the 1880s helped usher in an era of prosperity that supported a commercial and residential building boom and the City of Hillsboro was incorporated in 1881. That boom left Hillsboro with an impressive collection of structures dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

With Interstate 35 bisecting the city today, Hillsboro's economy is much more diverse now. Agriculture is complemented by manufacturing, warehouse/distribution, tourism, education, professional and medical services, retail trade, and banking. Even so, the City treasures its past, and works to honor it through preservation of its historic buildings and homes, and through museums and collections.

Full Selection of Housing Options

In addition to having a large selection of historic homes, Hillsboro offers a full range of all types of housing, to include apartments, townhomes, duplexes, and single family homes in all price ranges. Large acreage home sites are available in the County, and a 3000 acre master planned community featuring executive style housing is located nearby on Lake Whitney.

Health Services

Hill Regional Hospital, which offers privileges to over 40 doctors, is located in Hillsboro and serves the surrounding area. The Family Medical Center Clinic is immediately adjacent to the hospital. To the south, two large Waco hospitals serve the region, and the nationally recognized Scott White Health Services complex is located in Temple. To the north, Fort Worth and Dallas feature over a dozen major hospital groups and specialty centers.

Abundant Recreational Opportunities

Hillsboro offers museums, a full calendar of seasonal events, a private golf course, a large public park, and multiple special-purpose athletic fields. The Hillsboro campus of Hill College sponsors an extensive list of artistic and sporting events.

Nearby Lake Whitney is home to a large state park, and features boating, fishing, water sports, camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities. In season, there are several hunting options, and guest ranches offer corporate retreat and large group venues, complete with gourmet dining. White Bluff Resort on Lake Whitney offers a marina, conference hotel, lakeside dining, and two golf courses for resort residents and guests.

Within an hour's drive to the neighboring metro areas, one can access professional sporting events, world-class museums, entertainment, dining, shopping, and major universities.

Excellent Access to Education

The Hillsboro Independent School District, which educates over 1800 students a year at 5 campuses, is fully accredited and rated as “Recognized” by the State. It participates in a dual enrollment program with Hill College that allows high school students to graduate with college credits.

Hill College, which was founded in Hillsboro in the 1920’s, is a 2-year community college. The Hillsboro campus remains the home campus, but the system has several satellite locations in its service area. Hill has agreements in place with several Texas colleges and universities to transfer credits directly toward 4-year programs.

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