

# ABILENE TEXAS

North Texas Presbytery Church Plant

Presbyterian Church in America

## Abilene Statistics

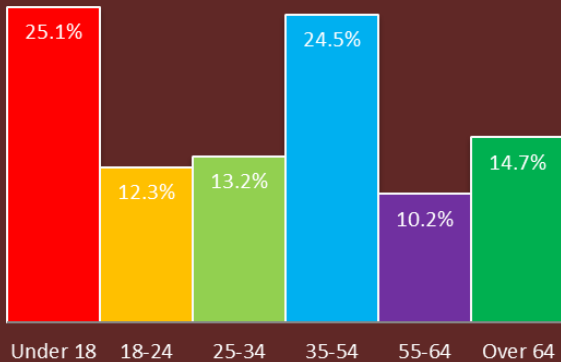
MissionInsite, 2023

Population:	126,491
Median Household Income:	\$59,667
Median Home Value:	\$195,200
Median Rent:	\$1,268
Poverty Rate:	10.7%
Crime Rate:	258.5

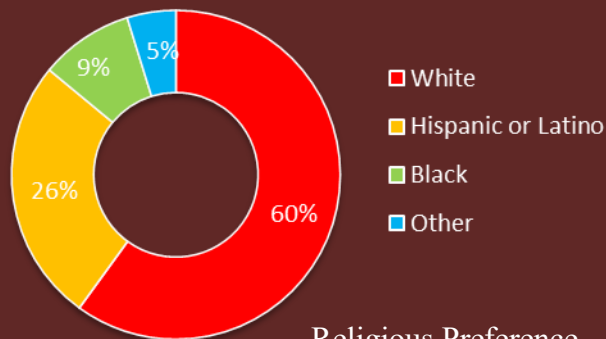
US Average is 258.5 (2022, city-data.com)

## Age Demographics

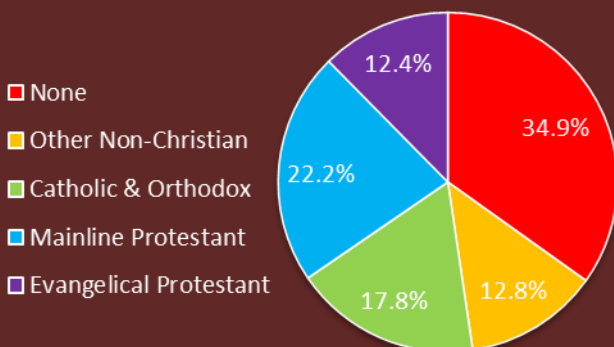
Median age: 34



## Racial/Ethnic Diversity



## Religious Preference



Abilene, Texas has a rich history and strong civic spirit. With a significant military presence, multiple institutions of higher ed, a revitalized downtown and arts community, and a unique family-friendly atmosphere, the city has strong prospects for a center-city church plant.

Dyess Air Force Base is beloved by city residents and home to some 4,500 airmen, while proudly housing B1, B2 and (newly designated) B21 Bombers. The city puts on “the world’s largest Barbecue” every year for airmen and their families.

Three private universities and one graduate school specializing in Pharmacy, Nursing, and Public Health give the city a total student population of approximately 9,000.

While there are established denominational churches (especially Church of Christ and Baptist) and large non-denominational churches, the city has a minimal

Reformed presence (no PCA, one small OPC, and one PCUSA church).





## Highlights

Located about 180 miles west of Dallas. Abilene is the “The Storybook Capitol of America” thanks to a yearly Children’s Art and Literacy Festival, the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature, and the Grace Museum. Strong history of charitable giving. The annual “Abilene Gives Campaign” raised over \$2 million for 170 different organizations in May 2024, and a local foundation distributes some \$13 million in grants every year.

City has an active "Western Heritage" with multiple rodeos, stock shows, and ranching expos throughout the year.

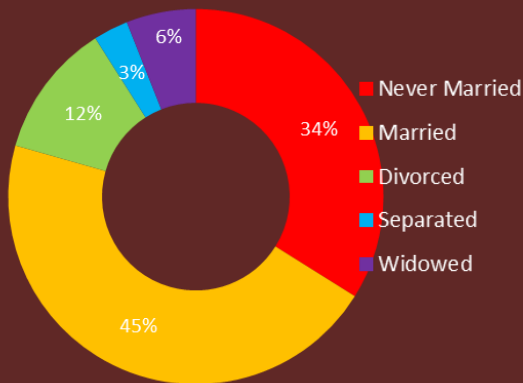
## Education

(population over age 25)  
 88% High School Grad or higher  
 16% Bachelor’s Degree  
 10% Graduate or Professional

## Household Type

62% Married Couple  
 31% Single Mother  
 7% Single Father

## Marital Status



## Candidate Strengths

- A Christ-centered leader who embodies a life of grace, zealous to plant a church saturated by the Gospel at every point.
- A missional posture toward the surrounding community; faithfully, graciously, and attractively exemplifying Christ’s presence to the city.
- Love for God’s Word and readiness to equip the saints for deep Biblical study

## Support

- Several mature families in place who hunger for a reformed, mission-minded church for the city
- Presbytery committed and mobilized for church planting

## Vision

- To establish a gospel-centered church which embraces biblical authority, practices worshipful community, and extends Gospel hospitality
- To build a community characterized by close relationships, a culture of mentorship/discipleship, and generous hospitality to neighbors.
- The manifestation of the Kingdom of God and the broader renewal of the entire North Texas region.

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## Most Common Occupations

