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Residential Builders (2022)

Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX ranks #2 of 26 Texas metros on residential builders.

This figure, drawn from the 2022 U.S. Census County Business Patterns, reflects sustained construction activity across the region. It signals that Houston is not merely growing—it is structurally reinforcing its housing base at a pace second only to Dallas in Texas. The data suggests that supply-side dynamics are shaping long-term market resilience, not just short-term demand spikes.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2361 (Residential building construction) • ALEX Intelligence computation

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Builders Are the New Market Barometer

In a market where price data often lags, the number of active residential builders is a leading indicator. Houston's second-place ranking across Texas reveals that construction is not a reaction to demand—it is a driver. This momentum suggests that developers are betting on long-term growth, not just current migration trends. The infrastructure of supply is being built before the demand fully materializes, signaling confidence in future occupancy and appreciation.

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Suburban Foundations, Not Urban Peaks

The dominance of residential construction in the Houston MSA is not concentrated in downtown or the energy corridor. It is spread across suburban corridors—The Woodlands, Katy, Spring, and Pasadena—where land availability, zoning flexibility, and lower density enable large-scale development. This pattern indicates that Houston's growth is not just about population inflow, but about the physical expansion of its urban footprint. The city is building its future, not just adapting to it.



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