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Where real construction momentum is building across the state

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1,003

Commercial Builders (2022)

Los Angeles County, California, leads the nation in commercial construction activity.

While California dominates the national ranking, the Texas Hill Country—spanning Bandera, Kerr, Gillespie, and Kendall counties—remains a critical node in Texas’s nonresidential construction economy. The presence of 1,003 commercial builders in Los Angeles County reflects massive urban infrastructure demand, but Texas’s top-tier activity in Harris and Dallas Counties shows that regional economic engines are still concentrated in urban cores. Yet, the Hill Country’s sustained builder presence signals deeper, long-term confidence in rural commercial development—especially in tourism, hospitality, and micro-industrial hubs.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2362 (Nonresidential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-02-hill-country-tx-ind-2362-county>



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Rural Growth Is Not a Side Effect

The Texas Hill Country's commercial builder activity is not incidental. It reflects a strategic shift: developers are not just building homes—they are constructing the infrastructure that supports remote work, digital nomadism, and local entrepreneurship. This isn't about seasonal tourism alone; it's about creating self-sustaining economic ecosystems. In places like Fredericksburg and Boerne, new office spaces, co-working hubs, and light industrial facilities are being built to serve a new class of professionals who value place-based living over urban commutes. This is where the real estate market's future is being laid down—not in speculative housing, but in functional, long-term commercial capacity.



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The Builders Are Voting with Their Feet

When commercial builders choose where to invest, they're not just responding to demand—they're betting on infrastructure, regulation, and future stability. The fact that the Hill Country ranks in the top 10 for commercial builders in Texas (even if not #1 nationally) suggests that its regulatory environment, access to water, and low congestion are becoming competitive advantages. Unlike urban centers facing rising input costs and labor shortages, the Hill Country offers a stable, predictable, and scalable construction environment. This is not a sign of underdevelopment—it's a signal that the region is becoming a preferred site for long-term, scalable commercial investment, not just short-term speculation.

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