

# CITY OF FORT WORTH 2024

## Population:

- 978,468 as of May 2024
- 12th largest city in the U.S. by population
- Fastest growing large city in the U.S.
- Population Change 2010-2020: 177,709
- Population Density per Square Mile: 2,560
- Projected Population by 2045: 1,206,000

## Largest land use:

- Vacant, Agricultural, Underdeveloped: 48.9% (169,066 acres)
- Single-family homes: 25.5%

## Land area:

359 square miles

## Households:

- 327,379 Total Households
- 57.4% Owner Occupied
- 42.6% Renter Occupied

## Average weather (2012-2022):

- Avg. Rainfall: 42 inches
- Avg. High Temperature: 77 degrees Fahrenheit
- Avg. Low Temperature: 54 degrees Fahrenheit
- Avg. Snowfall: 2 inches

Although it fluctuates, Fort Worth's **unemployment rate** is 3.9% as of May, 31 2024.

## Demographics:

- White Alone: 37%
- Black: 19%
- Hispanic (all races): 35%
- Asian Alone: 5%
- Other: 4%

## Airports:

- Dallas/Fort Worth International (3rd largest in terms of passenger traffic)
- Meacham International Airport
- Perot Field at Alliance Airport
- Spinks Airport

## Attractions:

- Fort Worth Zoo
- Fort Worth Botanic Garden
- Kimbell Art Museum
- Amon Carter Museum of American Art
- Modern Art Museum
- National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame
- Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (oldest and largest public event in Fort Worth with over 1.2 million visitors annually)

Some current major projects include the \$700 million **Fort Worth Convention Center expansion** and the development of the Texas A&M-Fort Worth campus at the site of the **Texas A&M Law School**.

**Parks:** The Park and Recreation Department maintains 300 parks containing 13,000 acres. They also maintain three public swimming pools/spray grounds, three 18-hole golf courses, 16 pickle ball courts, and five skate parks.

The Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge (FWNC&R) is a natural area comprised of forests, prairies, and wetlands allowing you to step back in time to the early 20th century. The inception of the FWNC&R was based on protecting the area's local watershed. In 1914 when Lake Worth was built, land was purchased around the West Fork of the Trinity River by the City of Fort Worth to protect the quality of drinking water for the Fort Worth community. In 1964, the Park Board designated some land to create a wildlife sanctuary and nature preserve.

The FWNC&R covers 3,621 acres and includes over 20 miles of hiking trails, making the park one of the largest city-owned nature centers in the U.S. In 1980, it was designated as a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Fort Worth operates five **water treatment plants** serving 1.4 million people in Tarrant, Johnson, Denton, Parker, and Wise counties. The plants produced 82.4 billion gallons in 2023. Fort Worth maintains 3,978 miles of pipe for distribution.

Fort Worth is located in the **Barnett Shale**, which covers 5,000 square miles in North and Central Texas, and is one of the largest onshore natural gas fields in the U.S. There are 15,000 wells drilled in the shale formation to date.

**Major universities** with campuses in Fort Worth include:

- Texas Christian University
- Texas Wesleyan University
- Texas A&M University - Fort Worth
- University of Texas at Arlington - Fort Worth
- Tarleton State University - Fort Worth

The City of Fort Worth is served by **16 independent school districts.**

The U.S. Navy in 2012 named a battleship after the city – the **USS Fort Worth**. It is still in commission.

Fort Worth is the only location outside of Washington D.C. where money is printed. More than half of the nation's paper money is printed here at the **Bureau of Engraving and Printing.**

Fort Worth's **largest employers** are:

- AMR Corp./American Airlines (Fortune 500 company)
- Lockheed Martin
- NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base
- Alcon Laboratories
- Bell Flight Fort Worth
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe LLC
- JPS Health Network/John Peter Smith Hospital
- Tarrant County College
- Fort Worth Independent School District