



HOUSTON TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR **-\$22,940**

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-\$11,300 Taxpayer Burden™
City of Houston

-\$750
Harris County

-\$390
Houston Independent School District (ISD)

-\$320
Metropolitan Transit Authority
of Harris County (METRO)

-\$150
Spring Branch ISD

-\$140
Alief ISD

-\$20
Houston Community College

\$230
Port of Houston Authority of
Harris County

-\$10,100
Texas

-\$22,940
per taxpayer

Amount needed to pay off state, city,
county, and underlying governments'
unfunded debt.

Houston's Combined Taxpayer Burden

FAST FACTS

- Houston has a Taxpayer Burden of -\$11,300, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Houston taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and the city's underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is -\$12,840.
- When state debt is combined with this debt, each taxpayer has a burden of -\$22,940.

| Government Unit | Assets available to pay bills* | Less Bills | | | Money available (needed) to pay bills | Taxpayer Surplus (Burden) | Grade |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | Unfunded pension benefits due | Unfunded OPEB | Other bills ** | | | |
| Houston | \$4.1 billion | \$5.1 billion | \$2.2 billion | \$4.3 billion | (\$7.4 billion) | (\$11,300) | D |
| Harris County | \$3.8 billion | \$741.7 million | \$1.9 billion | \$2.2 billion | (\$990.2 million) | (\$750) | C |
| Houston ISD | \$2.4 billion | \$464.7 million | \$653.0 million | \$1.5 billion | (\$252.6 million) | (\$390) | C |
| Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) | \$508.6 million | \$243.5 million | \$584.7 million | \$282.2 million | (\$601.8 million) | (\$320) | C |
| Spring Branch ISD | \$199.0 million | \$64.4 million | \$113.7 million | \$121.3 million | (\$100.4 million) | (\$150) | C |
| Alief ISD | \$213.6 million | \$110.6 million | \$179.3 million | \$114.1 million | (\$190.4 million) | (\$140) | C |
| Houston Community College | \$312.3 million | \$74.3 million | \$84.8 million | \$167.4 million | (\$14.2 million) | (\$20) | C |
| Port of Houston Authority of Harris County | \$401.2 million | \$10.3 million | \$6.2 million | \$81.7 million | \$303.0 million | \$230 | B |
| Texas | \$76.1 billion | \$45.0 billion | \$65.5 billion | \$47.8 billion | (\$82.2 billion) | (\$10,100) | D |
| | | | | | | (\$22,940) | |

* Does not include capital assets or restricted assets

** Does not include debt related to capital assets

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