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Harris County leads all Texas counties in construction establishments — ALEX Intelligence 2026

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THE DATA

7,623

Construction Establishments (2022)

Harris County hosts more construction establishments than any other Texas county, reflecting sustained investment in infrastructure, housing, and commercial development.

This number — 7,623 construction establishments — is not just a count; it's a proxy for economic velocity. It signals a deep, decentralized network of contractors, suppliers, and laborers operating across residential, industrial, and mixed-use sectors. This scale of activity is a foundational indicator of market health, not just in real estate but in employment, logistics, and public works planning.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 23 (Construction) • ALEX Intelligence computation

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Construction as Economic Infrastructure

The concentration of construction establishments in Harris County also suggests a high degree of local economic integration. Unlike markets where development is concentrated in a few suburban hubs, Houston's construction footprint is deeply embedded in the urban core and its immediate periphery, reinforcing the city's polycentric growth pattern.

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The Hidden Labor Market Engine

This scale of activity also implies a high degree of labor mobility and informal economic participation. The data suggest that Houston's workforce is not just employed in formal sectors but is deeply integrated into a dynamic, decentralized labor ecosystem. This resilience may explain why housing demand remains strong even during periods of national economic uncertainty.



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