

Bell County



City of Belton, County of Bell, State of Texas, located 135 miles South of Dallas, 65 miles North of Austin and 163 miles Northwest of Houston

POPULATION

Year	2006 (est.)	2000 Census	1990
City	15,374	14,623	12,476
County	252,658	237,974	191,088

CITY GOVERNMENT

Type	Home Rule
Number on Council	7
Municipal Police	24
Paid Firefighters	26
Volunteer Firefighters	12
City Zoning Body	Yes
Master Plan	Yes

TRANSPORTATION

Air Service

Austin-Bergstrom International	
Runway Length	12,250'
Runway Surface	Hard
Lighted	Yes
Fuel	Yes
Instrument Landing System	Yes
Draughon-Miller Cent. TX - Temple	
Runway Length	6,301'
Runway Surface	Hard-Grooved
Lighted	Yes
Fuel	Yes
Instrument Landing System	Yes
Skylark Field - Killeen	
Runway Length	5,495'
Runway Surface	Asphalt
Lighted	Yes
Fuel	Yes
Instrument Landing System	Yes
Airports Within 1 Hr.	
International	Austin-Bergstrom International
Regional	
Municipal	Draughon-Miller Cent. TX - Temple/Skylark Field - Killeen

Rail Service Providers

Amtrak, Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe, Georgetown Railroad, Missouri, Kansas, Texas Railroad

Freight Carriers

Central Freight Lines; Consolidated Freightways; Consolidated Tex-Pack; Con-Way Southwest; Merchants Fast Motor Lines; PIE Nationwide; Roadway Express; Southwestern Motor Transport; Yellow Freight System

WAGE DATA

Occupation Title	Entry-Level Wage (\$/hr)	
	Low	High
Production Classifications		
Aircraft Assembler	6.00	16.27
Aircraft Mechanic	9.00	25.00
Assembler, General	7.74	9.71
Assembler, Mobile Homes	7.74	11.50
Electrician	7.74	17.00
Electronics Assembler	5.89	6.50
Forklift Operator	5.15	10.00
Janitor, any industry	7.72	9.57
Laborer, General	7.74	9.71
Machinist/Related Occup.	10.45	14.00
Maintenance, General	7.74	8.87
Mechanic (Maintenance)	7.74	12.00
Molding Machine Operator	6.00	11.36
Sewing Machine (Garment)	7.92	8.77
Sheet Metal Worker	8.94	11.75
Truck Driver, Lt., any ind.	9.00	14.00
Warehouse Worker	7.75	11.28
Welder, Production	9.00	11.00
Office, Clerical, and Technical Classifications		
Accountant/Auditor	8.97	11.05
Computer Operator	9.81	11.45
Computer Programmer	9.00	21.63
Customer Service Rep.	7.82	8.92
Electronic Technician	17.11	21.25
General Office Clerk	7.20	9.40
Key Data Entry Oper.	7.20	9.40
Secretarial	7.85	9.86
Shipping & Rec. Clerk	7.50	9.38
Telemarketing	7.44	8.20

TAXATION

Tax Rate (per \$100 Assessed Value) - 2005	
Bell County	\$0.346500
Belton City	\$0.675000
Belton ISD	\$1.718500
Total	\$2.740000

Municipal Sales Tax	1.000%
State Sales Tax Rate	6.250%
Economic Development Tax	0.500%
Other Sales Taxes	0.500%
Total	8.250%

INCENTIVES

Tax Abatement	Yes
Enterprise Zone	Yes
Industrial Foundation	Yes
Foreign Trade Zone	No
Reinvestment Zone	Yes
Freeport Exemption	No
Other Incentives	No

UTILITIES

Electric Energy Delivery	TXU Electric Delivery
Reliability	99.98107
Transmission Voltage	69 KV, 138 KV, 345 KV
Service Voltage	120/208, 120/240, 240/480, 277/480

Natural Gas	Atmos Energy
BTU Content Per Cubic Foot	1,030

Water Supplier	WCID #1
Source	Lake Belton
Max. Daily Sys. Capacity	6,572,000 gallons
Max. Daily Use to Date	4,000,000 gallons
Pressure on Mains	45-85 psi
Storage Capacity	3,875,000 gallons
Size of Mains	4-21"
System Looped	Yes
Projects Under Construction	Water treatment expansion to 10 MGD

Sewer System	
Treatment Plan Types	Activated Sludge
Maximum Capacity	2,500,000 gallons
Max. Daily Use to Date	1,300,000 gallons
Projects Under Construction	

Telephone Service	
SBC	
Digital Available	Yes
Analog Available	No
Electromechanical	No
Make and Model	Northern Telecom DMS100
Software Level	
Fiber Optics	Yes
Switched 56 Kbps	Yes
High Capacity Digital (T-1)	Yes
Digital Data Service	Yes
911 Available	Yes
Other Network Services	

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Climate	
Annual Average Temperature	66.0 F
Annual Average High Temperature	97.0 F
Annual Average Low Temperature	37.0 F
Annual Average Precipitation	35.6"
Annual Average Snowfall	0.9"
Elevation	736.0'

Health	
Total Hospital Beds in City	0
Total Doctors (Medical) in City	12

Media	
Daily Papers	1
Weekly Papers	1
Local TV	Yes
Cable TV Available	Yes

Recreation	
Parks	10
Area Lakes	2
Country Clubs	2
Health Centers	2
Public Golf Courses	3
Theaters	11
Tennis Courts	20
Bed & Breakfast Facilities	1
Hotel & Motel Rooms	191
Libraries	2
Other	
Baseball complex at Heritage Park; various activities available at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Fort Hood Recreation Center with military sponsorship	

Houses of Worship	
Assembly of God; Baptist; Catholic; Christian; Church of Christ; Church of God in Christ; Episcopal; Lutheran; Methodist; Methodist-African Episcopal; Non-Denominational; Pentecostal; Presbyterian	

Finance
4th of July Celebration & PRCA Rodeo; Bell County Expo Center; Belton & Stillhouse Lakes; Central Texas State Fair; Christmas on the Chisholm Trail; Blackhawks (Minor League Hockey)

Attractions
Compass Bank; Extraco Bank; First State Bank; First Texas Bank of Belton; Hoodview Federal Credit Union

EDUCATION

Belton (2007)		
Budget	\$61,359,396.00	
	Number of Schools	Total Enrollment
Early Childhood/PreK	1	349
Elementary	6	3,554
Middle/Jr. High	2	1,766
High School	2	2,329

Private Schools	
Number of Schools	
Enrollment	

Area Colleges and Universities	
Baylor University-Waco; Central Texas College-Killeen; Temple College-Temple; Texas A&M College of Medicine-Temple; Texas State Technical College-Waco; Tarleton State University Systems Center/Central Texas-Killeen; University of Mary Hardin-Baylor-Belton	

Vocational Program Available	Yes
State Industrial Job Training Available	Yes

MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS

Employer	Industry	Number of Employees	Union Affiliation
Belton ISD	Education	1,200	
Bell County	Government	1,021	
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Education	615	
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Department Store	373	
Custom Printing	Advertising specialties	225	
Odell Geer Construction	Building/construction material	200	
Fleetwood	Mobile home mfg.	145	
Cedar Crest Hospital & Clinic	Counseling & treatment center	145	
Central Texas Council of Governments	Government	132	
City of Belton	Government	127	
United Parcel Service	Shipping service	127	
HEB Grocery	Grocery store	125	
Izzy Design	Office furniture	115	
Belco Manufacturing	Fiberglass tanks	115	
Crestview Manor	Nursing home	83	
American Spincast	Centrifugal steel and castings	67	
TARCO of Texas	Roofing felt	50	
Ag-Meier	Farm equipment	43	
Frito Lay	Food Distribution	40	
Capitol Seating	School furniture	31	