

# Williamson County

## Fact Sheet



Williamson County is centrally located in Texas just north of Travis County and the State Capitol in Austin. Its major cities are Round Rock, Cedar Park, Georgetown, Leander, Taylor, and Hutto.

**History:** The County was organized in 1848 and named for Robert M. Williamson, pioneer leader and veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto. He was a newspaper publisher, lawyer, judge, and state legislator. Because of a childhood illness, one of his legs was bent back, and he also had a wooden leg extending from the knee, giving him the nickname “Three-Legged Willie.”

**Organization:** Williamson County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. It has no legislative powers and restrictive judicial and administrative powers. The governing body of the County is the Commissioners Court. The Court is comprised of the County Judge and four Commissioners elected by their precincts. One of the primary duties of the Court is to adopt the county budget and adopt the tax rate. The tax rate for 2016 is \$0.476529 per \$100 of valuation.

**Population:** 562,337 (2017 Texas Health and Human Services estimate)

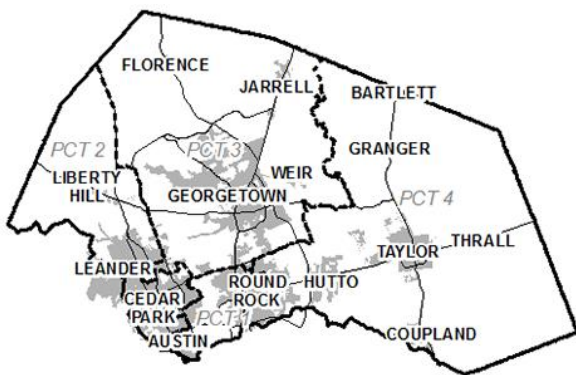
**Median Income:** \$73,750

**Average Home Value:** \$259,844 in 2016

**County Budget & Employees:** The County annual budget is \$179,871,807 for the general fund. The County employs 1,646 people, the largest number is in law enforcement.

**Education:** 92.5% of Williamson County residents are high school graduates or higher. The County is home to several higher education institutions including: Southwestern University, Austin Community College, Texas State University, Texas A&M University-Central Texas, Texas A&M College of Medicine in Round Rock, Temple College, and Texas State Technical College.

**Growth:** Williamson County is currently the 4th fastest growing county in the State of Texas and the 14<sup>th</sup> fastest in the county.



**Area:** 1,135 square miles

**Health Ranking:** Williamson County continuously ranks as one of the healthiest places to live by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Williamson County is ranked 2nd in Health Factors, which measure the rate of education, housing, crime, employment, unhealthy behaviors and exercise. These components are considered to be “changeable behaviors” and indicate the current and future health of a county. The county ranked 4th in Health Outcomes, which are based on length of life and the quality of daily physical and mental health.

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