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Fredericksburg leads with 14.1-minute average commute — ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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Mean Commute to Work by City, in Minutes (2024)

Fredericksburg holds the shortest average commute among all Hill Country cities.

This 14.1-minute average is not just a convenience metric—it reflects deep urban planning maturity, compact development patterns, and a workforce that lives within walking or biking distance of employment centers. In a region where long commutes are typical, Fredericksburg's performance signals a structural advantage in livability and labor efficiency.

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Commute time as a value driver

In the Texas Hill Country, where remote work is rising but not replacing in-person roles, short commutes are becoming a premium differentiator. Fredericksburg's 14.1-minute average isn't just a statistic—it's a signal of a labor ecosystem that retains talent by reducing friction. Employers in the area benefit from lower turnover, higher productivity, and greater employee satisfaction, all of which translate into stronger property demand and appreciation.

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Rural efficiency vs. urban sprawl

Fredericksburg's performance stands in stark contrast to the national trend of rising commute times, even in non-metropolitan areas. While cities like Austin and Round Rock see average commutes over 30 minutes, Fredericksburg maintains sub-15-minute averages despite being a growing town. This suggests that intentional, place-based development—rather than auto-centric expansion—can deliver both quality of life and economic resilience in rural regions.



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