

Lakehills — #1 of 8: Mean Commute to Work by City, in Minutes (2024)

Lakehills Has Longest Commute in Texas Hill Country

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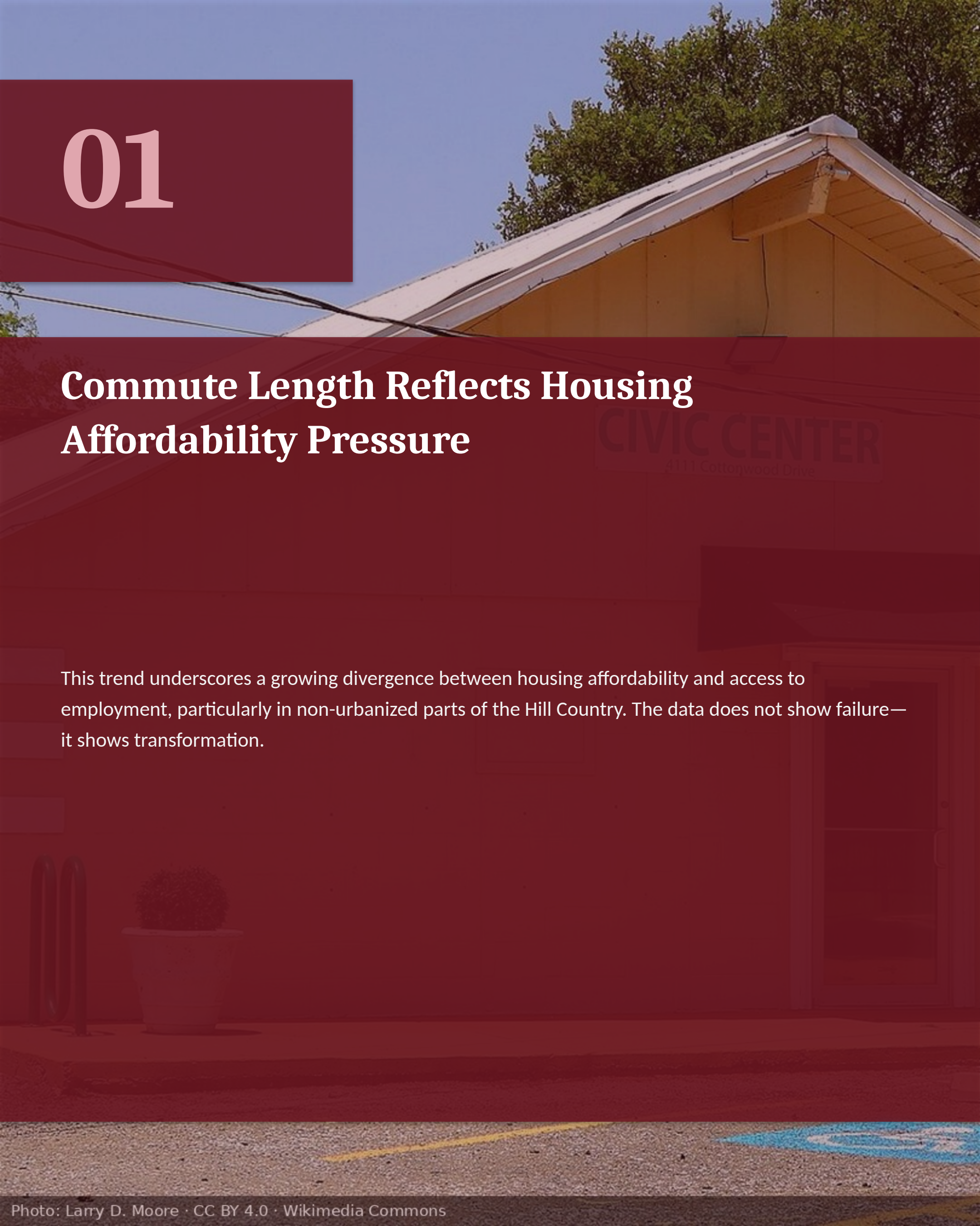
Lakehills leads the Texas Hill Country in average commute time, a record that reflects deepening suburbanization and infrastructure strain.

This 49.9-minute average is not a minor outlier—it is the highest among all Hill Country cities listed. The figure represents the true mean travel time to work, calculated from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates. It indicates that a significant portion of Lakehills residents face daily commutes exceeding 50 minutes, a threshold associated with reduced quality of life and labor market inefficiency.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-26-hill-country-tx-commute-place-long>



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Commute Length Reflects Housing Affordability Pressure

This trend underscores a growing divergence between housing affordability and access to employment, particularly in non-urbanized parts of the Hill Country. The data does not show failure—it shows transformation.

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Remote Work Is Reshaping the Hill Country's Labor Geography

This dynamic suggests that the Hill Country's real estate market is being driven less by local employment and more by the geography of digital labor. The long commute is not a flaw—it is a feature of a new economic model where time is traded for space and privacy.



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