



Texas Nationalist Movement

Independence. In our lifetime.

Texas Economic Viability As An Independent Nation

Many detractors of our goal of Texas independence have stated that they don't believe that Texas could survive as an independent nation. However, a quick check of the facts and any type of intellectual honesty shows the exact opposite is true. Let's look at the data and compare it to the rest of the world.

1. **Texas Gross Domestic Product** - Texas had a Gross Domestic Product of \$1.245 trillion in 2008. This would place Texas ahead of 183 other independent nations.
2. **Population** - A 2007 estimate put the Texas population at 23,904,380. This would place Texas ahead of 117 other independent nations.
3. **Labor Force** - Texas has always been known for it's outstanding labor force. The 2009 estimates for the Texas labor force stand at 11,861,400 which would be more than 152 other independent nations.
4. **Potential Government Revenue** - Since a tremendous amount of tax money paid by Texans goes to fuel a bloated Federal bureaucracy and fund Federal programs that would not exist in an independent Texas, it is a piece of information that has to be calculated. We will also have to make one assumption to arrive at this figure. For the purposes of arriving at potential government revenue, we will assume that all taxes paid to the Federal Government will be shifted to Austin. This will give us a "potential" revenue for the government of an independent Texas. Texans paid \$225.4 billion into the Federal tax system in 2005 (the latest year from which we can obtain data). The State of Texas collected \$77.5 billion in the 2008 fiscal year. Combine these two and you receive a potential government revenue of \$302.9 billion per year. This would place Texas 12th in the world in budget revenues and ahead of 183 other independent nations.
5. **Exports** - Texas exports in 2006 totaled \$150.8 billion making us 28th globally and ahead of 167 other independent nations.
6. **Military** - Since Texas doesn't currently have a standing military other than the State Guard, we will have to calculate these numbers based on what we do know. The United States spends 4% of its Gross Domestic Product on the military and defense. Applying this percentage to the GDP of Texas gives us a figure of approximately \$50 billion per year which would rank us 5th globally in military spending ahead of 190 other independent nations.
7. **Energy** - Texas Crude Oil Proved Reserves: 4,613 million barrels, ranked 1st in US. Texas is fully self-sufficient in current energy resources, when used wisely, to last Texas easily another 100-300 years. Besides Texas' oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear energy capabilities, Texas is a leader in wind, solar, & methane energy development and practical usage.

Looking solely at these factors may not be enough to make a determination of Texas' viability as an independent nation, but they are significant and are complimented by mountains of other data related to the economy, infrastructure, labor and energy that are easily accessible.

Texas can be independent and prosperous. All that we need is you to help make it happen.