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ALEX Intelligence 2026 In-Migration Data Shows Killeen-Temple's Resilient Growth

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4.2%

Year-Over-Year Change in Households Moving In (2023)

In-migration to the Killeen-Temple MSA declined between 2021-22 and 2022-23, marking a reversal in recent population momentum.

This 4.2% year-over-year drop in household inflows signals a potential saturation point in the region's growth trajectory. Despite this dip, the MSA still ranks #1 in Texas for livability due to its sustained employment anchors: Fort Cavazos and the Baylor Scott & White medical corridor. The decline is not a sign of weakness but a recalibration of demand in a maturing market.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2021-22 and 2022-23 · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-21-killeen-temple-mig-trend-in-total>



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Growth is no longer just about numbers

The data suggests that the market is transitioning from a growth-at-all-costs phase to one focused on retention and sustainability. This shift is reinforced by rising interest in community safety programs and secure, walkable neighborhoods—indicating that long-term livability is now a primary filter for migration.

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Defense and health hubs drive resilience

Even as external inflows slow, internal stability and job retention sustain demand for housing and services. This makes the MSA uniquely resilient in a national context where many markets are seeing sharp drops in migration due to affordability and economic uncertainty.



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