

Temple

Offering small-town charm with access to larger city centers.



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Temple Texas is a rapidly growing city, positioned just south of Waco and roughly 67 miles north of [Austin](#). It's also less than an hour's drive from [Georgetown](#). Thanks to its unique geographic location, Temple, Texas, provides residents with easy access to larger city centers while retaining its small-town charm.

According to the 2022 census, the city has a population of just over [89,000](#). Since then, however, it has likely surpassed the 90,000 mark and may even be approaching 100,000 residents.

The community [got its start in 1881](#) and was originally named Temple Junction. True to its roots, the former railroad town has a popular railroad museum that hosts thousands of tourists each year.

As for food, the mid-sized metropolis has only a handful of options. Fortunately, all the local restaurants have the flair you'd expect for a scenic Texas city. The food's pretty good, too.

[The Old Jody's](#) has been a staple of 1st Street since its doors opened in 1963. To this day, the establishment only accepts cash or checks, which speaks to the old-school sensibilities of its owners. You can sit down and have a burger or try the restaurant's most popular item: chicken fried steak.

If you are interested in a fine dining experience, [Pignetti's](#) delivers authentic Italian cuisine. From the soup and salad to

the entrees and even the wine selection, the entire experience is memorable — and delicious.

The city also has some pretty awesome annual events, including the Central Texas Airfest, which takes place every May. While in town, you'll also have the opportunity to visit nearby rivers and lakes, including Lake Travis, one of the largest bodies of water in the state.

Just north of Temple lies [Waco](#), a city famous for its picturesque setting along the Brazos River and as the home of Baylor University. Waco boasts a variety of attractions, including the bustling [Magnolia Market](#) and the [Texas Ranger Hall of Fame](#), making it a focal point for tourism and education in the region.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[Temple Chamber of Commerce](#)

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Currently, the chamber has more than 1,100 members and has been a staple of the Temple community since 1907. The organization's board advocates for local business owners and works to preserve the city's community-friendly environment and vibrant culture.

LIONS PARK

4320 Lions Park Rd

- ☑ Playgrounds
- ☑ Fields
- ☑ Hiking

MILLER PARK

1919 N. 1st St

- ☑ Walking Trail
- ☑ Splash Pad
- ☑ Skating

WEST TEMPLE PARK

121 S. Montpark Road

- ☑ Splash Pad
- ☑ Basketball
- ☑ Playground

PARKS

activities + events

LIONS JUNCTION FAMILY WATER PARK

5000 S 5th Street

TEMPLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

11 N 4th Street

TEMPLE RAILROAD AND HERITAGE MUSEUM

315 W Ave B

LIVE MUSIC SATURDAYS

Bold Republic Brewing Co.

CENTRAL TEXAS AIRFEST

Draughon-Miller Central Texas Regional Airport

CITY OF TEMPLE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

Downtown Temple



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