



HOUSTON TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR \$21,130

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-\$12,100

City of Houston



-\$450

Harris County



-\$300

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)



-\$200

Spring Branch Independent School District



-\$100

Houston Community College



\$220

Port of Houston Authority of Harris County



\$400

Houston Independent School District



-\$8,600

Texas



Needed to pay off state, city, county, and underlying governments' unfunded debts.

-\$21,130

per taxpayer

Houston and its underlying government entities

FAST FACTS

- Houston has a Taxpayer Burden of \$12,100, which is each taxpayer's share of the city's debt.
- Houston taxpayers also pay taxes to the county and other underlying government units. If these debts are included, each taxpayer's burden is \$12,530.
- When state debt is added to city debt, each taxpayer has a burden of \$21,130.

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 billion	\$6.1 billion	\$2.1 billion	\$3.9 billion	\$8 billion	(\$12,100)	D
Harris County	\$3.3 billion	\$724.4 million	\$1.3 billion	\$1.8 billion	-\$592.4 million	(\$450)	C
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)	\$519 million	\$252 million	\$528.9 million	\$313.4 million	-\$575.4 million	(\$300)	C
Spring Branch Independent School District	\$204.2 million	\$83.7 million	\$108.8 million	\$145.9 million	-\$134.2 million	(\$200)	C
Houston Community College	\$430.2 million	\$83.6 million	\$135.2 million	\$279.3 million	-\$67.9 million	(\$100)	C
Port of Houston Authority of Harris County	\$449 million	\$13.5 million	\$15.8 million	\$123 million	\$296.7 million	\$220	B
Houston Independent School District	\$2.2 billion	\$320.4 million	\$338.1 million	\$1.3 billion	\$261.6 million	\$400	B
Houston and Underlying governments	\$11.1 billion	\$7.6 billion	\$4.5 billion	\$7.9 billion	\$8.8 billion	(\$12,530)	
Texas	\$72.3 billion	\$47.2 billion	\$61.7 billion	\$32.7 billion	-\$69.3 billion	(\$8,600)	D
						(\$21,130)	

* Does not include capital assets or restricted assets

** Does not include debt related to capital assets