

Grocery Market Insights KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Houston market encompasses nine counties, with Harris County at the geographic and economic core. Montgomery County to the north and Fort Bend County to the southwest are among the fastest-growing counties in both the region and the nation.
- The metro area includes more than 7.6 million people, making it the 5th largest in the country, just behind Dallas and slightly larger than Atlanta. It's also experiencing rapid growth, with the second-largest numeric population increase (behind only Dallas) for each of the past two years. (1)
- Houston's GDP ranks as the 7th largest metropolitan economy in the U.S. and the 2nd largest in the Southwest. (2) The region hosts 24 Fortune 500 company headquarters, surpassed only by New York and Chicago. Major employers in the area include energy giants such as ExxonMobil, Shell Oil, and Schlumberger; leading medical institutions and research centers; United Airlines; Landry's; and three major retailers: HEB, Walmart, and Kroger. (3)



- The robust economy, low cost of living, and favorable tax environment have bolstered the retail sphere of the Houston area. On the grocery side, Kroger, Randall's, and Walmart reigned for decades. Today, the grocer with the largest market share is HEB, capturing more than a third of the total grocery market under its main HEB, HEB Plus, and Central Market banners, as well as its specialized Joe V's and Mi Tienda banners. HEB is relatively new to the market, having opened its first full-service store in the area in 2001, but has since proven very successful.
- Rounding out the top three is Walmart (about 21% of the market with its Supercenter, Neighborhood Market, and Sam's Club offerings) and Kroger (a 15% market share with its Kroger, Kroger Signature, and Kroger Marketplace banners). Randall's, the only banner operated by Safeway/Albertsons in the metro, is outside of the top 10, with about 1.4% of the market share. (Note that if the Kroger-Albertsons merger does finalize, there are only two stores in the Houston area that are designated to be divested; both are Randall's.)

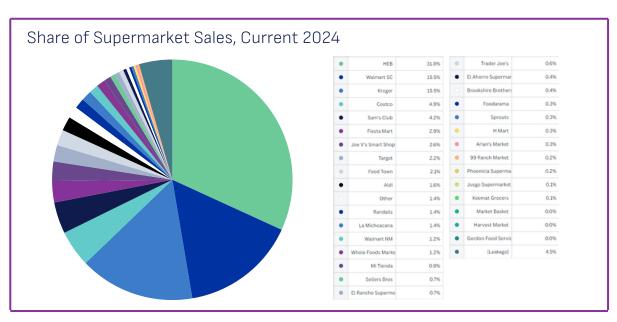
CHAIN MARKET COMPARISON

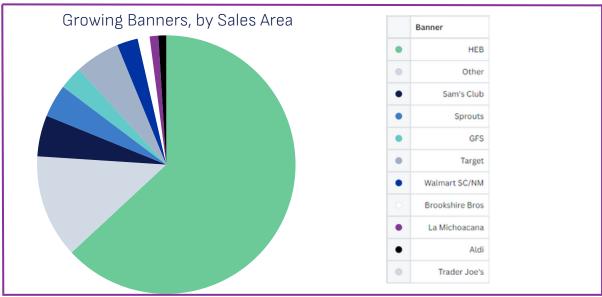
2024 Current Market Sales & 2028 Market Banner Growth

									No. of		Chain	Projected	
	Number						Total Annual	Market	Planned	Added	Percent	Number of	Projected
Chain Name	of Stores	Tota			Average		Volume	Share*	Stores	Sales Area	Change	Stores	Sales Area
		Volume (Wk)	Sales Area	Volume (Wk)	Sales Area	\$/Sq Ft (Wk)							
HEB	77						\$8,453,900,000	31.83%	-			-	
Walmart SC	70						\$4,117,100,000	15.50%					
Kroger	100						\$4,112,680,000	15.49%					
Costco	13						\$1,302,860,000	4.91%					
Sam's Club	17						\$1,122,160,000	4.23%					
Fiesta Mart	31						\$762,840,000	2.87%					
Joe V's Smart Shop	10						\$692,120,000	2.61%					
Target	40						\$589,160,000	2.22%					
Food Town	29						\$563,940,000	2.12%					
Other	53		Co	ontact			\$504,660,000	1.90%		Co	ntac	t	
Aldi	43						\$418,080,000	1.57%					
Randalls	15		1	Js for			\$370,240,000	1.39%		1	Is for		
La Michoacana	72			101			\$368,160,000	1.39%		C	3 101		
Walmart NM	13						\$330,460,000	1.24%					
Whole Foods Market	11		tr	ne Full			\$319,540,000	1.20%		tr	ie Ful		
Mi Tienda	2						\$242,840,000	0.91%					
Sellers Bros	11		D	Report			\$177,060,000	0.67%		D	eport		
El Rancho Supermercado	8		L/	eport			\$172,640,000	0.65%		г	ehou	•	
Trader Joe's	5						\$160,940,000	0.61%					
El Ahorro Supermarket	14						\$114,140,000	0.43%					
Brookshire Brothers	10						\$108,420,000	0.41%					
Foodarama	7						\$81,120,000	0.31%					
Sprouts	6						\$79,560,000	0.30%					
H Mart	3						\$76,700,000	0.29%					
Arlan's Market	7						\$74,620,000	0.28%					
99 Ranch Market	4						\$56,420,000	0.21%					
Totals	671	\$487,930,000	25,015,746				\$25,372,360,000	95.54%	27	1,069,926	4.289	698	26,085,67
Averages				\$727,168	37,28	1 \$19.50							

Note: All numbers reflect Food Group data only, and are as of 2024. Market totals exclude leakage.









HOUSTON METRO DEMOS

■ Total Population: 7,622,276

Projected Pop Growth (5yr): 6.2%

■ Total Households: 2,680,968

■ Median HH Income: \$77,499

Average HH Income: \$116,519

■ Bachelor's or Higher: 34.2%

■ Total Number of Grocery Stores in Market (2024): 671

Total Number of Projected Grocery Stores (2028): 698

Major Grocer Weekly Sales in Market (2024): \$487.9M