



# Elgin Texas



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### Regional Information

Elgin is in Bastrop County, the 6th fastest growing county in Texas. Elgin is conveniently located on Hwy. 290, just 19 miles east of Austin, 30 minutes from Austin Bergstrom International Airport and downtown Austin, within 90 miles of San Antonio, 125 miles of Houston and 180 miles of Dallas.

### Education

The Elgin Independent School District is located approximately 22 miles east of Austin and is in the Region 13 Education Service Center area. There are seven campuses: Elgin Elementary North, Elgin Elementary South, Booker T. Washington Elementary School, Neidig Elementary School, Elgin Middle School, Elgin High School and Phoenix High School (Alternative Education). Elgin ISD comprises more than 168 square miles in portions of Bastrop, Lee, and Travis Counties and provides educational facilities and resources to meet the needs of more than 3900 students on seven campuses.

### Recreation

Fast becoming an Arts Destination, there is something for everyone in Elgin. From Fine Arts to Fun Arts, Live Music to Local Musicians, Art Galleries to Craft Fairs, artists of all venues have made their home here.

Music and Movies in the Park Series: The City of Elgin Parks and Community Development Department is known for its slogan, Elgin Parks and Recreation, Where the Benefits are Endless! The department along with the Friends of Elgin Parks is providing Live music in Elgin 4-6 times per year with up and coming artists from Austin area. Based on the style of house concerts these start early, and encourages guests to bring their own beverages, snacks, blanket or a lawn chair and be prepared to be entertained. The Music and Movies Series runs from March to July and features family-oriented movies and live bands in downtown Elgin at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Market Days: The first Saturday of each month from February through November, Market Days is held at the beautiful Elgin Memorial Park. The park is located on Main Street just off of Hwy 95 North. Vendors bring everything from flea market to garage sale to craft items to sell at the park.

### Quality of Life

Elgin is a community rich in history. Elgin is committed to promoting civic, educational, historical, cultural and general interest to enhance the quality of life for all citizens within the community.

Long recognized for its Sausage and Bricks, Elgin Texas proudly bears the twin titles of the "Sausage Capital of Texas" and the "Brick Capital of the Southwest." But today, Elgin is known for much more than these two industries which have been for decades, and remain today, solid economic foundations for the community. Today Elgin is a city on the move, rich in heritage, progressive in spirit, and optimistic of its future.

Even though it's located in one of the fastest growing regions in Texas, Elgin has maintained its small town feel and historic charm. Elgin's historic downtown is widely considered one of the best in Central Texas and the city has made reinvestment in the downtown area a top priority through its Main Street program. As the Austin region continues to grow and develop, Elgin's ability to build a brand around its unique history and culture, such as the city's recent efforts to promote art, will largely determine Elgin's competitive position within the Central Texas as well as the global economy, where differentiation is everything.

Elgin is also within easy commuting distance to Austin, which makes it a popular choice for people looking for a lower cost of living. According to a recent survey conducted by the City of Elgin, approximately 50 percent of residents travel to and from Austin every day, which allows Elgin to maintain a strong connection to the Austin region, especially for economic development purposes, without having to give up many of the quality of life factors that attracted residents and businesses to Elgin in the first place.

### Business Overview

Elgin is Perfectly Situated. That's the message we're sending to firms and investors who are looking for the right place to create jobs and communities in Central Texas. Elgin is a small town that's growing, in touch with its past and an eye on the future.

What makes us Perfectly Situated? There's our Proximity to Austin. We're in the fastest growing region within the fastest growing metro area in the fastest growing state in the nation. We're 20 miles from downtown Austin, 10 miles from the SH 130 corridor, and we've got both new roads and future rail links to get from here to there. There's also the People of Elgin. We're smart but well-grounded and committed to seeing our town grow and change in the right way. We love and want to keep Elgin's character while adding new opportunities for progress that make life here better for everyone. And we're Prepared for what we want to achieve. We've been working hard on our vision for the community and the surrounding area. We've adopted a progressive comprehensive plan and are bringing it to life. And we're working with our economic development program to help firms and investors make the right choices. That's why Elgin is Perfectly Situated for creating opportunities. We're ready to go and prepared to help.

Elgin is a city with a vision that includes improving its quality of life by providing parks and recreation activities. The many festivals, special events and historic beauty of Elgin make it a perfect setting for parks and recreation.