



Texas in Focus: High Plains

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Communities within the High Plains must compete not only with others in the state, but also with areas throughout the nation to attract business investment and jobs. These communities can use a variety of economic development tools to pursue these benefits.

27 Demographics

The High Plains, like the state, is changing as it grows. The population is becoming more ethnically diverse and increasingly urban.

35 Infrastructure

The High Plains' continued economic prosperity will depend upon clean water and air, access to affordable energy and a dependable transportation network.

57 Health Care

Quality health care services attract employers, create a healthy work force and increase productivity. Innovations in health care are improving access to services for residents of the region.

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Education is essential for economic growth. A strong educational foundation and a well-educated work force provide communities the ability to compete in the global economy. The High Plains and Texas must continue their efforts to ensure all obtain the education and training needed to succeed.

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