



Welcome to the Houston Missouri Area

LOCATION:

Houston is located in Texas County which is in the Ozark Heritage Region of southwestern Missouri. Houston is 85 miles east of Springfield, 50 miles south of Rolla, and 35 miles southeast of Fort Leonard Wood.

POPULATION:

The population of Houston, as of 2010 census, is 2,081. The total population for Texas County is 23,003.

CLIMATE:

As a southwestern community of Missouri, Texas County enjoys the beauty of all four seasons. The average temperature of the warmest month (July) is 80° to 85°F. The coolest month (January) averages 20° to 25°F. The average rainfall is 41 inches with an average snowfall of 15 inches.

EDUCATION:

Educational excellence is not just a goal in Texas County; it is a reality. Whether students meet in a traditional classroom or are part of an innovation program, area schools promote learning in exciting and effective environments. The state of education has been a national concern in recent years. Programs to improve American education have been discussed and implemented throughout the country.

In Texas County, local educators are fortunate to have the support of business and industry. Through the Partners in Education and Caring Community programs, school administrators, teachers, community leaders, and business/industry representatives share information and create projects that enhance community education. Projects sponsored through groups give educators insight into needs of area employers and at the same time, help cultivate new and innovative resources for the classroom. The bottom line...students benefit.

Houston R-I School

423 W. Pine

(417) 967-3024

AAA Rating

Enrollment (2006)...1,100

Average students per teacher...21

% of students graduating...96.8

Houston also offers an accredited technical institute. Texas County Technical Institute.

Texas County Technical Institute is a not-for-profit vocational-technical school specializing in adult education. TCTI is committed to the community in providing a superior technical training facility that will provide for the educational needs of its people, whether it is for career growth or personal satisfaction. The institute believes that through education, a dream or career can become reality. **Certificate of Completion Programs (10-15 months in length include:** Certified Nurse Assistant(CNA) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Licensed Practical Nursing, Office Technology, Medical Office Assistant, Computer Information Technology, and Accounting. TCTI also offers an associate degree in Registered Nursing. It also conducts short personal enrichment classes (4-8 weeks in length) in Computers, Accounting, Income Tax Preparation,

Public Speaking and more. Computer classes offered include Introduction to Computers, Introduction to the Internet, Software Applications, and Database Management. They can customize business training in any of the above areas, at your business or at the school.

HEALTH CARE:

Texas County Memorial Hospital, the core of medical services for Houston and the surrounding area, attracts the services of many excellent physicians and surgeons.

A 66-bed facility offers complete surgical and obliterates facilities as well as an organized outpatient department. Hospital based service includes 24-hour laboratory, diagnostic x-ray, nuclear medicine, in-house CT scanner, ultrasound, mammography, ambulatory surgery and physical therapy. Rounding out services are 24-hour respiratory therapy, home health, Hospice, a 4-bed recovery room, cardiac rehabilitation, specialty clinic, and FAA approved heliport and an 8-bed emergency room with a 24-hour in-house physician coverage. The emergency room at Texas County Memorial goes one step further in emergency medicine as it provides ambulance service to the county with four fully equipped advanced life support ambulances which are dispatched from three ambulance bases.

Total medical staff members number 45. Two surgeons, 9-family physicians and 2 internal medicine specialists are supported by consulting services in ophthalmology, dermatology, cardiology, orthopedics, oncology, pathology, podiatry, gastroenterology, and radiology.

For a complete list of health care providers belonging to the Houston Area Chamber of Commerce, see buyer's guide.

Houston House is a 96-bed skilled care nursing facility, located in central Texas County. They offer superior nursing care including physical, occupational, speech and respiratory therapy. There is a well-rounded program of activities for their residents: beauty/barber shop, music, Bible studies, regular church services, bingo and active games, crafts, and quiet time for chats with friends and family. They also have a handicap accessible van for weekly outings.

Their entire staff is trained to be sensitive to the ever-changing mental, physical and emotional needs of each resident. They encourage individuality and welcome the participation of families. They respect privacy but relate to each resident on an individual basis while maintaining the respect and dignity that are needed for a happy life. Their residents are known by names and not numbers.

Their happiness means that staff, residents and families are all working to adjust to the change that occurs in the natural process of aging.

HOUSING:

Finding a home that is comfortable and meets your needs makes any move easier. Houston offers a wide range of attractive homes. Whether you are looking for a small home, need space for a growing family, or ready to build that dream home inside the city limits or on a large ranch or farm in the country. Houston has a variety of real estate companies ready to assist you.

If you plan on buying a house in the area, you will be happy to know that homes are affordable. In Houston the median home price is \$95,000; which is lower than many other communities and that means you can buy more house for your money. Many new residents find that lower property taxes are another incentive to purchase a home in Houston. While the local real estate market always features a wide range of moderately priced houses, upper bracket homes are also available. Residents can enjoy residential developments featuring elegant, executive living in Houston and throughout Texas County. At the present time we have three new subdivisions under construction.

Moderate prices and attractive houses make buying and owning a home in Texas County an enjoyable experience. If you are interested in building a home, talk to one of our area quality home builders, or if you are ready to buy, Houston has experienced real estate brokers that are ready to help.

UTILITIES:

In Houston, you can begin receiving, in most cases, utility services within 24-hour notice. The information below will help make the process even easier.

Inside Houston City Limits:

ELECTRIC & WATER: Houston City Hall 601 South Grand Houston, MO 65483 Ph. (417) 967-3348
Customers should call the City of Houston at the above listed telephone number. Deposits may be required.

Outside City Limits:

ELECTRIC: Intercounty Electric Coop. Assoc. PO Box 209 Licking, MO 65542 Ph. (573) 674-2211

WATER: Rural water districts are available in most areas outside the city limits, please check area phone listings for information.