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Largest city in the MSA by population — U.S. Census 2024

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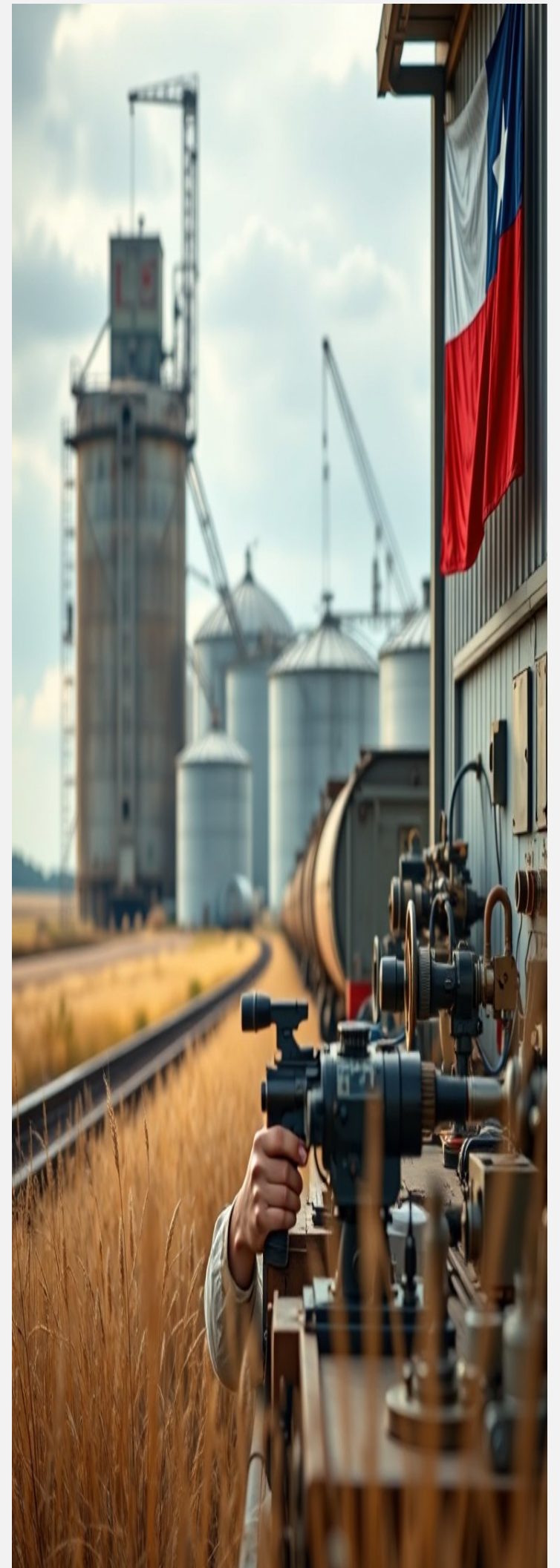
158,159

Population (2024)

Killeen is the largest city in the Killeen-Temple MSA by population.

This figure represents more than just size — it reflects the enduring pull of Fort Cavazos and the Baylor Scott & White medical corridor as employment anchors. The city's scale enables economies of scale in infrastructure, workforce development, and public services, making it a magnet for both military-affiliated families and healthcare professionals.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-08-killeen-temple-population-place-mkt>



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Population drives economic scale

Killeen's population of 158,159 is not an outlier — it is a structural advantage. This density supports robust local businesses, expands the tax base, and enables institutions like TAMUCT to scale programs such as the MET and STEM-designated Accounting Program to meet demand. The city's size allows it to attract and retain talent in defense, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing, creating a self-reinforcing growth loop.



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Scale enables workforce resilience

With the largest population in the MSA, Killeen is uniquely positioned to absorb demographic shifts and workforce transitions. The presence of Fort Cavazos ensures a stable, long-term labor pool, while the expansion of healthcare and education infrastructure — such as TAMUCT's new programs — ensures that growth is not just demographic but also human-capital driven. This dual engine sustains long-term stability and investment potential.

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