Houston: Energy Capital of the World

Houston Energy Transition Initiative
Houston is the headquarters for virtually every segment of the industry. As the energy industry evolves, Houston, through its expertise in developing and applying technologies at scale, is uniquely positioned to lead the transition to a cleaner, more efficient, and more sustainable lower-carbon world.

The region is leading the way in the digitization of oil and gas. At the same time, it has also become a hub for renewables and carbon management technologies. We are home to major corporate energy R&D centers, corporate venture arms, and a range of VC-backed energy startups.

Houston truly is the hub of the global energy industry, and there is no better place for the next generation of energy leaders to create and scale innovations that will change the world.
Houston is one of the youngest, fastest growing, and most diverse regions.

4th Largest U.S. city
7.3M Residents

3.3M Jobs
$537.1B GDP

Houston is unabashedly pro-growth and opportunity-rich.

26 Fortune 500 headquarters, 3rd highest concentration in the U.S.

#3 U.S. metro for business expansion and relocation (Site Selection, ’21)

Top 25 Global Cities of the Future (fDi Intelligence, Financial Times, ’21/’22)

Houston is a great global city.

90+ Foreign consulates, 3rd highest concentration in the U.S.

2 International airports with 180+ non-stop destinations
Houston is the leading domestic and international center for nearly every segment of the energy industry.

4,700+ Energy-related firms

20+ Fortune 500 energy company headquarters

Houston is already leading the world in hydrogen production and distribution.

Significant Oil Refining Capacity

46% Of the total production in Texas
15% Of total U.S. capacity

900+ miles of existing hydrogen

Over 30% of all existing U.S. hydrogen production
Houston has also become a hub of activity for renewables, with over 300 companies operating in this space.

150+ Solar-related companies
40+ Solar plant projects operating or planned

#1 State for wind capacity
40+ Wind-related companies
3 Wind power plants
144+ Online wind projects in Texas

15+ Battery storage companies
Houston is home to a strong university system and a large supply of young talent.

5 Nationally ranked universities and graduate schools

40+ Universities and colleges

394,000+ Young professionals with a bachelor’s degree or higher

240,000 STEM workers

Houston is a national leader in energy talent.

7th Largest concentration of engineers

Houston is home to 60,000+ clean energy jobs.

Renewable energy

Energy efficiency

Clean energy segments
Houston has a strong education and research ecosystem for energy and energy transition.

**Texas A&M Energy Institute** is a collaboration between Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station that engages students, researchers, and faculty in the study and development of innovative technologies and policies for energy production and energy conservation related to the energy transition.

**Baker Institute for Energy Studies** at Rice University focuses on the role of economics and public policy in the performance and evolution of energy markets and the industry at large through forecasting and modeling, as well as emerging technologies and regulations.

**UH Energy** at the University of Houston is positioned as a strategic partner to the energy industry by focusing on workforce development, strategic and technical leadership, and the development of new innovations and technologies.

**Texas Southern University** is home to the Innovative Transportation Research Institute that develops physical and machine learning models to characterize the impacts of complicated multimodal travel activities on the consumption of hydrogen, electric, petrochemical, and other types of energy.

**TEX-E** is a first-of-its-kind collaboration between Greentown Labs, MIT’s Martin Trust Center, and five Texas universities to create a student-driven entrepreneurship ecosystem in Houston focused on energy innovation. This joint effort aims to train and empower the next generation of energy professionals in creating cleaner, more sustainable energy solutions.
Over the last five years, Houston has seen constant growth in annual energy transition investments, with a notable surge observed from 2020 onwards.

$22B in private market energy transition investments since ‘18

$6.1B in financing from private market energy transition investments in ‘22

61.9% increase in energy transition investment compared to ‘21

375+ investors funded energy transition companies in the Houston region
HOUSTON IS SUPPORTING A FAST GROWING ENERGY INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

ENERGY + INDUSTRIAL CORPORATES
4,700+
energy-related firms

INVESTMENT COMMUNITY
680+
venture capital, private equity and institutional investors funding research, demonstration and commercial deployment

INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

INCUBATORS + ACCELERATORS + HUBS
35+
incubators, accelerators and programs to support innovation and start-ups

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
40+
colleges, universities and technical schools developing the research, technologies, and talent

START-UP COMMUNITY
220+
clean-tech and climatetech startups developing solutions for the energy transition

Houston Energy Transition
Houston’s Energy Transition Initiative

The Greater Houston Partnership is a collaboration of community-minded business leaders dedicated to strengthening Houston’s long-term growth and economic competitiveness, creating economic growth and opportunity for all.

The economic vitality of our region’s economy is inextricably tied to the energy industry — an industry that is changing rapidly to meet growing global energy demands while simultaneously pursuing decarbonization. The Partnership’s Houston Energy Transition Initiative (HETI) builds on the best of traditional energy skills and systems to leverage Houston’s industry leadership to accelerate global solutions for an energy-abundant, low-carbon future.

23+ Companies representing the full energy value chain, committed to accelerating the transition to an energy-abundant, low-carbon world

25+ Companies participating as HETI Investors in key industry vertical working groups

25+ Organizations representing Houston’s energy stakeholders – including government, academia, NGOs, e-NGOs, and community leaders

HETI Executive Members
HETI has established sector-specific working groups to advance areas where Houston has a strategic advantage. Active working groups include:

**Carbon Capture, Use and Storage (CCUS):** Identifying and removing barriers to CCUS deployment in Houston

**Hydrogen:** Assessing the economic potential and environmental impact of clean hydrogen to Houston

**Industry Decarbonization:** Developing a unified narrative to highlight how the industry is decarbonizing within its operations

**Power Management:** Assessing the impact of energy transition and decarbonization for growth and resilience of Houston’s regional power grid

**Capital Formation:** Proposing measures to help fund the energy transition by bringing capital to Houston and growing Houston’s energy finance market
Houston has both the opportunity and a responsibility to lead the transition. It is our opportunity to embrace, and our challenge to solve. And when we are successful, we will be creating opportunity for the generations of Houstonians to come.

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The Houston region offers a low cost of living while maintaining an incredibly high quality of life with the amenities you expect to find in a world-class city.

#2 Lowest cost of living among the 20 most populous U.S. metros

Housing costs 34% below the nation’s 20 most populous metros, and 8% below the nation’s average

Houston is home to an acclaimed and extensive cultural scene.

- Renowned museums and cultural centers
- Major league sporting teams
- Resident performing arts organizations
Houston is one of greenest cities in the U.S.

- Nearly 44,480 acres of parkland
- 382 Developed city parks
- 345 Miles of interconnected bikeways
- Home to two of the nation’s 10 largest urban public parks

Houston is home to world-renowned health care.

World’s largest medical complex —
Texas Medical Center

Some of the best hospitals and universities in the nation
(U.S. News and World Report)
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