



Benbrook, Texas

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Community Development Department

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LOCATION

Benbrook is located in southwest Tarrant County adjacent to Fort Worth. It is located at the intersection of Interstate 20, Interstate Loop 820, and Benbrook Boulevard (U.S. 377.)

Distance in miles to:

Fort Worth	0	Denver	760
Dallas	30	Los Angeles	1,370
Houston	267	New York	1,632
Chicago	942		

Benbrook is located in the Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Benbrook is located in the Central Time Zone, midway between the east and west coasts.

POPULATION

<u>Year</u>	<u>Benbrook</u>	<u>Tarrant County</u>
1970	8,169	715,587
1980	13,579	860,880
1990	19,564	1,170,103
2000	20,208	1,410,740
2005	21,550	1,628,200
2006	22,350	1,702,250

CLIMATE

Benbrook has a temperate climate, with an average high temperature of 96° F in August to an average low temperature of 33.9° F in January. Average annual rainfall is 29.46 inches, with less than 3 inches of snow.

GOVERNMENT

Year settled	1850
Year Incorporated	1947
Charter Adopted	1983
Land Area	12 square miles
Total Park acres	1,069

Council-Manager form with seven member city council, all elected at-large
 City has a zoning ordinance and an award-winning comprehensive plan

2005-2006 Budget	
Total Operating Budget	\$12,669,605
Total Debt Service	\$1,569,415
Bond Rating:	
Standard & Poor's	A
Moody's	A2

PUBLIC SAFETY

Number of Police (full-time uniformed):	36
Benbrook has one of the lowest crime rates in Tarrant County.	
Part I crimes per 1,000 population, 2004	
Benbrook	27.54
Fort Worth	71.81
Number of full-time firemen:	12
Number of part-time firemen:	20
Number of volunteer firemen:	7
(Portion of city served by Fort Worth Fire Dept. under an interlocal agreement)	
Fire Insurance ISO rating:	4
CRS Floodplain Management Rating:	7
911 system in operation	

TAXATION

2005 Property Taxes (\$/\$100 valuation):

City	0.7425
Tarrant County	0.2725
Fort Worth ISD	1.654
Tarrant County Jr. College	0.13938
Tarrant County Hosp. Dist.	<u>0.235397</u>
Total Effective Rate	3.043777

Tax abatements are available for qualified industries. Homestead and Over 65 exemptions are available for qualified homeowners.

Sales Taxes:

State	6.25%
Benbrook	1.00%
Benbrook Economic Development Corp.	0.50%
Benbrook Library District	0.50%

Comparison with Fort Worth:

	Property	Sales
	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Benbrook	3.067777	8.25
Fort Worth	3.186277	8.25

No State corporate or personal income tax. State Franchise Tax is 0.25 percent of taxable capital, or 4.5 percent on earned surplus, whichever is greater. Unemployment insurance ranges from 0.27% to 6.27%, based on experience.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Citizens National Bank (731-1444)

2005 Total Assets	\$108,773,000
2005 Deposits	\$96,586,000
2005 Loans	\$85,181,000

Wells Fargo Bank (249-6500)

2005 Total Assets	\$36,229,580
2005 Deposits	\$29,354,840
2005 Loans	\$8,246,560

State National Bank (249-2040)

2005 Total Assets	\$79,234,023
2005 Deposits	\$73,364,836
2005 Loans	\$18,791,634

Bank of America

2002 Total Assets*	\$565,382,000
2002 Deposits*	\$354,961,000
2002 Loans*	\$319,105,000

Texas Bank-Benbrook

2005 Total Assets*	\$1,681,844,000
2005 Deposits*	\$1,464,570,000
2005 Loans*	\$1,351,599,000

* includes more than Benbrook location

EDUCATION

Benbrook is part of the Fort Worth Independent School District.

Benbrook Elementary School (2005 recognized rating)

Number of students	540
Student:teacher ratio	20:1

Waverly Park Elementary School (2005 exemplary)

Number of students	686
Student:Teacher ratio	19:1

Westpark Elementary School (2005 acceptable rating)

Number of students	360
Student:teacher ratio	17:1

Leonard 6th Grade Center (2005 acceptable rating)

Number of students	473
Student:teacher ratio	24:1

Leonard Middle School (2005 acceptable rating)

Number of students	861
student/teacher ratio	19:1

Western Hills High School (2005 acceptable rating)

Number of students	1,609
student:teacher ratio	18:1

Average SAT score (2005): 978

Vocational/technical training is available through Fort Worth ISD and Tarrant County Junior College.

Universities:

Tarrant County College

Total Enrollment	35,000
Degrees offered	AA, AAS

University of Texas at Arlington

Total Enrollment	25,352
Degrees offered	BS, MS, PhD

Texas Christian University

Total Enrollment	8,749
Degrees offered	BS, MS, PhD

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Total Enrollment	2,936
Degrees offered	MA, M.Div., PhD

Texas Wesleyan University

Total Enrollment	2,678
Degrees offered	BS, MS, PhD, JD

University of North Texas Health Science Center

Total Enrollment	1,049
Degrees offered	MS, PhD, DO

Educational

<u>Attainment</u>	<u>Benbrook</u>	<u>Tarrant County</u>
High School graduates	12,949	730,928
Percent	92.1%	81.3%
College graduates	4,582	239,285
Percent	32.6%	26.6%
Advanced degrees	1,404	70,542
Percent	10.0%	7.8%

Source: 2000 Census

TRANSPORTATION

Source: 2000 Census

Air Travel: Benbrook has access to several aviation facilities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the second busiest airport in the world located 23 miles northeast of Benbrook, has almost 2,000 flights daily to 163 cities worldwide. Alliance Airport, an industrial airport with a 9,600 foot runway is located just 20 miles north of Benbrook. General aviation facilities are available at Bourland Field (6.5 miles from Benbrook), Meacham Field, and Spinks Field.

Truck: Benbrook is served by numerous interstate and intrastate motor freight companies. Carriers include Central Freight Lines, Roadway Express, Yellow Freight, SAIA Motor Freight Lines, and Con-Way Southern Express.

Rail: Benbrook is served by a main line of the Union Pacific Railroad. Services in nearby Fort Worth include Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroads.

Highways: Benbrook is located at the intersection of Interstate Highways 20 and 820 and U.S. Highway 377 (Benbrook Blvd.) Benbrook is also served by State Highway 183 (Southwest Blvd.) and the former U.S. Highway 580 (Camp Bowie West).

2004 Traffic volumes (avg. annual daily traffic)

Interstate 20	77,000
Interstate Loop 820	44,000
Benbrook Boulevard (U.S. 377)	35,000
Southwest Boulevard (S.H. 183)	43,000
Camp Bowie West (Spur 580)	25,000
R.M. 2871	8,600

Source: TxDOT, 2005

Miles of paved streets 112

DEMOGRAPHICS (2000)

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Benbrook</u>	<u>Tarrant County</u>
Median age	39.2	32.3
Ethnicity		
White	88.3%	71.2%
Black	4.4	12.8
Other	7.3	16.0
Hispanic	7.0	19.7
Median Family Income	\$63,529	\$54,068
Per capita Income	\$26,781	\$22,548
Persons in poverty	4.4%	10.6%

WAGE RATES (HOURLY)

<u>Occupation/Job Title</u>	<u>Mean Wage</u>
Computer Systems Analysts	\$36.70
Electronic technicians	22.56
Computer Programmers	32.90
Cashiers	9.41
Secretaries	17.63
Accounting Clerks	16.07
Shipping/Receiving Clerks	10.40
Electricians	20.57
Assemblers	11.76
Truck Drivers	17.16
Construction Laborers	8.93
Janitors	9.70

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005

UTILITIES:

Electric power is deregulated and provided by several retail electric providers, including **TXU Energy, Reliant Energy, First Choice Power, Direct Energy and Green Mountain Energy**. The transmission and distribution service provider is **TXU Electric Delivery**. Transmission lines include two 345 KV lines, three 138 KV lines and one 69 KV line. Distribution voltage is available at 14.4/25 KV and 7.2/12.5 KV.

Natural gas is provided by **Atmos Energy Company**. Benbrook is served by an 18-inch transmission line, at 800 psi pressure.

Local telephone service is also deregulated. Among the major certified telecommunications providers is **AT&T (SBC)**. Digital, fiber optics, cellular and other advanced technologies are available.

Water and sewer is provided by the **Benbrook Water Authority**, an independent special district. Water is derived from Benbrook Lake and from 14 groundwater wells. Water is treated using conventional treatment with sand filtration. The water treatment plant has a maximum rated capacity of 12.0 million gallons per day, with maximum use to date of 9.75 MGD. Additional peaking capacity of 1.1 MGD is available with the well system. Wastewater is treated by contract at the City of Fort Worth's regional Village Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Wastewater capacity from Benbrook is unlimited.