

2026 Population Estimates

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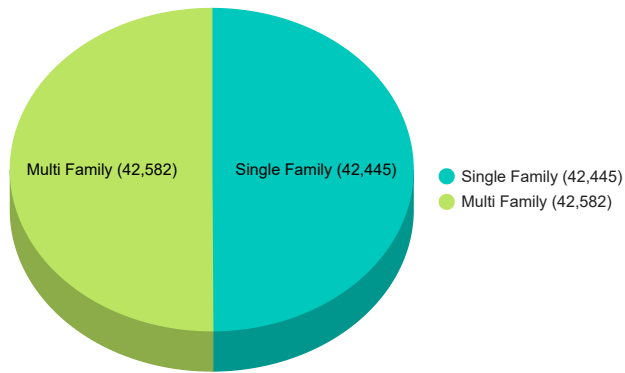


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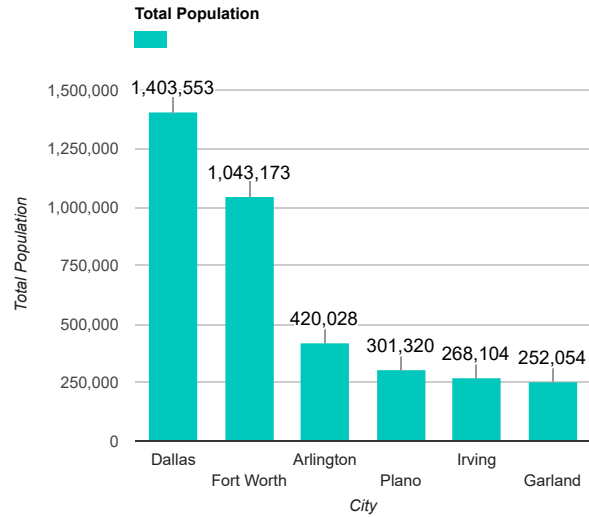
Regional population grew by 203,786 last year. Collin County added over 64,700 new residents. Tarrant, Dallas, and Denton each grew by over 30,000 residents. The region now has a population of 8,952,590, a growth of more than 1.12 million since the 2020 Census. The city of Fort Worth leads the region by adding 22,722 new residents, followed by the city of Dallas (17,564), Celina (16,813), Denton (6,740), and McKinney (6,110).

Highlights

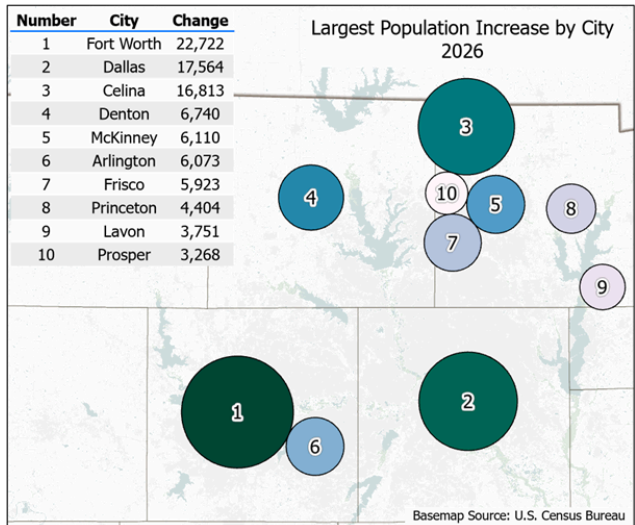
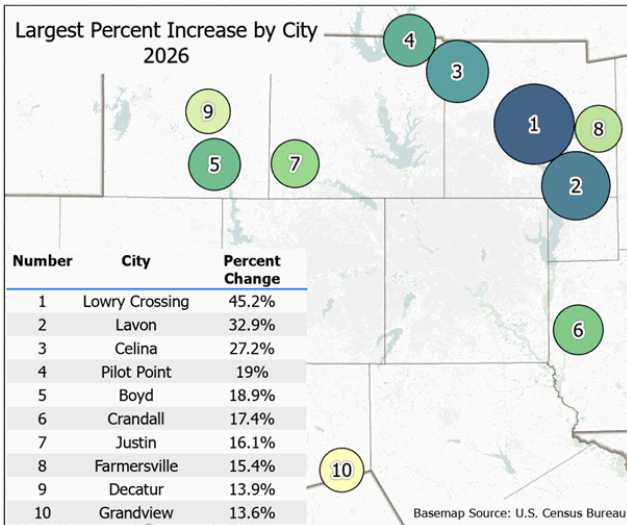
NCTCOG Region
Net Housing Units Added



Largest City Populations
January 1, 2026



Largest Percent Increase by City
2026



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Name	2020 Census Population April 1	2025 Estimate January 1	2026 Estimate January 1	2025 - 2026 Absolute Change	2025 - 2026 Percent Change
Addison	16,661	17,837	17,876	39	0.2%
Aledo	4,858	5,521	5,521	0	0%
Allen	104,627	107,328	109,243	1,915	1.8%
Alvarado	4,739	6,614	6,931	317	4.8%
Alvord	1,351	1,409	1,487	78	5.5%
Anna	16,896	34,100	36,935	2,835	8.3%
Annetta	3,041	3,086	3,089	3	0.1%
Argyle	4,403	6,869	6,937	68	1%
Arlington	394,324	413,955	420,028	6,073	1.5%
Aubrey	5,006	10,145	10,491	346	3.4%
Aurora	1,390	1,414	1,443	29	2.1%
Azle	13,369	15,054	15,839	785	5.2%
Balch Springs	27,685	28,581	28,893	312	1.1%
Bartonville	1,725	1,849	1,893	44	2.4%
Bedford	49,928	49,941	50,030	89	0.2%
Benbrook	24,520	25,542	25,616	74	0.3%
Blue Mound	2,393	2,396	2,402	6	0.3%
Blue Ridge	1,180	1,241	1,256	15	1.2%
Boyd	1,416	2,044	2,430	386	18.9%
Bridgeport	5,923	6,043	6,083	40	0.7%
Burleson	47,641	55,144	55,702	558	1%
Caddo Mills	1,495	5,909	6,358	449	7.6%
Carrollton	133,434	136,543	138,131	1,588	1.2%
Cedar Hill	49,148	51,784	52,897	1,113	2.1%
Celina	16,739	61,834	78,647	16,813	27.2%
Cleburne	31,352	36,201	38,926	2,725	7.5%
Cockrell Hill	3,815	3,855	3,859	4	0.1%
Colleyville	26,057	26,599	26,516	-83	-0.3%
Combine	2,245	2,406	2,418	12	0.5%
Commerce	9,090	9,357	9,445	88	0.9%
Coppell	42,983	43,196	43,224	28	0.1%
Copper Canyon	1,731	2,037	2,050	13	0.6%
Corinth	22,634	24,204	25,895	1,691	7%
Corsicana	25,109	26,216	26,374	158	0.6%
Crandall	3,860	5,749	6,751	1,002	17.4%
Cresson	1,349	1,413	1,475	62	4.4%
Cross Roads	1,744	2,000	2,000	0	0%
Crowley	18,070	20,474	20,934	460	2.2%
Dallas	1,304,238	1,385,989	1,403,553	17,564	1.3%
Dalworthington Gardens	2,293	2,296	2,304	8	0.3%
Decatur	6,538	7,977	9,087	1,110	13.9%
DeCordova	3,007	3,025	3,027	2	0.1%
Denton	139,869	159,518	166,258	6,740	4.2%
DeSoto	56,145	58,271	58,669	398	0.7%
Double Oak	3,054	3,096	3,096	0	0%

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Dublin	3,359	3,408	3,408	0	0%
Duncanville	40,706	40,779	40,779	0	0%
Edgecliff Village	3,788	3,994	3,994	0	0%
Ennis	20,159	24,891	26,076	1,185	4.8%
Eules	61,032	61,601	62,166	565	0.9%
Everman	6,154	6,553	6,549	-4	-0.1%
Fairview	10,372	11,282	11,732	450	4%
Farmers Branch	35,991	40,246	40,889	643	1.6%
Farmersville	3,612	4,976	5,742	766	15.4%
Fate	17,958	28,772	30,204	1,432	5%
Ferris	2,788	4,204	4,431	227	5.4%
Flower Mound	75,956	81,868	82,870	1,002	1.2%
Forest Hill	13,955	14,477	14,484	7	0%
Forney	23,455	31,224	32,899	1,675	5.4%
Fort Worth	918,915	1,020,451	1,043,173	22,722	2.2%
Frisco	200,509	235,615	241,538	5,923	2.5%
Garland	246,159	251,932	252,054	122	0%
Glenn Heights	15,819	20,601	20,601	0	0%
Glen Rose	2,659	2,840	2,916	76	2.7%
Godley	1,450	3,239	3,560	321	9.9%
Granbury	10,958	11,468	11,731	263	2.3%
Grand Prairie	196,042	215,210	216,881	1,671	0.8%
Grandview	1,879	2,039	2,316	277	13.6%
Grapevine	50,631	52,346	52,605	259	0.5%
Greenville	28,164	33,354	34,802	1,448	4.3%
Hackberry	2,973	2,979	2,979	0	0%
Haltom City	46,073	46,994	47,014	20	0%
Haslet	1,952	5,032	5,613	581	11.5%
Heath	9,769	10,464	10,636	172	1.6%
Hickory Creek	4,718	6,516	7,066	550	8.4%
Highland Park	8,864	8,793	8,775	-18	-0.2%
Highland Village	15,899	16,150	16,153	3	0%
Hudson Oaks	2,174	3,487	3,493	6	0.2%
Hurst	40,413	40,454	40,510	56	0.1%
Hutchins	5,607	6,382	6,495	113	1.8%
Irving	256,684	266,162	268,104	1,942	0.7%
Italy	1,926	2,086	2,092	6	0.3%
Josephine	2,119	3,054	3,402	348	11.4%
Joshua	7,891	9,361	9,549	188	2%
Justin	4,409	7,537	8,753	1,216	16.1%
Kaufman	6,797	7,554	7,938	384	5.1%
Keene	6,387	6,863	7,099	236	3.4%
Keller	45,776	47,516	47,727	211	0.4%
Kemp	1,129	1,176	1,176	0	0%
Kennedale	8,517	8,597	8,628	31	0.4%

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Kerens	1,505	1,520	1,531	11	0.7%
Krugerville	1,766	2,023	2,037	14	0.7%
Krum	5,483	6,684	6,684	0	0%
Lake Dallas	7,708	7,843	7,850	7	0.1%
Lakeside	1,649	1,671	1,674	3	0.2%
Lake Worth	4,711	5,386	5,403	17	0.3%
Lancaster	41,275	42,394	42,511	117	0.3%
Lavon	4,469	11,396	15,147	3,751	32.9%
Lewisville	111,822	140,880	142,060	1,180	0.8%
Little Elm	46,453	61,343	62,684	1,341	2.2%
Lowry Crossing	1,689	2,222	3,227	1,005	45.2%
Lucas	7,612	8,378	8,459	81	1%
Mabank	4,050	4,965	5,095	130	2.6%
McKinney	195,308	226,181	232,291	6,110	2.7%
McLendon-Chisholm	3,562	4,226	4,226	0	0%
Mansfield	72,602	89,227	92,193	2,966	3.3%
Melissa	13,901	26,234	28,967	2,733	10.4%
Mesquite	150,108	157,436	158,412	976	0.6%
Midlothian	35,125	44,277	44,882	605	1.4%
Mineral Wells	14,820	15,643	15,772	129	0.8%
Murphy	21,013	21,172	21,228	56	0.3%
Nevada	1,314	1,498	1,498	0	0%
Newark	1,096	1,154	1,149	-5	-0.4%
New Fairview	1,386	2,274	2,328	54	2.4%
Northlake	5,201	14,448	15,915	1,467	10.2%
North Richland Hills	69,917	74,859	75,164	305	0.4%
Oak Leaf	1,552	1,642	1,642	0	0%
Oak Point	4,357	6,248	6,537	289	4.6%
Ovilla	4,304	4,624	4,677	53	1.1%
Palmer	2,393	2,630	2,800	170	6.5%
Pantego	2,568	2,563	2,563	0	0%
Parker	5,462	6,240	6,217	-23	-0.4%
Pelican Bay	2,049	2,469	2,469	0	0%
Pilot Point	4,381	7,942	9,454	1,512	19%
Plano	285,494	299,262	301,320	2,058	0.7%
Poetry	0	1,542	1,542	0	0%
Ponder	2,442	2,851	2,851	0	0%
Princeton	17,027	43,126	47,530	4,404	10.2%
Prosper	30,174	46,087	49,355	3,268	7.1%
Providence Village	7,691	11,806	12,256	450	3.8%
Quinlan	1,414	1,482	1,492	10	0.7%
Red Oak	14,222	19,394	20,251	857	4.4%
Reno	2,878	3,615	3,615	0	0%
Rhome	1,630	1,680	1,680	0	0%
Rice	1,203	1,312	1,325	13	1%

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Richardson	119,469	122,745	124,859	2,114	1.7%
Richland Hills	8,621	8,869	8,922	53	0.6%
Rio Vista	1,008	1,040	1,040	0	0%
River Oaks	7,646	7,691	7,719	28	0.4%
Roanoke	9,665	10,161	10,164	3	0%
Rockwall	47,251	53,390	54,744	1,354	2.5%
Rowlett	62,535	67,519	67,750	231	0.3%
Royse City	13,508	24,313	26,145	1,832	7.5%
Runaway Bay	1,546	1,887	1,922	35	1.9%
Sachse	27,103	30,630	30,653	23	0.1%
Saginaw	23,890	25,685	27,119	1,434	5.6%
St. Paul	992	996	1,002	6	0.6%
Sanger	8,839	10,166	10,586	420	4.1%
Sansom Park	5,454	5,500	5,493	-7	-0.1%
Seagoville	18,446	20,866	22,124	1,258	6%
Shady Shores	2,764	2,961	2,961	0	0%
Southlake	31,265	32,320	32,364	44	0.1%
Springtown	3,064	4,573	4,850	277	6.1%
Stephenville	20,897	21,512	21,582	70	0.3%
Sunnyvale	7,893	9,491	9,601	110	1.2%
Talty	2,500	2,568	2,570	2	0.1%
Terrell	17,465	18,485	20,471	1,986	10.7%
The Colony	44,534	47,308	47,753	445	0.9%
Trophy Club	13,688	14,420	14,485	65	0.5%
University Park	25,278	25,574	25,617	43	0.2%
Venus	4,361	7,513	8,315	802	10.7%
Watauga	23,650	23,806	23,982	176	0.7%
Waxahachie	41,140	51,444	53,512	2,068	4%
Weatherford	30,854	36,439	37,002	563	1.5%
Westlake	1,623	2,002	2,112	110	5.5%
West Tawakoni	1,895	2,061	2,061	0	0%
Westworth Village	2,585	2,605	2,605	0	0%
White Settlement	18,269	18,560	18,568	8	0%
Willow Park	4,936	5,660	5,733	73	1.3%
Wilmer	4,974	7,296	7,924	628	8.6%
Wolfe City	1,399	1,398	1,404	6	0.4%
Wylie	57,526	62,918	63,549	631	1%

2026 Detailed Estimates for Multi-County Cities

Name	Total Population	Collin	Dallas	Denton	Ellis	Erath	Hood	Hunt	Johnson	Kaufman	Navarro	Palo Pinto	Parker	Rockwall	Somervell	Tarrant	Wise	Other
Azle	15,839	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,502	0	0	12,337	0	0
Burleson	55,702	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46,516	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,187	0	0
Carrollton	138,131	764	53,753	83,615	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar Hill	52,897	0	52,066	0	831	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Celina	78,647	69,072	0	9,576	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combine	2,418	0	927	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,490	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coppell	43,224	0	42,141	1,082	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cresson	1,475	0	0	0	0	0	825	0	117	0	0	0	533	0	0	0	0	0
Crowley	20,934	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,902	0	0
Dallas	1,403,553	52,165	1,322,834	28,544	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Ferris	4,431	0	1	0	4,430	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flower Mound	82,870	0	0	80,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,234	0	0
Fort Worth	1,043,173	0	0	33,665	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,556	0	0	1,002,939	1,013	0
Frisco	241,538	147,287	0	94,251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	252,054	162	251,890	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Glenn Heights	20,601	0	11,616	0	8,985	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Prairie	216,881	0	138,998	0	2,224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,658	0	0
Grapevine	52,605	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52,605	0	0
Haslet	5,613	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,613	0	0
Heath	10,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	272	0	0	0	10,364	0	0	0	0
Josephine	3,402	3,372	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewisville	142,060	0	1,309	140,752	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mabank	5,095	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,705	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,389
McLendon-Chisholm	4,226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,226	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	92,193	0	0	0	1,098	0	0	0	14,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	76,459	0	0
Mesquite	158,412	0	158,249	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mineral Wells	15,772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,594	177	0	0	0	0	0
Newark	1,149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,149	0
New Fairview	2,328	0	0	255	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,073	0
Ovilla	4,677	0	302	0	4,375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilot Point	9,454	0	0	8,546	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	908
Plano	301,320	295,630	0	5,691	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poetry	1,542	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,044	0	498	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prosper	49,355	34,289	0	15,066	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reno	3,615	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,596	0	0	19	0	0
Richardson	124,859	42,946	81,913	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roanoke	10,164	0	0	10,164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rowlett	67,750	0	59,864	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,886	0	0	0	0
Royse City	26,145	3,572	0	0	0	0	0	4,788	0	0	0	0	0	17,785	0	0	0	0
Sachse	30,653	10,534	20,119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanger	10,586	0	0	10,166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	420
Seagoville	22,124	0	22,099	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southlake	32,364	0	0	815	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,549	0	0
Springtown	4,850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,850	0	0	0	0	0
Trophy Club	14,485	0	0	13,796	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	688	0	0
Venus	8,315	0	0	0	1,392	0	0	0	6,923	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westlake	2,112	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,109	0	0
Wylie	63,549	59,850	2,164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,535	0	0	0	0

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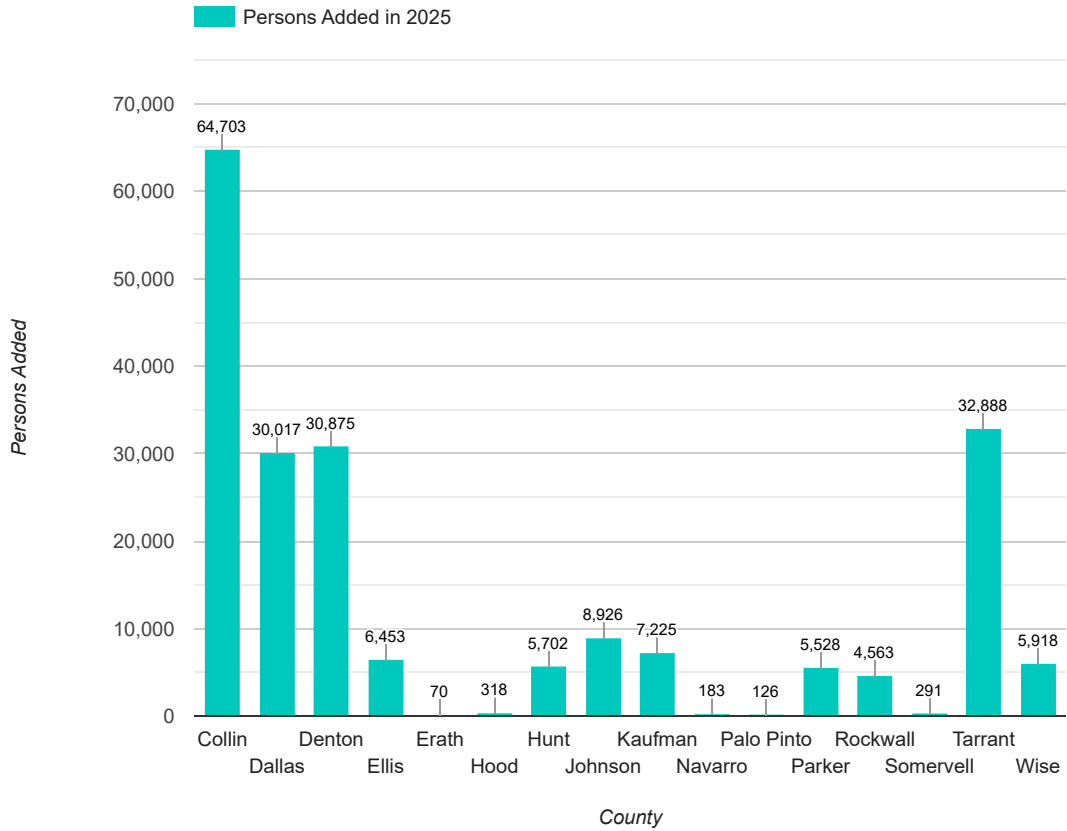
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Collin	1,064,465	1,305,366	1,370,069	64,703	5%
Dallas	2,613,539	2,762,119	2,792,136	30,017	1.1%
Denton	906,422	1,077,214	1,108,089	30,875	2.9%
Ellis	192,455	240,802	247,255	6,453	2.7%
Erath	42,545	43,741	43,811	70	0.2%
Hood	61,598	66,549	66,867	318	0.5%
Hunt	99,956	121,650	127,352	5,702	4.7%
Johnson	179,927	217,867	226,793	8,926	4.1%
Kaufman	145,310	171,808	179,033	7,225	4.2%
Navarro	52,624	55,991	56,174	183	0.3%
Palo Pinto	28,409	29,576	29,702	126	0.4%
Parker	148,222	178,046	183,574	5,528	3.1%
Rockwall	107,819	135,500	140,063	4,563	3.4%
Somervell	9,205	10,538	10,829	291	2.8%
Tarrant	2,110,640	2,250,325	2,283,213	32,888	1.5%
Wise	68,632	81,712	87,630	5,918	7.2%

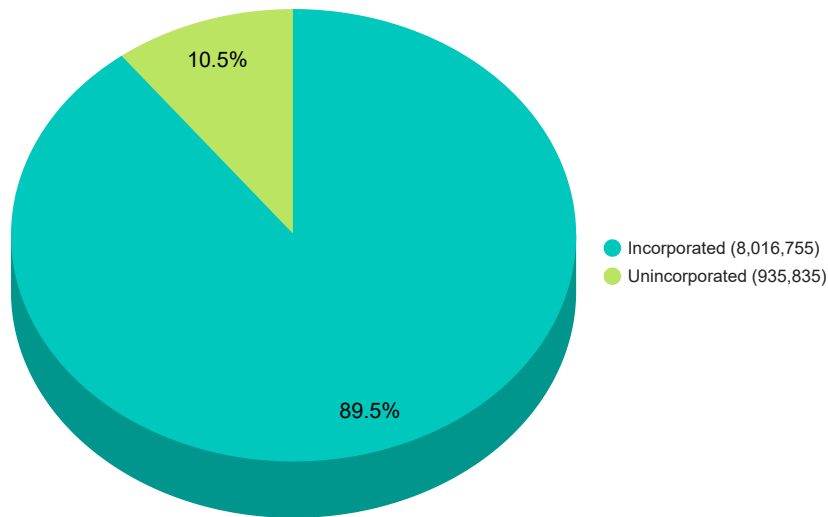
2026 County Population Breakout: Incorporated and Unincorporated

Name	2020 Census Population April 1	2026 Estimate January 1	2026 Incorporated Estimate January 1	2026 Unincorporated Estimate January 1
Collin	1,064,465	1,370,069	1,251,059	119,010
Dallas	2,613,539	2,792,136	2,780,239	11,897
Denton	906,422	1,108,089	959,628	148,461
Ellis	192,455	247,255	178,814	68,441
Erath	42,545	43,811	24,990	18,821
Hood	61,598	66,867	17,444	49,423
Hunt	99,956	127,352	64,308	63,044
Johnson	179,927	226,793	138,860	87,933
Kaufman	145,310	179,033	81,573	97,460
Navarro	52,624	56,174	34,667	21,507
Palo Pinto	28,409	29,702	17,497	12,205
Parker	148,222	183,574	75,145	108,429
Rockwall	107,819	140,063	126,891	13,172
Somervell	9,205	10,829	2,916	7,913
Tarrant	2,110,640	2,283,213	2,232,588	50,625
Wise	68,632	87,630	30,136	57,494

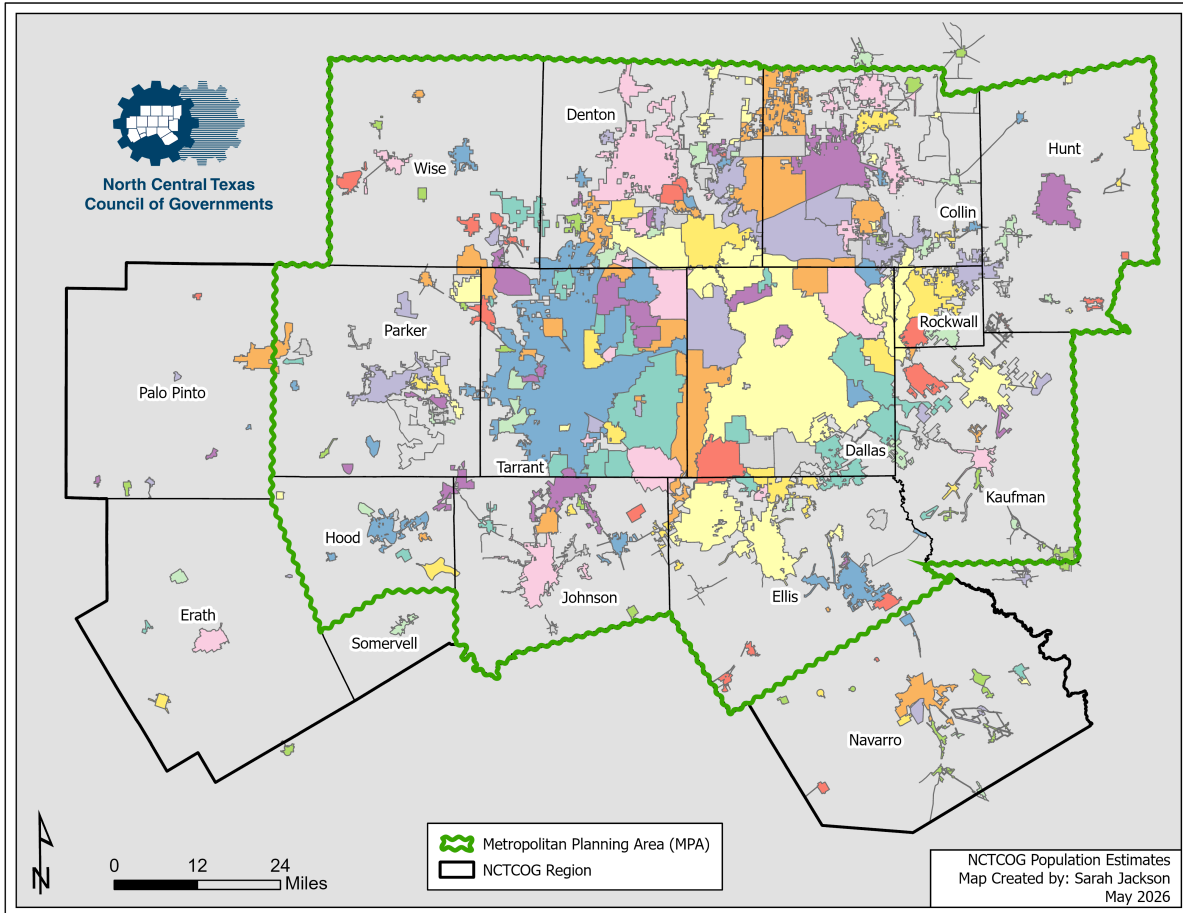
NCTCOG Region - Population Growth by County



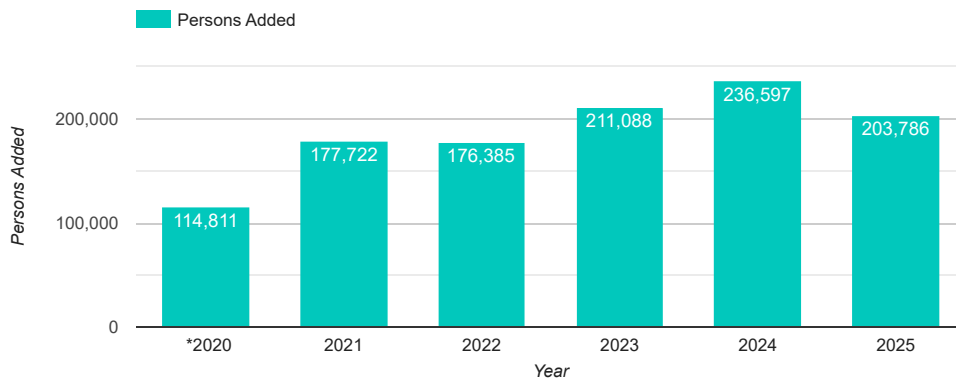
Incorporated and Unincorporated Population, 2026



NCTCOG Region



Regional Population Growth Compared to Previous Years



*2020 is a partial year

2026 Regional & MPA Population

Region	2020 Census Population April 1	2025 Estimate January 1	2026 Estimate January 1	2025 - 2026 Absolute Change	2025 - 2026 Percent Change
16 County NCTCOG Region	7,831,768	8,748,804	8,952,590	203,786	2.3%
12 County MPA	7,698,985	8,608,958	8,812,074	203,116	2.4%

2026 Population Estimates Methodology

NCTCOG uses the housing unit method for estimating current year population:

Estimated household population = estimated units * estimated occupancy rate * estimated persons per occupied unit

Estimated total population = estimated household population + group quarters population

The calculation is performed for each unit type (single family, multi-family, other). The results are summed along with an estimate of group quarters population to arrive at a total population estimate. Every year, cities are asked to provide information about changes in housing stock and population in group quarters housing. Cities are also given the opportunity to review figures prior to release. The 2025 population estimates for some cities have been revised. The estimates included herein supersede any prior estimates.

Cities with populations of 1,000 or more are reported individually in this report.

2026 estimates for DeSoto are a partial year.

The town of Poetry was incorporated after the release of the 2020 Census.

Poetry, Reno, Rhome, Shady Shores, and West Tawakoni did not participate in the survey.

Unincorporated data were sourced from the US Census Bureau for the following counties: Dallas, Denton, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise.

The Texas Demographic Center provided supplemental data through a data sharing agreement with NCTCOG.

Various totals and percentages provided throughout this report are calculated on rounded figures and therefore might not match precise sums and percentages calculated on unrounded figures.

The NCTCOG Population Estimates report and other data can be found on the Regional Data Center: <https://data-nctcogis.hub.arcgis.com/>.

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