

#1 Longest Commute in Killeen-Temple MSA — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Killeen Has the Longest Commute in Texas

25.5 minutes — ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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

Killeen leads the MSA in average commute time, despite strong employment growth.

This figure is not a sign of poor planning, but of a market where high-demand jobs are geographically concentrated while housing supply lags. Fort Cavazos and the Baylor Scott & White medical corridor in Temple are driving employment, yet housing development has not kept pace in proximity to these centers. The result is a systemic commute burden on workers in Killeen, the MSA's most populous city.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-18-killeen-temple-commute-place-long>



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Commute Length Is a Market Signal

The 25.5-minute average commute in Killeen is not a problem to solve—it's a market signal. It reflects a structural imbalance: high job density near military and healthcare infrastructure, but insufficient housing within walking or short-drive distance. This imbalance creates a premium for proximity, especially for professionals in the medical and logistics sectors. Investors who understand this dynamic can target infill and mixed-use development near job centers, where demand is both stable and rising.

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Commuting as a Strategic Filter

The commute data reveals a hidden filter in the Killeen-Temple housing market: buyers and renters are already filtering for proximity to employment. This means that properties located within 10 minutes of Fort Cavazos or the Temple medical corridor are not just convenient—they are functionally essential. As a result, even modestly priced homes near these hubs are under high demand, and developers who ignore this spatial logic risk building in areas with declining long-term appeal.



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