

Longest Commute in Williamson County — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Santa Rita Ranch Has Longest Commute in Williamson County

37.5-minute average — ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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

Santa Rita Ranch leads Williamson County in average commute time.

This 37.5-minute average reflects not just traffic, but the spatial mismatch between where people live and where jobs are located. In a region where employment is growing fastest in Round Rock and Cedar Park, new residential developments in distant areas like Santa Rita Ranch are creating a commute penalty that is both measurable and systemic.

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Growth Without Transit Is a Hidden Inequality

The fact that Santa Rita Ranch records the longest commute — despite being in a high-growth corridor — signals a critical imbalance. As development expands outward, transit infrastructure and employment hubs remain concentrated in central zones. This creates a two-tier system: residents in newer, more distant communities face longer commutes, while central areas benefit from proximity to jobs and amenities. This spatial inequity undermines long-term livability and may deter future talent from relocating to the outer edges of the county.

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Commute Length as a Market Signal

A 37.5-minute commute is not just a number — it's a market signal. It suggests that while housing demand remains strong in Santa Rita Ranch, the cost of access is rising. This could make the area less competitive over time, especially as new developments in Hutto and Liberty Hill offer similar square footage with shorter commutes. Investors and homebuyers may begin to penalize locations with high commute burdens, shifting capital toward places with better connectivity — even if they are slightly more expensive.



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