



Harris Central Appraisal District

2025 Fact Sheet



Purpose Established in 1980, the Harris Central Appraisal District appraises taxable property for 594 taxing units within the district's boundaries. HCAD is the largest assessment entity in the U.S. appraising all properties annually at full market value using mass appraisal techniques for about 1.9 million parcels in Harris County. HCAD is governed by an elected and appointed board of directors and is subject to annual oversight by the Texas Comptroller's Office.

Local governments and school districts use property tax revenues to finance services such as public education, fire and police protection, street maintenance, parks and public libraries.

Annually Serves 600,000+ property owners of the 4.7 million county residents. Services 61,000+ walk-in customers, answers 181,000+ phone calls, responds to 55,000+ emails, sends more than 4 million mailings.

Physical Data 1,774 square miles of territory, which is larger than Rhode Island.

Staff 700+ employees, including over 300 licensed appraisers. Appraisers go through a 3-5 year education, training and testing program before becoming licensed professional appraisers in Texas.

Market and Assessment Data Total market value of all property is approximately \$905 billion, which represents almost 20 percent of the total property value of the state. Of the 1.2 million single family residences in the county, 851,800+ have homestead exemptions and 263,700+ have over-65 exemptions.



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Annual Operating Budget \$111 million primarily funded by participating taxing units at a cost of \$56.85 per parcel.

Annually Conducts 230,000+ property inspections; meets with 125,800+ owners one-on-one; resolves 525,000+ protests; settles almost 223,000 protests electronically.

Website Online access to records, filing and settlement of protests; filing of renditions; scheduling of hearings; access to evidence; docket information for tax consultants; and a variety of information about property tax rights and remedies.

Awards Houston Chronicle Top Workplace 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

Top Workplaces USA 2022, 2023, 2024

2018 Distinguished Assessment Jurisdiction from the International Association of Assessing Officers

Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration from the International Association of Assessing Officers. 2014 Certification, 2020 Recertification.



Dates & Deadlines

Appraisal Notices Delivered - March through April

Rendition Deadline - April 15

Exemption Application Deadline - April 30

Protest Deadline - May 15

Appraisal Roll Certification - August

Protest hearings - May through October