

# TASTE OF ITALY TEXAS 2024



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**ITALY-AMERICA**  
Chamber of Commerce of Texas

# TEXAS

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## NUMBERS



# 8<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD\*

\*IF TEXAS WERE A NATION

**#1 U.S. EXPORTER**  
FOR 21 YEARS IN A ROW  
**IN 2022**



MORE THAN  
**15 MILLION**  
PEOPLE IN THE  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE



**26** COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS

**19** SEA PORTS

**22** INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

**34** FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

**58** FREIGHT RAILROADS

**367** MILES OF COASTLINE

NO PERSONAL OR CORPORATE INCOME TAX



TEXAS IS THE LARGEST ENERGY-PRODUCING STATE IN THE NATION

TEXAS IS THE LEADING DESTINATION FOR COMPANIES RELOCATING FROM OTHER STATES



**NUMBER 1** JOBS CREATOR  
IN 2022, TEXAS ADDED **650,100 JOBS**



**90%** GRADUATION RATE



TEXAS' HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE IS AMONG THE TOP 5 HIGHEST IN THE NATION, WITH A 90% COMPLETION RATE

TEXAS LED THE NATION IN HIGH TECH EXPORTS FOR THE 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

**IN 2022**



THE LONE STAR STATE IS HOME TO **55 FORTUNE 500 COMPANY HQs**



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**TASTE OF ITALY** is the trade food & wine event organized by the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce of Texas and the only event in the United States dedicated exclusively to Italian products.

Created in 2015, Taste of Italy has been repeated annually in the city of Houston and, over the years, other cities have been added: Los Angeles, New Orleans, El Paso, Dallas, and Vancouver (Canada).

Taste of Italy has been bringing restaurant, food service, retail and hospitality industry buyers and sellers together.

65% of trade show attendees are decision makers  
84% of trade show attendees hold buying power



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# FACTS AND FIGURES 2023



## TASTE OF ITALY HOUSTON 9th year

- 75 Italian exhibitors
  - 350 attendees
  - 2 masterclasses
- Houston Sommelier Competition 3rd year



## TASTE OF ITALY EL PASO 1st year

- 20 Italian exhibitors
  - 120 attendees
  - 1 masterclass



## TASTE OF ITALY DALLAS 2nd year

- 40 Italian exhibitors
  - 150 attendees
  - 1 masterclass

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